

# Welcome to Newport History!

This guide will help you explore Newport's rich history, which began in 1766 as an agrarian community and soon became one of the leading manufacturing centers of New Hampshire. It also serves as a guide for research in any town, as similar resources are available elsewhere.

Most of the resources listed here can be found in the Richards Free Library, located in the Andler Room. These materials, designated with the CLOSED prefix to the Call Number when found in the library catalog, are available to the public on request. Ask any library staff member for the call number listed after each title. In the case of offsite resources, the location or URL follows each entry.

## General History

***The History of Newport, New Hampshire*** by Edmund Wheeler (CLOSED 974.2751 WHE)

This is the best place to start your research and provides general and specific information about all things Newport. It covers the years 1761-1878 and is available (and searchable!) on Google Books: <https://books.google.com/>

***The History of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties***. Edited by D. Hamilton Hurd. Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis & Co., 1886. (Closed 974.2 HUR)

This is also available online at Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/382024-history-of-cheshire-and-sullivan-counties-new-hampshire?viewer=1&offset=0#page=1&viewer=picture&o=info&n=0&q=>

***Celebrating Community: Newport, New Hampshire 1761-2011*** by Jayna Hooper (974.2751 HOO)

This book brings Newport history into the 21st century.

***Newport, New Hampshire in Time and Place*** by Mary Lou McGuire

This book tells the history of Newport through the story of the early settlers, bringing the history covered forward to the present day.

**Digitized Local Newspapers:** Online at <http://richards.advantage-preservation.com/>

This searchable database of local newspapers is easily accessed through the Richards Free Library website under the Resources menu. Papers covered date from 1839 to 2016, although it is not all inclusive from 1840-1869.

***Annual Reports of the Town of Newport, New Hampshire*** (CLOSED 974.2751 ANN)

Dates available: 1880-1896, 1908-2017..

***Newport, New Hampshire Bicentennial 1761-1961*** (CLOSED 974.2751 NEW)

An overview of Newport history with a "snapshot" of Newport in 1961.

***Granite Monthly*** (Yeomans Room)

Volumes XL, XLI, XLII, XLIII, LII, LVIII, LX contain much information about Newport and the people who loved here.

## Genealogy

***The History of Newport, New Hampshire*** by Edmund Wheeler and online at Google Books

***Written in Stone*** by Brenda Curtis & Mary Lou McGuire (CLOSED 974.2751 CUR)

Contains additions and corrections to Wheeler's genealogy, collected from the gravestones in Pine Street West cemetery

**Town Reports** (CLOSED 974.2751 NEW)

Birth, marriage and death records for 1887 to 1938, and 1992-present. No vital records were published from 1939-1991.

**Family Genealogies** (CLOSED 929) Many are available online at google Books and Archive.org: <https://archive.org>

***Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States 1790*** (CLOSED 974.2 DEP)

## ***Genealogy continued***

***Biographical Review, v22*** (CLOSED 920 BIO)      Sketches of Sullivan County people

***Granite Monthly*** vXX, 1896. Newport: a Model New England Town (CLOSED 974.2751 MET)

Sketches of Newport people and places

***Granite Monthly*** v6, 1911. Newport Anniversary (CLOSED 97402751 NEW)

Account of Newport's 150th anniversary, including historical addresses and many pictures of Newport residents.

**Newport Directories** (CLOSED 974.2751 NEW)      Street directory to locate where people lived

1870, 1899, 1901/02, 1914, 1938, 1951-1953, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1977/78, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1989, 2007, 2009/08, 2011/12, 2012/13.

***Newport Benefactors*** by Sharon Christie (CLOSED 362.42 CHR)      A history of Newport philanthropists.

***Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire*** (CLOSED 929 STE)

***New Hampshire History of the DAR*** (CLOSED 369 FOL)

***National SAR Register*** (CLOSED 369 COR)

***The Finns in Newport, New Hampshire*** by Ollie Turpinen (974.22 TUR)

***The Greeks of Newport, New Hampshire*** by Helen Coidakis Stamos (97402751 STA)

**RFL Catalog Search** Many items of ephemera are located in our scrap books and albums.

**Newport Town Clerk Office**      15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH

Public access to birth records prior to 1911; marriages and divorces prior to 1961.

**Sullivan County Probate**      14 Main Street      Newport, NH

You'll find lots of information in wills!

**New Hampshire State Archives**      71 S. Fruit Street, Concord, NH [http://sos.nh.gov/arch\\_rec\\_mgmt.aspx](http://sos.nh.gov/arch_rec_mgmt.aspx)

## ***Buildings***

**Newport Historic Survey Report & Map** (CLOSED 974.2751 NEW)

Survey and history of historic Newport buildings.

***Mansions and Prominent Landmarks of Newport, New Hampshire*** (CLOSED 974.2751 REI)

History of Newport's prominent houses.

***Newport, New Hampshire in Time and Place*** by Mary Lou McGuire (CLOSED 974.2751 MCG)

History of the early homes and their owners on Unity Road, and Pine, Spring, and Oak St. from 1766-2016.

**Avitar Associates of New England** <http://data.avitarassociates.com/logon.aspx>

Find properties by address, Parcel ID, or current owner. Helpful for deed research.

**Sullivan County Register of Deeds**      14 Main Street, Newport, NH      <http://www.nhdeeds.com/sullivan/SulIndex.html>

Research property deeds 1827-Present

**Cheshire County Register of Deeds** 33 West Street, Keene, NH      <http://www.co.cheshire.nh.us/deeds/>

Research property deeds from 1761-1826

**NH State Archives**      71 S. Fruit Street, Concord, NH      [http://sos.nh.gov/arch\\_rec\\_mgmt.aspx](http://sos.nh.gov/arch_rec_mgmt.aspx)

Research early land transfers

**Maps**

Plan of Newport	1769	Town of Newport	1892
Divisions of Land	1783	Newport Sewer System	1894
Map of New England	1774	Sullivan County	1895
Cheshire County Maps	1753-1816	Brampton Woolen Mill	1935, 1941
Newport Mills	1787-1992	Newport Street Map	1958
Plan of Newport	1808	Pollards Mills	1961
Roads & Taverns	1809	Newport Hiking Trails	1973
Sugar River & Mills	1816	Newport + Bus. Directory	1986
Bird's Eye of Newport Village	1834	Newport Street Map	1995
Main Street	1843	Newport Street Index	2001
Newport + Bus. Directory	1860	Maple Street Cemetery	
Bird's Eye View Newport	1877	Pine Street West Cemetery	

All maps are stored in the Map Box in the Andler Closet

**Other Resources**

Newport Town Clerk's Office	15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH	Proprietors Records
Dartmouth College Baker-Berry Library	Hanover, NH	<a href="http://library.dartmouth.edu">http://library.dartmouth.edu</a>
Newport Historical Society	20 Central Street, Newport, NH	<a href="http://www.newportnhhistory.org/">http://www.newportnhhistory.org/</a>
American-Canadian Genealogy Society	4 Elm Street, Manchester, NH.	<a href="http://www.acgs.org/">http://www.acgs.org/</a>
Historical Society of Cheshire County	246 Main Street, Keene, NH	<a href="http://www.hscnh.org">http://www.hscnh.org</a>
New Hampshire State Library	20 Park Street, Concord, NH	<a href="http://www.nh.gov/nhsl">http://www.nh.gov/nhsl</a>