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*Newsletter of the Documentary Heritage Program
Long Island Library Resources Council*

Documentary Heritage Program Workshops for the Fall 2010

Title: Introduction to the Arrangement and Description of Historical Records

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Antonia Mattheou, Archivist-Huntington Town Clerk's Archives

Place: Harborfields Public Library, 31 Broadway, Greenlawn, New York

15th Annual Archives Month Conference

Title: "*Long Island Entertainers and Their Legacies*"

Date: October 7, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Oheka Castle, Huntington, New York

Topic to be covered: Documentation of historical materials

Long Island has been the home of many famous entertainers from vaudeville times through the present. The conference will focus on documenting these Long Islanders who have not only entertained us, but whose philanthropic activities have helped those in need.

Guest speakers include:

- Michael Cogswell, Director of the Louis Armstrong House Museum
- Geri Solomon, Assistant Dean of Special Collections, Hofstra University, Joan & Donald E. Axinn Library
- A representative of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame

Please join us on Thursday, October 7, 2010 for the 15th Annual Archives Month Conference. which will be held at Oheka Castle, the once magnificent home of financier and philanthropist Otto Hermann Kahn. The castle which turned into a ruin due to years of neglect, has been returned to its former splendor by developer Gary Melius.

Invitations will be mailed in late August. If you are not on our mailing list, please contact the Regional Archivist at 631-675-1570 x 204 or e-mail: vantonuc@lilrc.org.

October is American Archives Month

American Archives Month is a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories around the nation to highlight the importance of records of enduring value. Archivists are professionals who assess, collect, organize, preserve, maintain control of, and provide access to information that has lasting value.

May 2011 to be the first *Long Island History Month*

May has been proclaimed as *Long Island History Month* by the Nassau County Clerk, Maureen O'Connell and the Suffolk County Clerk, Judith A. Pascale. We hope you will help celebrate this new occasion to showcase Long Island's wonderful history.

Welcome Floral Park Historical Society and Delancey Floyd-Jones Free Library

Two historic organizations have applied for LILRC membership, and upon Board of Trustee approval, will be added to the 23 historical materials repositories who are now LILRC members.

The Floral Park Historical Society is proud of its permanent collection, which includes the John Lewis Childs Collection. John Lewis Childs, the founder of Floral Park, was a prominent seeds expert. The collection is comprised of family photographs, postcards, documents, prints, several Mayflower magazines, and Childs seed catalogues. There are also local school materials, civil and service group albums, documents, oral histories, maps, slides, videotapes, photos, objects and artifacts that represent Floral Park life and history stretching over 140 years.

Delancey Floyd-Jones Free Library was established and built in 1896 by Colonel Delancey Floyd-Jones, and was the first free library on the south shore of Long Island. He donated his personal books to the library which was the only library in the Massapequas until the 1950's. It is maintained through a trust fund administered by a Board of Trustees.

The Library is located in the Historical Complex of the Historical Society of the Massapequas, a LILRC member, which includes the Old Grace Church, the Servants Cottage, and the Floyd-Jones Cemetery. The Complex is located on Merrick Road and Cedar Shore Drive in Massapequa.

History Corner:

Who was Delancey Floyd-Jones?

Delancey Floyd-Jones was born on January 20, 1826 in South Oyster Bay, New York, the fifth child of Major General Henry Onderdonk Floyd-Jones and Helen M. Watts. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1846, and participated in the Mexican-American War and the American Civil War. After the Civil War, he served in a variety of administrative posts including serving as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Idaho Territory. He retired from the Army in 1879.

After retirement, he became involved in the many social and military organizations he had joined over the years. He was an active member of the South Side Sportsman's Club here on Long Island, the St. Nicholas Society, the Loyal Legion of the United States, as well as a lifetime member of the Sons of the Revolution.

"Long Island Memories"- LILRC's Regional Digitization Program

Please visit www.longislandmemories.org to learn more about Long Island history and listen to the audio version of "Isle of Beauty," a whalemens song researched at the East Hampton Public Library by Stephen Sanfilippo when he was working on his PhD. Stephen and Susan Sanfilippo recorded and hold copyright (2010) for their version of the song. The Sanfilippo's have generously given copies of this song to the Long Island History Journal published by the Center for Global and Local History at Stony Brook University, and to the "Long Island Memories" Regional Digitization Program to share with the people of Long Island.

LILRC wishes to thank Stephen and Susan Sanfilippo for providing this historical treasure.

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