

The Information Window

Thomas and Elizabeth Jackson Home is Landmarked

By Tom Watson, Recording Secretary

On December 5, 2023 the Town of Hempstead (ToH) Board landmarked a Wantagh home (aka the Thomas and Elizabeth Jackson house). The house is located on Jones Avenue North directly across from the Wantagh Library parking lot. ToH landmark designation prevents the demolition of the house. This is the third Jackson house located in Wantagh to achieve ToH landmark status. The other two landmarked Jackson houses are:

- ◆ Late 17th century house on the corner of Wantagh Avenue and Silverton Avenue.
- ◆ Mid-17th century house (with 18th and 19th century additions) located on the west side of Wantagh Avenue just north of Island Road.

The 18th century Thomas/Elizabeth Jackson home was once part of a 100 acre farm bounded on the east by current day Wantagh Avenue, on the west by current day Old Mill Road, on the south by current day Park Avenue, and on the north by other 18th century farms. The house was home to Thomas Jackson (1754-1842) and his wife Elizabeth Jackson (1762-



The Recently Landmarked "Thomas and Elizabeth Jackson House" as seen from Jones Avenue



Back of the House

1828) – both who are buried in the historic Jackson Cemetery on the east side of Wantagh Avenue just north of Saint Francis de Chantal church. Thomas was the great, great grandson of Robert Jackson; Elizabeth was the great, great, great granddaughter of Robert. Both Thomas and Elizabeth are also descended from Capt. John Seaman. Robert Jackson and Capt. John Seaman were two of the original mid-17th century European settlers in the area that is now Wantagh. 📖

Our 2024 Membership Drive has Begun

By Tom Watson, Recording Secretary

We hope that our current members will continue to support the Wantagh Preservation Society and that we also grow our membership with new members. Please consider emailing this Information Window to anyone you think would be interested in supporting the Society.

The Society's motto is "Preservation with a Purpose". Help us preserve Wantagh's history with your membership.

We also invite you to become an active member of the society. To become a member, please scan or click the QR code on the left, or use the form on page 3.

Thanks! 📖



Become a WPS member - scan or click the QR code, or use the form on page 3 - thanks!

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**Happy
New Year!**

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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Wantagh American Legion Pipe Band Performs at the Wantagh Museum During the Winter Wonderland Event, Last November



*The Wantagh Museum
will open again on Sundays
Noon-2 PM in mid-April.*



*Please stop in and see
our new displays of
local artifacts!*

Attention: Professional Photographers

Whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter, the grounds of the Wantagh Museum provide a scenic venue for professional photographers. However, a Photography Permit is required for all professional photographers that use the museum grounds.



The permit fee is only \$50 per hour. Your fees provide an important source of revenue for our Museum and helps us maintain its beauty that you depend on.

During your photo shoot, the museum grounds remain open to others and a volunteer may be present during the photography time. However, residents that visit the museum have always been courteous.

Photography cannot take place before dawn or after dusk. Permits are rain or shine.



An approved permit must be presented during the shoot upon request. To apply for a permit, please scan or click the QR code. If you have any questions, email wantaghmuseum@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and for helping us maintain the grounds of the Wantagh Museum. 📖

A Wantagh Home Celebrates its 100th Birthday in 2024

By Heather Famiglietti, Membership Chair



The 100 Year Old Jones Avenue Home as it Appears Today

A home located in the Brookside Estates section of Wantagh is celebrating its 100th Birthday in 2024. The Jones Avenue address was originally the home of Ernest L. Dean and wife Elizabeth Marie Doescher who were married on June 24, 1923 in Merrick. The home was built by Ernest who was in the retail lumber business, and his father, William F. Dean, the co-owner of the Dean and Seaman Lumber Company located in Bellmore. It was said to be a wedding gift. William F. Dean's home still stands today as one of the Maplewood School buildings. To learn more about the William F. Dean Home, scan or click the QR code in the upper right corner.

Ernest and Elizabeth had a son named William F. Dean, born Nov 26, 1934, so named after his grandfather. Ernest was a member of the Wantagh Fire Department from 1919-1942.



Learn more about the William F. Dean Home



The Home as it Appeared Decades Ago

Three families have owned the house over its 100 year history. The home hasn't changed much, still maintaining its original wood stained molding and doors, plaster cove molding around the downstairs ceilings and wood floors.

Wantagh Preservation Society is looking to catalogue the older homes of Wantagh. Please contact WPS Membership Chair, Heather Famiglietti at heames@optonline.net with old photos and/or historic stories of your home if it dates pre-WWII. 📖

We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership in 2024!

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ New ☐ Renew ☐
 Email: _____

I'd like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening & Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Museum on a Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Publication & Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

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"Preservation with a Purpose."

It Happened in Wantagh Years Ago

Compiled By Carol Poulos, Co-Curator

1899 - 125 Years Ago

February - During the blizzard, burglars entered the butcher shop of Stephen Dean and helped themselves to several choice cuts of meat...Ex-Constable William W. Wilson, known for his many kind traits of charity, placed several barrels of coal in front of his home while the storm was raging at the disposal of the poor...The second blizzard of the season visited this village the forepart of the week. P. W. Behrens had a number of fine plants frozen, and about fifty panes of glass were broken out of the greenhouses. William DeMott, employed at the pumping station, was snowed in and had to remain on duty for 48 hours without food. The public school will not be open until next week.



Boiler Room at Wantagh Pumping Station

1914 - 110 Years Ago

January - The Nassau Suffolk Lighting Company is having the lamp posts painted on Main Street. The people are anxiously awaiting for the lights to be turned on...Cox, Wendler and Van Tuyl have almost completed a new stable east of the lumberyard and also a wagon shed west of the stable...New Year's Day was ushered in by the customary ringing of the church bell, the tooting of horns and firing of guns, but outside of these things, a quiet day was spent by most of our people...A new well has been put in on Seaford Avenue, west of the blacksmith shop and was tested by the firemen last week. This well is close to the lumberyard of Cox, Wendler and Van Tuyl.

1924 - 100 Years Ago

January - Walter Ashdown has been busy these last cold days thawing out frozen radiators, but then his time was not taken up towing the town's cars for the roads were frozen as well...The boys have reveled in this cold snap as it has given them a grand opportunity for skating on the pond, where they may be seen as soon as school is out.

1974 - 50 Years Ago

February - County Executive Ralph Caso pressed the button that officially opened the Sewer District 3 facility in Wantagh. At this time, the sewer pipes had already been laid in most of Wantagh and nearby communities. The county required that residents hook up within one year once the lateral lines were laid. Residents with decaying cesspool systems and flooding problems were eager to do this, whereas others preferred to wait due to the cost estimated to be between \$400-\$800.



Sewer Lines Being Installed on William Street in Wantagh

1979 - 45 Years Ago

February - After a flock of wild turkeys that appeared in Wantagh had grown to more than 20 birds, the State conservation officials began trapping them with plans to relocate them to Shelter Island. The turkeys roosted in trees overnight and left droppings on cars and houses. Some residents had complained that they were biting and chasing children, dogs and cats and stopping traffic. It was not unusual to see them along Wantagh Avenue. 📖