

# Hofstra University Special Collections Thanks the Nassau County American Legion Posts

Hofstra University Special Collections marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nassau County American Legion Posts' generous, ongoing support for the James N. MacLean American Legion Memorial Collection at Hofstra University. The James N. MacLean Collection was established at Hofstra University in 1951 to pay tribute to deceased members of the Nassau County American Legion. The Legionnaires continue to support the Collection through donations that fund the purchase of special books and archival materials, which are dedicated in honor or in memory of their fallen comrades.

The MacLean Collection contains materials documenting the history of New York State with a primary focus on Long Island. It includes not only social and genealogical history, but also the cultural, economic, and natural history of New York and Long Island. The Collection has a particular emphasis on historic materials of Nassau and Suffolk Counties up until 1975. In addition to special books, the Collection includes newspapers on microfilm, maps and atlases, family papers, manuscripts, print journals, and ephemera, such as postcards and photographs, relating to organizations, families, and individuals from the region. Donations of unique materials, such as diaries, family letters or photographs fitting into these collecting themes are always welcome.

In honor of this anniversary, Hofstra University Special Collections exhibits here some of the very special items that have been acquired through the Nassau County American Legion's generous funding. Hofstra University Special Collections thanks the Nassau County American Legionnaires for their service to the country and their support of the MacLean Collection.

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This Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Now having Appointed me Command<sup>g</sup> Officer for the Eastern Part of this Island, I do hereby, Stricly order all persons who ever in your County of Suffolk upon their Oath to use their utmost efforts to preserve the peace of said County that all Constabillians and others acting under the Authority of the Rebels Immediately Cease and remain at their respective homes that Every Man In arms lay them down forthwith and Surrender them selves on pain of being treated as Rebels and I do hereby Enjoin all persons to being Peace and a lifting his Majesty's forces by furnishing them with what soever Lays In their power in such sort that they bring In their Cattle Cattle Cows & Calves for their Supply & their Waggon & horse for transporting their Baggage For all which they shall be fully paid his Majesty having sent his arms not for the purpose of but the protection of the Inhabitants But must also signify that unless they show a full submission in all respects & an immediate compliance with these orders respecting the Cattle and Waggon & shall be under the necessity of Marching the Forces under My Command without delay out to the County and Lay it waste the property of the Rebels as persons unworthy his Majesty's Clemency

Wm. Lowther Laurens County 3 Will. Erskine  
August 29 1776 Bon's G<sup>l</sup>

To the Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk

Battle of Long Island. Proclamation of British General William Erskine to the Long Island rebels to lay down their arms, August 29, 1776. (From the Wars Collection at Hofstra University Special Collections.)

Civil War Discharge Certificate of Private Samuel J. Jones, Company E, 165th Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers, September 1st, 1865. Samuel J. Jones was a Hempstead farmer. (From the Wars Collection at Hofstra University Special Collections.)

To all whom it may Concern

Know ye, That Samuel J. Jones a Private of Captain Henry C. Woodward's Company, (E.) 165th Regiment of New York State VOLUNTEERS, who was enrolled on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September one thousand eight hundred and Sixty-two to serve three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1865, at Charleston South Carolina by reason of Instructions from Maj. Gen. L. L. Gillmore (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said Samuel J. Jones was born in Hempstead in the State of New York is twenty-one years of age, five feet ten inches high, Medium complexion, Hazel eyes, Brown hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at Charleston S.C. this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1865

Henry C. Woodward  
Capt 165th N.Y. Vol.  
Comd'g Company

Thomas J. Buchanan  
Asst Com. Mustch  
S. C.

1865 IN FULL PAY

RECEIVED  
JULY 28 1865  
CHOLMES PAID  
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Samuel J. Jones  
August 22, 1865

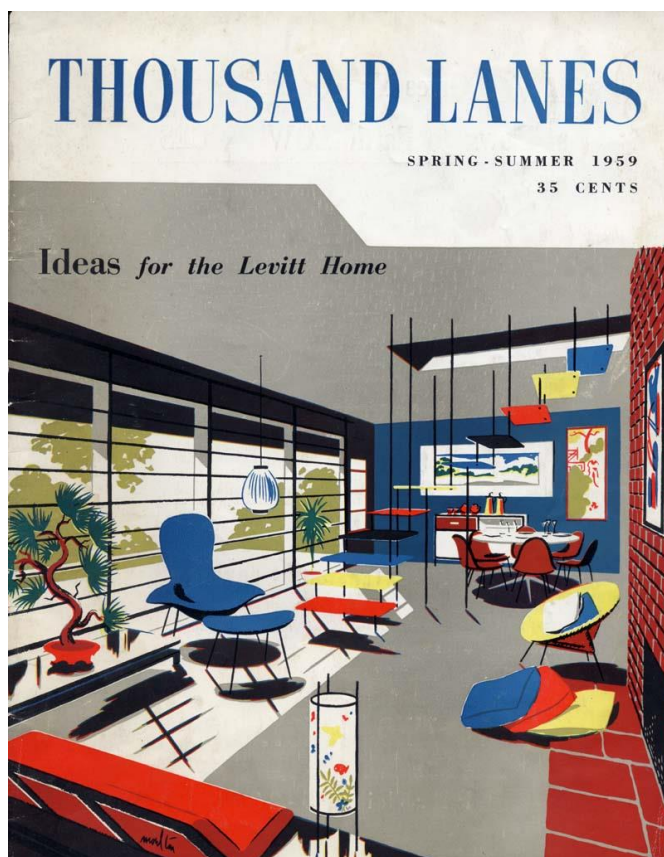
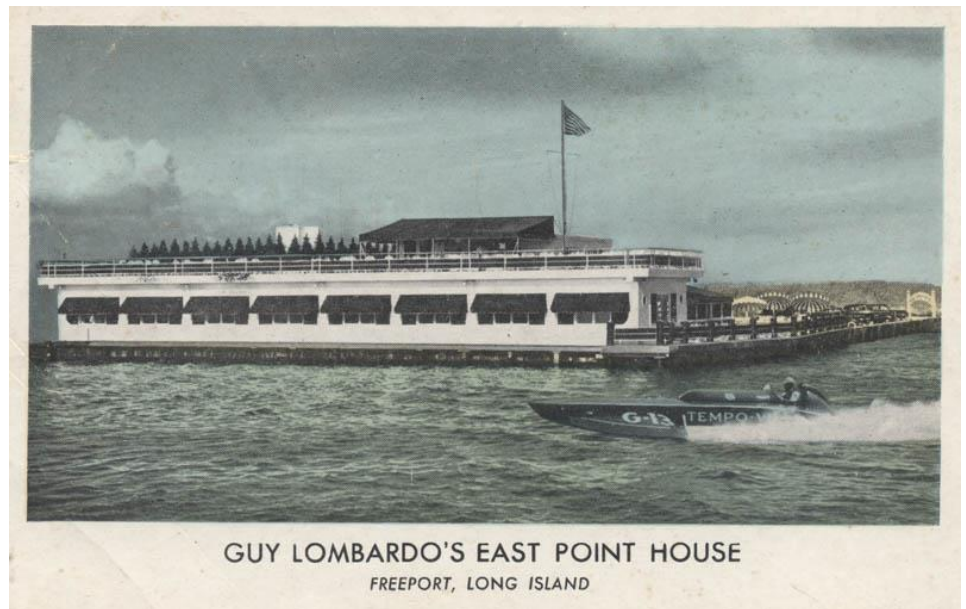


1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sydney Erskine Brewster (1<sup>st</sup> from right) of Glen Cove, N.Y. with his first Day Bombardment Group, 11<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Forces, France, 1918. Note "Mr. Jiggs" squadron insignia. (From the Sydney Erskine Brewster Collection, 1917-1918 at Hofstra University Special Collections.)

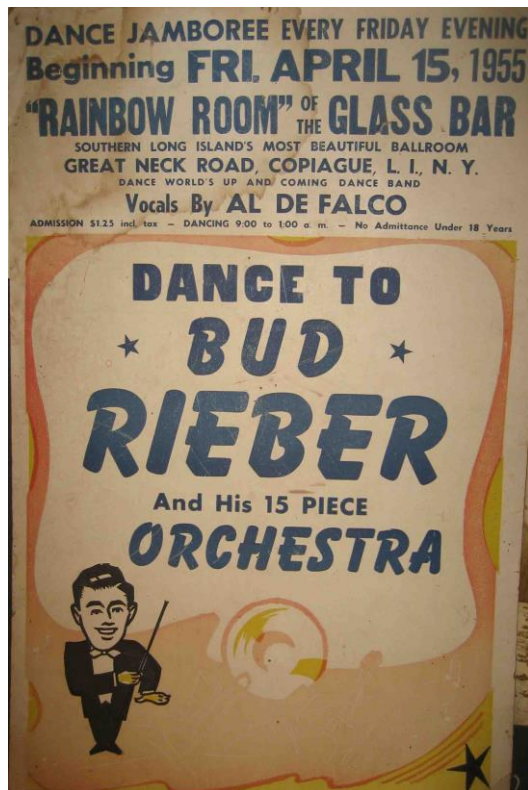


Michael Caracost of Valley Stream, N.Y., with fellow servicemen in jeep, ca. 1945. (From the Caracost Family Collection of Wartime Letters, 1941-1946, at Hofstra University Special Collections.)

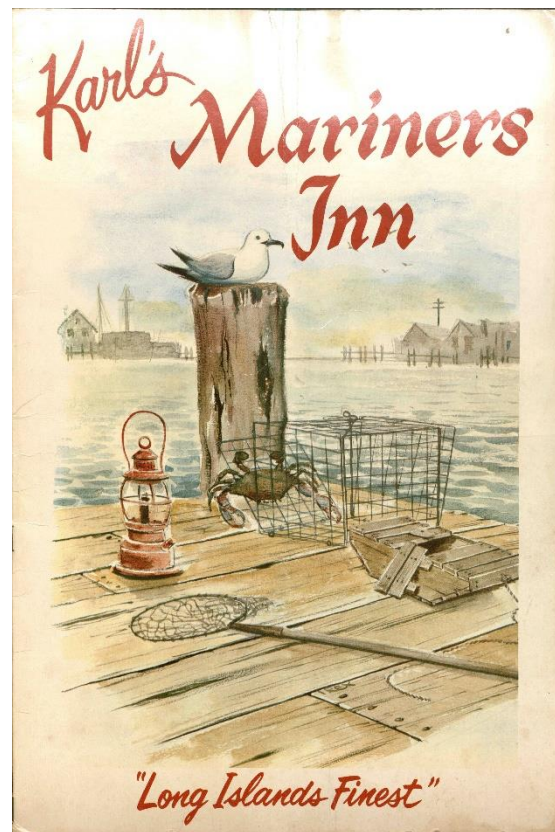
Post card of Guy Lombardo's East Point dinner dance restaurant, Freeport, N.Y., ca. 1960.



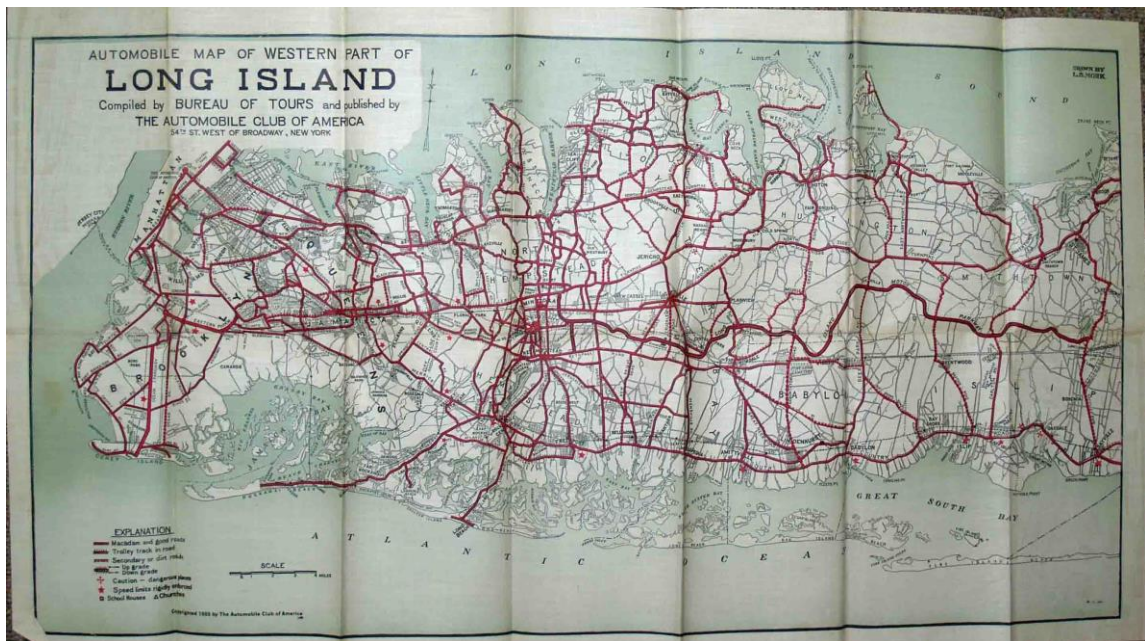
Levittown, N.Y. development magazine *Thousand Lanes*, Spring 1959. (From the Levittown Collection at Hofstra University Special Collections.)



Dance band billboard poster at the "Rainbow Room," Copiague, N.Y., April 15, 1955. (From the Special Collections at Hofstra University.)



Karl's Mariners Inn, Northport, N.Y., 1961. (From the L.I. Menu Collection at Hofstra University Special Collections.)



Automobile map of the Western Part of Long Island, 1909. (From the Map Collection at Hofstra University Special Collections.)



Frank Buck with elephant in front of the "Monkey Mountain" at Frank Buck's Jungle Camp in Massapequa, N.Y., ca. 1939. (From the Frank Buck Collection, 1935-ca.1939, at Hofstra University Special Collections.)