



Oceanside Historical Society Collection, 1871-2003

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In 1682, part of the land on which present day Oceanside, N.Y., now stands was given by the Town of Hempstead government to Jeremiah Hobart, minister of St. George's Church, as a means of support. This productive land remained church property for one hundred forty-four years, and was known as the "The Parsonage Farm." The area's early association with the church, coupled with the fact that it was situated on a hook formed by a creek, led to it becoming known as "Christian Hook." In 1864, the area became known as "Oceanville," which in 1890 became "Ocean Side." In 1918, a push was made to consolidate this name into one word, and while there is no record of a formal action having been taken to make this change, the one word appellation seems to have been commonly used and accepted thereafter.

From its beginnings as a rural community where farming and fishing were big enterprises, Oceanside has developed into a thriving, civic-minded suburban community. It prides itself on the quality of education it offers to its students, as well as on the number of services, organizations, and places of worship available to its residents.

The collection, which spans the years 1871-2003, is comprised of materials from the Oceanside Historical Society (disbanded in 2011). Included are annual reports, maps, minutes of meetings, news clippings, newsletters, personal papers, photographs and negatives, printed materials, programs, publications, school budgets and a scrapbook of school activities.

Noteworthy materials in the collection include a history of Oceanside by Walter Boardman, a prominent educator in Oceanside for decades; photographs of students involved in various activities at Oceanside School No. 4; printed materials about the history of various fire companies of the Oceanside Fire Department; a series of articles about shipwrecks, written by Oceanside resident Louis P. Pearsall; and a small number of news clippings concerning Gilda Gray, a "Ziegfeld Girl" who was famous for her "shimmy" dance moves, and who lived in Oceanside during the 1920s and 1930s.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Boardman, Walter S.

Gray, Gilda, 1901-1959.

Pearsall, Louis P.

Oceanside Fire Department

Oceanside School No. 4

Places:

Christian Hook (N.Y.)--History

Oceanside, (N.Y.)--History

Form and Genre Terms:

Annual reports.

Maps.

Newsletters.

Newspaper clippings.

Newspapers.

Photographs.

Programs.

Publications.

School budgets.

Scrapbooks.

The Oceanside Historical Society Collection is arranged into Eleven Series:

- I. Oceanside General History – includes maps, articles, publications, newsletters, news clippings and coloring book.
- II. Notable People – Arranged in four sub-headings
 - Rufus H. Smith family papers
 - Gilda Gray (a famous “Ziegfeld Girl”), news clippings
 - Soper Family
 - Other notable Oceanside residents
- III. Schools and School District - Arranged in three sub-headings
 - School District/Board of Education
 - School Activities
 - General School Papers
- IV. Local Organizations - Arranged in four sub-headings
 - Oceanside Garden Club
 - The League of Women Voters of Oceanside
 - Oceanside Board of Trade
 - Rotary Club of Oceanside
- V. Churches - Arranged in three sub-headings
 - First Presbyterian Church
 - St. Anthony’s
 - Oceanside Lutheran Church
- VI. Government Agencies/Municipals - Arranged in three sub-headings
 - Oceanside Fire Department
 - South Nassau Hospital
 - Oceanside Free Library
- VII. Local Businesses - Arranged in four sub-headings
 - Chwatsky’s
 - Emile’s Candies
 - Merchant Receipts
 - Oceanside Building and Development Corporation
- VIII. Telephone Directories – Yellow Books including information about Oceanside and surrounding communities, 1945-1946, 1957-1958, 1964-1965
- IX. General Materials – includes an emergency Work Relief Bureau (Nassau County) timesheet, an indenture, and an 1898 *Farmers’ Almanac* and a 1935 issue of *The Carpenter*, a monthly journal for carpenters

- X. News Clippings from various Oceanside, South Shore and Long Island newspapers.

- XI. Photographs and Scrapbooks – includes photos of students at Oceanside School No. 4, notable Oceanside residents, Rotary Club meetings, South Nassau Communities Hospital Club, and the Oceanside Fire Department. Photos are divided into sub-categories of 4 ½” x 5 ½” and 8” x 10” photo envelopes. Also includes a scrapbook entitled “Scrapbook of the Opportunity Class, 1940-1969,” from Mrs. Catalano’s class at Central Elementary School No.1.

Oceanside Historical Society Collection

Box and Folder Listing

Series I: Oceanside General History

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
1-1	Early Days of Christian Hook/Oceanside (includes photostatic copies of maps)	1873-1960
1-2	"A History of the White Man in That Part of the Town of Hempstead, Long Island That Became the Village of Oceanside," by Frances Weaver Heinley. (Bound typescript.)	c.1950s
1-3	"A History of the White Man in That Part of the Town of Hempstead, Long Island That Became the Village of Oceanside," by Frances Weaver Heinley. (Facsimile) Includes letter of appreciation to Heinley from students and faculty.	c.1950s
1-4	"The History of Oceanside." Made as a class project by students of School #4	1970s
1-5	Long Island Zoological Park, news clippings (Includes clippings re: Frank Buck and Charles W. Beall)	1927-1960
1-6	"Oceanside Coloring Book," made by Mrs. Milne's Fourth grade class, Florence a. Smith School. (2 copies)	1987
1-7	"Oceanside Story" "History of Oceanside, Historic Tours	1964-1982
1-8	Shipwrecks, articles written by Louis P. Pearsall for the <i>Long Island Forum</i> and local newspapers. (Facsimiles and carbon copies.)	1959-1976
1-9	Letter from Louis P. Pearsall to Ellen Bloom of the Oceanside Free Library re: "earth sidewalks" of Ocean Side. (Enclosures - five photos taken on Atlantic Ave., c.1940s)	1976
1-10	"The Story of Oceanside," by Walter S. Boardman, news clippings from series that ran in the <i>Oceanside Beacon</i>	1960
1-11	"The Story of Oceanside," by Walter S. Boardman, booklet version of series that ran in the <i>Oceanside Beacon</i>	c.1960s
1-12	"The Story of Oceanside," by Walter S. Boardman, book version of series that ran in the <i>Oceanside Beacon</i>	1999

Series II: Notable People

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
2-1	Gray, Gilda - news clippings Smith, Rufus H. Family	1933, 1941, n.d.
2-2	Personal and school papers	1913-1931
2-3	Personal and estate papers	1932-1948
2-4	Soper Family, 1871 land deed and news clippings (2)	1871-1980
2-5	Other notables, general papers. (Includes Boardman, Brower, Coughlin, Glier, Kilroy, Livack, Smith, Terrell)	1893-1988

See also Series XI for photographs

Series III: Schools and School District

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
	School District/Board of Education	
2-6	School Budgets	1937-1939
2-7	Annual Reports	1941-1958
2-8	Directories & Calendars	1956-1964
2-9	Curriculum Offerings of the Secondary Schools	1968-1972
2-10	Curriculum Offerings of the Secondary Schools	1972-1976
2-11	Board of Education Minutes	1974-1975

School Activities

2-12	Spelling Bee, Sider Press, "Very Hot Milk"	1935-1965
2-13	Type Writing Art	1939-1944

See also Series XI for School No. 4 photographs

General School Papers

3-1	Attendance register and affidavit to correctness (fragile); attendance card	1887-1888; 1929
3-2	News clippings re: P.T.A. of Oceanside and operetta given by students at School #5, and appointment of Fordyce C Stone to position of Superintendent of Schools	1930s?, 1961
3-3	Oceanside H.S. commencement program; testimonial dinner programs	1917; 1953, 1958
3-4	Tax levy and payment receipts	1890-1892, 1951

Series IV: Local Organizations

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
	Oceanside Garden Club	
3-5	Minutes of meetings	1941-1943
	Press Book of the Oceanside Garden Club	1945-1948
	See Oversize Box 6	
3-6	Notebook documenting club's activities, including the sending of plants to the families serviceman killed or wounded during WWII. Also includes annual reports (2).	1943-1946
	League of Women Voters of Oceanside	1952-1954
3-7	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings	
	Oceanside Board of Trade	
3-8	Constitution & By-Laws	after Jan. 1985
3-9	Holiday Lighting journal calendars and receipts	1986-1988
3-10	Installation of Officers and Dinner-Dance, programs and invitation	1960-1963
3-11	Oceanside Board of Trade, Inc. 1961-62 Yearbook	
	Rotary Club	
3-12	Press releases and news clippings	1966-1967
3-13	Press releases and news clippings	1968-1973

See also Series XI for photographs

Series V: Churches

	First Presbyterian Church	
3-14	Booklet, <i>50 Years of Ministry</i> , celebrating Rev. Frank M. Kerr, Christ's First Presbyterian Church of Hempstead; church bulletin	1944; 1950
3-15	Booklet, <i>History of the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside</i> . (Photostatic copy)	1971
3-16	First Presbyterian Church Sunday School	c.1912-1933
3-17	Letter from Rev. Laurence Miller concerning the Church's 100 th anniversary celebration	1971
3-18	Souvenir journal (100 th anniversary) and handwritten essay (photostatic copy) about the church's history. (A typed version of the essay appeared in the journal.)	1971
	St. Anthony's Church	
3-19	Book, <i>The Story of St. Anthony Church and the History of Catholic America</i>	1977
3-20	Typescript history of St. Anthony's Shrine (2 pages); news clippings re: history of St. Anthony's Church	n.d.; 1929-1957
	Oceanside Lutheran Church	
3-21	Souvenir booklet, <i>The Fiftieth Year. Oceanside Lutheran Church</i> .	1980

Series VI: Government Agencies/Municipals

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
	Oceanside Fire Department	
4-1	Certificate of Incorporation; Constitution & By-Laws	1908; c.1930s
4-2	Columbia Engine Company, fireman exemption certificate; 50 th and 75 th anniversary booklets	1902; 1953, 1978
4-3	News clippings	1927-1962
4-4	South Side Hose Company, 50 th anniversary book <i>Anniversary, 1927-1977</i>	1977
4-5	Subscription drive materials; re-elect Fire Commissioner Telford flyer	1955-1957; 1990
4-6	Terrace Hose Co. 3, 50 th anniversary booklet	1978
	<i>See also Series XI for photographs</i>	
	South Nassau Communities Hospital	
4-7	Postcard; news clippings	1944; 1946-1971
	<i>See also Series XI for photographs</i>	
	Oceanside Free Library	
4-8	Bookmark (promotional); <i>Prose & Cons</i> newsletters (3 issues)	1945; 1982-1983

Series VII: Local Businesses

	Chwatsky's	
4-9	Promotional calendar (50 th anniversary and American Revolutionary Bicentennial); news clippings (3 items)	1976; 1976-1982
4-10	Emile's Candies Promotional mailing	1982
4-11	Merchant receipts (including items from Rockville Centre and East Rockaway)	1873-1930
4-12	Oceanside Building and Development Corporation New Netherland Bank receipt book (One page of entries)	1918-1919

Series VIII: Telephone Directories

4-13	Bettye Gorindar's 1945-1946 Yellow Book. Rockville Centre (Lakeview) and Oceanside.	
4-14	Yellow Book 1957-58. Rockville Centre, Lakeview and Oceanside.	
4-15	Yellow Book 1957-58. Rockville Centre.	
4-16	Yellow Book Special Directory 1964-65. Rockville Centre, Lakeview and Oceanside.	

Series IX: General Materials

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
4-17	Automobile papers	1924
4-18	Birth Record request, Frank G. Holly, Jr. (b.1888) of East Rockaway	n.d.
4-19	Emergency Work Relief Bureau (Nassau County) time sheet	c.1932
4-20	Indenture, Walter Seaman-and Amos Jones, for land at Rockville Centre (photostatic copy)	1928
4-21	Playing cards (4) for "PIT," a trading board game Publications, general	n.d.
4-22	<i>Farmers' Almanac</i> (fragile)	1898
4-23	<i>The Carpenter</i> (monthly journal for carpenters)	October 1935

Series X: News Clippings

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
5-1	<i>Long Island Daily Press</i>	Jul. 6, 1938
5-2	<i>Nassau Review Star</i>	Jul. 6, 1938
5-3	<i>Oceanside/Nassau Record</i>	Aug. 19, 1938; Sept. 8, 1938
5-4	<i>Oceanside Home News</i>	1941
5-5	<i>South Shore Reporter</i>	Mar. 10, 1958
5-6	<i>The Oceanside Trader</i>	May 3, 1984; Feb. 14, 1985
5-7	<i>Oceanside Beacon</i>	July 25, 1957 - Dec. 4, 1990
5-8	Misc. News clippings	1934-2003

Oversize materials

Box 6	Press Book of the Oceanside Garden Club	1945-1948
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Series XI: Photographs and Scrapbooks

4 ¼" x 5 ¼" photo envelopes

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
7-1	Oceanside School #4	Fall 1939
7-2	Oceanside School #4	Dec. 1939
7-3	Oceanside School #4	Feb. 1940
7-4	Oceanside School #4	Feb. 1940
7-5	Oceanside School #4	May 1940
7-6	Oceanside School #4	Mar. - June 1940

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4 ¼" x 5 ¼" photo envelopes

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
7-7	Oceanside School #4	Mar. 6, 1941
7-8	Oceanside School #4	Mar. 6, 1941
7-9	Oceanside School #4	1941
7-10	Oceanside School #4	1941
7-11	Oceanside School #4	1941
7-12	Oceanside School #4	May 1941
7-13	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-14	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-15	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-16	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-17	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-18	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-19	Oceanside School #4	Jun. 1941
7-20	Oceanside School #4	Dec. 1939-Sep. 1941
7-21	Oceanside School #4	Sept. 1942
7-22	Oceanside School #4	Sept. 1942
7-23	Oceanside School #4	Apr. 25, 1944
7-24	Oceanside School #4	Apr. 25, 1944
7-25	Oceanside School #4	Apr. 25, 1944
7-26	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-27	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-28	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-29	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-30	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-31	Oceanside School #4	May 4, 1944
7-32	Oceanside School #4	c. 1945
7-33	Oceanside School #4	Feb. 1946
7-34	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-35	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-36	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-37	Oceanside School #4	Circa. 1946
7-38	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-39	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-40	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-41	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1946
7-42	Oceanside School #4	Mar. 18, 1947
7-43	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 7-Oct. 21, 1947
7-44	Oceanside School #4	Mar. 18-Oct. 7, 1947
7-45	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1948
7-46	Oceanside School #4	1948
7-47	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 22, 1948

Series XI: Photographs and Scrapbooks

4 ¼" x 5 ¼" photo envelopes

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
7-48	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 9, 1944-Sep. 22, 1948
7-49	Oceanside School #4	May 24, 1944-Sep. 24, 1948
7-50	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 22-24, 1948
7-51	Oceanside School #4	Oct. 1948
7-52	Oceanside School #4	June 15-Oct. 10, 1949
7-53	Oceanside School #4	June 6, 1950
7-54	Oceanside School #4	June 6, 1950
7-55	Oceanside School #4	June 6, 1950
7-56	Oceanside School #4	June 6, 1950
7-57	Oceanside School #4	June 12, 1950
7-58	Oceanside School #4	June 12, 1950
7-59	Oceanside School #4	June 12, 1950
7-60	Oceanside School #4	June 12, 1950
7-61	Oceanside School #4	1951
7-62	Oceanside School #4	1951
7-63	Oceanside School #4	c. 1951
7-64	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 5, 1952
7-65	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 5, 1952
7-66	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-67	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-68	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-69	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-70	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-71	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-72	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 24, 1948-June 1958
7-73	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-74	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-75	Oceanside School #4	Sep. 30, 1952
7-76	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-77	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-78	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-79	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-80	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-81	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-82	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-83	Oceanside School #4	c. 1955
7-84	Oceanside School #4 (negatives only)	c.1940s
7-85	Oceanside School #4 (negative only)	c.1950s
7-86	Students in Halloween costumes	1950
7-87	Soper House, exterior view	1982

Series XI: Photographs and Scrapbooks

4 ¼" x 5 ¼" photo envelopes

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
7-88	August Stout, Jr., governor of Rotary District 725, at meeting of Oceanside Rotary Club	c.1960s
7-89	August Stout, Jr., portrait photo (2 copies)	c.1960s
7-90	Band performing for patients at South Nassau Communities Hospital	Dec. 21, 1967
7-91	Facsimile of c. early 1900s photograph of the Oceanside Fire Department Columbia Engine CO. No. 1's firehouse	n.d.

Series XI: Photographs and Scrapbooks

8" x 10" photo envelopes

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
8-1	Walter S. Boardman, portrait photograph	c.1959
8-2	Tom and Ada Kilroy with others at dinner for "Scouters and wives" (Scout Troop leaders)	c.1950
8-3	Tom Kilroy and Gus Olsen at PTA meeting	1951
8-4	Tom Kilroy and Oceanside teachers	c.1950s
8-5	Oceanside High School students in costume for performance of "A Night at an Inn"	1931
8-6	Assemblyman John S. Thorp, Jr., Robert Whelan and Harold Folz at an Oceanside Rotary Club meeting	c.1966
8-7	Robert Whelan, Harold Folz and an unidentified man at an Oceanside Rotary Club meeting (2 copies)	c.1966
8-8	South Nassau Communities Hospital cornerstone-laying	1928
8-9	South Nassau Communities Hospital under construction	1928
8-10	South Nassau Communities Hospital after construction completed	1928
8-11	Oceanside Post Office	1952
8-12	Facsimile of a 1906 photograph of the Oceanside Fire Department Hose Company # 1's first apparatus	n.d.
8-13	Facsimile of a 1940s photograph of Arthur B. Noon Driving an old fire apparatus during a parade	n.d.

Series XI: Photographs and Scrapbooks

Scrapbook of the Opportunity Class, 1940-1969. (From Mrs. Catalano's class at Central Elementary School No.1.)

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
9-1	Different Kinds of Bridges, p.1	1958
9-2	Oceanside School District, Science Exhibit, p.2	1958
9-3	Farm Project, p.3	1955
9-4	Setting up Four Harness Loom for Weaving -Terrell Ave. School, p.4	c. 1955
9-5	Table Loom for Rag Weaving, p.5	c. 1955
9-6	Made Mail Box from Cardboard from Cartons, p.6	c. 1960s
9-7	Bridges, p.7	c. 1960s
9-8	Association for the Help of Retarded Children, p.8	Oct. 16, 1962
9-9	Award for Service Mr. Lillian Catalano, p.9	Oct. 1, 1962
9-10	February Farm Project, p.10	1943
9-11	Richard Allanese; Frederick Langdon, p.11	c. 1950s
9-12	Bridges Foxhurst Rd. School, p.12	c. 1960s
9-13	Bridges, p.13	c. 1960s
9-14	Our Kitchen Science Project, p.14	1958
9-15	Honorable Mention for Outstanding Science Project. P.15	May 22, 1957
9-16	Science Bird Project; Colored Placed in Shoe Box Setting, p.16	1956
9-17	Our House Project, House made from Large Carton, p.17	c. 1955
9-18	House Project - Karen Schuman, p.18	1958
9-19	Village Grocery Store June, Our Store, p.19	1952
9-20	Terrell Ave. School, p.20	c. 1950s