

Rhode Island Historical Society

City Directories

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Many directories include more than one city or town, and we've done our best to make it clear where a directory is shelved. Any city or town included in the directories is listed alphabetically below but will say under which city or town it is shelved. Years are only included under the town that the directory is shelved.

Dashes between years indicate a single volume or reel of microfilm.

Some of the more delicate volumes are kept at the reference desk; please see a staff member for help.

Connecticut

Pawcatuck (CT)

See: Westerly (RI)

Massachusetts

Attleboro, North Attleboro & Plainville (MA)

1897, 1899, 1901, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1923–1924, 1924–1925, 1927–1928, 1929–1930, 1931–1932, 1933, 1935, 1936–1937, 1939–1940, 1941–1942, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978

Attleboro, North Attleboro, Plainville & South Attleboro (MA)

1980, 1982, 1983, 1984–1985, 1986, 1988

Bellingham, Blackstone & Millville (MA)

1928

Blackstone (MA)

See: Bellingham

Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset & Swansea (MA)

1955, 1957–1958, 1960–1961, 1963–1964, 1968, 1971

Fall River (MA)

1876, 1878, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1906–1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917,

1918, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1942–1943, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985–1986, 1987–1988

Millville (MA)

See: Bellingham

North Attleboro (MA)

See: Attleboro

Plainville (MA)

See: Attleboro

Rehoboth (MA)

See: Dighton

Seekonk (MA)

See: Dighton

Somerset (MA)

See: Dighton

Swansea (MA)

See: Dighton

Taunton (MA)

1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1943–1944, 1944, 1985, 1986

Rhode Island

Apponaug (Warwick)

See: East Greenwich

Block Island

See: Jamestown

Bristol & Warren

1876–1877, 1881–1882, 1906–1907

Bristol, Warren, Barrington & East Providence

1887, 1888, 1890–1891

Bristol

1897, 1910

Warren & Barrington

1897

Bristol, Warren & Barrington

1908, 1910, 1913–1914, 1917–1918, 1922, 1925, 1927, 1930, 1935–1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1947, 1950, 1954, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980

Bristol County (Includes Bristol, Warren & Barrington)

1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

Burrillville & North Smithfield

1910, 1923

Central Falls

See: Pawtucket & Central Falls

Charlestown

See: Westerly

Coventry

See: Pawtuxet Valley; see also West Warwick

Cranston (see also Johnston)

1911, 1913, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922–1923, 1924–1925, 1926–1927, 1928–1929, 1930–1931, 1932–1933, 1934, 1936, 1938–1939, 1939–1940, 1941–1942, 1943, 1945–1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979–1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985–1986, 1987, 1990

Cumberland

1954, 1955

Cumberland & Lincoln (Including Manville & Saylesville in some years)

1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1925, 1927, 1930–1931, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1988

East Greenwich, Apponaug & Wickford (See also: Warwick)

1907, 1909–1910, 1911–1912

East Providence

1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1902, 1905–1906, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921–1922, 1923–1924, 1925–1926, 1927–1928, 1929–1930, 1931–1932, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941–1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985–1986, 1987

Glocester

See: North Providence

Hopkinton & Charlestown

1917, 1922–1923, 1924–1925

Jamestown & New Shoreham

1912, 1915, 1918, 1920, 1922–1923, 1924–1925, 1926–1927, 1928–1929, 1930–1931, 1936–1937

Jamestown, Middletown, Portsmouth & Tiverton

1948

Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Portsmouth & Tiverton

1953, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1964, 1967

Johnston (see also North Providence)

1890, 1892, 1894, 1897–1898

Johnston & Cranston

1895–1896, 1896

Lincoln

See: Cumberland

Little Compton

See: Tiverton; see also Jamestown

Middletown

See: Tiverton; see also Jamestown

Narragansett

See: South Kingstown

New Shoreham

See: Jamestown

Newport

1856–1857, 1858, 1863, 1865, 1865–1866, 1867, 1879, 1880–1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956–1957, 1957–1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1978, 1981

Newport Suburban (includes Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton & Jamestown)

1972, 1979

North Kingstown

See: Apponaug; see also Warwick; see also East Greenwich

North Providence, Johnston & Smithfield

1913, 1916, 1924, 1937, 1939, 1941

North Providence, Glocester, Johnston & Smithfield

1926, 1928, 1931

North Providence

See also: Providence

North Smithfield

See: Woonsocket Suburban; see also Burrillville

Pawtucket & Woonsocket

1857–1858

Pawtucket, Central Falls & Woonsocket

1869–1870, 1871, 1872, 1873

Pawtucket & Central Falls

1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991

Pawtuxet Valley (includes parts of Warwick, West Warwick, Cranston & Coventry)

1892, 1894, 1896, 1908–1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919–1920, 1924, 1927, 1929

Portsmouth

See: Jamestown

Providence

1824, 1826, 1828, 1830–1831, 1832, 1836–1837, 1838–1839, 1841, 1841–1842, 1844, 1847–1848, 1850, 1852–1853, 1853, 1854, 1855–1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1878, 1880, 1883, 1886, 1887 (with supplement), 1890, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1898 (Annexation Edition), 1899, 1900, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1919, 1920,

1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974–1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999

Providence North Area

1996, 1998, 1999

Providence South Area

1998

Providence on Microfilm (see microfilm)

1861–1865, 1866–1869, 1870–1872, 1873–1875, 1876–1878, 1879–1881, 1882–1884, 1884–1886, 1886–1888, 1888–1890, 1890–1892, 1892–1893, 1893–1894, 1894–1895, 1895–1896, 1896–1897, 1897–1898, 1898–1899, 1899–1900, 1900–1901, 1901–1902, 1902–1903, 1904–1905, 1906–1907, 1908–1909, 1910–1911, 1912–1913, 1914–1915, 1916–1917, 1818–1919, 1919–1920, 1921–1922, 1923–1924, 1925–1926, 1927–1928, 1929–1930, 1931–1932, 1933–1935

Providence House Directory

1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919–1920, 1921–1922, 1923–1924, 1925–1926, 1927–1928, 1929–1930, 1931–1932, 1933, 1935, 1935–1936

Smithfield

See: North Providence or Johnston

South Kingstown & Narragansett

1910, 1915, 1925, 1927, 1930

Tiverton, Portsmouth, Middletown & Little Compton

1910, 1913–1914, 1916–1917, 1919–1920, 1921–1922, 1923–1924, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1951

Tiverton

See: Jamestown

Warren

See: Bristol

Warwick, East Greenwich & North Kingstown

1914–1915, 1920–1921, 1922, 1925, 1928, 1935

Warwick & East Greenwich

1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1948–1949, 1952

Warwick

1959, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974–1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980–1981, 1982, 1983–1984, 1985, 1987, 1989

West Warwick (includes Pawtuxet Valley; see also Pawtuxet Valley)

1936, 1938, 1940, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980–1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991

Westerly

1875–1876, 1879, 1881–1882, 1884, 1885–1886, 1888, 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1901, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1920–1921, 1922–1923, 1924–1925, 1926–1927, 1928–1929, 1930–1931, 1932–1933, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1939–1940, 1941–1942, 1943, 1945–1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973–1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995

Wickford

See: East Greenwich

Woonsocket (see also Pawtucket)

1875–1876, 1877–1878, 1880–1881, 1882–1883, 1884–1885, 1886–1887, 1888–1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985–1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996

Suburban Woonsocket (includes North Smithfield)

1928

Business Directories**Providence & Rhode Island Business Directories**

1872, 1874, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1889 (includes Connecticut), 1890, 1895, 1901, 1904, 1921, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1933, 1938, 1938–1939, 1951, 1954

Providence & Rhode Island Register & Business Directory

1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902

Rhode Island Business and Industry Directory

2003, 2005, 2006

Providence Almanac & Business Directory

1880, 1881, 1886, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895

Builders & Traders Exchange Directory

1893, 1894–1895, 1895–1896, 1899–1901

Providence Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory

1915

Directory of Directors in the State of Rhode Island

1920, 1923, 1924, 1930, 1934

Business Directory of New England

1977–1978

New England Mercantile Union Business Directory

1849