



Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
MAYOR

February 2, 1979

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Honorable Lady and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Chapter 1342 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence of 1960, I am this day reappointing Antoinette F. Downing of 144 Power Street, Providence, a member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 1981. Mrs. Downing succeeds herself in that post.

Respectfully,

*Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.*  
VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
**FEB 15 1979**

READ:  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

INFORMATION

ANTOINETTE F. DOWNING  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY, ART, ENGLISH

Advanced Study - Radcliffe - Art, Architectural History  
Study and travel abroad

Special Study - American Architecture R.I. School of Design, 1932-33,  
1933-34 with Norman Morrison Isham

Author of Early Homes of R.I. - Garrett & Massie, Richmond, Va. 1937

Co-Author with Vincent Scully Architectural Heritage of Newport - Harvard  
Press 1952. (Second Edition, 1967 Clarkson Potter) Society of  
Architectural Historians, Award for Excellence for a publication  
on American Architecture. First award given.

Member, Staff, College Hill Study, ~~Planning~~ report published  
by the City Plan Commission and the Providence Preservation  
Society 1959, republished 1967. Responsible for the sections  
on Providence Historic Backgrounds; Characteristics of Rhode Island  
and Providence architecture as seen on College Hill; survey of  
College Hill Buildings; criteria for judging architectural  
quality; uses of architectural surveys; identification and  
evaluation of buildings and Revision of the new final chapter  
in the Second Edition of the Report.

Staff - Colonial Williamsburg research for the Van Courtlandt  
Manor House in Croton-on-the-Hudson. (1953-1956)

Member, Advisory Committee for the Cambridge Historic Districts Commission -  
East Cambridge Report.

Member, Staff, for the Mid-Cambridge Report, published 1967,  
Cambridge Historic Districts Commission, Cambridge, Mass.  
Responsible for the sections on the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival,  
Italianate and Mansard styles.

Chairman of Providence Historic District Commission, (1960 - ).

Chairman, Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission (1968 - ).

Providence Preservation Society - Founding member, 1956  
Member of Executive Committee (1956 - ).

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Member - 1960

Member, Advisory Committee for Reviewing Programs and Policies 1967

Board of Advisors 1970-1971, Chairman 1972-1973

Historic Properties Committee - 1947

Long Range Planning Committee, Member, 1975-1977, Chairman, 1978

Trustee - 1973

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Trustee, 1974

Newport Historical Society, Member, 1946 - Honorary Member 1978

Rhode Island Historical Society, Member, 1947 - Trustee, 1966  
Chairman, John Brown House Committee, 1968-1976  
Fellow, 1978

Awards

Honorary Member, Rhode Island Chapter, American Institute of Architects;  
New England Chapter, AIA, Award for Service in the Arts;

Providence Art Club, Citizens Award

American Association of State and Local History: New England Regional  
Award - 1971

Governor's Award, for contribution to the Arts, 1970

Preservation Society of Newport County - Annual Award 1968

Honorary Doctorate, Fine Arts, University of Rhode Island, 1972

" " Brown University, 1974

" " Rhode Island College, 1974

" " Rhode Island College, 1978

Annual Preservation Award, Garden Clubs of America, 1976

Annual Washington's Birthday Award, Touro Synagogue, 1972

Preservation Award, Columbia University, 1977

Founders Award, Providence Preservation Society, 1978

Rhode Island Hall of Fame, 1978

United States Department of Interior, Citation for Conservation  
Service, 1978

Boston University, Board of Visitors, 1978