



Newport Historical Society

Guide to the Newport Insurance Company Records, 1799 – 1835

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.2012.1
<i>Title</i>	Newport Insurance Company Records
<i>Creator</i>	Newport Insurance Company
<i>Date</i>	1799 – 1835 (bulk 1799 – 1802)
<i>Extent</i>	12 oversized bound volumes and 2 folders
<i>Abstract</i>	This collection contains the business records of the Newport Insurance Company.

Historical Note

The Newport Insurance Company was established in 1799. The president was Samuel Elam (1750-1813). The Newport Insurance Company most likely became absorbed into the Rhode Island Union Bank (founded in 1804). Samuel Elam was the president of the bank until his death. The Rhode Island Union Bank was reorganized to the Union National Bank in 1881, which eventually became Bank Boston and is currently the modern-day Sovereign Bank. For more information see *Newport History*, 209 (1987).

Scope and Content

This single-series collection consists of 12 bound volumes of business records from the Newport Insurance Company, and two folders. The volumes include insurance policies and ledger books. The folders contain other company records, including the charter and share certificates.

Insurance policies from the Newport Insurance Company can also be found in the records of individual ships. Those records are duplicates of the insurance policies found in the bound volumes.

Organization

This collection is arranged in one series, alphabetical by type, and then chronologically. The bound volumes are numbered.

1. Insurance records, 1799-1835 (bulk 1799-1812)

Subject Access

People

Elam, Samuel
Newport Insurance Company
Newport Insurance Company
Potter, Henry

<i>Subjects</i>	Marine insurance Insurance Life insurance--United States--History
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<i>Form/Genre</i>	business records insurance policies ledgers (account books)
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Access and Use

<i>Physical Access</i>	This collection is housed on site at the Newport Historical Society. Researchers can be seen by appointment during operating hours.
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