

Island Annex

Politicians

St. Mary's

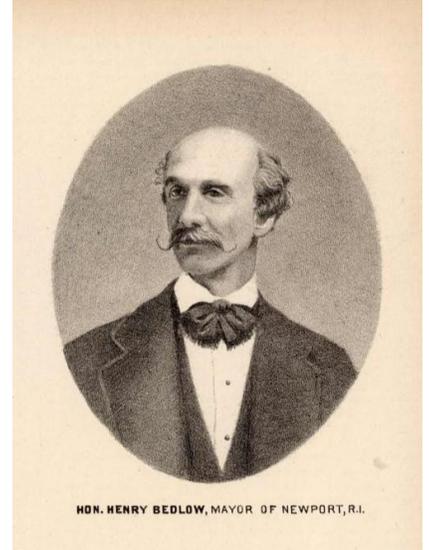
Common Burying Ground

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Island Cemetery Newport Rhode Island

**Henry Bedlow 1821-1914** map location JH2

Henry Bedlow was born into an old Knickerbocker family that owned the land that is now Ellis Island in New York Harbor. He was educated at Yale and Harvard where he studied medicine. He became the owner of Malbone Hall when he married in 1850. Bedlow was elected mayor of Newport in 1875<sup>i</sup> and served until 1879.



**J Truman Burdick 1839-1908** map location TJB

Burdick was born in Newport, attended local schools and joined his father in business in the building trades. He enlisted to serve during the Civil War in the 9<sup>th</sup> RI Regiment and started a grocery business when he returned from the war. Burdick served as mayor 1879-1880, served on city council and was a founding member of the Newport Street Railway. He was best known for his charitable efforts. It seems ironic that his death occurred when he was hit by a street car at Broadway and Mann.<sup>ii</sup>



*Perry Belmont*

**Perry Belmont 1851-1947** map location B

Belmont was the United States Minister to Spain in 1898 and served as the New York Representative to Congress 1881-1888. For a time, he lived at Belcourt Castle in Newport, the house his brother, OHP Belmont, had built. Perry sold the property in 1941 and had the statue of his father, August Belmont, moved to Washington Square. Belmont also sponsored the relocation of the Rochambeau statue from Broadway to King Park.<sup>iii</sup>

**Robert S Burlingame 1864-1945** map location RB

Burlinger served as postmaster and as mayor of Newport in 1915. He was a representative to the state legislature and served 3 consecutive terms.<sup>iv</sup>



*Burlingame*



*Bull*

**Melville Bull 1854-1909** map location HB

Bull was a Rhode Island Representative to the U.S. Congress 1895-1903. He also served as a state senator, state representative, and lieutenant governor. Bull was the youngest son of Henry Bull, educated in Newport and Phillips Exeter Academy. He never married, was active in public service and clubs and made many friends.<sup>v</sup>

**George Henry Calvert 1803-1889** map location GC

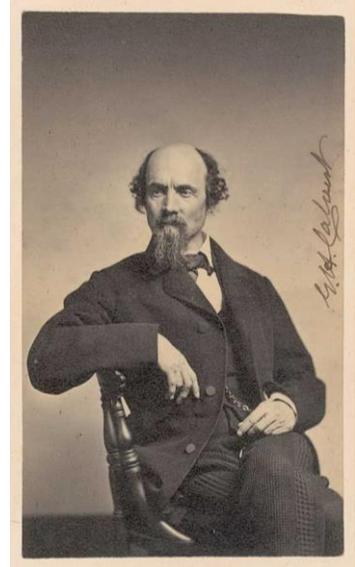
Calvert served as mayor of Newport 1853-1854 but is more widely known as an editor, essayist, dramatist and biographer. He was the great-grandson of Lord Baltimore.

**William Pratt Clarke 1870-1937** map location WPC

Clarke graduated from Rogers High School, went west to work on a ranch and returned to the city to work in his father's news and stationery store on Thames Street. Clarke served five terms as the Newport representative to the state government starting in 1906 and was an active member of the school committee and is credited with helping to develop championship basketball teams.<sup>vi</sup> He served as mayor of Newport 1907-08.

**Thomas Coggeshall 1829-1900** map location TC

Coggeshall served as mayor of Newport 1889-1891. In addition, he served 20 years as a board member of the State Charity Commission and 25 years as president of Aquidneck National Bank. He was instrumental in opening the Wickford to New York Rail Line and having Ocean Drive laid out.<sup>vii</sup>



*Calvert*



*Cozzens*

**Robert Clarke Cottrell 1853-1932** map location RCC

Cottrell was an undertaker in Newport for 60 years and active in Trinity Church for more than four decades. In 1905 he defeated Patrick Boyle for mayor.<sup>viii</sup>

**William Cole Cozzens 1811-1876** map location WC

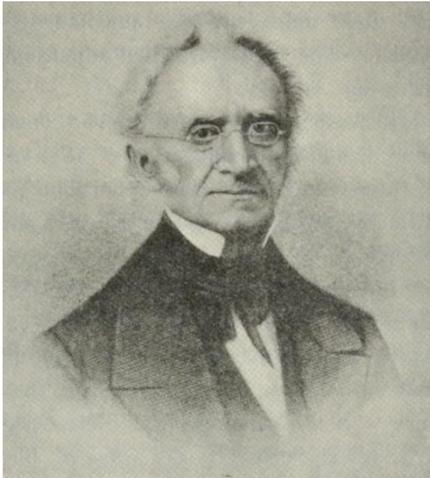
Cozzens served as mayor of Newport (1865-1855), state representative and senator, and briefly as governor when Sprague resigned to become a U.S. Senator. He ran for election to the post but lost.

**Henry Young Cranston 1789-1864** map location HC

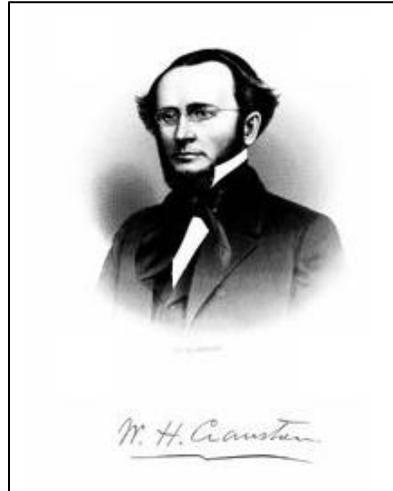
Cranston served as the Rhode Island Representative to the U.S. Congress 1843-1847. Prior to 1843 he was the Speaker of the House in Rhode Island (1839-1840).

**William H. Cranston 1821-1871** map location HC

Cranston served as mayor of Newport 1857-1866. He was the son of former Mayor H.Y. Cranston



*Henry Cranston*



*William Cranston*

**Robert Bennie Cranston 1791-1876** map location HC

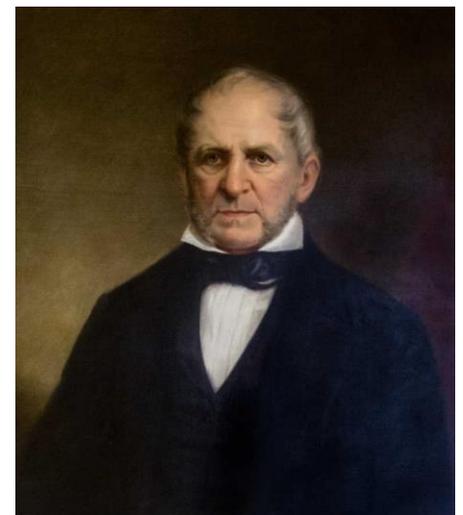
Cranston was born in Newport and served the city as revenue collector (1812-1815), sheriff (1821-1827), postmaster (1827), state representative (1843-1847) and U.S. congressman (1837-1843). His obituary stated he left \$75000 to the poor and was too honest to steal and too proud to beg.<sup>ix</sup> Cranston was elected mayor in 1853 but declined the position. He was the brother of Henry Cranston.

**Christopher Ellery 1768-1840** map location CE

Ellery served as a U.S. senator from Rhode Island. He was the nephew of William Ellery, signer of the Declaration of independence.

**William Channing Gibbs 1787-1871** map location WG

Gibbs was born in Newport, educated at Harvard, served as governor of Rhode Island (1821-1824) and a representative to the state from Newport (1816-1820). He sold the land that became Touro Park and included the stone tower to the city in 1851<sup>x</sup>. His obituary describes him as honorable, generous and kind.<sup>xi</sup>



*Gibbs*

**Robert Stillman Franklin 1836-1913** map location RF

Franklin was the son of a baker and assumed the profession at the shop on the corner of Spring Street and Mary Street. In addition to being a devoted family man, active in fraternal organizations and a

volunteer firefighter, he served the city in many elected positions. Franklin was mayor (1882-1885) and served for 10 years on Newport City Council.<sup>xii</sup>

**Charles A Hambly 1916-2008** map location CAH

The Hambly family moved to Newport when Charles was 2 years old. He later served as a member of city council and mayor (1961-1965). He was vice-chair of the Newport Redevelopment Agency which was integral to the work being done along the harbor. In 1974 he sold the funeral home that bears the family name. Hambly was an active member of the Lions Club for 75 years, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and co-chair of the YMCA building Fund.<sup>xiii</sup>

**George Gordon King 1807-1870** map location DK

George King was the oldest son of Dr. David King and Ann Gordon. After being educated at Phillips Andover Academy, Brown University and Litchfield Law School, he entered politics. King served in the legislature of Rhode Island 1845, 1846 and from 1849-1853 was the RI representative to the U.S. Congress.

**Lt. Colonel John Hare Powel Jr 1837-1908** map location JP

Powel was born in Paris to a prominent Philadelphia family who summered in Newport, but the city became his home in 1860. Powel served his country during the Civil War and his city as mayor 1886-1888 and as a state senator. He was active in the Newport Reading Room, The Redwood Library, and president and trustee of the Newport Hospital. Powel was described as charitable with high integrity and an interest in the city.<sup>xiv</sup>

**Dean J Lewis 1916-1997** map location DL

Lewis was born in Boston and educated at Harvard and Harvard Law School. He served in the Navy with J.F. Kennedy where he commanded PT183. He retired from the Navy in 1945 and served as mayor of Newport 1950-1954. He was instrumental in getting federal money for the development of the former Naval Supply Depot and the Naval Piers in Newport. Lewis was active in a number of fraternal organizations and St. Spyridon Church.<sup>xv</sup>

*Powel*

**William MacLeod 1883-1960** map location WM

MacLeod was a graduate of Rogers High School, Harvard and Harvard Law School. He served the country during WWI and was the youngest man elected mayor of Newport in 1913 at the age of 29. He led the effort for Newport to get control of the waterworks. MacLeod was an active mountain climber, hiker, actor, and member of the United Congregational Church, the Newport Historical Society and the Newport Art Association.<sup>xvi</sup>

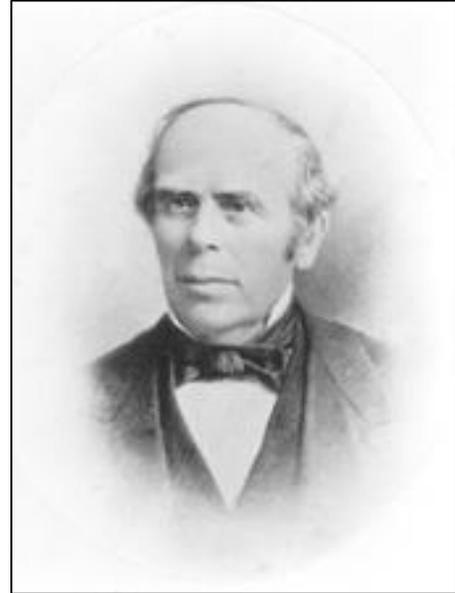
**George Lockhart Rives 1849-1917**

map location GR

While Rives was not elected to any position, he traveled in political circles and served as the Assistant Secretary of State for the United States during the Grover Cleveland Administration. trustee of the New York Public Library, Columbia University and New York Hospital.



*Sheffield, Jr.*



*Sheffield, Sr.*

**William Paine Sheffield Jr 1857-1919**

1857-1919

map location WS2

Sheffield was born in Newport, educated at Phillips Andover Academy, Brown University, Harvard Law and in Paris. He was active on the school committee and a board member of the Newport Historical Society. As a director of the Savings Bank of Newport, he was also a member of a number of boards including Emmanuel Church, the Newport Water Works, trustee of Long Wharf, Brown University and the Fall River Street Railway.<sup>xvii</sup>

**William Paine Sheffield Sr. 1820-1907**

1820-1907

map location WS

Sheffield was born on Block Island and educated at the Kingston Academy and Harvard Law. He was a delegate to the State Constitution Convention in 1841-1842 and elected to the state legislature 1842-1845, 1849-1853, and 1857-1861. Sheffield was appointed senator from Rhode Island to Washington upon the death of Henry B. Anthony and served from 1884-1885. He was the president of the Trustees of the Peoples Library and served on the boards of the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Newport Historical Society.<sup>xviii</sup>

**Stephen P. Slocum 1818-1902**

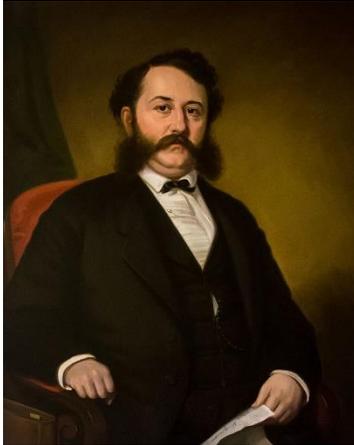
1818-1902

map location SS

Slocum served Newport in a number of positions. He was mayor 1880-1882, an alderman and a member of the school committee.

**William J Swinburne 1823-1897** map location WJS

Swinburne was born in Newport and served during the Mexican War (1846-1849). He was mayor (1855-1857) during the "Know Nothing excitement", a volunteer firefighter and school committee member for 15 years.<sup>xix</sup>



**Charles Collins Van Zandt 1830-1894** map location CV

Van Zandt was born in Newport into an old Knickerbocker family. After graduating from Trinity College, he served as city solicitor in 1855, state legislator 1857 (where he served as Speaker of the House), state senator 1869-1870, Lt. governor 1873-1875 and governor 1877-1880. He is credited with improving the Rhode Island education system.<sup>xx</sup>

**George Peabody Wetmore 1846-1921** map location W

Wetmore was born in London, educated in Newport and at Yale and Columbia Law School. He was a member of the commission that oversaw the construction of a new state house in Providence, was chairman of the completion of the U.S. Capitol Building, chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission and a member of the Grant Memorial Commission. In addition, he was a trustee of the Peabody Museum of Natural History, an organizer of the Metropolitan Opera, a founding member of the Jockey Club, and vice-president of the National Horse Show Association of America. Locally Wetmore was a trustee of the Redwood Library, president and Trustee of the Newport Hospital and the Newport Casino. He was the 37<sup>th</sup> governor of the state, serving from 1885-1887. Wetmore and his family lived in Chateau sur Mer, the estate he inherited from his father and had remodeled by Richard Morris Hunt.



**Henry S Wheeler June 1894-1967** map location HW

Wheeler served as mayor of Newport from 1935-1940. He was a veteran of WWI, WWII, and Korea. Born in Akron Ohio his life in Newport started in 1898. He graduated from Rogers High School and George Washington University. In 1935 he joined the editorial staff of the Newport

Dailey News. In addition to his time as mayor, Wheeler also served on the school committee (1936, 1938), was director of the Chamber of Commerce, Newport Red Cross, Newport YMCA and the American Legion.<sup>xxi</sup>

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- <sup>iii</sup> "Perry Belmont, 96, Former Diplomat, Dies," *Newport Mercury* (30 May 1947) 1.
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- <sup>v</sup> "Recent Deaths- Ex-congressman Bull," *Newport Mercury* (10 July 1909) 1.
- <sup>vi</sup> "William P Clarke, former Mayor, Dead," *Newport Mercury* (3 September 1937) 1.
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- <sup>xvii</sup> "William P. Sheffield," *Newport Mercury* (25 October 1919) 1.
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- <sup>xx</sup> "Ex-Governor Van Zandt Dead," *Newport Mercury* (9 June 1894) 1.
- <sup>xxi</sup> "Col. Wheeler Dies, Was Former Mayor" *Newport Daily News*, (1 August 1967) 1.