

The Information Window

Land Marking: Jackson Cemetery



On May 11, 2011, the Wantagh Preservation Society filed an "Application for Landmark Designation" with the Town of Hempstead, to obtain the above designation for the Jackson Cemetery.

Established in 1744, the cemetery contains the confirmed graves of 63 descendants of Robert Jackson. He, along with Captain John Seaman, came from Stamford, Connecticut and founded this community. In December of 1643, they purchased the area now known as Wantagh from local Native American tribes. This land transaction was legally documented in the Indian Deed of 1643, according to former Hempstead Town Historian Dr. Myron H. Luke, writing in Hempstead Town in Colonial Times.

According to Cemeteries of Old Wantagh, two veterans are confirmed as being buried in the Jackson Cemetery. The first is Thomas Jackson (12/24/1754-11/23/1842), who served during the American Revolution in the Continental Army's 4th Line and the Second New York Regiments. The second is US Army Brigadier General Jacob Seaman Jackson (05/22/1763-01/28/1829), who served during the War of 1812.

Wantagh Preservation Society President Tom Watson will formally present the application to and discuss it with the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission, at their next, as yet unscheduled, public meeting, expected to be held in September of 2011. The Jackson Cemetery is located on the east side of Wantagh Avenue (No address-Sec. 57, Block A, Lot 50), immediately north of St. Frances De Chantal RC Church (1309 Wantagh Avenue), and across the street from the King Kullen Supermarket (1340 Wantagh Avenue). 

Message Corner

By Tom Watson, WPS President

This is the first time that the Information Window is being distributed to our membership by email. Please feel free to forward the Information Window to anyone who might have an interest in receiving it. Unfortunately at this time we only have email addresses for about 30% of our membership. We are on the hunt for email addresses for the remaining 70%. If you know of someone who is a member and who has an email address please ask them to send their email address to me at watsoto3@verizon.net. When emailing the Information Window to our membership we will use the bcc function so that email addresses will remain confidential. Copies of the Information Window will be available in the back entrance lobby of the Wantagh Library.

If you haven't yet paid your 2011 membership dues please do so by filling out the membership form that is contained on the bottom of page 3 of this Information Window. If you know of someone who might want to become a member of the Society please forward this Information Window to them.

Thanks for your continuing support. 

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Upcoming Events:

2011 June 23, Trustee Meeting at the Museum

2011 July 4, Independence Day Parade

Please note: no general meetings in July, Aug & Sept

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**Museum is
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Wantagh Resident Turns 100

Feisty Margret Moscatar of Wantagh reached the one-century milestone last year on December 16! Born Yolanda Margarita Durante on Manhattan's Spring Street in 1910, she was one of thirteen children. After tying the knot with Gene Moscatar in 1934, Brooklyn became her new home. Soon after she and Gene were blessed with two daughters: Judy in 1936 and Patricia (a.k.a. Patty) in 1940.

In 1950, Margret and family moved to Wantagh, which at the time was a "tiny town" as daughter Judy put it. Since Wantagh had no High School in the early 1950's, Judy commuted by train to Amityville High School where she graduated in 1952 at the age of 15. Younger Patty, attended Sunrise Park School and Beech Street School. When Wantagh High School opened in 1955, she completed her education there and in 1957 became part of the second graduating class in WHS history.

Decades ago, it was tradition after the Wantagh Fourth-of-July parade, to hold a party at the Beach Street School. The festivities included running races for the kids and a dance completion for the more mature crowd. Well, Margret and Gene loved to dance – their specialties included the Charleston and Peabody. Circa 1953, the two "strutted their stuff" and hands-down won the dance competition. The

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Adventures of a Coach-Station

By Dick MacMillan, WPS Trustee

The Adventures are recorded in the 1974 Cookbook published by the Wantagh Preservation Society, which featured, not only recipes by contributing cooks, but small 'biographies' of local landmarks, with original sketches of how they looked before 1974.

To quote the text of the cookbook, "The Dutch Colonial farm house is a one-and-a-half story structure about 150 years old [in 1974]. The ceilings are low with original hand-hewn beams in the living room marked with Roman numerals. The fireplace mantle is a reproduction of one in Hadden Hall Inn, Pennsylvania. Doors and latches are original. The small 'eyebrow' windows on the second floor slide sideways into the wall.

"The home was the original waiting station for passengers wishing to board the coach to Brooklyn, when it was on its original site at the corner of Wantagh Avenue and The Merrick Road. At that time, the house was owned by Stephen and Matilda Hall, but on May 23, 1835, was sold to Alfred Wilmarth. When daughter Phoebe married Theodore J. Wells, the home became known as 'Wells Farm.' The property accompanying the farm extended along The Merrick Road west to Jones Avenue, then north between Jones and Wantagh Avenues to the present railroad right-of-way.

In 1902 the farmhouse was moved to Jones Avenue. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. John Form in 1942." Both Mr. and Mrs. Form were charter members of the Wantagh Preservation Society.

Those looking for the original site of the Coach-Station will note that the Wantagh Parkway has overlaid the original intersection of Wantagh Avenue and The Merrick Road, although the previous straight line of Wantagh Avenue can be visualized by continuation south to the Wantagh Marina and Park. 



Artist's Sketch of the Dutch Colonial Farm House

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prize - perfectly matched the spirit of the holiday - a big flat of red, white and blue chrysanthemums!

Margret worked much of her adult life. In the 1930's she did clerical work for American Express and in the 1940's, she worked as an expert seamstress. After her move to Wantagh, Margret continued to work while raising her two daughters. In the 1950's and 60's she was a sales person at the Woolworths in Freeport. As the 1960's came to a close, she held a sales position at Hess, an apparel boutique that once stood on Wantagh Avenue at the spot now occupied by Life Styles Sports. In the 1970's and 80's, Margret worked at the Island Office Supply, a petite stationery store in the McMurphy's Shopping Center.

Although her husband Gene passed in 1975, Margaret has been blessed with a growing family spread throughout New York, Pennsylvania and California. In addition to her two daughters, she now has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Today in her golden years, Margret still resides in the home she and her husband purchased in 1950, and is often visited by family and friends. If you plan on stopping in on this long-time Wantagh resident, please be advised that her favorite food is anything with chocolate. 

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2011 June

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Mark Your Calendar!

Independence Day Parade is July 4, 10:00 AM



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