

APS Library & Museum Collections – NHD 2021 Connections

Theme: Communication in History: The Key to Understanding

Exhibitions & Galleries

[Mapping a Nation: Shaping the Early American Republic](#)

- Maps were an essential part of building Early America into a nation and communicating that with the world and to its own citizens. Learn about the map making process, the role of maps in controlling territories, and the importance of representation- or the lack thereof- in maps.



[Curious Revolutionaries: The Peales of Philadelphia](#)

- Charles Willson Peale and his family were master communicators and true innovators. From museums to portraits, they conveyed messages in diverse forms to many audiences in the early United States.

[Beyond the Grave: A Brief History of Spirit Photography](#)

- The art and mechanics of photography has been continuously used to communicate – perhaps even for those beyond the grave. This digital gallery explores the history of spirit photography and the communication success and snafus of those involved in these schemes.

[Too Near Where History is Being Made: Henry Houston II in a Time of War](#)

- Henry Howard Houston II, a young Philadelphian who served and died in World War I, shared many messages via the letters and photographs he sent home from the frontlines.

[Joining the Fray: Mapping a World of Paine](#)

- It's difficult to discuss communicating and spreading revolutionary ideas without mentioning Thomas Paine. By exploring the social and intellectual circle of Thomas Paine through this interactive graph, you might learn why.

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[Letter Writing: Templates for Social Life](#)

- Educator resources on reading and writing in cursive along with other resources on letter writing culture in the 18th century

[Benjamin Franklin's American Enlightenment](#)

- A collection of resources exploring the many communities formed by Ben Franklin during the Enlightenment. From bibliography to historic weather data, there's plenty to explore!

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