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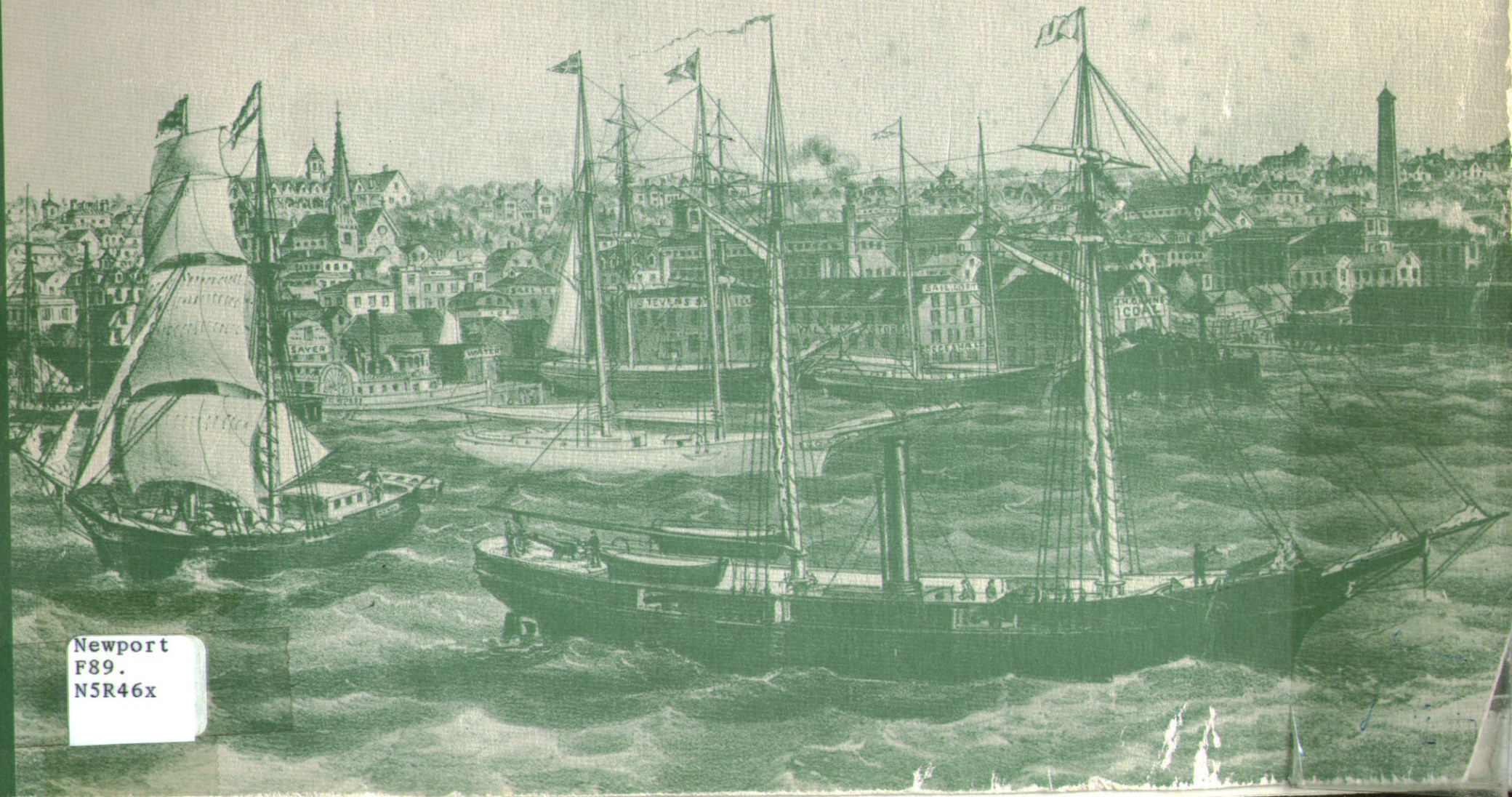
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THE SOUTHERN THAMES STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IN NEWPORT



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February 1, 1980

The Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Governor Garrahy:

It is with pleasure that I transmit herewith our report on the Southern Thames Street neighborhood in Newport, the fifteenth publication in the Statewide Historical Preservation Report series.

The Southern Thames Street neighborhood survey, supported jointly by the City of Newport and the state's Historical Preservation Commission, analyzes the historic and architectural development of this close-knit community. The survey results presented in this report are intended for use by neighborhood residents, by teachers teaching Newport history in local schools, and by planning officials at the city, state and federal levels.

It is intended that this report and the others like it will foster a deeper concern for Rhode Island's heritage and promote the preservation of our state's important historic resources.

Very sincerely,


Mrs. George E. Downing
Chairman



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The Honorable Humphrey J. Donnelly, III, Mayor
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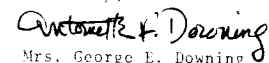
Dear Mayor Donnelly:

The Historical Preservation Commission is pleased to submit in final form the historical survey and report analyzing development of the Southern Thames Street area.

This is the Commission's third published study of a Newport neighborhood. The first, on the Kay Street-Catherine Street-Old Beach Road section of the city, was issued in 1974. The second came out in 1977 and covered the West Broadway neighborhood. Like the Southern Thames Street study, it was funded jointly by the Commission and the City, through Community Development Block Grant appropriations. There are many other portions of Newport which should have this level of analysis and if public interest and financial support prove sufficient, future joint efforts deserve consideration.

We hope the Southern Thames Street neighborhood report will help foster an awareness and appreciation of the special yet fragile social, economic and architectural fabric of this historic area. Much effort will be needed to preserve this area from the potential damage of over development and displacement which recent interest in the waterfront is beginning to bring.

Sincerely,


Mrs. George E. Downing
Chairman

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