

**GUIDE TO THE
PORT WASHINGTON SCHOOLS / FAIELLA COLLECTION**



Collection Abstract:

This collection is comprised of records relating to the Port Washington Public Schools that have been donated to the library by the school district, by Peter Faiella, a long-time principal of the John H. Daly School, by other individuals. The collection contains early records of the Board of Education, including meeting minutes, attendance records, manuals and publications. Also included are an almost complete run of the high school newspaper, *The Port Weekly*, from 1918 through 1937, yearbooks for the high school, junior high school and elementary schools, and programs for various school events. The collection also includes some records pertaining to several of the private schools which have existed in Port Washington.

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INTRODUCTION:

Until 1908, there were two school districts within the boundaries of Port Washington. School District No. 5 encompassed the area around Flower Hill, and School District No. 4 the Sands Point area.

The first schoolhouse in District No. 5 was built in 1757 in the Flower Hill section. It consisted of two rooms and was used as a school building until 1897 when a new building was erected on the west side of Port Washington Boulevard, next to Nassau Knolls Cemetery (the present site of the Police Department headquarters). This building was known as the Flower Hill School. The school was rebuilt in 1904 and expanded in 1905. Seriously damaged by fire in 1924, this building was never reopened. A new building was constructed between 1924 and 1926 on land purchased from J.C. Monfort, opening in 1926. This school ceased operations in 1979.

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" was built in 1848 at the head of the Mill Pond. In 1859 the building was moved to the corner of Pleasant Avenue. Although the building stood until 1926, it was not used as a school after 1870, when the first District No. 5 schoolhouse was erected on School Street. In 1898, a new school was built on School House Hill. The building served as the first high school in Port Washington. It was torn down when the Sands Point School opened in 1929 on Rockwood Avenue. In addition to children from the immediate area, it accommodated fifth and sixth graders from the Main Street and Flower Hill schools. The Sands Point School was rededicated as the John J. Daly School in 1969.

In 1916, the Hempstead Harbor School was constructed on East Shore Road to accommodate the children of sandminers. The school closed in the late 1920's with the opening of the Flower Hill (1926) and Sands Point (1929) schools. The building was later sold as a private residence.

In 1908 School District No. 4 and School District No. 5 merged, becoming School District No. 4. In 1909, the Main Street School was opened. Built on land owned by Thomas E. Webb, the school was dedicated on September 17, 1909. The building housed both high school and grade school students. The building was enlarged in 1917.

In 1929 a second high school building (the current Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School) was erected on land belonging to Cliff Monfort along Port Washington Boulevard. The Main Street School became a combined elementary/middle school, continuing as such until 1953 when the Paul D. Schreiber High School opened. During the 1952-53 school year, junior high school students moved into the former Port Washington Senior High School building.

In response to the post-World War II baby boom, a number of new elementary schools were constructed. The Salem School was built in 1951 as a satellite of the Flower Hill School. This was followed by the Merriman School in 1952, the Manorhaven School in

1954, and the Guggenheim School in 1962. Overcrowding in the Weber Junior High School led to construction of John Philip Sousa Junior High School in 1958. Sousa was later converted to an elementary school.

As a result of declines in the school age population during the 1970's, the Merriman School was closed in 1977, followed by the Flower Hill School in 1979. The Salem School, closed as an elementary school in 1985, reopened in 2005.

The Main Street School closed in 1985. The building, which is on both the New York State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places, was converted to The Landmark on Main Street, housing a community center, theater and apartments for senior citizens.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is composed of records relating to the Port Washington Public Schools donated by the school district to the Port Washington Public Library in 1991, as well as records donated by Peter Faiella, long-time principal of the John H. Daly School (formerly Sands Point School), upon his retirement as Principal in 1991. Also included are photographs and other items donated by individuals over the years. Among these items are a collection of Junior High School graduation programs donated by Kathleen McEntegart, an Art teacher in the district between 1942 and 1993; Junior High School yearbooks and elementary school merit awards donated by the family of Oscar Peterson; an 1820 assembly program and 1828 invitation donated by Dick Whittemore; yearbooks and photographs from the 1920s donated by Charlotte Wackwitz Stove; and St. Peter of Alcantara School photographs donated by former teacher Peter Larmour.

The collection contains early records of the Board of Education, including meeting minutes (1863-1908) and attendance records (1923-1925), along with manuals and publications. Also included are an almost complete run of the high school newspaper, *The Port Weekly*, from 1918 through 1937, yearbooks for the high school, junior high school and elementary schools, and programs for various school events. Of particular note is the extensive collection of class photographs from the Daly (formerly Sands Point), Flower Hill and Main Street Schools. Records pertaining to several of the private schools which have existed in Port Washington are included in Series V. In addition the collection contains information on the fight to save the Main Street School and the subsequent landmark designation for the building.

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged into [5] series:

- Series I: Board of Education/Administration**
- Series II: High School**
- Series III: Junior High School**
- Series IV: Elementary Schools**
- Series V: Private Schools**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

(Records are generally arranged chronologically within each type of record.)

Series I: Board of Education/Administration, [bulk dates 1922-1928: 1948-1961]
(14 folders plus 1 bound and 2 binders)

This series consists of records donated to the library by the school district, and is comprised of Board of Education minutes from 1863 through 1908, attendance reports (1923-1925), budgets (1925-1928), handbooks and manuals, school calendars, records pertaining to building needs and expansions, and brochures for adult education programs (1947-1961). Of particular interest are the 1925 list of voters in School District No. 4 and the 1930-31 School District manual which includes a listing of high school graduates between 1904 and 1930.

Series II: High School (16 folders plus 1 bound)

Included are programs from commencements and other school events, as well as copies of school newspapers, *The Port Bulletin* (1918) and *The Port Weekly* (1924-1937), and the annual yearbook, The Port Light. An undated edition of a spoof entitled, "The Port Tweekly" is also included. Additional items of interest include oversize photographs of the 1925 and 1926 Girl's Basketball Teams and the 1925 First Honor Society, all donated by former student, Charlotte Wackwitz Stove.

Series III: Junior High School (9 folders)

Among the items in this series are a 1940 school handbook, a series of graduation programs (1942-1993) donated by long-time Art teacher, Kathleen McEntegart, copies of a monthly magazine, The Port Junior, and copies of Port Washington Junior High School yearbooks.

Series IV: Elementary Schools (59 folders plus 3 albums and 3 bound)

This series consists primarily of class photographs taken at the Flower Hill School (bulk dates: 1951-1978), Daly School (1966-1991) and Main Street School (ca. 1920's and 1930's, many undated). Also included are photographs of school buildings, yearbooks, and Daly School class lists from 1966 through 1991. Several folders, donated by Elly Shodell, document the efforts to save the school building and its subsequent designation as a landmark.

Series V: Private Schools (5 folders plus 1 album)

This series contains a small number of records pertaining to the Hempstead Harbor Female Seminary (ca. 1850), the Sands Point Country Day School, and St. Peter of Alcantara School, including two folders of class photographs, 1970-1971.

ADDENDA: Additions to the collection include photographs and directories, listed at the end of this finding aid.

BOX LIST:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>
Series I: Board of Education/Administration		
1 (flat)		Minutes, Board of Education (District 5), Feb. 1863-Aug. 1899 Minutes, Board of Education (District 5), Aug. 1899-June 1907 Oversize photographs (See Series II)
2 (flat)		Minutes, Board of Education (District 4), Dec. 1903-Apr. 1907 Minutes, Board of Education (District 4), Jan. 1907-Apr. 1907 Record of Joint Meetings of Boards of Education (Districts 4 & 5), Jan. 1907-Sept. 1908 Census of Union Free District 4, 1915 Register of Attendance, 1909-10 Register of Attendance (District 4), 1924-25
3	1	Attendance Reports, 1923-24
	2	Attendance Reports, 1923-24
	3	Term Record, Week of Jan. 21-25, 1924
	4	Faculty, 1927-28
	Bound Binder	List of Voters, School District 4, Nov. 24, 1925
	Binder	Budget, 1925-27
	Binder	Budget, 1927-28
4	1	"Proposed Building Program," June 9, 1937 "Building Need Survey," April 13, 1946 "Recommended Program of Requirements for the Modernization of the Main Street Building," October, 1949 "Our Building Program," January 10, 1950 "Specifications for Alterations to Junior High School," April 24, 1953
	2	Handbook of the Public Schools of Port Washington, 1915-16 Manual of the Port Washington Public Schools, 1925-26 Manual of the Port Washington Public Schools, 1930-31 (includes list of HS graduates, 1904-1930) Manual of the Port Washington Public Schools, 1938-39
	3	School Calendar, 1948-49, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1989-90
	4	Survey, 1972-73 (prepared by League of Women Voters)
	5	Port Washington Evening School, Winter Term, 1947-Pamphlet Port Washington Evening School, Winter Term, 1947-Poster
	6	Adult Education Program - Winter Term 1950, Spring Term, 1953 Fall Semester, 1953 Spring Semester, 1954 Fall, 1954 (2 copies) Winter, 1955

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4	7	Port Washington Adult Education, Winter Term, 1956 Spring Term, 1956 Winter Term, 1957 Fall, 1957 Winter Term, 1958 Fall, 1958 Fall, 1959
	8	Visit from Mets, Nov. 1965 – Photographs
	9	Proceedings of School Assembly, c. 1820 Invitation to Misses Mitchell from D.E. Allen, March 25, 1828 (Dick Whittemore donation)
	10	Loose pages from “A Directory of the School Officers and School Teachers, Nassau County, NY for the School Year 1899-1900”
	Series II:	High School
	11	Port Washington H.S. - Commencement Bulletin June 21, 1920 Port Washington H.S. - Commencement Bulletin June 24, 1929
	12	Port Washington H.S. - Baccalaureate Exercises, June 17, 1956
	13	Port Washington H.S. – Drama Events
	14	Port Washington H.S. – Schedule, First Term 1922-23
	15	“Sophomore Verse,” June 1936
	16	“The Port Bulletin” (newspaper), v.1 no. 4-7 (1918)
	17	“The Port Weekly” (newspaper), v.1 no. 1-7, 9-12 (1924-25)
	18	“The Port Weekly” (newspaper), v. 4 no. 2-3, 6-7, 9, 11, 13-17 (1927-28); v. 5 no. 21 (1929)
	19	“The Port Weekly” (newspaper), v. 10 no. 1-11, 13-32, 34 (1933-34); v. 11 no. 13, 24 (1934-35)
	20	“The Port Weekly” (newspaper), v. 14 no. 2 (1937)
	21	“The Port Tweekly,” [undated]
	22	Schreiber High School – Dedication Program, March 1, 1953
	23	Schreiber High School – Photograph
	24	Schreiber High School – Commencement Program, 1990
	25	Port Washington H.S. Band – 50 th Annual Concert, March 1980 - Photographs
	26	High School Reunions – Photographs
	27	Alumni Association Banquet, June 24, 1913 – Program
2	(flat)	Girl’s Basketball Team, 1925 – Photograph Girl’s Basketball Team, 1926 – Photograph First Honor Society, 1925 – Photograph Speaking Contest, 1925 - Photograph

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5	Bound	<u>The Port Light</u> (yearbook), v.4 (1919) – v.6 (1921); v.8 (1923) – v.11 (1926); v.22 (1937) (Marie Dodge Ross, Charlotte Wackwitz Stove, Oscar Peterson donations)

***SEE Hopkins Collection for The Port Light v.10 (1925) – v.11 (1927); v.15 (1930)

Series III: Junior High School

1		“Handbook of the Port Washington Junior High School), 2 nd ed. (1940)
2		Graduation/Promotion Assembly Programs, 1942-1993 (Kathleen McEntegart donation)
3		Graduation/Promotion Assembly Programs, 1980-1993
4		Correspondence – Kathleen McEntegart, 1993
5		“For a Strong America: American Education Week Program, November 13, 1941
6		Weber Junior High School – Fiftieth Anniversary, 1979
7		Weber Junior High School – Class Photographs (undated)
8		<u>The Port Junior</u> (magazine), 1930-1934 (Oscar Peterson donation)
9		<u>Port Washington Junior High School</u> (yearbook), 1952-53

Series IV: Elementary Schools

10		“A May Program,” May 27, 1925
6		Albums Daly (John J.) School, 1966/67-1970/71 – Class Photographs
7		Albums Daly (John J.) School, 1971/72-1977/78 – Class Photographs
8		Albums Daly (John J.) School, 1978/79-1982/83; 1987/88-1989/90 – Class Photographs
9	1	Daly (John J.) School, 1983/84 – Class Photographs
	2	Daly (John J.) School, 1984/85 – Class Photographs
	3	Daly (John J.) School, 1985/86 – Class Photographs
	4	Daly (John J.) School, 1986/87 – Class Photographs
	5	Daly (John J.) School, 1990/91 – Class Photographs
	6	Daly (John J.) School –History
	7	Daly (John J.) School – Renaming and Dedication, 1969
	8	Daly (John J.) School – Yellow Book Map Program, 1983 (letter and photograph)
9	9	Correspondence from Peter P. Faiella (undated)
	10	Daly School Home and School Association, 1981 (negatives)
	11	Daly School - Photographs
	Bound	Class Lists, 1966/67 – 1983/84

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10	Bound	Class Lists, 1984/85 – 1990/91
	Bound	Yearbooks, 1976; 1978 – 1991 (Peter Faiella donation)
11	1	First School House (drawing)
	2	Flower Hill School (building) – Photograph
	3	Flower Hill School (building) – Photograph
	4	Flower Hill School, c. 1896 – Class Photograph (negative)
	5	Flower Hill School, 1915 – Class Photograph
	6	Flower Hill School, c. 1920's – 1940's – Class Photographs Flower Hill School, ca. 1927-1934, Class photographs – See Box 13, folder 7
	7	Flower Hill School, 1951-52 – Class Photographs
	8	Flower Hill School, 1953-54 – Class Photographs
	9	Flower Hill School, 1957 – Class Photographs
	10	Flower Hill School, 1958 – Class Photographs
	11	Flower Hill School, 1959 – Class Photographs
	12	Flower Hill School, 1960 – Class Photographs
	13	Flower Hill School, 1969 – Class Photographs
	14	Flower Hill School, 1970 – Class Photographs
	15	Flower Hill School, 1971 – Class Photographs
	16	Flower Hill School, 1972-73 – Class Photographs
	17	Flower Hill School, 1973 – Class Photographs
	18	Flower Hill School, 1976-77 – Class Photographs
	19	Flower Hill School, 1977-78 – Class Photographs
	20	Flower Hill School – Undated Photographs
	21	Merit Awards (awarded to Peter Peterson), 1926-1933 (Estate of Oscar Peterson donation)
12	1	Guggenheim (Florence & Daniel) School – Dedication Program Main Street School class photographs – See also Addenda Box 13
	2	Main Street School – Photographs
	3	Main Street School – Photographs
	4	Main Street School (Junior High) – Photographs, c. 1937
	5	Main Street School (High School) – Class Photograph, c. 1926 (Charlotte Wackwitz Stove donation)
	6	Main Street School – Class Photographs
	7	Main Street School – Class Photographs
	8	Main Street School – Class Photograph – Grade 8B (1921) (Charlotte Wackwitz Stove donation)
	9	Main Street School – Class Photographs, c. 1920s (Ruth Blanchard Allen donation)
	10	Main Street School – Class Photographs
	11	Main Street School – Class Photographs (photocopies)
	12	Main Street School – Louise Bradley graduation, c. 1920 – Photographs

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	13		Main Street School – Yearbook, 1985
			Main Street School – Landmark Process (Elly Shodell Files)
	14		Main Street School – Landmark Process, 1978-1980
	15		Main Street School – Landmark Process, 1981-1985
	16		Main Street School – Landmark Process, Fliers & Misc., 1980-1985
	17		Main Street School – Landmark Process- Clippings, ca. 1977-1982
	18		Main Street School – Landmark Process- Restoration-Photos, 1994
12A			
	1		Merriman School – Brochure, c. 1978
	2		Merriman School – Letter from Charlotte Merriman, Feb. 19, 1962
	3		Salem School – Photograph, c. 1951
	4		Salem School – Class Photographs, 1951-52
	4a		Salem School Memory Book – Reunion 2008
	5		Sands Point School – Photograph
	6		Sands Point School – Class Photographs
	7		Sands Point School – Class Photographs
	8		Sands Point School – Class Photographs (photocopies)
	9		Sands Point School – Staff, 1941-42 (snapshots)
	10		Sands Point School – Memos (1966)
	11		Sousa School – “Port Arrow”, 1983 re: Sousa’s 25 th Anniversary; Home & School Association Newsletter, 1988
	12		Sousa School – Calendar of Events, 1990-91

Series V: Private Schools

13	1		Hempstead Harbor Female Seminary, 1850
	2		Sands Point Country Day School
	3		St. Peter of Alcantara School - Photographs
	4		St. Peter of Alcantara School – Boy Scouts – Photograph (Peter Larmour donation – folders 5 & 6)
	5		St. Peter of Alcantara School – Class Photographs, Grades 2-7, 1970-71
	6		St. Peter of Alcantara School – Class Photographs, Grades 1-7, Dec., 1971

ADDENDA

7			Flower Hill School Class photographs, some identified, ca. 1927-1934 (Ruth Alper Finkelstein Donation, 2007-005)
8			Main Street School - 4 Class Photographs , ca. 1905 -1913 (V.M. Martus donation, 2009)
9			Main Street School – Class Photograph and 2 Merit Cards for Robert Van Name, 1927 (Gift of Van Name family, 2009)

Box

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Content

**Port Washington Public Schools Directory: 1953-54; 1956-57
through 1990-91**