



November 15, 2020

Dear Fellow Members,

As we conclude the 2020 Annual Appeal, I am delighted to report on the results and to provide some additional program updates.

The outpouring of support for the Appeal from you, our members, has truly been an inspiration! We are grateful that so many who were in the position to make a financial gift during this challenging time chose to include the Museum among those non-profits they are supporting.

Please read on for the details, to view the list of donors as of press time, and for other updates.



Le buíochas (with gratitude),

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2020 Annual Appeal Update



Total raised: **\$34,100**

Click the **Button** below for list of donor names.

Many of the gifts were made in Memory or in Honor of a loved one.

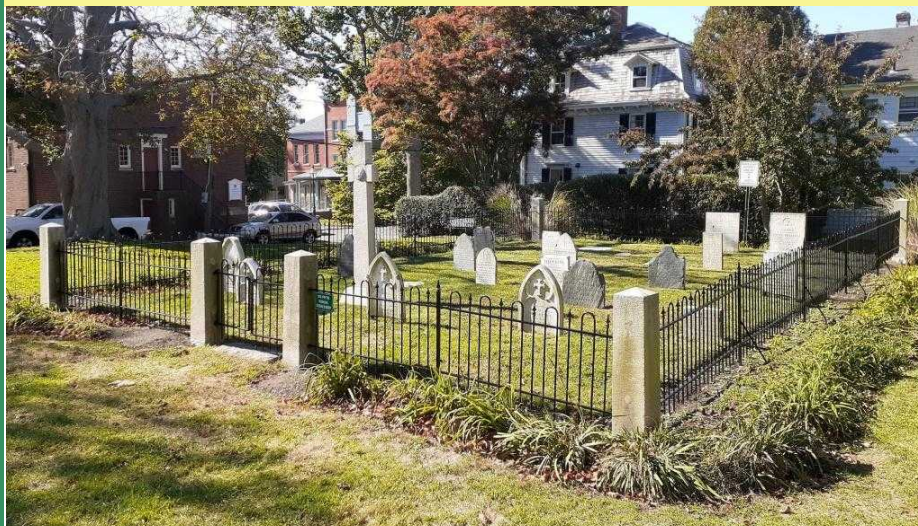
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Donors as of Nov. 12

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Appeal has generated sufficient funds to cover our **Interpretive Center annual operating expenses and bolster its endowment** for future growth, funds normally generated by donations from visitors to the Center and from our annual benefit, "*Shamrocks & Seashells*," which was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Your amazing outpouring of support has also enabled us to fund the **repainting of the fence at the [Barney Street Cemetery](#)**, the final resting place of many of Newport's earliest Irish immigrants, which the Museum restored in 1999 and continues to maintain and beautify, thanks to our dedicated volunteers under the direction of our board member, Jack McCormack.

Below is a photo of the refurbished cemetery fence (work by Watterson Painting). Photos don't do the work justice, so we hope you'll stop by the corner of Barney & Mt. Vernon Streets soon.



NOTE: If you've **not** had the opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, you may make a gift in any amount by clicking the below **button** (use the "Special Instructions" field to notify us of a memorial designation).

You may also mail a check payable to "MNIH" with "Annual Appeal" in the memo to **Museum of Newport Irish History, PO Box 1378, Newport, RI 02840**. If your gift is made in memory or in honor of a

loved one, please be sure to include a note with that information so we may properly record and acknowledge your thoughtful gift.

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Finally, and as shared previously, we will shortly be producing a large board listing all donors which we will display at the Interpretive Center to recognize all who have contributed to the 2020 Appeal.

Crowley Lecture Series News



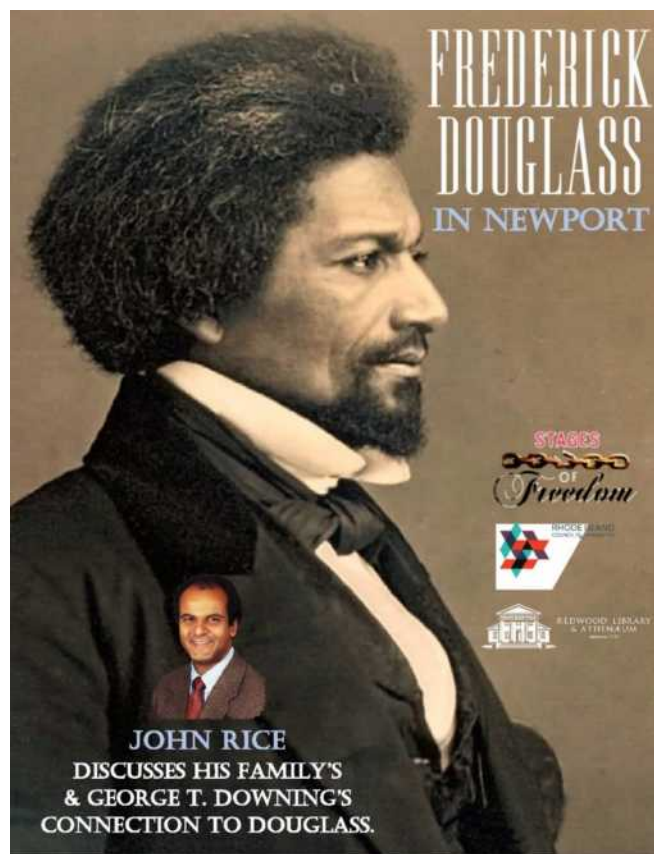
On November 6 we hosted the second Michael F. Crowley Lecture of our 19th Annual Series, which featured Dr. Joseph Lennon of Villanova University's Irish Studies Program. Dr. Lennon's wonderful and thought-provoking talk was entitled:

Famine Memories: Terence MacSwiney's 1920 Hunger Strike

Those who were unable to join us via Zoom on Nov. 6 may enjoy the presentation and Q&A at their convenience by clicking the below **button**. A link to the video, and videos of many past lectures, may also be found on the "[Lectures](#)" [page of our website](#),

NOV. 6 LECTURE VIDEO

Another Virtual Lecture Opportunity: Frederick Douglass in Newport Nov. 19 - 6pm



Museum members will recall Frederick Douglass' special connection to Ireland and the Irish people from past Crowley Lectures by Dr. John Quinn and Dr. Christine Kinealy, as well as from our bus trip in early 2019 to Quinnipiac University. The famed American abolitionist also had special connections to Newport, Rhode Island, about which many of us are eager to learn more.

The Redwood Library & Athenaeum, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Council on the Humanities, will present a virtual lecture by John Rice exploring Douglass' Newport connections on **Nov. 19 at 6pm**. The presentation is free of charge but reservations are required.

To learn more and to reserve, please click the below button.

Learn More & Reserve

Interpretive Center Reminder



Photos by Allan Millora

While our Interpretive Center on Lower Thames Street remains closed to the public due to the pandemic, **visits by appointment continue.**

To arrange a private visit for up to 2 guests, please email: NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com and include your name, phone, the number in the party, and preferred date(s) and time. We'll get back to you swiftly.

Masks will be required and social distancing protocols will be in place.

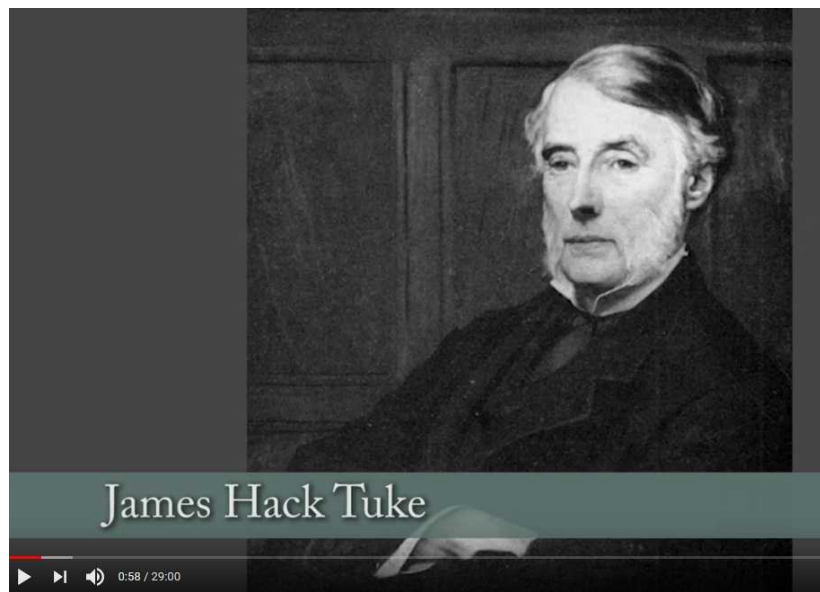
Many thanks to our Interpretive Center Manager, Steve Marino, for providing access to our members and keeping this important place well looked after during this challenging time.

You can also enjoy a 'virtual tour' of the Center by clicking [HERE](#).

Facebook News / Articles of Interest:

If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to "Like" our [Facebook page](#) where we share late-breaking news and other posts of interest, including information and learning from organizations who share your interest in Irish history, heritage and culture.

From time to time, we'll also publish some of these pieces via this e-newsletter so those without Facebook can also enjoy. Read on for one such recent Facebook post....



Please watch this fascinating short documentary, "**Remembering James Hack Tuke**" a film produced by [Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University](#) and the [National Famine Museum at Strokestown Park, County Roscommon](#).

Click the below button for a link to the 29-min. video.

Synopsis:

Emigrant descendants of James Hack Tuke's migration schemes from Counties Galway and Mayo during the "Forgotten Famine" of 1879-1882 pay tribute to the Quaker Philanthropist who rescued their ancestors from poverty to start new lives overseas.

(Listen for the R.I. connection in one of the descendant stories!)

[Video: Remembering James Hack Tuke](#)

For other "Great Famine Voices" videos click here:

<http://greatfaminevoices.ie/famine-heroes/>

This webpage is a resource for those who may have an ancestor who emigrated to the U.S. or Canada in connection with the James Hack Tuke-funded migrations from Ireland:

<http://www.blacksodbayemigration.ie/>

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