Thames River Heritage Park

## **Docent Academy**

## Walking Tour

- Amistad Pier, NL Waterfront Park Amistad Rebellion.
- Hempsted Houses, 11 Hempstead Street Adam Jackson - born into slavery and purchased by Joshua Hempsted.
- 66 Hempstead Street
   Unity Hall site with long history of Black selfhelp, fellowship, and celebration.
- 73 Hempstead Street
   House for free Blacks (1 of 5) built by Abolitionist Savillion Haley housed generations of Black community leaders.
- 1 Garvin Street Shiloh Baptist Church - NL's oldest historically Black church.
- 23 Franklin Street Linwood Bland, Jr. - civil rights leader, NL NAACP charter member and past president.
- 90-94 Broad Street
   George and Sarah (Harris) Fayerweather Sarah was the first Black student at Prudence Crandall's boarding school for girls.
- Ye Antientist Burial Ground, 1 Bulkeley Place **Florio Hercules** – burial site of the wife of Hercules Florio, Governor of Negroes.
- 11 Union Street
   Ichabod Pease opened 1<sup>st</sup> school for New London's Black children out of his home at 81 years of age.

## Driving Tour:

 745 Bank Street
 Antone DeSant – Black whaler from Cape Verde, later an officer aboard the shipping vessel Portland in 1850, and starting in 1860 a New London grocer and barber.



- Dart's Hall, 3 Atlantic Street
   Frederick Douglass site of four (4) lectures by noted abolitionist and orator.
- 92 Bank Street
   Hotel Bristol site of a full-scale riot between Black and white navy sailors. Dozens of Black sailors were severely beaten and 15-20 sailors were arrested.
- 38 Green Street
   Hub of Black resilience and empowerment in 1920's.
- 42 Rogers Street
   Spencer Lancaster civil rights leader and first elected Black official in the City of New London.
- Mahan Park, corner of Vauxhall & Ledyard Streets Robert Jacklin – first Black property owner in the City of New London despite fierce opposition by New London's Freemen.