

## **Newport Historical Society Museum Report for December 9, 2013**

Since our last meeting (15) visitors have signed the attendance book.

Purchases: We made no purchases of museum artifacts since the last meeting. We did purchase Christmas decorations totaling about \$30.

We have had (8) donations since the last meeting:

Craig Cowing (1) item  
Kathie Barbour – large volume of family genealogy/history  
Cathryn Baird (10) items  
Patricia Hale McLain (3) items  
Carol Feenstra (1) item  
Laura Pinkney (11) items  
Ann Stout (5) items  
Stephen Carley (1) item

I was approached by David Kittredge, the brick/stone mason. He is working on restoring the brick work on the Old Courthouse. He tells me that he may not be able to continue his work for the town until after the town meeting. He has quoted repairing the brick/mortar on the Nettleton House up to the top of the windows on three sides and a section on the north side for \$4,378.00 (no window headers included). This would replace the galled bricks from the water damage and point up the bricks as needed. He has a supply of period era bricks and, if necessary, can cut them to size. He uses period mortar. If the mortar is hard, it causes the bricks to fracture in the cold. I would like approval to accept his bid so he can start work in the spring when it is warm enough before the town approves his work.

I was told by the roofing contractor that the chimneys need to be re-pointed. I can ask David Kittredge to quote on this.

We need volunteers to assist the Museum Committee members and the Historical Society Board of Directors on Sundays when the Museum is open. Training will be provided. We desperately need Docents, you will enjoy the experience.

Respectfully  
Larry Cote, Museum Director  
December 9, 2013