

## Research Around the States: Rhode Island

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### **Specific Online Resources**

Armenian Historical Association of Rhode Island. <https://ahari.clubexpress.com/>

Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. <https://preservation.ri.gov/>

#### Heritage Pamphlets

*The Arabic-Speaking People in Rhode Island*

*The Armenians in Rhode Island*

*The Cape Verdeans in Rhode Island*

*The French in Rhode Island*

*The Germans in Rhode Island*

*The Greek People in Rhode Island*

*The Irish in Rhode Island*

*The Italians in Rhode Island*

*The Jews in Rhode Island*

*The Lithuanians in Rhode Island*

*The Portuguese in Rhode Island*

*The Southeast Asians in Rhode Island*

*The Ukrainians in Rhode Island*

*Old Stone Bank Records 1844-1897.* <https://federalhillirish.com/f/the-old-stone-records-keep-revealing-secrets>

*Monthly Meetings in North America: A Quaker Index* <https://www.quakermeetings.com>.

*Narragansett Dawn*: A newsletter edited by Princess Redwing and Ernest Hazard and published by the Narragansett Tribe of Indians in 1935 and 1936. It includes short articles by a variety of writers on the culture, history, and politics of the Narragansett Indians. It also includes religious and poetic writing, lessons in the Narragansett language, advice from community leaders, and a "milestones" section documenting births, deaths, and other life transitions. [https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/sc\\_pubs/5/](https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/sc_pubs/5/)

*Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association* <https://rijha.org/>

THE TOWNS OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

<u>Town</u>	<u>Founded</u>	<u>Separated from; Original Names; Notes; Etc.</u>
Barrington	1717	From Massachusetts as part of the new town of Warren in 1747; Re-established as Barrington in 1770
Bristol	1681	From Massachusetts in 1747; called Mt. Hope in 1679
Burrillville	1806	From Glocester
Central Falls	1895	From Lincoln
Charlestown	1738	From Westerly
Coventry	1741	From Warwick
Cranston	1754	From Providence
Cumberland	1747	From Massachusetts; formerly called Attleboro Gore
East Greenwich	1677	Called Dedford 1686-1689
East Providence	1862	From Massachusetts; originally Rshoboth then Seakonk
Exeter	1743	From North Kingstown
Foster	1781	From Scituate
Glocester	1731	From Providence
Hopkinton	1757	From Westerly
Jamestown	1678	Indian name Conanicut
Johnston	1759	From Providence
Lincoln	1871	From Smithfield
Little Compton	1682	From Massachusetts in 1747
Middletown	1743	From Newport
Narragansett	1901	From South Kingstown
Newport	1639	Original Town
New Shoreham	1661	Admitted to Colony in 1664 as Block Island; Incorporated and name changed in 1672
North Kingstown	1641	Incorporated as Kingstown in 1674; called Rochester 1686-1689; called North Kingstown after 1723
North Providence	1765	From Providence
North Smithfield	1871	From Smithfield; called Slater for 16 days in 1871
Pawtucket	1828	Part from Massachusetts in 1862; Part from North Providence in 1874
Portsmouth	1638	Original Town; called Pocasset until 1639
Providence	1636	Original Town
Richmond	1747	From Charlestown
Scituate	1731	From Providence
Smithfield	1731	From Providence
South Kingstown	1723	From Kingstown when divided into North and South
Tiverton	1694	From Massachusetts in 1747
Warren	1747	From Massachusetts towns of Barrington, Swansea and Rehoboth; part from Bristol in 1873
Warwick	1643	Original Town; called Shawmet until 1648
Westerly	1669	Called Haverham 1686-1689
West Greenwich	1741	From East Greenwich
West Warwick	1913	From Warwick
Woonsocket	1867	Part from Cumberland in 1867; Part from Smithfield in 1871

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Suggestions for additions and corrections are welcome. We wish to provide the most accurate information possible.

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