

# Local historian explains the origin and history of New Bedford's "City Seal"

In a video produced by New Bedford Cable Network, local historian, Arthur Motta explains the origin of New Bedford's "City Seal". The first seal originated in 1847 and was a crudely drawn depiction of Clarks Point lighthouse. The seal read "I am diffusing light" which was not only a reference to the lighthouse itself, but to the city of New Bedford as the whaling city which lit the world.

This 5 minute video is full of interesting historical facts and is well worth the watch!