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LONG ISLAND HISTORY: SOURCES & ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS

The sources and organizations listed below may be helpful in developing local historical collections. Commercial sources that may prove especially helpful have been identified. However, no claim is being made for comprehensiveness or completeness.

Unless noted otherwise, addresses are in New York, and telephone numbers are in area code 516.

Bibliographical and Informational Sources

Long Island Forum. The Friends for Long Island's Heritage, Muttontown Road, Syosset 11791. 364-1050

New York State History Network. Available free from Newsletter Editor, 3093 CEC, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12230. 518-474-6917

Preservation Notes. Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, North Country Road, Setauket 11733. 941-9444

Research and Publications in New York State History. Free annual bibliography is available from 3095 CEC, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12230.

Roe, Kathleen. Teaching with historical records. 1981. Available free from State Archives, CEC, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12230. 518-474-1195

Suffolk Historian. Available free from Office of Cultural Affairs, Suffolk County Department of Parks, P.O. Box 144, West Sayville 11796. 567-1487. A series of pamphlets on Long Island history is in progress, and copies are available free from the same address.

Long Island Heritage. 29 Continental Place, Glen Cove 11542. 676-1200.

Available by subscription; distributed free in antique and book stores.

Newsday. Useful information in the news columns, obituaries, and reviews.

Antiques & Collectibles. 25 Glen Head Road, Glen Head 11545. 759-2602.

Available by subscription; distributed free in antique and book stores.

Local shopping papers. These frequently carry announcements of local historical society events, publications, and exhibits.

Organizational newsletters and announcements.

In-Print Sources

Old Bethpage Village Restoration Bookshop. Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage 11804. 420-5280.

Weathervane Bookshop. Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main Street, Riverhead 11901. 727-2881. Carries a large selection of titles. Issues occasional catalogs.

Local book stores.

Museum stores. Many art and historical museums carry exhibit catalogs and other printed materials of local historical interest. Some issue lists.

County, town, village offices and departments, and their historians. Many of these governmental agencies and agents publish town records and other publications of local historical interest.

Out-of-Print Sources: Book Stores

Good Times Bookshop. 150 East Main Street, Port Jefferson 11777. 928-2664

North Shore Books Ltd. 8 Green Street, Huntington 11743. 271-5558

Out-Of-Print Sources: Mail-Order

Paulette Greene, Rare Books. 140 Princeton Road, Rockville Centre 11570. 766-8602.

Paul F. Olinkiewicz. Valley Circle, Miller Place 11764. 473-4781

Hank & Rose Salerno. 1 Given Court, Hauppauge 11787. 724-8795/265-3008

Temares Family Books. 50 Heights Road, Plandome 11030. 627-8688

Historical Societies and Related Organizations

- Huntington Historical Society. 2 High Street, Huntington 11743.
427-7045. This membership organization offers programs and activities for children and adults. The gift shop includes publications.
- Long Island Historical Society. 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn 11201.
212-MA 4-0890. Publishes the scholarly Journal of Long Island History, offers exhibits, and has a separate book and gift shop on the lower floor.
- Suffolk County Archaeological Association. P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook 11790. This active membership organization has already published five volumes of its Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory series, edited by Gaynell S. Levine. All volumes are in print.
- Bicentennial and Tercentenary Commissions, activities, and publications.

Field Collecting

- Banks and other commercial organizations: calendars, walking tour guides, local historical vignettes &c.
- Libraries and their Friends: inexpensive histories of libraries, communities, or commemorations of historical events.
- Service organizations: directories, membership lists, events programs.
- Local directories (often include useful maps), local shopping guides, and other freely distributed materials frequently carry local history.

Local Historical Events

- Association of Suffolk County Historical Societies. c/o Mrs. Frank S. Child, 207 Grant Street, Port Jefferson 11777. Meets quarterly.
- Long Island Antiquarian Book Dealers Association. For a list of members and information on the Spring and Fall Book Fairs held in Albertson write LIABDA, P.O. Box 662, Plandome 11030.
- Long Island Archives Conference. For information on one-day Spring and Fall Meetings contact Mrs. Agnes K. Packard, President, 13 Homestead Path, Huntington 11743.
- Long Island Studies Council. P.O. Box 555, Stony Brook 11790. Meets every second Wednesday of the month, September through June, for an informal dinner and program. No reservations required.
- Suffolk County History Conference. Held annually in November. For information write the Long Island Studies Council.

ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS

- Miller, Shirley. The vertical file and its satellites: a handbook of acquisitions, processing, and organization. Library Science Text Series. Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1979. 2d ed.
- Weihs, Jean and Shirley Lewis et al. Nonbook Materials: The organization of integrated collections. Chicago: American Library Association, 1980. 2d ed.
- American Association for State and Local History. 708 Berry Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204. Publishes History News monthly, and often includes Technical Leaflets, which are also available separately. Publishes many monographs useful to libraries and historical societies and organizations. Write for membership and publications information.
- American Library Association. The Local History Section of RASD presents annual programs during the ALA meetings, and publishes occasionally. Write 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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