

**“Records of Important Events in Newport and Vicinity During 1892” in: *Newport Mercury Almanac 1893*
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- 18-Dec 1891 Work of filling Basin, so called, completed. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 19-Dec 1891 Body of John Kelley, of Auburn, Mass., washed on West Beach at Coasters Harbor Island; coroner’s verdict of suicide, Dec. 26. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 1-Jan 1892 Final meeting of City Council for 1891. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 4-Jan 1892 New City Government inaugurated at 11 o’clock and the various city officers elected in the evening. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 5-Jan 1892 Death of Edward J. Cahoone, aged 80 years. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 9-Jan 1892 Wm. Brownell, Pres. Newport Nat. Bank, died aged 85 years. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 15-Jan 1892 Body of Alfred g. Hull who had been missing from his home in Jamestown since Thanksgiving Day, was found off Reynold’s wharf. Drowning supposed to have been accidental. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 17-Jan 1892 Kate Sullivan dies from drinking carbolic acid. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 18-Jan 1892 Bernard McDermott, a city laborer, commits suicide by cutting his throat. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 4-Feb 1892 Lillie, 5 year old daughter of Wm. Stevenson, found in cistern on McDermott Place on Lee Ave. after having been missed since yesterday. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 6-Feb 1892 Mrs. Marion M. Smith, daughter of Col W. A. Stedman, died New York. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 11-Feb 1892 Inquest on death of Stevenson child begun at City Hall, by Coroner Stanhope. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 15-Feb 1892 Democratic City Convention. Twelve delegates to State Convention elected. Nomination of Assembly ticket postponed to Mar. 21. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 3-Mar 1892 News that Schooner C. and J. A. Pinard had been wrecked at Cienfuegos and become total loss was received. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 3-Mar 1892 U. S. Hotel formally opened opened by I. F. Attleton as New United States Hotel, and the members of Brown Alumni held their annual dinner there this evening. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 7-Mar 1892 Committee of Business Men’s Association reported estimated cost of widening Thames Street from Long Wharf to Langley’s Wharf to a uniform width of 50 feet as \$255,513. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 7-Mar 1892 Republican rally at headquarters. L. L. Lorillard presided and Gov. Ladd, Hon. W. P. Sheffield, ex-Gov. Wetmore, ex-Congressman H. X. Spooner, and Hon. A. B. Capron were the speakers. [*NMA 1893*](#)
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- 9-Mar 1892 Bold robbery reported at the Misses Newman’s on Catherine street. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 12-Mar 1892 Two suits were brought against the Savings Bank of Newport this week to recover the sinking fund of the city – the first for \$150,000 in the name of the city and the second for \$30,000 in the name of D. M. Coggeshall, the city treasurer. There is politics in them and it is not believed either will ever come to trial. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 16-Mar 1892 Mrs. Caroline A., wife of Hon. Charles H. Burdick, died of diphtheria. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 17-Mar 1892 St. Patrick’s Day. The pupils of St. Mary’s Parish gave an entertainment at their hall in the evening and Rev. Father Coyle, of St. Joseph’s, lectured at the Opera House, on “Ireland’s Battle for the Faith.” [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 5-Apr 1892 Supreme Court acquitted Miss Johnson, charged with robbing the Misses Newman’s cottage on March 9. [*NMA 1893*](#)
- 6-Apr 1892 Spring Election. The counts by the warden and clerks showed no election except for fourth representative. J. H. Crosby, Jr., was given a majority of 7. The official count of Mayor and Board of Aldermen, however, elected W. J. Underwood senator, Wm. P. Clarke, 1st representative, J. H. Crosby, Jr., fourth representative, all Democrats.
- 7-Apr 1892 Lawton Coggeshill is severely wounded in the head by a shot from his own hand. [*NMA 1893*](#)

- 7-Apr 1892 William H. Easton died at the Hospital from the effects of an accident received in the morning at the stone crusher at Price's Neck. [NMA 1893](#)
- 10-Apr 1892 Unoccupied barn on Spruce street owned by William H. Underwood destroyed by an incendiary fire. [NMA 1893](#)
- 11-Apr 1892 Geo. H. Weaver's Block on Broadway, Spring and Stone streets destroyed by fire early this morning. [NMA 1893](#)
- 12-Apr 1892 The bye-election. The wardens and clerks' counts gave no choice except for James S. Hazard for second representative, but at the official count, S. R. Honey, J. S. Hazard, Geo. Gordon King were declared elected second third and fifth representatives, thus making the delegation wholly Democratic. [NMA 1893](#)
- 14-Apr 1892 Largely attended indignation meeting at Republican headquarters. It was decided that justice had not been done the Republican candidates for the General Assembly and a committee of two from each ward to investigate. [NMA 1893](#)
- 5-May 1892 Fire at residence of the Misses Wilbour on Spring and Mill streets. [NMA 1893](#)
- 9-May 1892 Wm. H. Fludder,[born in 1832], died. [NMA 1893](#)
- 9-May 1892 The Beacon (Long wharf mission) dedicated. [NMA 1893](#)
- 18-May 1892 Fire in A.J. DeBlois' three-tenement house in "Smithville". [NMA 1893](#)
- 22-May 1892 Sailboat containing five soldiers capsized in the harbor while enroute to Fort Adams, and one, William Sheehan was drowned. [NMA 1893](#)
- 8-June 1892 Legislative Committee held its first meeting in the contested April election. [NMA 1893](#)
- 9- June 1892 Incendiary fire on Swinburne's wharf. [NMA 1893](#)
- 9- June 1892 Yearly meeting of Friends opened. . [NMA 1893](#)
- 16- June 1892 Barn on Holland street, owned and occupied by John Ring damaged by incendiary fire. [NMA 1893](#)
- 2-July 1892 Major and Mrs. T. K. Gibbs' children's festival. [NMA 1893](#)
- 2- July 1892 Newport laundry destroyed by fire. [NMA 1893](#)
- 2- July 1892 Joseph Bradford died. [NMA 1893](#)
- 3- July 1892 Sailboat containing Wm. Wharton Smith and Edward Smith, sons of Benj. R. Smith, and Edward Stevenson Philadelphia, capsized off Brenton's Reef and Mr. W. W. Smith and Mr Stevenson were drowned. [NMA 1893](#)
- 15- July 1892 The bodies of Mr. Smith and Mr. Stevenson recovered. [NMA 1893](#)
- 24- July 1892 W. K. Vanderbilt's steam yacht *Alva* run down and sunk in Pollock Rip; total loss. [NMA 1893](#)
- 3-Aug 1892 D. D. Sullivan "Yankee Dan" arrested in New York for the murder in Providence July 19 of Anthony Haswell. [NMA 1893](#)
- 10-Aug 1892 John G. Weaver, senior proprietor of the Ocean House, died. [NMA 1893](#)
- 25-Aug 1892 Lawton Coggeshall died by his own hand. [NMA 1893](#)
- 8-Sep 1892 Rowland Sherman died aged 75 years. . [NMA 1893](#)
- 14-Sep 1892 Election day, but no election owing to neglect of Board of Aldermen to name polling places. [NMA 1893](#)
- 15-Sep 1892 Meeting of citizens in Common Council Chamber to consider the matter of guarding against cholera. [NMA 1893](#)
- 5-Oct 1892 Col. Addison Thomas' residence entered early this morning by a burglar. [NMA 1893](#)
- 15-Oct 1892 The corner-stone of the First Presbyterian Church laid with appropriate ceremonies. [NMA 1893](#)
- 21-Oct 1892 Columbus Day observed with appropriate exercises by the public schools and by the Roman Catholic parishes. [NMA 1893](#)
- 26-Oct 1892 The municipal election that should have been held on the 14th ultimo was held today under the new law and the Republicans carried the first three wards and elected one common councilman from the fourth ward. Col Jere W Horton was elected mayor. [NMA 1893](#)
- 27-Oct 1892 Mrs. James A. Greene, mother of ex-Alderman W. O. Greene, died, aged 94 years. [NMA 1893](#)
- 3-Nov 1892 William S. Bacheller, keeper of the city asylum died. [NMA 1893](#)

- 8-Nov 1892 Presidential election. Newport gives a plurality of 23 [sic] for Harrison and of 159 for Melville Bull for Congress. NMA 1893
- 14-Nov 1892 Michael Shea died at the Hospital from wounds accidently inflicted by Jeremiah Harrington, a companion. NMA 1893
- 17-Nov 1892 Mrs. Theodore Phinney was fatally burned at her residence on Ruggles and Carroll avenues. . NMA 1893
- 20-Nov 1892 Mrs. August Belmont died at her winter residence in New York. NMA 1893
- 21-Nov 1892 Lester Eagen was sentenced to five years in States Prison for burglary at Col. Addison Thomas's, Oct. 5. NMA 1893
- 25-Nov 1892 Cornelius Vanderbilt's summer residence on the Cliffs totally destroyed by fire. NMA 1893
- 29-Nov 1892 D. D. Sullivan sentence to state prison for life. NMA 1893

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