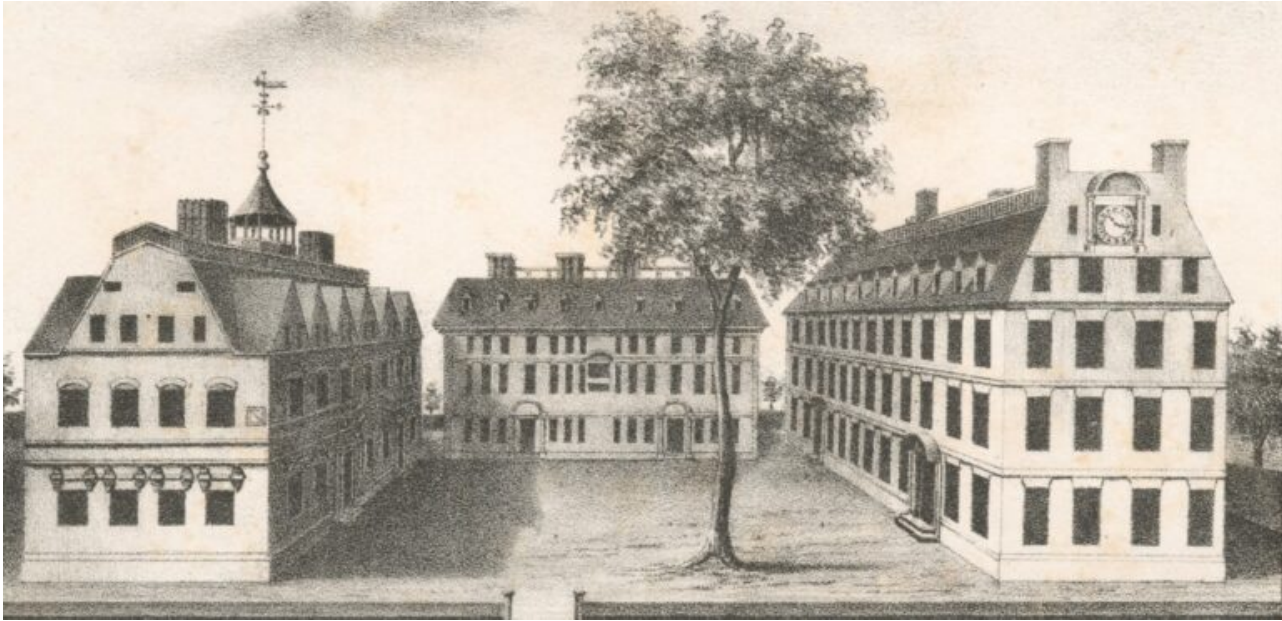


“Nativity Gives Citizenship”: Teaching Antislavery Constitutionalism through the Black Convention Movement



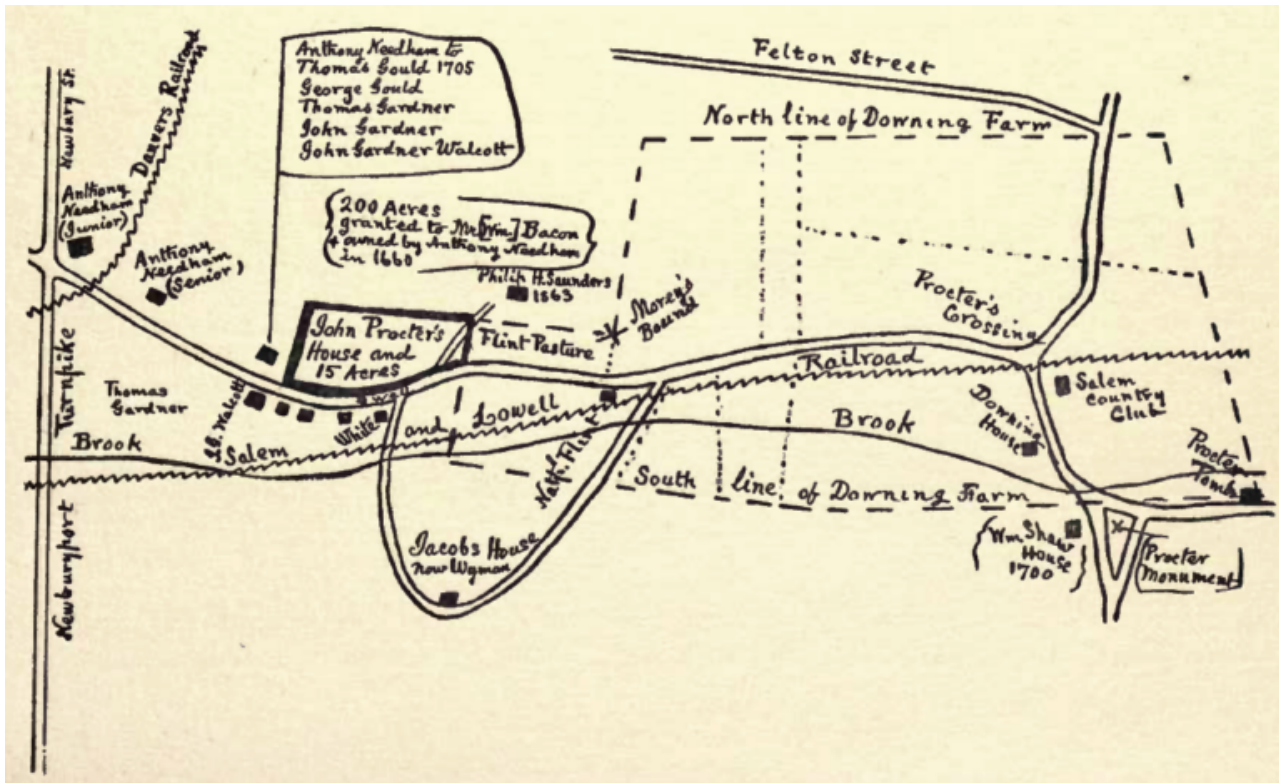
As a teacher, the Black convention movement in the 1850s has helped me to broaden my story of the origins of the Civil War, especially the pitfalls to avoid when it comes to focusing too heavily on the controversy over slavery in the territories.

Levi Lincoln's Wayward Son – Daniel Waldo Lincoln



Daniel's preordained path as Republican steward began well enough, but it soon took a tragic detour.

Reflections on the Relation between History and Literature: The Crucible and John and Elizabeth Proctor of Salem



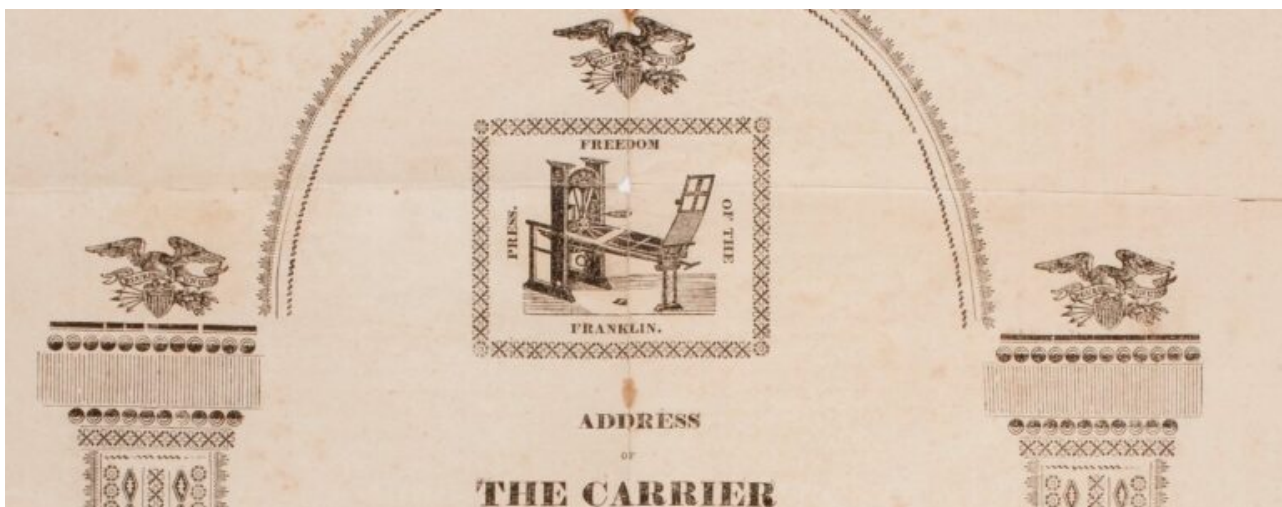
The Proctor of the play was inspired by Miller's projection of himself into events of 1692 and it is worth digging a bit deeper into the family matters between John and Elizabeth.

[Uncle Tom's Cabin, The Jigsaw Puzzle: Jumbling the Pieces of Stowe's Story](#)



Understanding puzzles as agents of disorder runs counter to a common interpretation that associates puzzles with the quest for and ultimate affirmation of order.

Editor's Note—Birds, Bots, and Elephants: Commonplace and Social Media



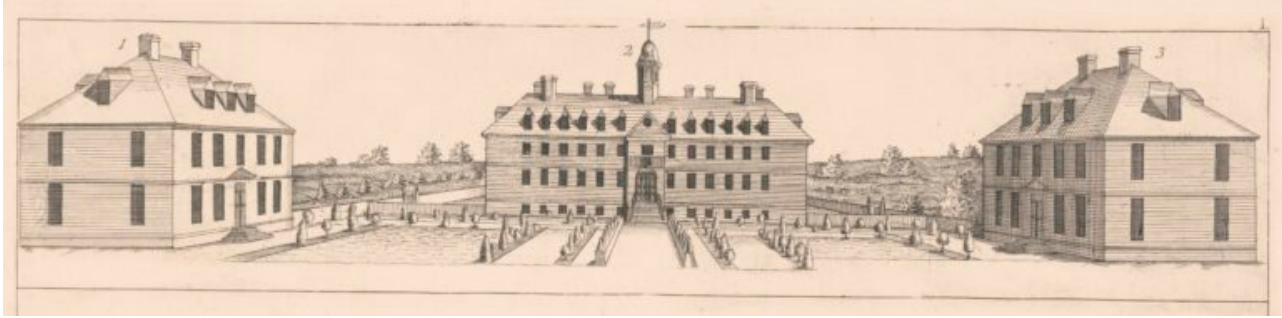
So, what is the right decision for Commonplace when it comes to choosing a social media strategy?

The Fabric of Our Nation: A Nineteenth-Century Night Shirt Reveals the Complex Value of Material Objects



Commemoration, commerce, and complex social connections combined to dictate the paths and diversions of this obscure object and others.

William & Mary's Nottoway Quarter: The Political Economy of Institutional Slavery and Settler Colonialism



The dispossession of Native lands for the purposes of organizing English tobacco plantations was a deepening and broadening of merchant capitalism in Virginia.

The Curious Affair of the Horsewhipped Senator: A Diplomatic Crisis That Didn't Happen



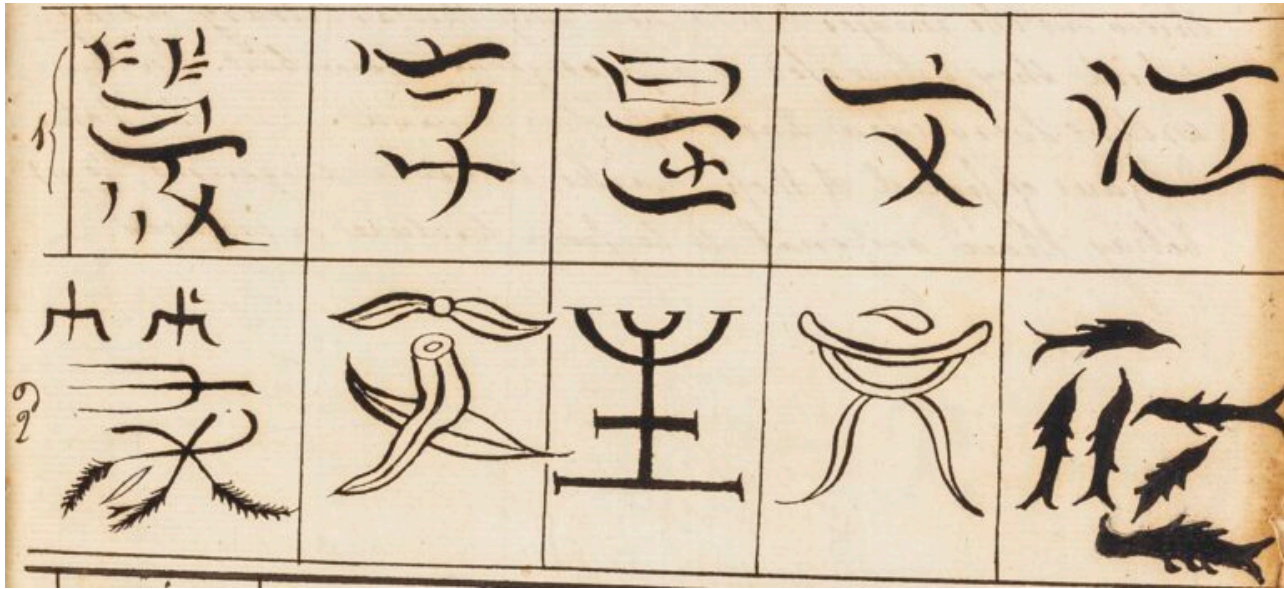
The senators, like the grand jurors, knew their man, and probably conceded that Temple had given him the hiding he had been asking for.

Edgar Allan Poe: Pioneering Mollusk Scientist



Poe's work reminds us that the separation of "Arts" and "Sciences" into discrete discourses of knowledge is itself a quite recent invention.

Collecting for Salvation: American Antiquarianism and the Natural History of the East



The outlines of “salvation antiquarianism”—with the emphasis on “saving” both in terms of preservation and Christian redemption—appears particularly clearly in the AAS’s inaugural 1813 address.