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## FOREWORD

This *Cumulative Index, 1937-1957* to the *Nassau County Historical Journal*, compiled by Edward J. Smits in 1958, has been converted into electronic form in 2014. Nassau County Historical Society (NCHS) Trustee David R. Doucette scanned and converted the text from the original printed edition. We omitted from that version the inside front cover (listing 1958 NCHS officers, trustees, meeting dates, and membership dues) and substituted this Foreword. Also omitted was information about the *Journal*, which was on the inside of the original back cover; it is replaced here at the end with current information about the NCHS and the *Journal*. Otherwise editing was minimal; insertions in the electronic version are indicated by brackets [thus].

Edward J. Smits compiled this *Index* when he was Assistant Curator for the NCHS. He has been a trustee since 1963 and is currently a Vice President of the Society. He was a curator from 1955 to 1971 and Director of the Nassau County Division of Museum Services from 1971 to 1992. Since 1983, he has served pro bono as Nassau County Historian. He was Planning Coordinator of the Museums at Mitchel Planning Group, from 1994 to 2000, and Chief Executive Officer, Museums at Mitchel/Cradle of Aviation, from 2001 to 2004. He is the author of *Nassau Suburbia, U.S.A.* (1974) and articles in the *NCHS Journal*.

Some of the articles included in this *Index* were reprinted in later issues. Those more recent issues may be easier to locate. The authors and subjects whose reprinted articles are listed in the *Cumulative Index, 1958-1988* (also available on this website) include: Stanley Bergesen (Quaker School for Negroes); Robert Coles (L.I. Indians); George Combes (several articles on Hempstead); Wallace Davies (Privateering in Revolution); Harriette Norris (Powell Land Purchase); Julian Denton Smith (several articles); Louise Smith (LI Motor Parkway); and William Thomas (Plandome).

We trust this and our other indexes—as well as the articles themselves—will be useful to researchers and all those interested in local history.

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Bimonthly meetings, which present speakers and programs on various aspects of Long Island history, are held at different locations in the county. Some are held at historic sites and locations not usually open to the public. A dinner or luncheon is held in conjunction with our annual meeting in October. Members receive the Society's *Journal*, which has been published since 1937 (see below).

The Historical Society officially named its collection of books, pamphlets, maps, and manuscripts, the Jesse Merritt Memorial Library in 1957, honoring the man who had revived the Society in the 1930s and served as county historian for many years. The Society's collection was loaned to the Nassau County Museum in 1963. It now forms part of the Long Island Studies Institute reference collections at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, which is open to members and the public ([LISI@Hofstra.edu](mailto:LISI@Hofstra.edu); 516-463-6411).

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