

APPENDIX C
POTENTIAL
INTERPRETIVE THEMES

Introduction

The following Appendix illustrates the types of interpretive themes that could be developed for the Visitor Center exhibits. This information is taken from the book, "The Whaling City," by Robert Owen Decker, published by Pequot Press. The chapters of the book provide one framework for potential larger themes:

- ◆ Colonial New London
- ◆ Colonial Personalities
- ◆ Maritime Commerce
- ◆ American Revolution
- ◆ Whaling Industry
- ◆ Defense
- ◆ Leisure Activities
- ◆ Finance, Business & Industry

Local Events	Personalities	Sites
Chapter 1. Colonial New London		
Founding of New London (Naumkeag) Transportation development Groton splits off (1705) Pequot War	John Winthrop Uncas, Chief of Mohegans Adrian Block	Old Town Mill Proposed Pequot Museum
Chapter 2a. Colonial New London: Its Leaders		
First Printing Press (1708) Religious Disputes Emergence of Business Shipbuilding: 1st Shipyard (Sandy Point, 1660)	Joshua Hempstead Saltonstall Family John Deshon Christophers Captain Shaw John Coit	Hempstead House Shaw Mansion

Local Events	Personalities	Sites
Chapter 2b. Colonial New London: Commerce 1645-1763		
<p>Shipping: Coastal 58% - Connections to Boston/New York West Indian 41% - West Indian families arrive in New London Foreign 2%</p> <p>Triangular Trade: New London/Newfoundland/West Indies</p> <p>Fishing Fleet</p> <p>Navigation Acts Effect New London Trade</p>	<p>Pirates</p> <p>Sistare Family (from Spain) 1771</p> <p>Mercantile Class Emerges Silversmiths Clockmaking</p>	<p>Lighthouse</p> <p>Fort est. at foot of State Street - current Parade location</p>

Local Events	Personalities	Sites
4. New London Seeks Prosperity: 1784-1819		
Commercial Rivalry with Hartford/New Haven War of 1812 - British Blockade Long Island Sound; Decline of Maritime Trade	Captain Richard Law, Jr.	
5. New London in Whaling Days: 1718-1909		
Whaling Industry - Worldwide Connections (second only to New Bedford as greatest whaling port)	The Lawrence Family The Smith Brothers Lyman Allyn	Whale Oil Row Mystic Seaport Museum
6. Finance: 1791-1973		
Savings Bank of New London (1827)		
7/8. Business & Industry: 1784-1973		
Brown Cotton Gin Co. (1/2 of U.S. Production) Woolen Mills Brainerd & Armstrong (silk mill) Pfizer (1946)	Francis Allyn Acors Barns	Remaining Sites (?)

Local Events	Personalities	Sites
11. Politics, Arts & Leisure		
1938 Hurricane Yale-Harvard Race (1878-1973) Ocean Beach	Eugene O'Neill	Monte Cristo Cottage Ocean Beach Park
12. Town Services		
Police Fire Water Utilities Newspapers Cemeteries Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument Dedicated 1896)		1st Cemetery Soldiers & Sailors' Monument

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