

GUIDE TO MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS A-Z

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INTRODUCTION:

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ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

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African-Americans – Letter from J. Bahn, describing sources of information on slaves in this area, with photocopies of pertinent wills and documents.

Astor, Jacob – Envelope addressed to Jacob Astor, Port Washington, L.I., 1912

Aviation

Baker Family – Family reminiscences of Catharine Conger Baker; book entitled “Common-Sense in the Farm-House and Your Mothers’ Assistant” published by her grandmother, Kate Conger Baker in 1882; correspondence and other family papers.

Beatty, Albert R. – Incoming correspondence, 1930-1937, including letters from Harry T. Guggenheim, Westbrook Pegler, and two telegrams from Herbert Hoover.

Blumenfeld, Myron – Autobiographical volume: *The Zayde Book for Grandchildren of All Ages*

Board of Trade (Port Washington, NY) – Constitution and By-Laws, 1910

Boy Scouts – Five issues (1938-1939) of the *Bugle Call*, Boy Scout district paper, Port Washington, NY

Businesses

Carnival - Program and clippings for the Port Washington, NY Carnival, 1911.

Cemeteries – Report on Flower Hill Cemetery (also known as Burtis cemetery)

Chamber of Commerce – Promotional brochure: *Port Washington/ on Manhasset Bay Long Island/ “The Place to Live”*, ca. 1930; Town directory, 1992.

Churches – General

Churches – Methodist Episcopal – Pamphlets describing a “Bazaar of Nations”, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 and a concert at the First Church of Christ, 1906; watercolor of Methodist Church by G. Stagg, 1967.

Churches – St. Stephen’s Episcopal – Centennial booklet, 1995.

Civil War – Pamphlet – *Nassau County in the Civil War* by Arnold Gates. Reprinted from the *Nassau County Historical Society Journal*, Winter, 1963. Also, clippings from the *Port Washington News* (1930;1933) mentioning Frank N. Chamberlin and Jacob Hults, Port’s Civil War Veterans.

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Cornwell, John H. – Clipping from the *Long Island Times*, 9/10/1857, re: his application to build a dock in Port Washington.

Covert/Baxter/Bird Family Documents – Photocopies of deeds, letters, “memorandum of conveyance”, quit claims and invoices, ca. 1829-1900, involving members of the following families: Covert, Baxter, Onderdonk, Bird, Cornwell, Payne, Mead, Crooker, Whetmore, and Cutbill.

Covert Family Genealogy – Hand-written excerpts from the Covert family Bible, published in 1806

Cutter, Bloodgood H. (1817-1906) – Newspaper clippings of his poems, “To a Lady Friend” and “Poet Cutter for Peace” {an untitled poem on the: “Chilian (sic) trouble”}

Daughters of the American Revolution, Darling Whitney Chapter, Port Washington, NY (ca. 1940-1999)– Printed matter including by-laws, membership books and genealogical material pertaining to John Hewlett Cornwell (also spelled “Cornwall”).

Deeds (1750-1925) – Includes deeds, indentures and mortgages. John and Sarah Betts, Alice Hyde, Charles Hyde, Samuel Jones, John McKesson, Minnie W. Pearsall, Mary Pierson, Herbert O. Sharpe, and Daniel Whitehead are among the names recorded on the documents.

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Finkelstein, Ruth Alper – 6 photographs of the Alper family (ca. 1914-1925) including Jones & Bella Alper and their children, Ruth, Norman and Maurice. Also includes some reminiscences by Ruth Alper Finkelstein of her family (who were related to the Alpers who owned Alpers Hardware) and Port Washington.

Fire Department (1889-1992) – Printed matter including a program for a concert to benefit the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Co. (1889), Constitution and by-laws of the Flower Hill Hose Co. (1928) and the Protection Fire Engine Company #1 Centennial book (1992). Also includes 14 scanned images (ca. 1890-1955) of Timothy Jackson Bird and several Fire Department parades. (2 folders)

Gardner Marine/Gardner Family- 9 photographs (ca. 1920s-1930s). Images include the Gardner Marine Sales & Service store in Port Washington, family members, Albert Somers Gardner and Dorothea (Babe) Gardner, and photos of a diving expedition with a man in diving helmet and diving gear.

Gunn Family – Photocopies of articles and documents, and 2 original photos relating to Hartford N. Gunn, Jr. and Albert E. Gunn.

Haney, Louise (d. 4/25/2000) – obituary and photocopies of a few letters and diary pages.

Home Defense Agricultural Committee (1917) – Statement of activity of committee, indicating lands acquired and crops planted.

Hotels

Jones, Dillwyn (Dill) Owen (d. 1984) – Includes clippings, publicity photos and miscellaneous printed matter about Jones, a noted jazz pianist and Port Washington resident.

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Kelland, Clarence Budington (1881-1964) – Framed letter from Herbert Hoover, dated January 27, 1943.

Little League - Baseball schedule, Port Washington Little League, 1954.

Long Island Railroad – Photocopy of 25th Anniversary Celebration card (1923); Rail-Road Stage Schedule (undated); Monthly ticket (1907); “500 Mile Ticket” (1907).

MacKinnon, Alexander – Passport for MacKinnon, who was born in Scotland in 1908, and worked as a gardener on the Francis Powell estate in Glen Cove.

Manhasset Bay Sportsmen’s Club – Newsletters, 1995 (10 issues).

Markland, Earl L.- Clippings, photos, personal reminiscences regarding Markland, his cousin John Dunphy, Victor Kliesrath, and Port Washington.

Military and Veterans – World War I – Photocopies of clippings from the *Port Washington News* (1919); photocopy of a Souvenir Program for a “Welcome Home Day” parade in Port Washington (July 4, 1919); hand-written letter from Al Reich at Camp McClellan, AL, February 7, 1919 to “Friend”.

Military and Veterans – World War II – Photocopies of clippings from the *Port Washington News* re: Port Washington veterans; clipping from *New York Daily News* (1932) asking Port residents about rifle training.

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New Salem – William Harter Corporation brochures describing plans for various styles of homes to be built in New Salem, Port Washington, NY (ca. 1940’s)

North Hempstead – “History of North Hempstead” by Henry Wilson Loweres (typed manuscript and photocopy); “A Record of Commendable Accomplishments in the Town of North Hempstead for the Public Uplift” (1915); “Picturesque North Hempstead – A Community of Homes” (1915) including many homes in Great Neck. (3 folders)

North Hempstead Republican Committee – Year Books, 1954-1955.

North Shore Choral Club – Programs, 1928-1942.

Pearsall, Gay – “Port Washington My Home Town”, hand-written poem.

People – “Beautiful Baby” column from the *Port Washington News* (ca. 1930’s), photocopies.

Pride in Port ’90 – Booklet prepared for Homecoming Weekend, 1990.

Restaurants – Louie’s Shore Restaurant – history.

Sand Mining- Government documents re: Rifle Range on site of Metropolitan Sand and Gravel, 1945

Schreiber, Paul D. – “Paul D. Schreiber a memoir”, ca. 1974.

Smull family – Photograph of Urban Shirk, Nita Smull and Allison Wysong on Smull’s front steps, prior to 1915.

South Bronx-Port Washington Community Partnership – Correspondence, clippings and printed matter, 1998-2003.

Storms – Winter storm, December 11, 1992- 35 photographs and several clippings describing the storm damage in Port Washington.

Temperance – Pamphlet: “Address to the Young Men of the United States on Temperance by Rt. Rev. C.P. M’Ilvaine D.D.”; Women’s Christian Temperance Union printed card.

Theatrical Productions – Programs from the Great Neck Players (1), The Nassau Theatre (1), and the Towndock Theatre (2).

Ullman, Emily – “A Story of Survival” is Emily Ullman’s account of how her family survived the Holocaust. The Ullman’s were in hiding in Amsterdam during the War, and came to Port Washington in the 1950’s.

U.S. Naval Training Device Center (Sands Point, NY and Orlando, FL) – Printed matter, ca. 1946-1988.