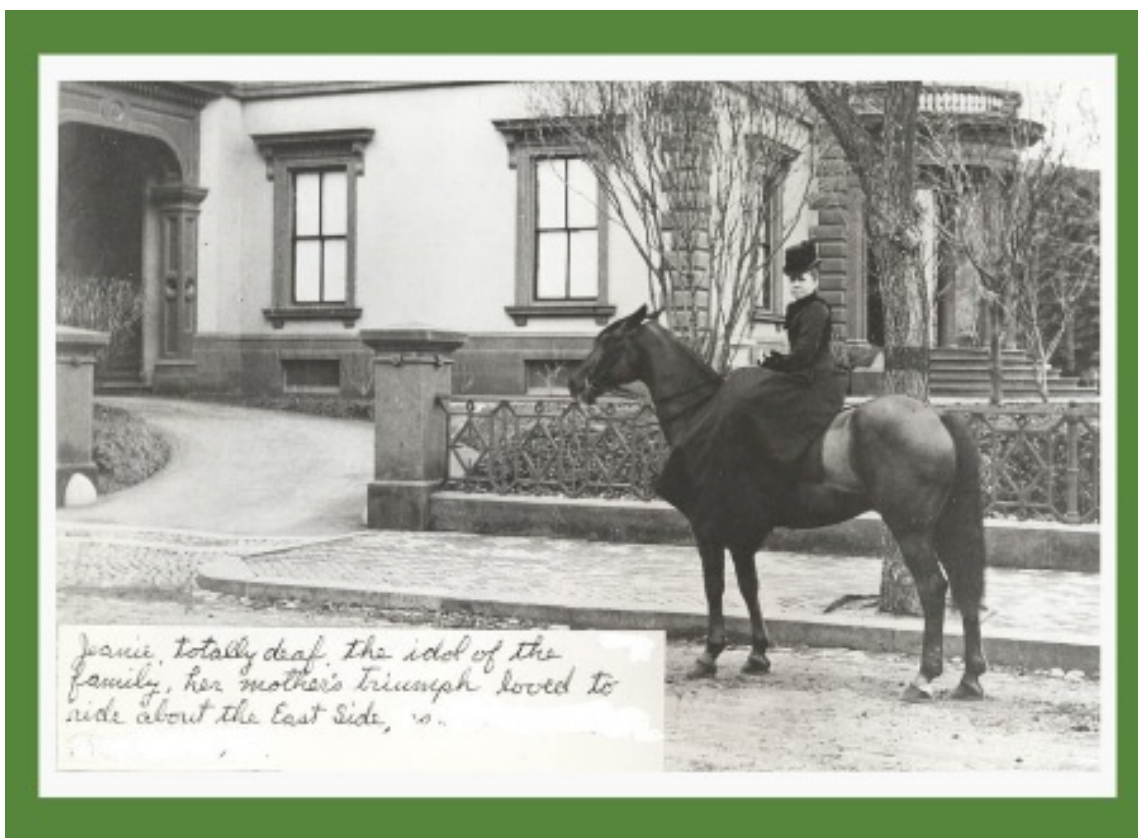




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Lippitts and the History of Equal Rights for Deaf Education



Jeanie Lippitt (1852 – 1940) became deaf at four years old from scarlet fever that took the lives of three of her siblings. Her mother Mary Ann strived to create an education for Jeannie that allowed her to participate in mainstream society. Jeannie's success at social integration inspired Mary Ann to become a passionate advocate for the oralist method of deaf education.

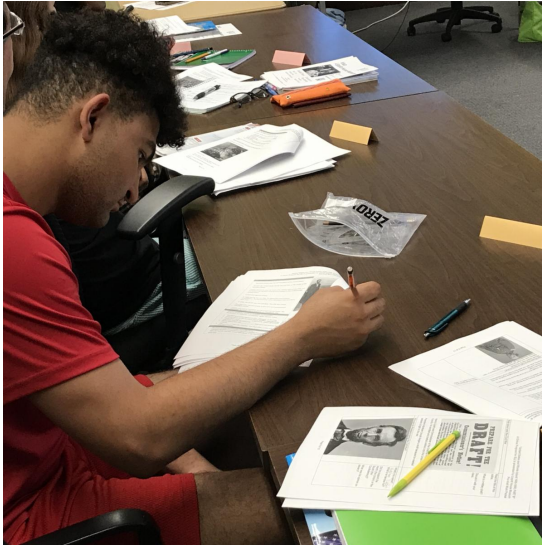
In Lippitt House Museum latest blog series, four students of American Sign Language at Brown University explore Mary Ann's advocacy, the history of oralism, and the state of deaf education today. The posts touch on Alexander Graham Bell's relationship with the Lippitt family and the transformation of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf from oralism to bilingual education.

The first posts in this series are live on the [Silver and Spindles Blog](#). Subsequent posts will be uploaded on Wednesdays through November 20.

Photo: Photograph of Jeanie Lippitt from a family album is captioned: "Jeanie, totally deaf, the idol of the family, her mother's triumph, loved to ride about the East Side."

[Read the Series](#)

Civics, History, and the Responsibility of Citizenship



As we near Election Day, Lippitt House Museum intern Madeline Tirschwell reflects on her time working with the Museum's Civics Program for English Language Learners and the responsibilities of citizenship.

Applicants for citizenship must pass a civics test as part of the process. The 100 questions on the test are ones that many US born citizens would have difficulty answering despite having grown up here. Lippitt House Museum educators make links between civics test questions and local history for

students preparing for citizenship during the program. Knowing a community's history makes it easier to feel a part of it.

Read Madeline's post on the [Silver and Spindles Blog](#) to see some of the questions and her thoughts about carrying out her responsibility as a citizen to vote.

Photo: Genesis Center student completing workbook during Lippitt House Museum's presentation about the Civil War.

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First Thursdays: Evening Guided Tours



Next Tours: Thursdays, November 7 & December 5, 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Staff-guided tours of the museum are offered year-round on the first Thursday evening of each month. Capacity is limited and advance reservations are recommended. Admission Pricing — Adults: \$10; Students: \$5; Children: 0-12 FREE; SNAP EBT Card Holders: FREE. Capacity is limited, reserve your spot now at <https://www.preserveri.org/visit-lippitt-house-museum>.

Private Tours are Available by Appointment!

Private tours are offered based on staff availability and must be booked in advance; two weeks is recommended. When emailing about a private tour, let us know about your group. Staff will work to tailor to your interests.

Private Tour Pricing: During office hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM):

\$25 total for the first two guests, \$10/additional. Off-hours (weekends and evenings): \$40 total for first two guests, \$10/additional.

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