The Irish Have Come...



The Newport Museum of Irish History, founded in 1996, has as its purpose the collection, preservation and display of artifacts, letters, photographs and documents that trace the chronology of Irish immigration and settlement in Newport County. The goal is to recognize the social and cultural impact of this immigration on the community.

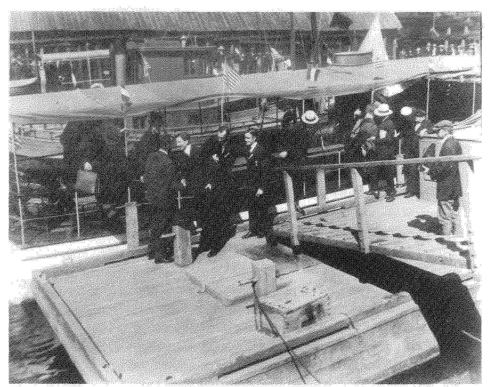
Currently, the Museum is working on the restoration and preservation of the *Barney Street* (St. Joseph's) Cemetery, on the corner of Mt. Vernon Street and Barney Street. When completed, the cemetery will be fenced with a "period" cast iron fence, and a number of the stones will be restored. A booklet will also be published on the history the site.

In the next few years, the Museum will be looking for an appropriate place to house the permanent museum collection.

Anyone interested in joining the Newport Museum of Irish History, may do so with a membership fee of \$10 per year for an individual, and \$20.00 for a family. For further information or membership, mail to:P.O. Box 1378, Newport, RI 02840, or call 847-2890.

Additionally, the Museum is cosponsoring a guided bus tour of "Irish Newport" on Saturday, March 21st. Tickets are \$15.00, which include a demonstration of Irish stepdancing, the tour and a "pub" lunch at the Hiberian Hall. Tickets available at LaForge Restaurant or call 847-8671.

Vincent Arnold President, The Newport Museum of Irish History



President Eamon de Valers of Ireland greeted by James O'brien. On a visit to Newport in 1919



