

Massapequa Hotel Collection, 1886-c.1900s Honor MacLean, collector.

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In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Massapequa Hotel was one of the best known resorts on Long Island. Just a stone's throw from the Great South Bay, it was a popular summer vacation destination for wealthy urbanites from Brooklyn and Manhattan. It served 300 guests and offered a variety of activities, including tennis, croquet, fishing, gunning, horseback riding, sailing, billiards, bowling, casino gambling, and golfing on a nine-hole course that was on the premises.

The collection is composed of an advertisement for "The Massapequa," a souvenir photo album from the Massapequa Hotel, a bound scrapbook of newspaper clippings about the hotel, and twenty-three photographs (some on linen backing, others on cardboard) of the hotel and its grounds. (Note: A number of the photographs looks as if they might also have come from a souvenir album.)

SUBJECTS

Names:

Massapequa Hotel

Subjects:

Great South Bay (N.Y.)--History.

Hotels--New York (State)--Massapequa

Massapequa (N.Y.)--History.

Long Island--History.

Resorts--New York (State)--Massapequa

Places:

Massapequa (N.Y.).

Form and Genre Terms:

News clippings.

Photographs.

Scrapbooks.

Souvenir albums.

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Box and folder listings

<u>Box 1</u>			
Folder	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Title</u>	
1	c.1890s	Advertisement for "The Massapequa"	
Photographs – Massapequa Hotel and Grounds			
2	June 1901	Amity Lodge group photo taken in front of the main hotel building	
3	c. 1900s	Dining room (partial view) Corner of the parlor Billiards room and the bowling alley A hotel bedroom Ball room and stage	
4	c.1900s	Bowling alley Front porch (230 feet long) Bathing pavilion and beach, at Billy's Point People watching sailboat on Great South Bay, as seen from bathing pavilion Boat house and dock, with hotel in the background	
5	c.1900s	View of hotel, as seen from across the lawn Massapequa Hotel horse drawn wagon in front of the hotel Golfers on the hotel golf course Man in automobile in front of the hotel Cottages at the Massapequa Hotel (3 photos)	
<u>Box 2</u>			
<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Title</u>	
1	c.1900s	Office and foyer, with two men standing at the desk Annex and partial rear view of the main hotel building. At left, a man is pictured sitting in a horse drawn cart Main building and the annex Main building (at left) and cottages, at right Exterior front view of the main hotel building	

Box 1 Folder	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Title</u>
Photograph	hs – Unidentified	
6	c.1900s	Unidentified men gathered around a piano (possibly at the Massapequa Hotel) Unidentified house with a team of two horses in the road in front of the house
Box 2		
<u>Folder</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>	<u>Title</u>
2	1901	Souvenir photo album – "Massapequa, L.I., 1901"
3	1900-1903	Scrapbook of news clippings re: the Massapequa Hotel
Box 1 Folder 7	Inclusive dates June 1886	Title Menu (on cardboard) from a Brooklyn Bicycle Club dinner held at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn. The menu is signed on the verso by attendees, including William Snedeker, owner of the Massapequa Hotel, and his brother Thomas.