

Documented Newport Cabinetmakers, Joiners, and Chairmakers

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Dates in italics are documented working dates and pieces.

Abbreviations:

NHS: Newport Historical Society

NM: Newport Mercury

RIFA: RI Furniture Archives at Yale University Art Gallery

RIHS: RI Historical Society

Allen, William b.1714, *1745-1755 carver*

Bailey, Constant 1717-1801, *1747-1801, maple tables, desk for Lopez; mahogany table for export to West Indies, upper case of high chest (RIFA)*

Bailey, William d. October 9, 1751, *joiner*

Baker, Benjamin b.1734/5 d.1822, *top-tier maker in Newport market; shipped to NY and West Indies, signed examples extant*

Barker, Benjamin d.1817, *working before 1775 as joiner; obit in Newport Mercury 12/8/1817*

Barney, Giles d. March 3, 1783, *chairmaker*

Belcher, Benjamin *1706 joiner*

Belcher, Edward b.1711 d.1774, *working in 1770 as joiner and housewright*

Bennett, Benjamin P. b.1822 d.1886, *cabinetmaker*

Bliss, Ebenezer m.1821 d.1824, *chairmaker*

Bliss, Henry b.1722 d.1805, *working before 1775*

Broderick, Ephraim d. June 1, 1730, *working in 1725-1730 as a joiner*

Brown, James *working as a joiner 1714-1756, also listed as house carpenter and merchant (RIFA)*

Bryer, Stafford *1856-1872 cabinetmaker*

Buffinton, Samuel *worked as joiner but in 1764 chartered the sloop Ranger and sold it. (NM May 6 1765)*

Bull, Henry b.1687 d.1771, *working as a joiner in 1709-1719, 1750-1752, joiner, gentleman, yeoman, attorney (RIFA)*

Burbidge, John *1871 cabinetmaker*

Burroughs, Ezekiel *working as a joiner in 1716-1728, 1763, house carpenter, joiner, distiller (RIFA)*

Cahoon, Ebenezer *working as a joiner in 1733*

Cahoone, Jonathan *1739-1786 windsor chairmaker*

Cahoone, John b. 1726 d.1792, *working by 1748; joiner & merchant for export; acct book at NHS; obit NM*

Cahoone, John Spear *working in 1775 as chairmaker; shop on Back St.*

Carroll, John *1871 cabinetmaker*

Cary, Peleg *listed as a joiner in 1750*

Champlin, John W. *1871 cabinetmaker*

Champlin, Thomas *1871 cabinetmaker*

Chanders, Benjamin *1737 joiner*

Chaplen, John *1709-1727 joiner and cabinetmaker; "kept tables for sale"*

Chapman, Israel *1730-1750, joiner, house carpenter, working as a joiner in 1750*

Clark, Job *working 1751-54 selling cedar, maple, elm, mahogany, walnut desks to Cahoon (NHS); possibly 1761-1800 in Charlestown, RI (RIFA)*

Clarke, Erasmus *1871 cabinetmaker*

Coe, Adam S. b.1782 d.1862, *labeled 1812 sofa at Winterthur; partner w/ Robt. Lee on Long Whf. 1820*

Coe & Palmer *1804-1809 partnership of Adam S. Coe and Gideon Palmer*

Coggeshall, Nathaniel d.1826 *working as joiner before 1775; obit MN 10/28/1826 and RI Republican 11/9*

Coggeshall, Peter d. 1748, *1711-1713, joiner, carpenter*

Coggeshall, W. A. & D. M. *1835-45 cabinetmakers*

Collins, Benjamin *working as joiner in 1733*

Cook, Silas *shipped 14 chair frames and backgammon tables to WI in 1752, Robt. Jenkins Jr. acct book RIHS*

Cornell, George T. d. February 5, 1800, *working 1765-1790*

Cornell, Gideon *1793 cabinetmaker, ad in NM relating to insolvency*

Cornell, Thomas d. March 1, 1788, *joiner, house carpenter, painter (RIFA)*

Cottrell, Michael *1856-72 cabinetmaker*

Cranston, Samuel b. 1746 d.1824, *working as joiner in 1778*

Davenport, Thomas b. 1681 m.1704.1737 d.1745, *joiner, chairmaker, carpenter, listed as cabinetmaker in Newport Land Evidence*

Davis, William *1772 joiner, made red cedar desk £144 for Lopez, 1772, Lopez acct book (NHS)*

Davning, Benjamin *1823 chairmaker*

Dennis, William d. February 5, 1826, *will lists him as cabinetmaker*

Dunham, Daniel b.1689 d.1758, *1726 chairmaker*

Dunham, Daniel III b.1738 d.1815, *chairmaker (RIFA)*

Dunham, David *1726 chairmaker*

Dunham, Joseph b.1722 d. June 11, 1802, *working in 1748 as chairmaker*

Dunton, Ebenezer *1758-80, joiner, house carpenter (RIFA), listed as joiner 1780 Hunter acct book (NHS)*

Durfee, John B. *1871 cabinetmaker*

Ellis, Samuel d. 1745, *1744 carver*

Flannigan, Patrick *1867-72 cabinetmaker*

Geffroy, Nicholas b.1761 d.1839, *1800 watch and looking-glass maker, several extant examples (RIFA)*

Job Gibbs b.1762 d.1841, *1785-1795 cabinetmaker, housewright (RIFA)*

Gibbs, John *1730-1754 joiner*

Gladding, Jonathan d. 1791, *1770-1780 chairmaker*

Gladding, Martin *1871 cabinetmaker*

Godbold, Ebenezer H. *1871 carver*

Goddard, Daniel b. 1747, *oldest son of John, worked with father, moved to Nova Scotia 1779*

Goddard, Henry b. 1761 *son of John, apprenticed with father, moved to Nova Scotia 1779 with Daniel*

Goddard, James b.1752, *nephew of John, apprentice to Edmund Townsend*

Goddard, Job b. 1760, *son of John, apprenticed with father, moved to Nova Scotia 1779 with Daniel*

Goddard, John b. 1723 d. June 13, 1785, *married Hannah, daughter of Job Townsend*

Goddard, John II 1789-1843 *son of Stephen (3rd generation)*

Goddard, Stephen 1764-1804, *son of John, continued family shop with Thomas, several signed pieces*

Goddard, Thomas 1765-1858, *son of John, worked with Stephen in family shop*

Goddard, Townsend 1750-1790, *working on Town Land, many pieces for C. Champlin with brothers*

Goffe, Ernest 1820-1891, *working as cabinetmaker 1845-70*

Goodspeed, Solomon d. November 3, 1828, *more house carpenter than cabinetmaker (RIFA), died in collapse of building he was dismantling (NM)*

Gould, Daniel *1714 joiner*

Green, Daniel *1743 joiner*

Green, William 1744-1746 joiner

Greenleaf, Jonathan 1735 joiner

Hammond, Benjamin b. 1771 d.1858, 1800-1809 Newport, to Pharsalia, NY w/ brother 1809 (RIFA)

Hammond, John b.1773 d.1867, 1795-1800 Newport, moved to Pharsalia, NY in 1808 (RIFA)

Hazard, Arnold 1871 cabinetmaker

Hazard, Silas 1871 cabinetmaker

Healey, Recompense 1775

Hicks, Ephraim 1727-1737 joiner, shop keeper, yeoman (RIFA)

Hockey, John worked 1738-1760 Newport and South Kingstown (RIFA)

Hunt, Benjamin d.1763, 1739-57 joiner, signed the Providence Cabinet Makers' Agreement 1757

Huntington, David 1766-1768 Shop on Elm St., Mason mentions he sold furniture in NY and West Indies; 1768 receipt for mahg and maple furniture for James Card (Card papers RIHS)

Jenkins, John 1775 carver

Langley, John S. 1856-1872 cabinetmaker

Langley, Nathan d.1773, 1742-1750 joiner; ship joiner (RIFA)

Langworthy, James 1732-1753 joiner Newport and South Kingstown

Lawton, Benjamin 1871 cabinetmaker

Lawton, Robert, Jr. 1772-1853, 1794-1804 maker of labeled breakfast tables, desk, possibly chairs (RIFA)

Lee, Robert P. 1826-1846 cabinetmaker, partner w/ Adam S. Coe in furniture and hardware business (RIFA)

Lee, Robert T. 1820 in partnership with Adam Coe on Long Wharf in 1820 (probably same as Robert P.)

Little, Nicholas d. July 2, 1759, 1734-1759 joiner

Loye, William 1750 made a roundabout chair for John Bannister in 1750 (Bannister account book, NHS)

Ludlow, James 1783 joiner

Lyndon, Caleb 1772-1803 joiner in Elnathan Hammond and Job Townsend account books (NHS)

Josias Lyndon, b.1698 d.1778, worked 1726-1733, joiner (RIFA)

Lyndon, Josias Jr. deceased by 1770, 1764 joiner

Marsh, Samuel 1856-1871 chairmaker

Martin, David 1774-1780 joiner, chairmaker

Moody, James d. 1783, 1739 carver

Nichols, Walter b. 1748 d.1823, 1782-1801, after 1782 managed White Horse Tavern, shop abutted on west

Norman, Moses 1755 made maple desk for John Cahoon (Cahoon ledger, NHS)

Noyes, Francis 1727 joiner

Packard, Fearnot 1733-1740 joiner, house carpenter, yeoman (RIFA)

Palmer, Gideon b.1781 d.1854, worked in Newport 1804-1809 as partner with Adam S. Coe, later relocated to Providence (RIFA)

Peabody, Benjamin b. 1717 d. 1794, 1750-1794 export trade; 1761 made 4 maple desks for Aaron Lopez (NHS)

Peckham, Reuben b.1676 d. 1769, working 1730-1735 Newport and East Greenwich

Phillips, William d. 1741, 1729 house carpenter

Pittman, James b.1700 d. June 3, 1782, working in 1769, joiner in 1784 in NM ad selling his land

Pitman, John, Jr. 1752-1770 chairmaker

Pratt, Joseph 1790 chairmaker

Proud, Daniel b.1762 d.1833, 1779-1833 joiner, chairmaker in Newport, 1824 chairmaker with Samuel in Providence

Proud, John from Yorkshire 1713 d.1757, originally a clockmaker, later a chairmaker with sons

Proud, John Jr. b.1714 d.1794, 1747-1770 chairmaker

Proud, Joseph b.1711 d.1769, 1737-1769 chairmaker

Proud, William b.1720 d.1779, working 1750, joiner, chairmaker

Reynolds, Jonathan 1764 chairmaker

Richardson, Ebenezer 1725-1733 working as joiner

Riggs, Joseph M. 1871 cabinetmaker

Robinson, William d. 1737, 1733-1734 working as joiner, chairmaker

Sanford, Joseph b.1740 d.1784, joiner, cabinetmaker, worked in Exeter and New Bedford (RIFA)

Sanford, Samuel d. January 30, 1806, working in 1789, will at NHS lists him as cabinetmaker

Scott, John 1696 Joyner in 1696

Shaw, John 1782-1788 Providence; housewrights of same name in Newport

Sheldon, Jonathan 1787 joiner

Small, Isaac 1803 windsor chairmaker

Smith, Charles 1871 *cabinetmaker*

Smith, Joseph 1733 *joiner*

Spear, John 1775 *chairmaker*

Spencer, Abiel 1810-78 *cabinetmaker, likely in Providence*

Spencer, Daniel b.1741 d.1801, 1775-76 *joiner in Hunter account book (NHS); signed desk and bookcase and chest on chest; working in Newport, Providence, and Dartmouth Mass. (RIFA)*

Springer, William S. 1871 *cabinetmaker*

Spooner, Thomas 1814-1825 *chairmaker*

Stall, William 1775-95 *chairmaker*

Stedman, Stephen M. 1844-72 *cabinetmaker*

Swallowe, Benjamin 1709 *chairmaker*

Swaney, Captain Charles *carver*

Sweet, Benjamin 1871 *cabinetmaker*

Swett, Jonathan b. c1720, 1753-1774, 1753 *desk Sotheby's sale N08608, 201; desk, chest for Cahoone 1758*

Tayer, Benjamin d. 1796, 1754-5 *desks for John Cahoone; 1773 ship cabin table for Aaron Lopez (NHS)*

Tayer, Charles B. 1871 *cabinetmaker*

Taylor, Galen d. August 6, 1829 *working in 1824, Newport and Providence*

Taylor, James d. 1826, 1791, 1796 *listed as cabinetmaker; 1826 will leaves tools & bench to sons Wm. & Stephen; repaired Christopher Townsend 1748 high chest*

Thurston, John 1761 *joiner*

Tillinghast, John 1796-1801 *joiner*

Tisdale, Benjamin H. *merchant retailing looking glasses, watches, and jewelry 1812-1820s (NM)*

Townsend, Christopher 1701-1787 (1st generation)

Townsend, Christopher 1781-1801, son of John (3rd generation)

Townsend, Edmund 1736-1811, son of Job Sr. (2nd generation)

Townsend, James d. September 29, 1827, son of Edmund (3rd generation)

Townsend, Job Sr. 1699-1765 (1st generation)

Townsend, Job, Jr. 1726—November 5, 1778 (2nd generation)

Townsend, Job E. 1758—July 4, 1829 son of Job Jr. (3rd generation)

Townsend, Job E. 1780-1818, son of Edmund (3rd generation)

Townsend, John 1732-1809, son of Christopher (2nd generation)

Townsend, John A. living in 1829, son of John (3rd generation)

Townsend, Jonathan 1745-1773, son of Christopher (2nd generation)

Townsend, Robert M. d. December 13, 1805, son of Edmund (3rd generation)

Townsend, Solomon 1775 - August 6, 1821, son of John (3rd generation)

Townsend, Thomas 1742 - March 15, 1827, son of Job Sr. (2nd generation)

Townsend, Thomas b.1785 son of Edmund (3rd generation)

Trevett, Eleazer b.1715 d.1795, *1766 made maple and mahogany desks for Lopez, shop on Wash St. north of shipyard*

Trevett, John *1772 joiner*

Trevett, William *no dates*

Vernon, Henry *1844-45 cabinetmaker*

Vickery, Joseph *1786-1798*

Vinson, (Deacon) Samuel d.1826, *1763 maple desk for Lopez*

Wallace, James *1783*

Wammett, Walden *1825 joiner*

Waterhouse, Timothy b.1718, *1740-1780 windsor chairmaker, married Hannah Proud, daughter of John*

Weaver, Holmes b.1769 d.1848, *1796-1848, 1798 working on Meeting St., later Broadway, many labeled examples (RIFA)*

Weeden, George *1762-1768, 1772 joiner ship furniture for Lopez*

Weeden, John S. *cabinetmaker, 1832 insolvency notice in Newport Mercury*

Weeden, Sam C. *1767 joiner*

Wigner, Charles d.1787, *working 1767-1787, 1767 6 maple tea tables for Lopez*

Williams, Jonathan *1823 chairmaker*

Young, John b.1797 d.1884, *working 1844-72 cabinetmaker*