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Parlor Society

REV. WM E. C. GUMBS, A. E. and pastor of A. M. E. Church at Amityville, is just organized a number of your ladies and gentlemen in a society called "the Pastors Parlor Society." It is an exhilarating to the Stewards Board.

[SOURCE: *The Christian Recorder*, August 23, 1900]

An Indian War on Long Island

[SOURCE: *New York Times*, June 19, 1871, Page 5]

A highly interesting and important suit is at present pending before Hon. B. W. Downing, referee, at Montauk, between the Montauk Indians and the proprietors, as they are designated, who claim that the land occupied by the Indians, and embracing some 900 acres on Montauk Point, belong to them. Two hundred and eleven years ago the point of land in dispute was purchased by Thomas Baker, Robert Bond, Thomas James, Lion Gardiner, John Mullford, John Hand and Benjoman Price of the wife of Wyandanch, then deceased and of her sons, WIANCOMBONE, ZOQUABONE, SHEBANOW, MASSAQUIT, YOMBO and GONTTOMAN, the consideration being f10 sterling per year for ten years. It seems that the Indians reserved some rights to the land which is now the question in dispute. At present the value of a share, of which there are 500, is \$500. These have been subdivided on account of the increase of the proprietors into eighths, and at present these eighth interest are scattered over the entire eastern end of Suffolk County. From time to time the trustees of the proprietors have obtained additional grants from the Indians, restricting the privileges of their tribe, a bond was given the proprietors in 1671 whereby the Indians agreed to forfeit f100 for each intermarriage with a Shinnecock Indian or a stranger. In 1719, another bond was given, stronger if possible for the same purpose, and in 1754, yet a third, so that the remaining thirty Indians of the Montauk Tribe are forced to intermarry with their own relations or loose what rights they inherited in their ancient hunting ground. Of late, as the number of Indians decreased, the arrogance of the proprietors increased.

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I spent last Sabbath with my friends at Amityville, N. Y., I had the honor of being their pastor last year. The forepart of the day was very pleasant, but in the evening it rained had. During the day the congregations were large, Coming from Bay Shore, Roslyn, Westbury, Babylon and other places, it being the second quarterly meeting occasion. The collection for the day were twenty one dollars, which made the pastor smile serenely. Yours for the Master, W. T. Osmun.

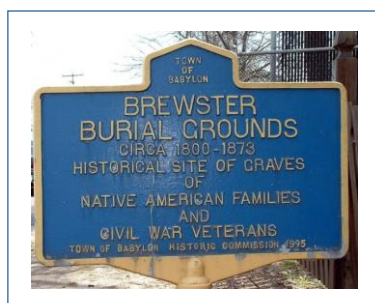
[SOURCE: [The Christian Recorder, November 24, 1898](#)]

Bay Shore, L. I.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM HOOPER and MESDAMES NATHANNIEL MOSLEY and KITCHEN of Vaux Hall, N. J., were the guests of MR. and MRS. ABEL RAINER, 5 William Street, last week.

MRS. ALFRED REED, 32 Harrison Avenue, who was confined to her bed, is much improved.

[SOURCE: [New York Amsterdam News, Oct. 28, 1931, Pg. 16](#)]



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While the land was worth a few hundred dollars, they could afford to let the red man live in seclusion and occupy their hunting grounds unmolested, and till their few acres necessary to maintain life during the cold Winter. But now things have changed – a half million dollars worth of property must not remain idle consequently an attempt is made to vigorously enforce the bonds restraining marriage that the race may become extinct sooner.

By the Governour

Vpon a Petition from *Richard ffloyde of Seatacott*, that having a parcel of Meadow Ground to the South in a certain Little Neck to the eastward of Unchecharge, Hee may have liberty to purchase the Vpland thereunto Adjoyning on the said Neck of the Indyans which may prove very convenient for his Future settlement and better Improvement of his Land there, These may certify that I have given Licence and Liberty to the s^d *Richard ffloyde* to purchase the said Land accordingly payment whereof to be made in open Sessions for that Riding and returned here to the Secretary's Office according to Law. Given under my hand in *New Yorke* this 12th day of February 1679-80.

Edmund Andros

[SOURCE: [Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, Vol. XIV, Weed, Parsons & Company, Albany, NY, \(1883\), Page 748](#)]

Poosepatuck Indians Win in School Fight

State Education Board Reverses Ruling on Aid for Pupils at Mastic Reservation
Special to the New York Times

MASTIC, L. I., AUG. 10. – The State Department of Education, Division of Indian Schools, has reversed itself, and as a result the one-room school house on the Poosepatuck Indian reservation in this village will reopen in September. It will not be necessary for the Moriches school district to provide accommodations for the eight pupils, who are descendants of the tribe that has been in possession of the 175-acre tract since the early part of the nineteenth century.

Although the State does not recognize the tract as a reservation, the reversal is taken as an indication that the school will be looking upon as an Indian school in the future.

The REV. ERNEST E. EELLS, pastor of the East Hampton Presbyterian church, has been notified of the State Education department's ruling. For months he has actively espoused the cause of the reservation residents and was the prime worker in the fight to keep the school open. Notice was sent to him by John B. Hague, director of the division.

Last April the Education Department announced that State aid would be withdrawn from the school. The fight was immediately taken to the Brookhaven town authorities. Mr. Eells made several trips to Albany, but the decision stood. More recently Mr. Eells sought a hearing. This was arranged by Assemblyman John g. downs and held on July 27. The decision brings about the reopening.

On receiving notice of this new turn Mr. Eells started another drive to have conditions at the reservation improve.

[SOURCE: [New York Times – Aug. 11, 1935, page N4](#)]

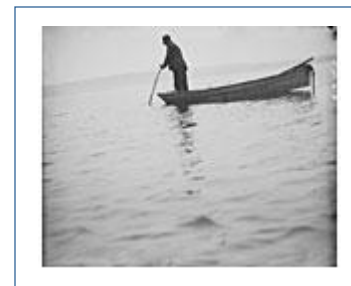
Amityville, L. I.

[SOURCE: *New York Amsterdam News*, Sept. 16, 1931]

Mr. and Mrs. COLTEE TYLER of Banbury Court had as their house guests recently MRS. DAISY SHELDON and her son from Richmond, Va. Mrs. Sheldon is a sister of Mrs. Tyler.

At a luncheon recently given in her honor were Mr. and Mrs. COLLIMORE and MRS. JOHNSON. Before returning home Mrs. Sheldon will visit in Manhattan.

Mr. and Mrs. JOSHUA COLLIMORE had a pre-Labor Day reception and luncheon at their residence in Banbury court. Among those present were MR. and MRS. CORNELIUS SLATER, MR. and RS. FOSS, M. MERCER, G. DICKERSON, P. SLATER, MR. and MRS. JOHN STEELE, MRS. H. DIVINE, MRS. MOORE, MR. and MRS. R DIVINE MR. and MRS. COLFER TYLER, MRS. A. PHILLIPS, MR. and MRS. BREWSTER, and W. SLATER, all of Amityville.



Joe Ward spearing eels - 1910 –
Poosepatuck

[National Museum of Natural History]

Hempstead, L. I.

[SOURCE: *New York Amsterdam News*, Sept. 16, 1931]

MRS. LUCY MYERS and daughters, MILDRED and MAY, recently returned from a two weeks vacation at Chaynesboro, Va.

The Harriet Tubman Community Club, Inc. held its literary meeting on Sunday, September 6, at the Union Baptist Church, Mill Road. A very delightful program was arranged by MRS. CARRIE BLANKS.

PAUL JONES, Hempstead's only colored postman, has returned from a business trip at Reno, Nev.

MRS. M. L. HARVEY and MISS GERTRUDE ROSS were the joint hostesses on Sunday afternoon, September 6, to Mr. and Mrs. H. HOUSTON, Misses HILDA and BARBARA HOUSTON, and DONOVAN HOUSTON, all of Newark, N. J.

RALPH SMITH and EDGAR SLATER left on Friday evening, September 4, for Blacksburg, Va., where they will join their wives.

Montauk Indians' Bill Recommitted

ALBANY, Feb. 27 -- The bill giving to the Montauk tribe of Indians right to maintain actions in court to recover certain tribal lands now in the possession of the Long Island Railroad Company was recommitted in the senate to-day for a hearing next Wednesday before the Judiciary Committee. Senator Keenan explained that while a hearing had been given last Wednesday he received to-day a request from other persons who desired to be heard. The bill will retain its place on the calendar.

[SOURCE: *New York Times* – Feb. 28, 1903, page 7]

Publisher's Notes

NEW CHARTER MEMBERS

- Elizabeth Thunder Bird Haile
- Linda Green Darden

Newsletter available at: <http://longislandgenealogy.com/LINandBNewsletter/LI.html>

LI Native & Black genealogies available at:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=sbrewsterw>



June Meeting at Poosepatuck 1912

[National Museum of Natural History]

1872 – June Meeting

The Shinnecock and Montauk Indians held their annual June festival yesterday. It was witnessed by hundreds of whites. Special trains being run over the Long Island Railroad.

[SOURCE: *New York Times*, June 3, 1872, Page 8]



Poospatuck relics & George Washington Coin
1909

[National Museum of Natural History]

Floyds of Smithtown

Penelope Floyd, a black woman is enumerated in the 1850 US Census in Smithtown, NY.¹ It is believed that there is a connection between Penelope and the Floyd property in Smithtown.² Nicoll's Will gave to his son William "...whaling tackling with all my Indians for that design with all my Negro or Indian servants on the Farm at South whether mal or femal that shall not be otherwise disposed of by me in after clauses of this my last Will and Testamentor...To his son Charles, he gave "...gave his farm in Smithtown (property of his mother) with all my servants there, whether Negro or Indian male or female..

1850 US Census - SMITHTOWN, NY Roll M432_601, page 131

Family #	Last Name	First Name	Age	Birth Date	Sex	Race	Occupation	Place of Birth
	Floyd	Penelope	68	1782	F	B		NY
	Floyd	Jemima	41	1809	F	B		NY
	Floyd	Dolly	28	1822	F	B		NY
	Floyd	John	21	1829	M	B		NY
	Floyd	Solomon	20	1830	M	B		NY
	Floyd	Almira	8	1842	F	B		NY
	Floyd	Susan	5	1845	F	B		NY

Jemima is probably the person mentioned as the wife of JEHIAL NORTON (b. 1799 – NY), who is found in the 1850 US Census for South Haven & Mastic, and is enumerated with his wife, JEMIMA NORTON (b. 1802 – NY), who is probably the JAMIMA mentioned in William Floyd's Will. SUSAN FLOYD, we find again in 1870 US Census along with her son HARRY S. FLOYD.³ HARRY is found in the 1880 US Census working as a servant in the household of Rhodaette Arthur's white family.⁴

1870 US Census - SMITHTOWN, NY - Household of John Rolph (wht)

Family #	Last Name	First Name	Age	Birth Date	Sex	Race	Occupation	Place of Birth
	Floyd	Susan	24	1846	F	B		NY
	Floyd	Harry S	9/12	1869	M	B		NY

1880 US Census - SOUTHAMPTON, NY - Household of Rhodaette Arthur (wht)

Family #	Last Name	First Name	Age	Birth Date	Sex	Race	Occupation	Place of Birth
	Floyd	Harry S	10	1869	M	Mu	laborer	NY

¹ 1880 US Census – Smithtown, NY, Roll M432_601, page 131

² *Nicoll* (1705-1755) the son of Richard II married Tabitha Smith. I have found two references to Tabitha's parents, first she was the daughter of one of the two daughters of Jonathan Smith and Sarah Brewster of Smithtown, and second that she was the daughter of William Smith.

³ 1870 US Census – Smithtown, NY, Roll M593_1101, page 145.

⁴ 1880 US Census – Smithtown, Roll T9_935, page 429.

More Families Enumerated as Indians in the 1860 US Federal Census

1860 US Census – Huntington (Amityville), NY Roll M653, Roll 864, page 423

Family #	Last Name	First Name	Age	Birth Date	Sex	Race	Occupation	Place of Birth
1897/2027	Squires	Leander	40	1820	M	I		NY
		Charlotte	35	1825	F	I		NY
		George H.	5	1855	M	I		NY
		Mariette	3	1857	F	I		NY
		Thomas	1	1859	M	I		NY
1896/2026	Miller	Isreal	35	1825	M	I	Farm Laborer	NY
		Margaret	30	1830	F	I		NY
		Henicella	13	1847	F	I		NY
		Augusta	15	1845	F	I		NY
		Alexander	12	1848	M	I		NY
		Robert	10	1850	M	I		NY
		Tredwell	8	1852	M	I		NY
		Sampson	6	1854	M	I		NY
		Thomas	6/12	1859	M	I		NY

1860 US Census – Dix Hills, Suffolk County, NY, Roll M653, Roll 864, page 347

	Steel	Hannah	19	1841	F	I		NY
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1860 US Census – Babylon, Suffolk County, NY, Roll M653, Roll 864, page 419 – enumerated in household of Ellis Strong (white farmer)

1865/1992	Steel	David	30	1830	M	I	Farm laborer	NY
	Jackson	John	30	1830	M	I	Farm laborer	NY

1860 US Census – Babylon, Suffolk County, NY, Roll M653, Roll 864, page 419

1866/1993	Steele	Mary	18	1842	F	I		NY
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1941 -- Selectees from New York Area Assigned to Camp Dix

FORT DIX – July 2 – Two hundred and forty-three colored trainees, recently inducted into the army, left Fort Dix by special train this afternoon for Fort Bragg, NC, where 148 will be assigned to the Field Artillery Brigade. While they were at Fort Dix, they were interviewed and classified at the Reception Center, took aptitude tests and received their uniforms and equipment.

AMITYVILLE, L.I., N. Y. – JOSEPH E. TRAVIS and WILLIAM A. STEELE

GLEN COVE, L. I., N. Y. – GODFREY W. SMITH

[SOURCE: [Amsterdam Star - News – July 12, 1941, page 1](#)]

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By becoming a charter member of the Long Island Native American Museum & Research Institute (LINAM&RI), you will provide direct support to LINAM&RI. Our mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history and genealogies of the Long Island (NY) Native American People. We have already submitted our paperwork for a New York State Charter to operate a museum and historical society on Long Island, N. Y. Our *vision* is to secure a physical location for LINAM&RI over the next 2-years at a site on Long Island, NY. At that time, our *mission* will be to create and present innovative public programs, provide outreach, resources, and raise money for an endowment. In the meantime, enjoy our monthly newsletter, which is delivered electronically over the internet!

Our benefits will change as we grew, as well as they will vary according to the level of your support. **Until May 1st, we will offer only one 2010 Charter Membership for \$15.00 with the benefit being our e-newsletter full of local history and genealogies.**

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