

Collection

- ↳ includes almost every famous Colonial ~~to~~ silversmith from R.I as well as from other American Colonies (tbsp. by Paul Revere.)
- ↳ Famous R.I. pieces = Newport porringers made by Arnold Collins (acq. by Moore in N. France, believed to have been brought over by Fr ally in Rev.), also John Coddington, Samuel Casey, Samuel Vernon, John Edwards
- pieces simple in form, nondecorative except some molding, beading
- early silver made from melting coins + refined, copper used to toughen
- has initials or symbol of maker but few dates
- NY, PA + N. England = most colonial output, earliest work by Jonathan Hull + Robert Sanderson

Moore (1885-1970)

- Parents = John J. + Katherine Moore
- Newport attorney, member of St. Mary's Church → app. chairman of 37th annual Cath. Charities Appeal by Bishop Rev. Russell J. McVinn
 - ↳ Senior member of Moore, Virgadamo, Boyle & Lynch ^{est. 1919 → real estate, business + commercial, estate}
 - ↳ Chairman of Representative Council, Commissioner for District of R.I., member of R.I. State Council of Defense + R.I. Port Authority, Sect. of Newport County Selective Service Board, Chairman of Bishop's Campaign Fund, Knight of St. Gregory, Chairman emeritus of the board of trustees for Salve Regina University, ^{VP = 1942} Pres. of Newport Nat'l Bank (1950) awarded doctor of laws honorary degree from Salve (1961)
 - ^{S.U.} dedicated dormitory to him, Moore Hall (1950) after donated "Four Acres"

- ↳ Died 8/11/76, 85 yrs old → member of R.I. Bar Assoc, American Bar Assoc, Inter-American Bar Assoc, American College of Probate Counsel, member of the bar of the Supreme Court of R.I., U.S. District Court for District of R.I., U.S. Court of Appeals for 1st Circuit, Tax Court of the US
- ↳ lawyer since 1916, before, was a Board of Health clerk
- 1942-46 member + chairman of Rep. Council
- 1920s active in advocating Irish freedom + hosted Eamon De Valera, VP of Irish-American Historical Society + member of Ancient Order of Hibernians
- ↳ helped found Portsmouth Abbey (1926)
- ↳ Delegate to R.I. Dem. Nat'l Convention from R.I 1936, 40, 44

→ Correspondence 1946-1970

↳ info. on silver pieces

↳ reveals interest in history of silversmith + piece, artwork of silver, desire to share w/ others

↳ letters from dealers describe biographies + genealogies of artists + owners

→ Collection exhibited by public + charitable org. beginning in 1961

→ open to scholars

Acquisition: As a member of the Pres.'s Council @ P.C., Cornelius C. Moore bequeathed his collection, reference books, + correspondence on the silver in the hopes the college could expand its educative function.