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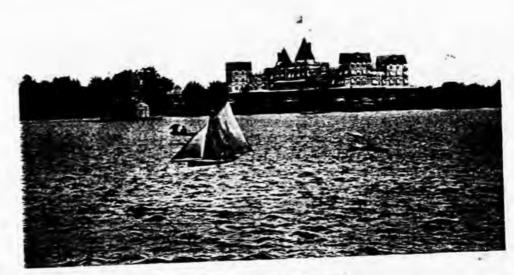


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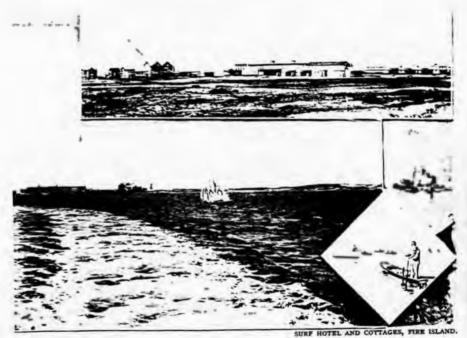
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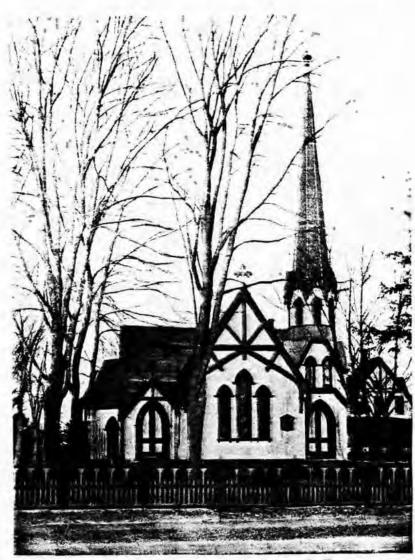




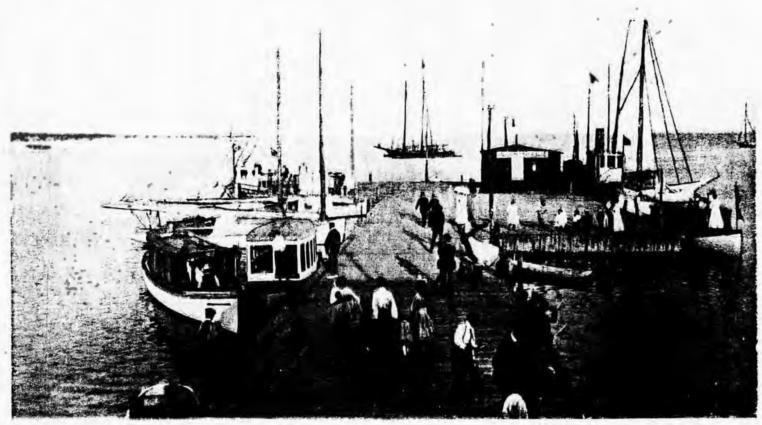
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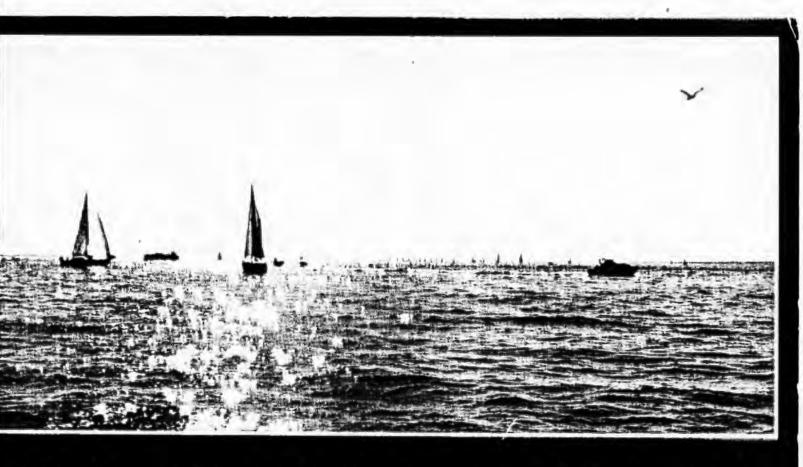
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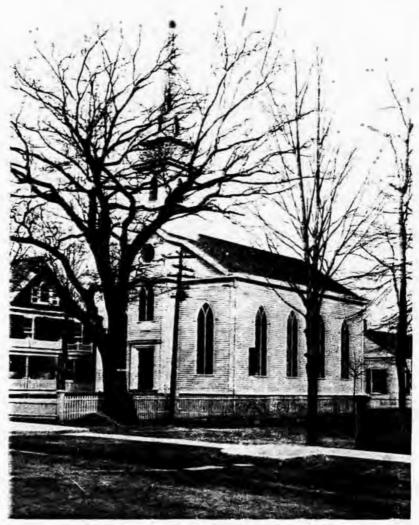
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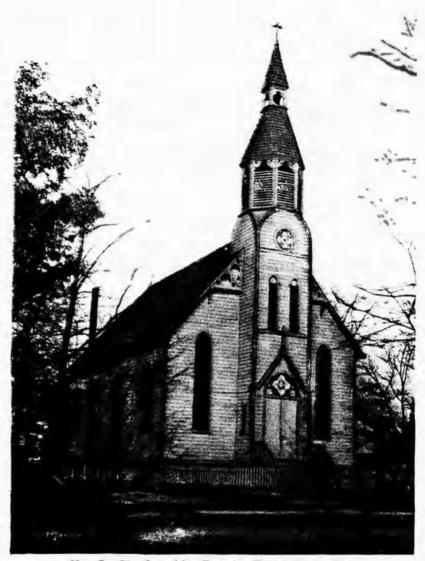
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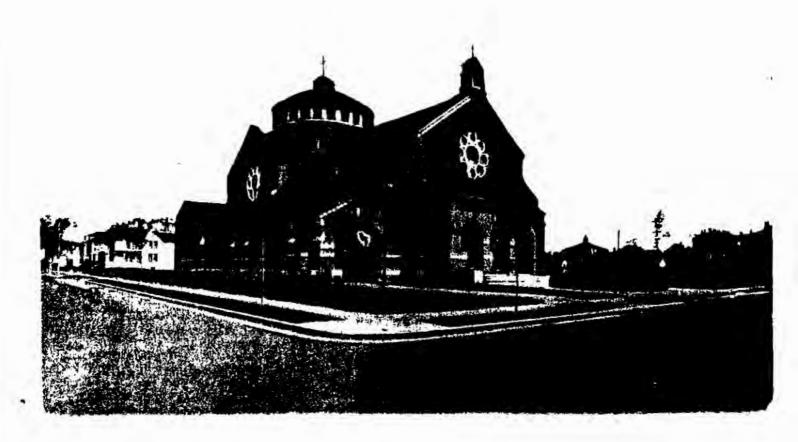


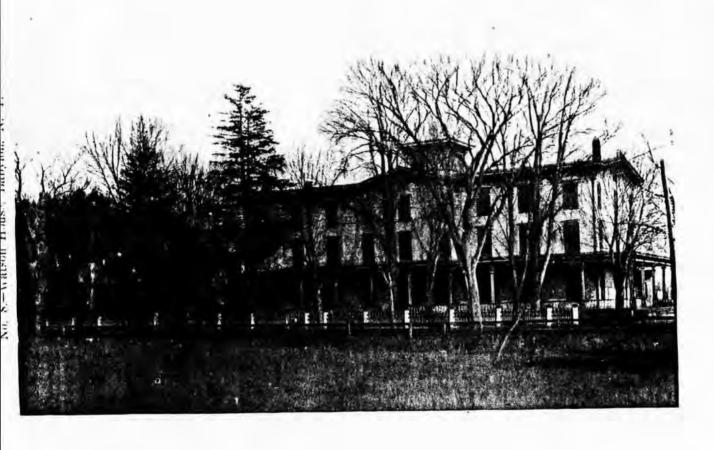
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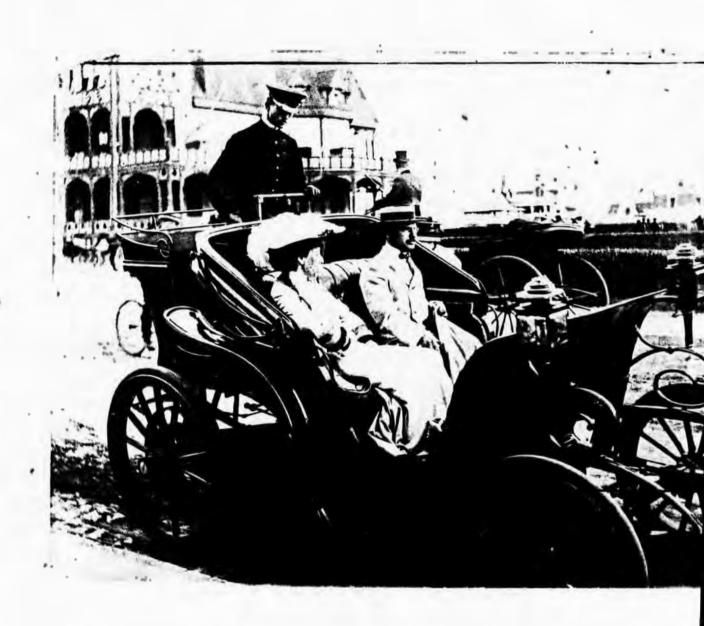


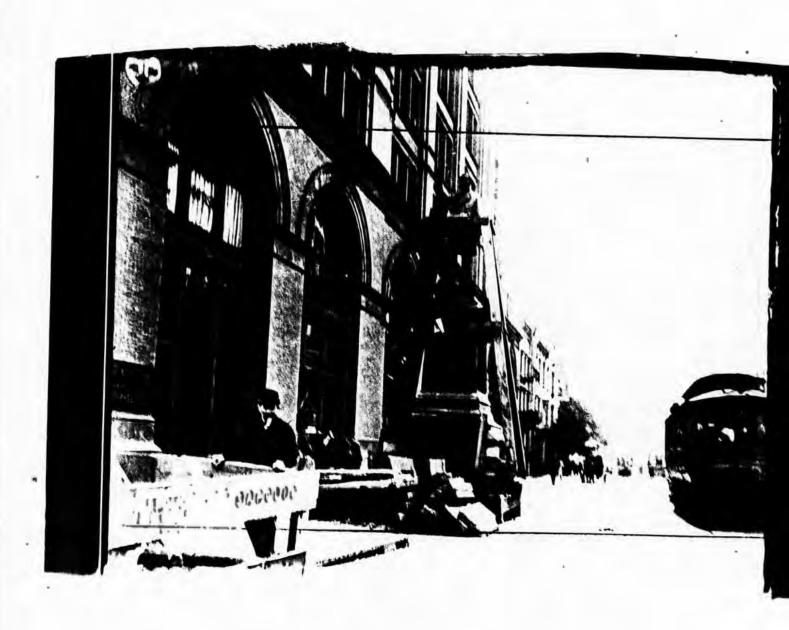
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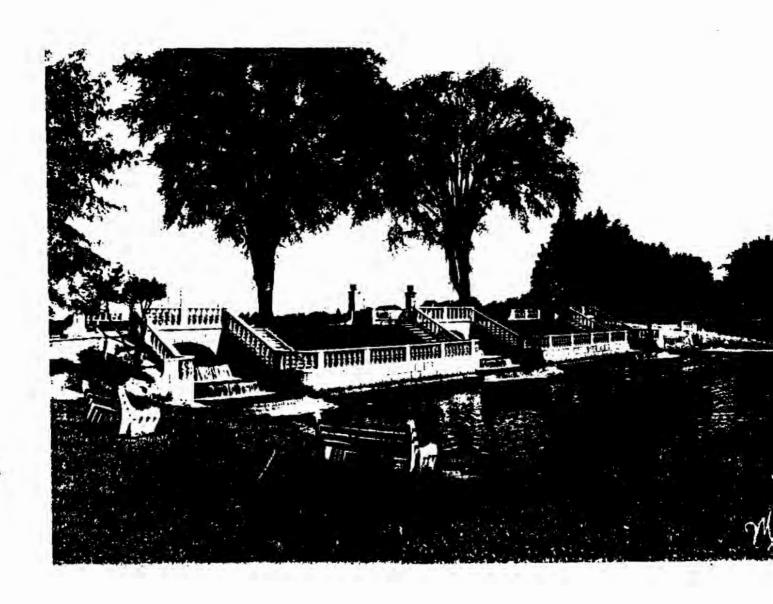


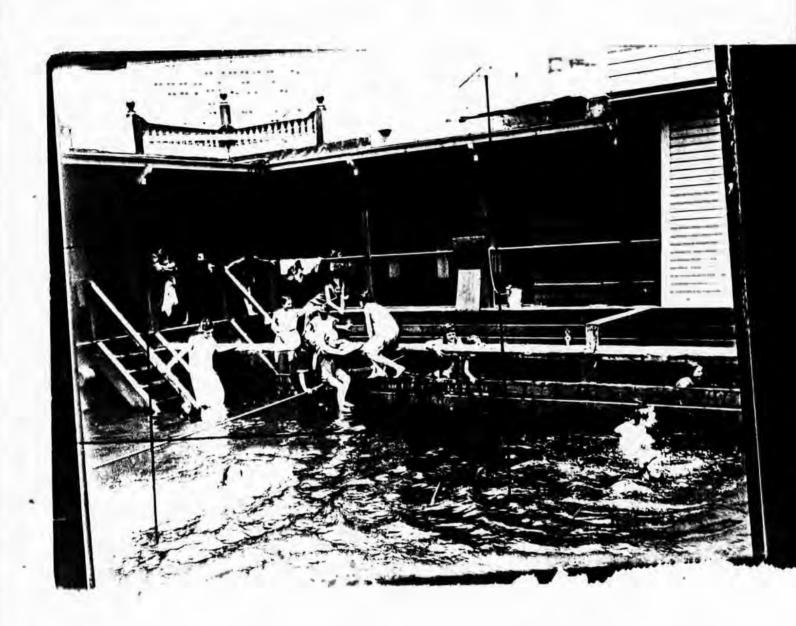


















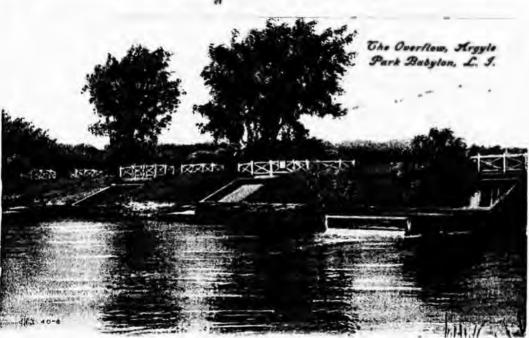




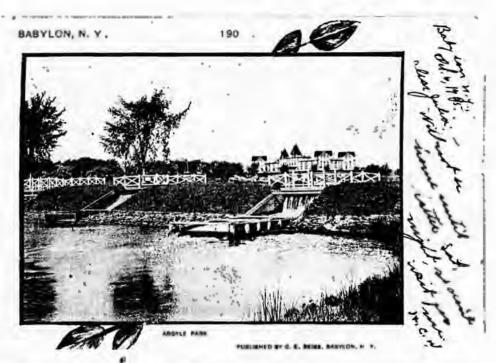
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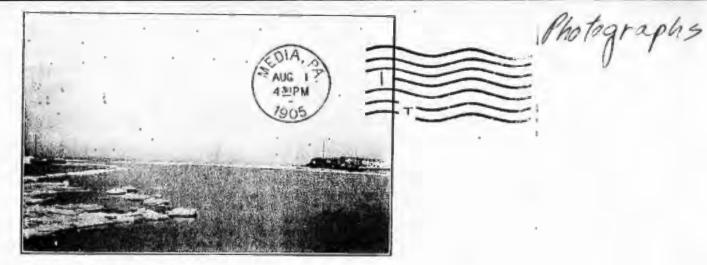












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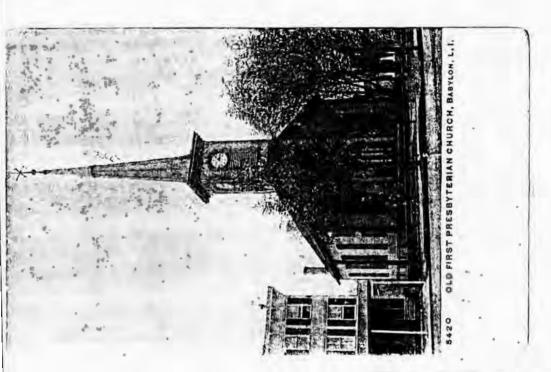
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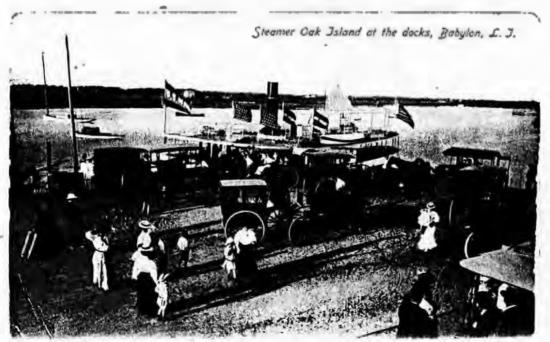


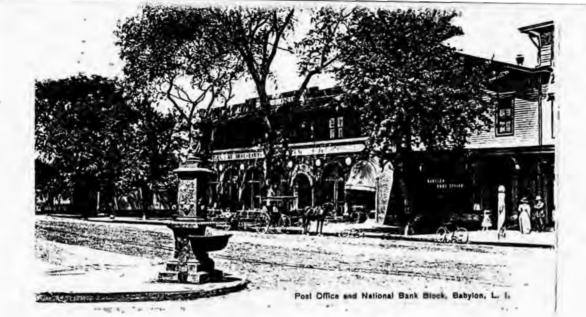


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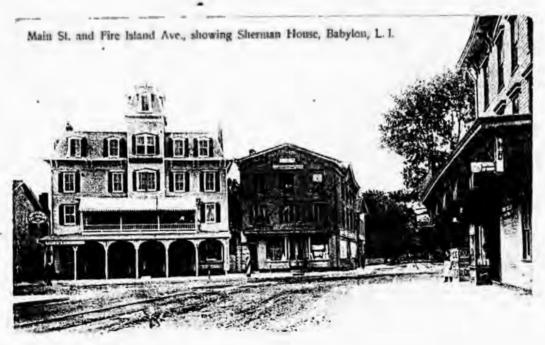










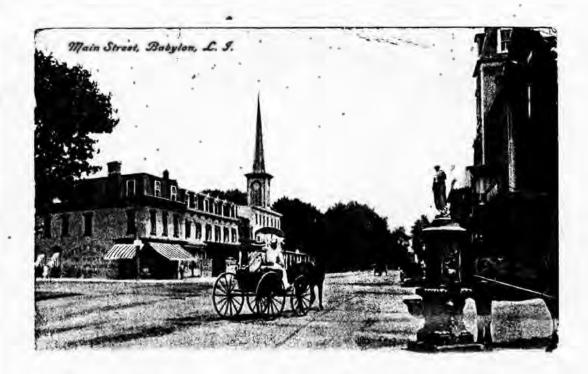




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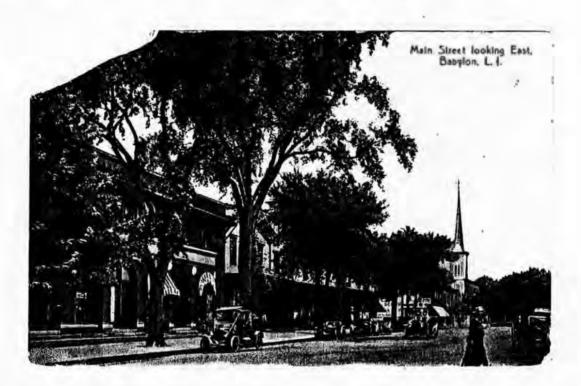
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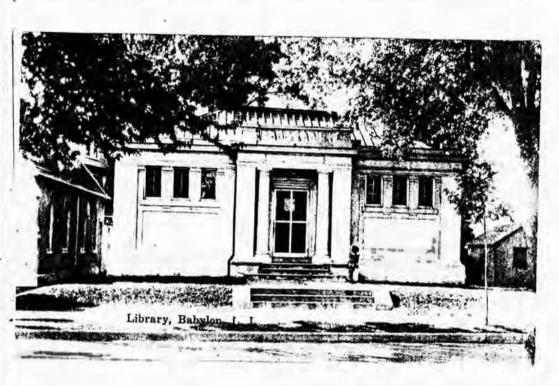


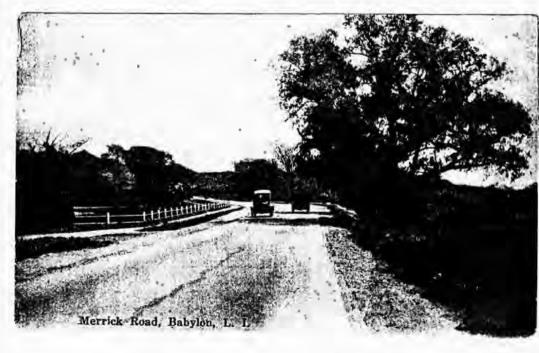
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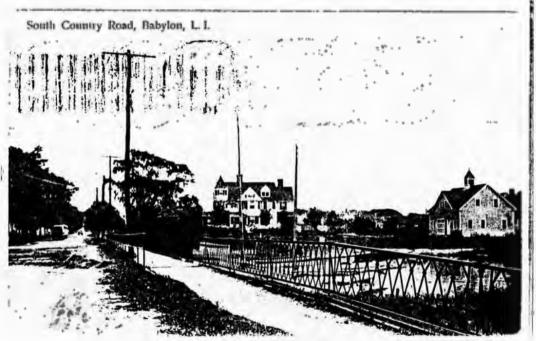








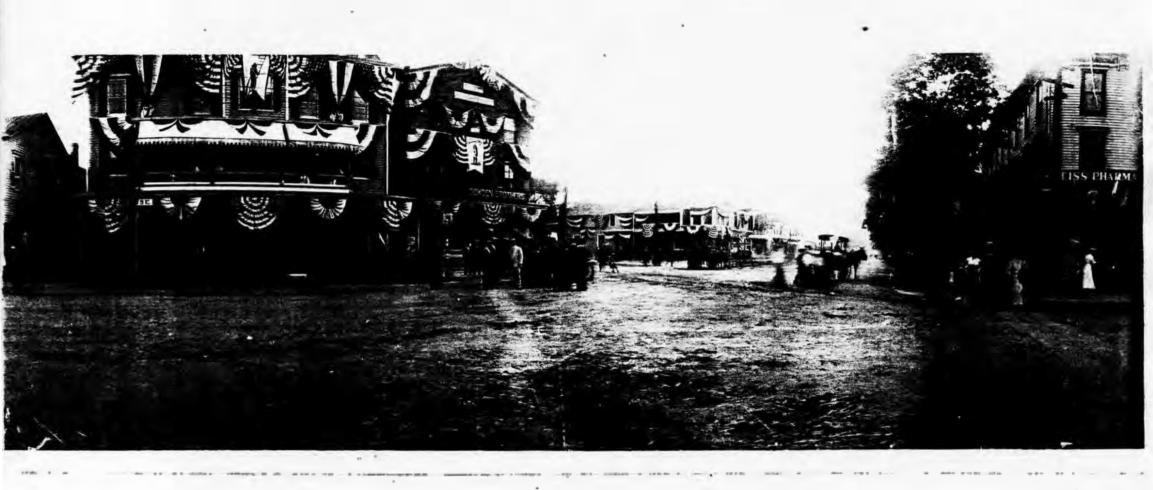


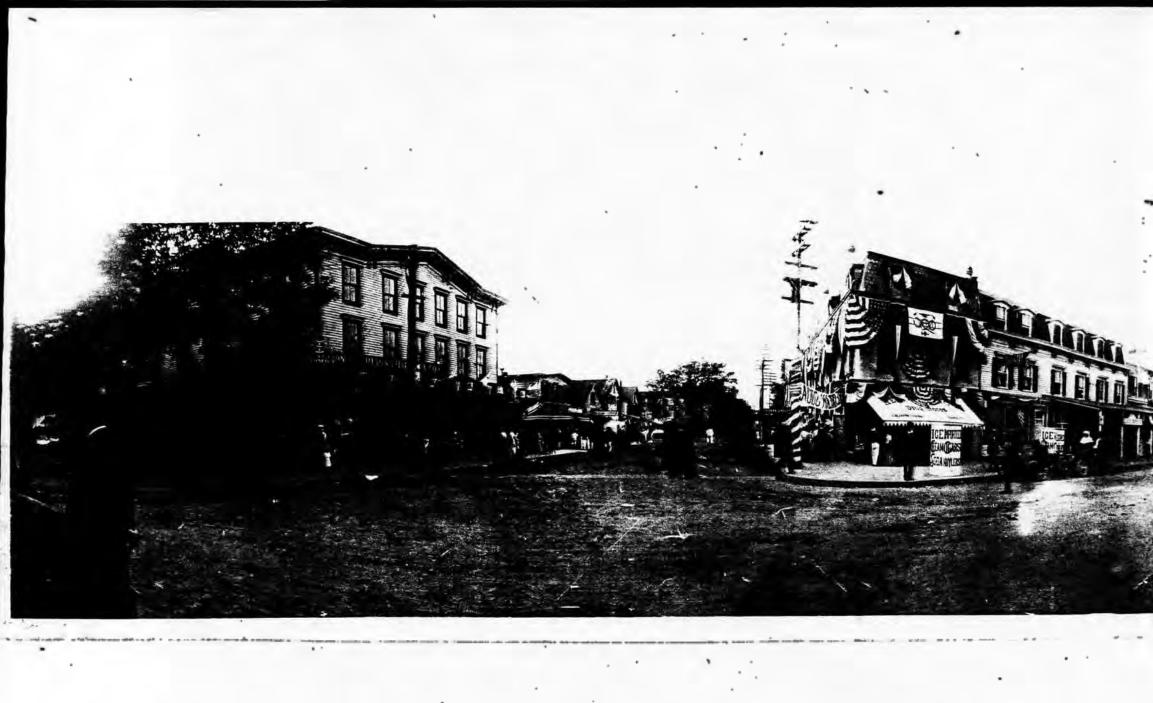




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Babylon American Legion Drum Corps, Robert Bunce, Dir.
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Lindenhurst High School, John Mango, Dir.
Farmingdale Agricultural & Technical School, George Butchinson, Dir.
Amityville High School, Robert Cleveland, Dir.
Babylon High School, H. Dudley Mairs, Dir.
West Babylon High School, Trevor M. Rea, Dir.
Huntington Jr. - Sr. High School, Rufus E. Kern, Dir.

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Equestrians

Frank Bailey Susan Le Ber Yvonne Mareley Barbara Morgan Hazel Morgan Martha Kroger Winifred Tanges Jack Tanges William Hart Virginia Hart Ginnie Hart Frank Soresi
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Arthur McCali
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Michael Magee
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Vincent Passalaqua
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FRANK "HOPALONG" BAILEY with "TARA"

This year marks the second time Grand Marshal Frank Bailey has led the Tulip Festival Parade on his favorite mare, pictured with him above. That he should be willing to ride again is a tribute to the tremendous influence of the youth of Babylon.

Down through the years, this solid citizen and businessman has not let his work interfere with his first love—horses. At the age of 14, his father gave him a little mare. Can't you just visualize the pride this boy took in earing for her? She was named "Tess", and as she responded to his love and care, became as much of a companion to him as a dog would be. Tess even followed him into the country greecry store and begged for her daily lump of sugar. Since Tess, there have been many horses to take her place, but none so well remembered. Not too long ago there were polo ponies. Joker and Blackjack, who played in games at the Meadowbrook Polo Field.

Today, Frank Bailey's every spare moment is spent with "Tara" and helping others in the care of their horses. It is his belief that every teenage boy and girl should be given the responsibility of a horse to care for themselves. He believes a youngster with a horse to take care of will lead a healthy outdoor life and will not have time to have the thought of getting into mischief.

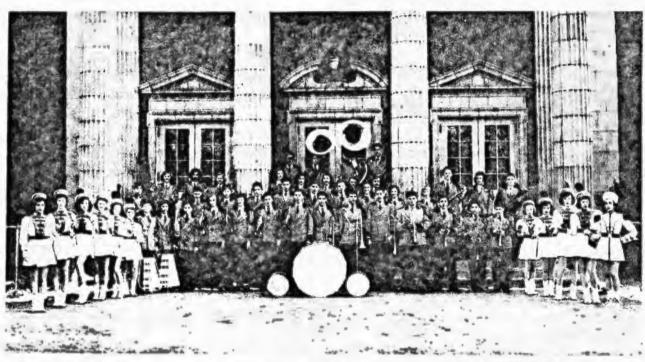
Remember the old saying, "There is something good about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man".

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The Tulip Festival Committee is indeed grateful to the bandmasters and musicians from the many area high school bands and colleges who have so willingly offered their services in making our parade and field events a success.

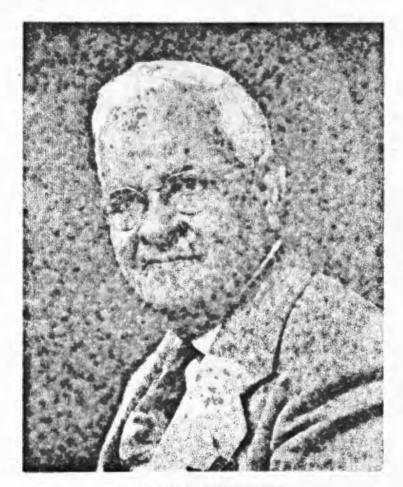
The bands and their directors will appear in the following parade order:

Farmingdale Agricultural & Tech. Institute director—George Hutchinson
Freeport High School ________ director—Dr. Maynard Wettlaufer
Huntington Jr. - Sr. High School _______ director—Rufus E. Kern
Amityville High School _______ director—Robert Cleveland
Lindenburst High School _______ director—John Mungo
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Meet the "Glamour Girls" of Long Island



Babylon, suh, is proud of its lovely girls, and presents with pleasure YVONNE MARCLEY, petite blue eyed blonge, scales 118, stands 15.3 hands. Yvonne, is a local Gal whose hobbies are riding, dancing, swimming and basketball. She is employed in the Print shop at Republic Aviation. Her greatest ambition is to be a trick rider with the Rodeo at Madison Square Garden. Pictured with Yvonne, is "Sunden" the Palimino colored horse she will ride in the Parade. Sundeo is six years old and was imported here from Oklahoma recently.

Baisylon isn't kidding about glamour girls. Here's another from the "Garden Spot of Long Island" BARBARA MORGAN. She weighs in at 130 pounds and stands 16.2 bands. This sparkling miss is presently employed as a Medical Secretary with Lederle Lab. in New York City. Her hobbies are riding, sailing, dancing, music and painting. She hopes, one day, to ride her own jumper at the annual Horse Show in Madison Square Garden. Barbara and her thoroughbred Palimino colored mare, "Golden Honey" will also be seen in the Parade. Honey comes from the breeding farm of R. E. James at Pond Creek, Oklahoma, and is five years old.



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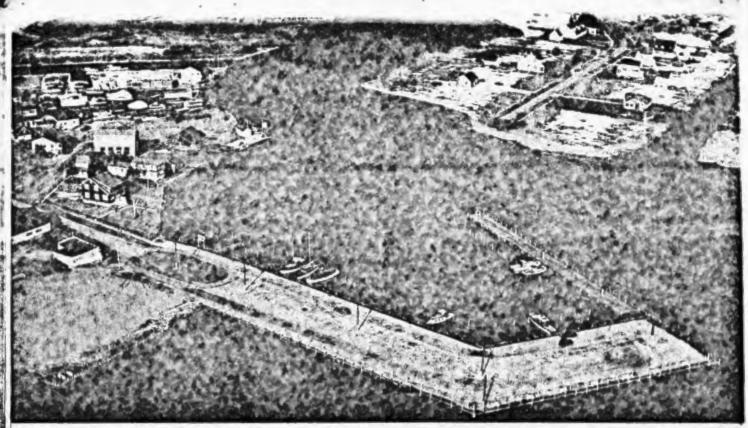
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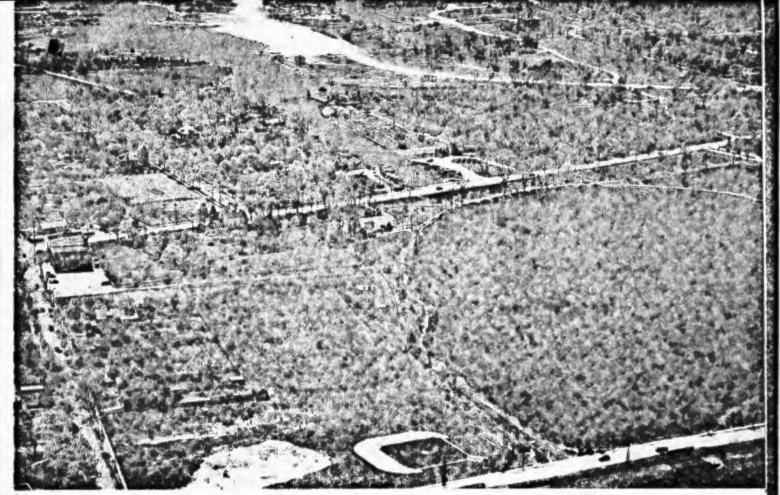


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THE VILLAGE OF BABYLON

Babylon is a Village of exceptional advantages and an attractiveness that ranks it as one of the most important and lovely villages on Long Island. Our town is the youngest of Suffolk's Ten Great Townships. Though settled in 1683 by a few intrepid Englishmen, who built cabins and set up their sawmills almost within sight of primitive Indian Wigwams on Sampawams Creek, it was not until 1872 that, by a Legislative Act, it ceased to be part of Huntington, and became an independent town. Mon tauk Highway was once a Royal Post Road where red-coated soldiers carried the mail in ten-mile relays over Suffolk's South Shore.

Babylon Village, the Town's seat of government, as well as its largest community, has every requisite for an all-season country address. Electric train service and super highways bring it within an hour's reach of New York. Its fine municipal and public buildings, its replete and orderly shopping section, and its alort police and fire departments all reflect a strong civic pride and able business administration. Babylon boasts two newspapers, many clubs, parks, banks, schools, fraternities, churches and airports.

The westerly approach to the Village is through beautiful Argyle Park, the lake and shore line of which were donated to the Village by the late J. Stanley Foster and which will be matched shortly on the east by a new Memorial Park now in process of transformation, into an area of surpassing beauty. The Babylon Bathing Beach close to the new dock boasts a pool 200 ft. x 80 ft. for the free use of our residents.

Babylon is noted for the acres of narcissus and tulips that are grown about Babylon, center of the East's bulb industry.

Belmont Lake State Park, containing 346 acres, is north of the Village. It consists of large pienic areas and nature trails. Rowboats and canoes may be hired for use on the lake.



MAYTIME IS TULIPTIME

"Maytime is Tuliptime in Babylon" and in May the community again takes on the aspects of a flowery fairyland as some 18-million of the classic blooms reach their majestic maturity in the region.

The entire community participates in the annual tulip festival with homes, parks, public buildings and vacant fields emblazoned with the multi-hued springtime flowers. Through the efforts of a joint community committee over 65,000 tulips have been planted around public buildings in the village and few are the homes that are not attractively bordered with similar plants to add to the color and beauty of the Maytime festival.

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PROGRAM

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Meet the "Glamour Girls" of Long Island



SUSAN LE BER and her horse "Geronimo", at the Circle L Ranch in Lindenhurst, L. I. Susan, age 12, was taught to ride by her Father, Herman Le Ber, who was an American Cavalry Captain in World War I. She takes care of her horse herself and feeds him mornings before going to school, January first, Geronimo had a Bir, hday Party. His cake was a huge roll placed on a red cabbage leaf, with 8 carrots sticking out of it. Geronimo's constant companion is a little kitten named Boots.

Another Glamour Girl from Babylon, now residing in Freeport, is JOAN MARIE BAILEY, daughter of Grand Marshal Frank Bailey. Joan Marie, a pretty brunette weighs 125 and stands five-three. She rides, swims and is a member of the Amateur Athletic Union of the Mincola Skating Rink. During the summer months, Joan Marie is an instructor at the Jones Beach Skating Rink on Sundays. This Gal just loves to "Dance on Skates". Both young ladies are riding in today's parade.



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THE PASSING PARADE

As it is the custom each year for the Babylon Tulip Festival Committee to award a prize for the most attractively decorated float, particulars of this year's entries are not available. For this reason, we are going to tell you a few interesting things about last year's parade.

The Tulip Festival Parade was led by the Grand Marshal, Frank Bailey, without whom it just wouldn't be a parade, on a beautiful pinto mare. Riding with him were William Albin and Frank Soresi,

First prize for the most beautiful float was awarded to the Babylon Lions Club. This float was decorated with a replica of a lion and their insignia, which consisted of 3,000 tulips and daffodils. Several very pretty girls also rode on the float.

The Babylon Business Women decorated a small horse trailer to represent a flower shop. There were real tulips growing out of the tiny flower boxes under gayly painted windows. Even a beautiful tulip sprouted out of the little brick chimney.

Benzing's Bakery entered a Wedding Cake on an old fashioned four wheel carriage. It was four tiers high, decorated with real sugar icing. A bride and groom were on the top.

The P.A.L. bays worked very hard on an unusual float. They had a huge baseball but ten feet long.

A replica of the Fire Island Lighthouse was the entry of the Babylon Leader. The Lighthouse can be seen from the Babylon Dock.

And then there was the old woman who lived in a shoe, she had so many children she didn't know what to do. This was the entry of the Grinnell Lithographic Co. A large Datch Shoe painted bright red was entered by our Chamber of Commerce,

The Babylon National Bank contributed a lovely while swan. The float had bundreds of real tulips in the decoration.

The First Presbyterian Church float was a replica of the Church, complete in every detail, even to the tower.

A Netherlands cottage with a little boy and girl in Dutch costume was entered by the Engineering Service.

Plesser's had a huge TV set.

Babyion Post #94, American Legion Auxiliary entered a windmill with children in Dutch costume.

A ship was the entry of the Rotary Club, Sailors abourd.

The Ford Motor Agency entered an old 1914 touring car which went along under its own power. Girls dressed in the fashion of that period were the passengers.

Mr. Joseph Ancona, whose business is Art Displays, entered his little daughter, 2-year-old Sheila, as the future 1964 Tutip Queen. His float was a windmill and she rode on the back in a garden with her rubbit, surrouncied by a little white picket fence.

Equestrians who rode their horses in the Parade were Mr. and Mrs. William Hart and daughter Virginia, of Brightwaters. Susan LeBer of Lindenhurst, Martha Kroger of Deer Park, Charles Reeves Jr. of Babylon, and many others whose names we do not have.

The Bands are listed elsewhere in this program.

HISTORY OF THE BABYLON TULIP FESTIVAL

Four years ago, the Babylon Rotary Club organized a Tulip Festival, at which time they advocated the planting of Tulips around the Village due to the fact that Babylon is one of the largest Tulip growing areas in this Country. Since that time, each year, other groups have joined in the effort, until today it is comparable to the Tournament of Roses held in Pasadena, California each year.

In May of each year, Babylon is ablaze with thousands of Tulips, Daffodils and other flowers. People come from all over just to drive through our Village and visit our Parks to see these displays.

Each year everyone cooperates in putting on a tremendous Parade for your enjoyment. Last year's parade took one hour to pass. There were beautiful floats decorated with Tulips and pretty girls, many bands costumed in brilliant colored uniforms, and horses with riders in western apparel. Also, on this day, a lovely girl is crowned as our Tulip Queen. You will see her on a float with her attendants. Immediately following the parade each year, coronation ceremonics take place at the Athletic Field. An exhibition is put on by the bands and well known Celebrities will be there to entertain you.

To wind up the day's festivities, a semi-formal cance is held in the evening at the American Legion Club House on Little East Neck Road, Babylon, in honor of the Queen. Music by Jimmy De Jesu and his Band. Admission, \$2,00 per couple. Everyone is invited.

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establish Jones Beach part. He also helped the village design and build its own park and marina.

In 1934 Robert Moses was the hero of a rally supporting his Republican candidacy for New York Governor against Democrat Herbert Lehman. A parade of bands, drum corps, and cars went out to Moses' house, picked him up and escorted him to the high school auditorium.

A crowd of nearly 3,000 people listened to shouts of "You can't lose Bob," and other campaign slogans. But he did lose and never ran for office again.

Babylon, Village is also noted for Argyle Park, which consists of 70 acres of high ground, 25 of which are surrounded by a lake.

J. Stanley Foster, a Babylon resident, donated Argyle Lake in 1922 and several acres of surrounding land to form a Memorial Park honoring veterans of past wars. His sister. Caroline F. Savidge, and the village government, made later additions to the park, which now includes a boat basin and a band shell for summer concerts.

The Village of Babylon with all its growth and changes still remains a highlight of the Sunrise County.

Clean the Closets! Appraisal Day is Near

Paraphernalia deeping on shelves and resting inside closets may want to appear at Appraisal Discovery Day in Babylon Village on March

For a \$5 fee, items will be appraised by experts of the Phillips Fine Arts Auctioneers of New York. Perhaps the paintings and silverware you've been neglecting could turn out to be valuable!

If the items are cumbersome to bring, appraisals will be done from photographs.

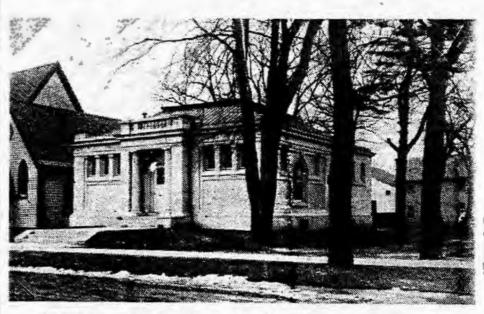
This event is presented by

the Village of Babylon Historical and Preservation Society. All proceeds will benefit this organization.

Appraisal Discovery Day will take place from 12-5 p.m. at the Village Municipal Building, 153 W. Main St. in Babylon, N.Y.



A VIEW OF MAIN ST. from an early postal.



THE BABYLON LIBRARY, now the home of the Village of Babylon Historical and Preservation Society.

An Ancient Bubylon Structure

Jessico Merritt Griffiths

NOTEONLY are Cabylon commuters baying to adjust to the convent vailroad upheaval of the present construction of a new elevated station and tracks' construction, but also many owners of adjacent preperties are feeling the effects, their very survival threatened by the change.

Just one of these concerned is the venerable old Red Cross Chapter House, one of Babylon village's most ancient structures, which at latest reports will remain basically intact at its present location on 280 Deer Park Avenue.

The nearly 160 year old edifice, built by Nathaniel Conklin, early settler from the Dix Hills, originally stood on the northeast corner of Deer Park Avenue and Main Street, known in the early times as South Country Read. The house later became the property of Mrs. T. Platt Carll, who relegated one end to storekeeping.

A stone from the original chimney breast, now on permanent display in the Babylon Public Library, bears the carved date 1803 with the name "New Babylon," this apparently the earliest record of this name, all previous references calling the village "Huntington South."

Tradition has it that Mrs. Conklin, mother of the early village settler, designated this section between the Sumpwams and Carll Rivers as such from the biblical reference in Psalms: "By the waters of Babylon where we sat down; yea we wept, when we remembered Zion." She was concerned about a tap room close by to her son's new home and feared the influences in the new community.

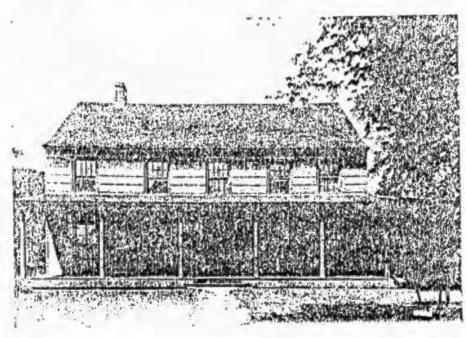
When the house was moved North in the 1870's the Carll property had been purchased by David S. S. Sammis and the chiseled stone removed by a loyal citizen, Sidney Scaman, who kept it in his garden for many years. His daughters, the Misses Jessie and Emma Scaman, later turned it over to the library for safekeeping.

After the move up Deer

Park Avenue the structure became known as the Washington Hotel, where it housed guests from the railroad for years, the line along the South shore having been completed in 1867. A roundhouse was in active existence just east of the Hendrickson Lumber yard now going out of business. The president of the Long island network, Austin Corbin. lived in North Babylon, and the station was a thing of beauty with handsome victorias drawn by handsome steeds to the well-maintained depot.

Many decades later, though still the property of the Sammis descendants, the Washington Hotel seems to have been abandoned, to remain empty for about 15 years until the time of the Second World War.

However, in 1936, the uninhabited bandmark was recognized in the Historic American Buildings Survey as so fine an example of early architecture that its measurements and pertinent historic data are now on re-



The Nathaniel Couklin House in Babylon New The Headquarters of The Local American Red Cross Chaper.

cord in the Library of Congress at Washington.

During the busy times of World War II the Babylon Town Chapter of the American Red Cross was permitted to use the premises through the generosity of the owners, the David S. S. Sammis descendants.

An account by Mrs. Edna B. Ketcham describes making the long vacant house once again ready for use: "Never will i forget my call for cleaners for the old house. They came with their own brooms and cleaning cloths from each Branch (of Red Cross) and when they finished it was dirt free. If that night the fire whistle had blown, Mrs. E. W. Howell and I would have faded out, for we left exterminating candles burning in every room!"

In 1945 the historic building was presented to the American Red Cross for the facilities of Babylon Town Chapter (with the transfer of title in October of that year) as a memorial to the late Mrs. David S. S. Sammis and her daughter, the late Mrs. Washington F. Norton.

A bronze plaque outside the door reads: "This property is a gift to the American National Red Cross in memory of Antoinette Wheeler Sammis and her daughter Emeline Sammis Norton, from their heirs." These were: Mrs. E. Norton Ifasbrouck and Dudley Norton of Babylon and their sister Mrs. Helen Norton Weeks of La Jolla, Calif.

A close examination of the fine old landmark uncovers the main timber supporting the roof as a single piece measuring 7" by 9" by 45 feet in length. There is absolutely no evidence of roof sag and the framing is in good condition with no reported distortion. Nails may be seen in the timbers where one can imagine hams hanging in an earlier day.

But how is Nat Conklin's residence adjusting to modern civilization's requirements a century and a half later? The eventual temporary route of the railroad tracks demands that a small section of Babylon's heritage go permanently, the little rear wing; while just a part of the Red Cross canteen room and back kitchen will be lost for only three years, during the elevated construction. Otherwise the historic structure continues its service loyally in housing the Babylon Town Chapter's current Red Cross activities in perfect adjustment to latest 20th century conditions.



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Babylon Named 190 Years Ago

By Stewart M. Aldrich

HE VILLAGE of Babylon was settled in 1689 and incorporated in 1893-1894. Until 1872, when Babylon Town was formed, it was known as Huntington South. Nathaniel Conklin built his house on the corner of Main Street and Deer Park Avenue in 1803.

His mother termed her new home "Babylon," prompted by a biblical quotation: "By the waters of Babylon there sat we down; yea we wept, when we remembered Zion," for she was most unhappy when she compared this lonely place to the fine Dix Hills home she had left.

Other Conklins, however, said she really was not happy in a spot where her grand-children would be brought up with a tavern as their neighbor. But the son was not as troubled. He thought the place would be a "New Babylon" and that's what he had inscribed on a stone in front of his house.

During the Revolutionary War, from 1776 to 1783, Long Island was occupied by British troops who imposed martial law and built forts and garrisons, taking over rooms in houses and forcing residents to support them and their horses.

When the railroad reached Deer Park in 1842, Babylon boomed and a stagecoach connected it to the railway. When the railroad arrived in Babylon Village in 1867,



A postcard showing the Babylon Village Center around the turn of the century

the village became a thriving resort area.

This year as Babylon celebrares the 100th anniversary, some old buildings have survived: the Presbyterian Church Complex 1783-1870, the 1859 Methodist Church, the 1801 House, the 1803 Nat. Conklin House (now home of the

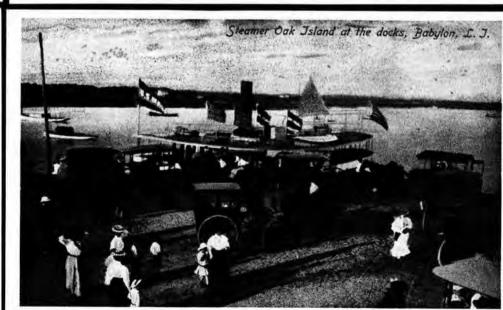
Red Cross at 280 Deer Park Ave.), the 1826 Julia Carll House, a few cottages in Argyle Park and some earlier houses on Fire Island Avenue, Prospect and Willow Streets.

Stewart M. Aldrich is the historian of the Village of Babylon.





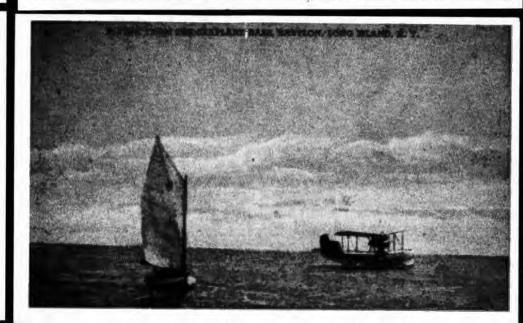






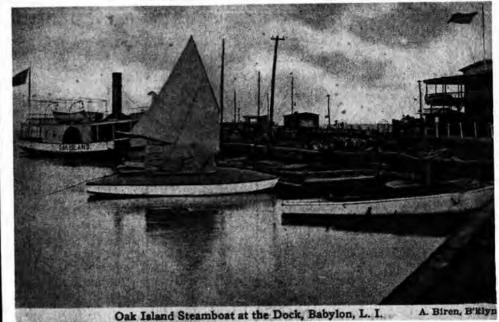


















AN OVERVIEW OF BABYLON VILLAGE

- I. Location-Approximately 40 miles east of New York City on the south shore of Long Island, situated on the Great South Bay.
- Transportation
 - A. Major roads
 - 1. Montauk Highway
 - 2. Deer Park Avenue
 - 3. Route 231
 - B. Taxi Service
 - 1. Sunset Taxi
 - 2. Tracy & Bosch Taxi
 - C. Bus lines
 - 1. Babylon Transit Inc.
 - 2. Utility Lines
 - 3. Suffolk Bus Corp.
 - 4. Educational Bus Transportation Inc.
 - 5. Stage Coach Lines Inc.
 - D. Long Island Railroad

Economic Life

- A. Factories and manufacturers
 - 1 coat factory
 - 2. 1 dress factory
 - 3. I sweater factory
 - 4. 1 lighting fixtures factory
 - 5. 1 sail boat builder
- Wholesale distributors
 - 1. 1 fruit distributor
 - 1 fruit, vegtable and canned goods distributor
 - 3. 1 fish distributor
 - 1 clam distributor
- C. Retail stores
 - 1. 3 grocery stores
 - 2. 3 delicatessens
 - 3. 2 butchers
 - 4. 1 dairy store
 - 5. 1 beer and soda outlet 6. 4 liquor stores

 - 7. 3 bakery shops 8. 3 drug stores

 - 9. 8 clothing stores 10. 5 used clothing stores 11. 2 jewelry stores

 - 12. 1 luggage and handbag store
 - 13. 2 stationery stores
 - 14. 2 furniture stores
 - 15. 1 office equipment store
 - 16. 4 gift shops

 - 17. 3 antique shops 18. 1 record and hobby shop
 - 19.11 auto glass store
 - 20. 3 sporting goods store
 - 21, 2 florists
 - 22. 1 book store
 - 23. 2 five & dime stores
 - 24. 1 pet shop
 - 25. 1 canvas goods store

26. 2 paint stores

27. 2 appliance stores 28. 1 lumber company 29. 1 ceramios shop 30. 1 knitting supply shop 31. 3 car dealers 32. 2 boat supply stores 33. 1 auto transmission dealer D. Service stores 1. 5 dry cleaners/launderers 2. 6 gas stations 3. 4 barber shops 4. 4 beauty parlors P. 5. 1 locksmith shop 6. 1 shoemaker shop 7. 2 photographers ... 8. 1 bike repair shop 9. 1 tuxedo rental store 10. 2 printing shops 11. 1 interior decorator shop 12. 2 travel agents 13. 1 TV repair store 14. 1 small appliance repair store 15. 3 boat yards 16, 1 loan association 17. 1 movie theater 18. 1 hotel E. Professional people/services, other than health related . 34 lawyers 2, 6 engineers .. 3. 5 public accountants 4. 7 real estate agents 5. 14 insurance agents 6. 1 private detective agency 7. 3 banks P. Professional people/services, health related 1. 21 doctors 2. 14 dentists 3. 1 optometrist 4. 2 opticians 5. 4 ohiropractors 6. 2 podiatrists 7. 1 medical laboratory G. Servers of food and beverages 1. 4 restaurants 2. 4 luncheonettes 3. 8 bar and grills 4. 2 diners 5. 1 ice cream shop 6. 1 clam bar 7. 1 pizza and hero parlor 8. 1 catering establishment IV. Local Government A. Village election day-3rd Tuesday in March B. Village office-153 West Main Street, Babylon, N.Y. 11702 669-1500 C. Village officials 1. Mayor a. Gilbert C. Hanse b. Duties- to see that the village ordinances are enforced, and that the various village departments, i.e., the Highway Dept., are functionally properly. 2. Board of Trustees

a. Members-Lane H. Foreman, John T. Morris, Jr., Robert J. Wilbur, Peter O. Rasmussen b. Duties-To approve the village budget, to award bids for village projects and buildings, to vote on village ordinances and regulations, and to establish policies for the use of village facilities, i.e., the village pool.

3. Treasurer-Bert V. Strandberg 4. Village Clerk-Mrs. Anita Baxter

5. Village Counsel-Wilbur H. Schneider

Village Planning Board-Approves building in the village.

7. Village Zoning Board of Appeals-Hears cases presented by village citizens who wish to obtain property or building variances.

D. Law enforcement-Babylon Village is within Precinct #1 of the Suffolk County Police Force. A substation of this precinct is located on the corner of Main St. and North Carll Avenue in Babylon Village. Expenditures and taxes for fiscal year 1973-1074

APPROPRIATIONS	GENERAL FUND	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Legislature	\$ 10,000.00	REVENUE	\$ 10,000.00
Judicial	\$ 19,611.00	SHARING	\$ 19,611.00
Executive	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00
Finance	\$ 20,088.00		\$ 20.088.00
Staff · ·	\$ 64.034.00		\$ 64.034.00
Shared Services	\$ 54,148.00		\$ 54,148.00
Special Items	\$ 60.00.00		\$ 60,000.00
Public Safety	\$ 99,473.00	\$16,000,00	\$115,473.00
Health /	\$ 32,400.00		\$ 32,400.00
Transportation	\$275,527.00	\$28,000.00	\$303.527.00
Culture & Recreation	\$ 95.288.00	\$10,000.00	\$105,288.00
Home & Community .:			************
Service	\$230,090.00		\$230.090.00
Employees' Benefits	\$143,600.00		\$143,600.00
Debt Service	\$155,613.00	\$20,190.00	\$175,803.00
Total	\$1,267,872.67	\$74,190,00	\$1,342,062.67
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Less Estimated Revenue \$377.333.07 Less Federal Revenue 3 74,190.00 Sharing Appropriated Fund \$ 10,000.00 Balance Total Estimated

\$421,523.07 Revenues \$920,539.60 Balance of Appropriations To Be Raised By Taxes \$34,220,803.00 Tentative Assessed Valuation Tax Rate Per \$100.00 of Assessed Evaluation 2.69

V. Community planning 1960 to present

A. Rezoning residential areas for revision of business and industrial zones within the village.

B. Establishment of a multi-family zone which clearly requires a one-acre lot as the minimum size for a multi-family dwelling.

C. Erection of a new firehouse.

D. Establishment of a new parking lot.

E. Increase of income-producing berths with the acquisition of waterfront property.

VI. Religious Activities/Churches

A. Bethel AME Church-50 Cooper St.

B. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church-54 George St.

C. Ebenzer Baptist Church-33 Cooper St. D. Christ Episcopal Church-12 Prospect St.

1. Organizations a. St. Anne's Missionary Guild b. St. Monica's Guild c. Episcopal Young People's Fellowship Cross of Christ Lutheran Church-Deer Park Ave. & Clinton St. 1. Organizations a. Youth Groups b. Volunteers to Melville State School c. Women's Society d. Adult Society Group e. Association of Retarded People f. Senior Fellowship g. Sewing Group for Cancer Bandages F. First Baptist Church of Babylon-300 West Main St. 1. Organizations a. Pioneer Girls b. Christian Service Brigade c. Adult Fellowship d. Youth Group for Jr. high school students G. Methodist Church of Babylon-21 James St. 1. Organizations a. Youth Group b. Drama Club c. Couples Club d. Boy Scouts e. AAA f. Al-Anon g. Golden Age Club H. Presbyterian Church of Babylon-79 East Main St. 1. Organizations a. Adult Group b. College Student Group c. Senior Citizens Club d. Pioneer Girls e. Boys Brigade f. Women's Bible Club I. St. Joseph's Homan Catholic Church-40 Grove Pl. 1. Organizations a. Catholo Daughters of America b. Golden Age Club c. Youth groups J. Seventh Day Adventist-136 Fire Island Avenue K. Congregation Beth Sholom-441 Deer Park Ave. 1. Organizations a. Sisterhood Organization VII. Recreation A. Movie Theater B. Summer band concerts in the village band shell C. Babylon Village Pool D. Fishing and boating E. Ice skating on Argyle Pond F. Church sponsored outings and dances VIII. Schools A. Public-Babylon Union Free School District #1 1. Babylon Jr.-Sr. High School 2. Babylon Memorial Grade School 3. Babylon Elementary School B. Babylon Union Free School District #1 Budget

Frivate or Parochial Schools 1. St. Joseph's Parochial School, grades 1-8 2. 7th Day Adventist Grade School 3. Methodist Church Nursery School 4. Babylon Beauty School 5. Biltmore Beauty School 6. Biltmore Barber School 7. Barbizon Modeling School 8. Pat & Lyn Valley School of Dance D. Library-Babylon Public Library, 24 South Carll Ave. IX. Health A. Professional offices 1, 21 doctors 2. 14 dentists 3. 1 optometrist 4. 2 opticians 5. 4 chiropractors 6. 2 podiatrists B. Medical Laboratory-G. J. Fava, 339 Deer Park Avenue . C. Emergency ambulance service offered by the Babylon Village Fire Dept. D. Babylon Village Narcotics Guidance Council-288 Deer Park Ave. E. Alcoholics Anonymous sponsored by the Methodist Church of Babylon X. Provisions made for special groups A. Adult homes for the elderly 1. Babylon Beach House-23 Yacht Club Rd. 2. Bayview Rest Home-143 East Main St. 3. Laurel Haven Rest Home-238 Fire Island Ave. 4. Little Flower Residence-163 North Carll Ave. B. Satellite Program for Veteran's sponsored by the V.F.W .-C. Alcoholics Anonymous sponsored by the Methodist Church of Babylon-21 James St. D. Babylon Village Narcotics Guidance Council-288 Deer Park Ave. XI. Community services and aids to family living A. Al-Anon sponsored by the Methodist Church of Babylon-21 James St. B. American Red Cross-280 Deer Park Ave. C. Salvation Army-227 Little East Neck Rd. D. FISH of Babylon emergency service for the sick, elderly, etc .- JU 6-7171 E. Meals on Wheels sponsored by the Catholic Charities (main office in Rockville Centre, but serving Babylon Village) XII. Associations, Clubs, etc. A. Babylon Board of Trade B. Babylon Lions Club C. Babylon Rotary Club D. Babylon Town Heart Unit E. Kiwanis Club of Babylon F. Knights of Columbus G. Masons F. Plumbing & Heating Contractors Association. Inc. H. V.F.W. XII. Communications A. Local Newspapers 1. Babylon Eagle 2. The Pennysaver 3. The South Bay Paper B. Local radio station-WBAB

Municipal services A. Babylon Incorpograted Village Fire Dept.-Volunteer fire dept. supported by Babylon Village taxes and serving all of Babylon Village. One main fire house plus three substations.

B. Babylon Village Highway & Sanitation Dept.

1. Year round garbage and refuse pick"and disposal services to all of Babylon Village residents. Supported by Babylon Village taxes.

2. Snow removal service in the winter for all streets in Babylon

Village. Supported by Babylon Village taxes.

3. Tree planting service available to all Babylon Village residents who wish to have Maple trees planted in front of their house free of charge. Supported by Babylon Village taxes.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF BABYLON VILLAGE RESIDENTS

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Lylan Village

TOTAL POPULATION 12,897

I. Nativity

A. Native Born 12,051

B. Foreign Born 766

C. Not Reported 80

II. Mother Tongue

A. English 9.751

B. French 160

C. German 569

D. Spanish 205

E. Other 2,132

F. Not Reported 80

III. Employment Characteristics

A. Total men employed 3,142 B. Total women employed 1,823

C. Total employed, 16 years and older 4,965

D. Professional, technical, and kindred workers 1,044

1. Engineers 130

2. Physicians, dentists and related practitioners 63

3. Health workers, except practitioners 46

4. Teachers, elementary and secondary schools 318

5. Technicians, except health 55 6. Other professional workers 432

E. Managers and administrators, except farms 626

1. Salaried

a. Manufacturing 158

b. Retail trade 77

c. Other industries 361

Self-employed 30

F. Sales workers 517

1. Retail trade 278

2. Other 239

G. Clerical and kindred workers 882

H. Craftsmen, foremen and kindred workers 632

1. Automobile mechanics, including body repairmen 76

2. Mechanics and repairmen, except automobile 83

3. Metal craftsmen, except mechanics 61 4. Construction craftsmen 165

5. Other craftsmen 247

I. Operatives, except transport 334

1. Durable goods manufacturing 105

2. Nondurable goods manufacturing 120

3. Nonmanufacturing industries 109

J. Transport equipment operatives 161

K. Laborers, except farm 209

1. Construction laborers 23

2. Freight, stock and material handlers 77

3. Other laborers, except farm 109

L. Farmers and farm managers 13

M. Farm laborers and farm foremen 6

N. Service workers, except private household 510

. 1. Cleaning service workers 94

2. Food service workers 151

3. Health service workers 89

4. Personal service workers 26

Protective service workers 102

O. Private household workers 31

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Family Income
 A. Total number of families 3,191
 B. Family incomes
        1. Less than $1,000
2. $1,000 to $1,999
        2. $1,000 to
            $2,000 to $2,999
$3,000 to $3,999
$4,000 to $4,999
                                      114
                                      87
             $5,000 to
$6,000 to
                          $5,999
                                      134
                                     68
            $7,000 to
$8,000 to
                           $7.999
                           $8,999
            $9,000 to $9,999
$10,000 to $11,999
                                      171
       10.
       11.
      12.
            $12,000 to $14,999
                                         504
      13. $15,000 to $24,999
14. $35,000 to $49,999
15. $50,000 or more 49
 C. Median income $12,765
 D. Mean income $14,964
Education
 A. School enrollment
       1. Total enrolled, ages 3 to 34 3,828
        2. Nursery school 68
               Public 9
            Kindergarten 253
               Public 239
            Elementary (1 to 8 years) 2,015
               Public 1,616
            High school 1,213
                Public 1.035
       . 6. College 279
        7. Percent enrolled, ages 3 to 43 60.0%
               a. 3 and 4 years old 12.1%
b. 5 and 6 years old 84.0%
c. 7 to 13 years old 98.6%
d. 14 and 15 years old 99.9%
e. 16 and 17 years old 95.0%
f. 18 and 19 years old 68.9%
g. 20 and 21 years old 25.0%
h. 22 to 24 years old 9.6%
 1. 25 to 34 years old 6.0%
B. Years of school completed
         1. Male, 25 years old and over 3,342
                a. No school years completed 29
                b. 1 to 4 years 41
                c. 5 to 7 years 194
d. 8 years 290
                e. 9 to 11 years 600
                f. 12 years 1,022
                g. 13 to 15 years 554
                h. 16 years or more 612
                1. Median school years completed 12.5 years
                j. Percent high school graduates 65.5%
          2. Female, 25 years old and over 3,936
               a. No school years completed 22
b. 1 to 4 years 49
               c. 5 to 7 Years 261
d. 8 years 410
                e. 9 to 11 years 732
                f. 12 years 1,642
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g. 13 to 15 years 371 h. 16 years or more 449 1. Median school years completed 12.3 years j. Percent high school graduated 67.4% C. Years of school completed for selected age groups 1. Male, 20 to 49 years old 2,232 a. No high school 115 b. High school, 1 to 3 years 356 c. High school, 4 years 806 d. College, one year or more 955 2. Female, 15 to 44 years old 2,583 a. No high school 149 b. High school, 1 to 3 years 775 c. High school, 4 years 1,117 d. College, 1 year or more 542 VI. Family Composition A. Total number of families 3,191 y. B. Number of offspring 1. With own children under age 3 540 2. With own children under age 6 900 3. With own children under age 12 1,311 4. With own children under age 18 1,765 5. With sons/daughters under age 25 2,019 6. With sons/daughters age 13 to 19 7. With sons/daughters age 18 to 24 559 C. Total number of subfamilies 84 D. Number of own children under age 18 in subfamilies 96 E. Total number of married couples 2,939 1. Percent in subfamilies 1.5% 2. With own children under age 6 867 3. With own children under age 18 1,626 F. Total under age 18 4,420 VII. Housing A. Total number of housing units 3,979 B. Year round housing units 1. Total 3.936 2. Lacking some or all plumbing facilities 66 3. Median number of rooms 5.8 4. One unit structures 3,093 5. Percent of one unit structures 78.6% 6. Structures of 10 or more units 91 C. Occupied housing units 1. Total 3, 845 2. Median number of persons 2.9 3. Owner a. Total 2,775 b. Percent 72.2% c. Lacking some or all plumbing facilities 20 d. Average number of rooms 6.5 e. Average value \$26,9000 f. Percent Negro 1% 4. Renter a. Total 1,070 b. Lacking some or all plumbing facilities 35 c. Average number of rooms 3.8 d. Average amount of rent \$155 e. Percent Negro 3% 5. Vacancy rate a. Owner 0.8 b. Rental 1.9

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6. One person households 561

7. With female head of family 329 8. With roomers, boarders, or lodgers 62

VIII. Race

A. Non-white 2.3% B. Negro 2%

IX. Age

A. Under age 18 34.4% B. Age 18 to 64 55.3% C. Over age 65 10.3%

X. Fertility

A. Fertility ratio 307

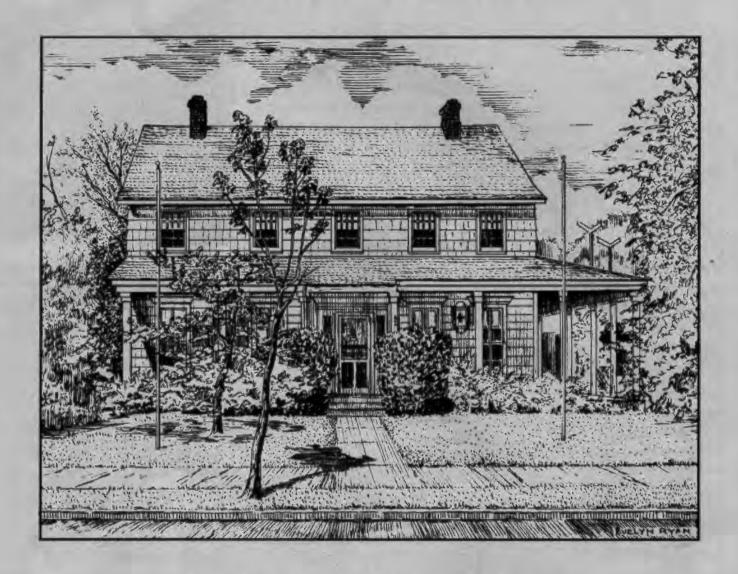
B. Cumulative fertility rate, women age 35 to 44. 3,001

X. Change in Total Population

Population in 1960	Population in 1970		Increase	* (Change
. 11,062		12,897	1,835		16.6%

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BORN AGAIN



The Nathaniel Conklin House

DEER PARK AVENUE, VILLAGE OF BABYLON, LONG ISLAND

The first life of the Conklin House began in 1803. The fine Federal style house was built by Nathaniel Conklin, whose family gave Babylon its name that same year. Conklin was among our leading founding fathers. His house still stands on Deer Park Avenue.

The house and site were purchased by the Village of Babylon. The restoration will be a public effort. The funding program is currently in progress.

Those are the facts. The remarkable story is inside.

If Nathaniel Conklin were not a founding father, we would have had to invent him

Nat Conklin played the principal role in the early development of Babylon Village, named by his family. He was one of the largest landowners, probably the largest. He was one of the early industrialists, operating a successful tannery.

Throughout his lifetime,
Conklin was active in village
affairs. He harbored a vision
of this South Shore settlement
that, largely through his
efforts, became a reality. The
dream began with the
building of one of the finest
homes in the area. This was
an era when homes were built
for future generations of a
family. Clearly, Nat Conklin
was here to stay.

Sampawams, Long Island, NY

It could have happened. That was the first name for this area, as it was for Sampawams River and for Sampawams Neck, one of the several that pushed out into the Great South Bay. Little and Great East Neck were two others. Sampawams, anglicized to Sumpwams, became the predecessor name for Deer Park Avenue. Later, the loosely-defined area was

known as Huntington South, a spin-off from the wellestablished, prosperous farming community to the North. The story behind the third and final name is in so many histories that it must be true.

Why Babylon? The link with the ancient sinful city was no accident

Nat Conklin had lived well, even graciously with his family in Dick's (Dix) Hills. His mother, a religious woman, had probably heard unsettling tales about the settlement. She would feel no better when she learned that they would share the corner of (now) Deer Park Avenue and Main Street with the American Hotel and Tavern.

That place is a Babylon she argued. Nat may have tired of arguing back. He must have startled the family when, in fact, he accepted the challenge

1803

NEW BABYLON
THIS HOUSE BUILT
BY
NAT. CONKLIN



The American House was on a large plot at the northwest corner of (now) Deer Park
Avenue and Main Street, directly across from the Conklin House, built on the northeast
corner. The American House tavern was an attraction for travellers and locals. To
Conklin's mother, any tavern was a place of evil and that's how we got our village named.

and named the area "New Babylon." He had the name carved in a stone placed in the chimney of his new home. When the house was moved to its present location, the tablet fell off and was retrieved.

The name caught on with everyone but the U.S. Government. It wasn't until 1830 that the post office name was changed from Huntington South to Babylon.

Left is a drawing from a rubbing of the stone tablet from the Conklin House chimney. It resides in the Historical Museum now and before long will take its rightful place again in the restored Conklin House.

Two versions of the family fortune's origin. Both begin with Captain Kidd

The official version: Jacob Conklin, Nat's grandfather was an unwilling member of Captain Kidd's crew. He escaped from the Captain's boat when it was anchored near Northport. He was hidden by friendly Indians and purchased a large tract of land from them. He settled down and raised a family in a homestead he built in Dix Hills about 1710. A later owner of the house was the son of General U.S. Grant

As the Conklin House became part of Babylon's resort hotel era, the Village dock became a transportation hub, the port of embarkation for hotels and beaches across the Bay. who would often visit the house while President.

The second (whispered) version is like the first except for this detail:

There was nothing at all "unwilling" about Jacob Conklin's service with Captain Kidd. In fact, he was a shipmate and colleague who chose to disembark before the Captain was sent back to England (with a trial and hangman's noose awaiting his arrival). Proponents of this version cite the huge number of old deeds recording transfers of Huntington farmland to Conklin's possession. There had to be a lot of money (loot?) somewhere.

Pittsburgh on the Great South Bay

At first we were a farm community of sorts. Huntington farmers drove their ox-drawn wagons down the Indian paths to Sampawams and the other necks to harvest salt hay to feed their animals. But they were "visitors." The permanent settlers, particularly those "of means," were industrialists attracted by the abundant water power from the streams and lakes in the South Shore area.



The old grist mill at Hawley's pond later made toy whips. Nat Conklin's tannery was on East Main Street. He had a short commute.

The first mills in Babylon were at both ends of the Village, now Hawley's pond and Argyle Lake. In the area were many saw mills, flour mills, grist mills, paper and cloth mills, plus a tannery operated by Nat Conklin on East Main Street.

From the depot, near the Conklin House, the D.S.S. Sammis Co. horse cars rattled down to the ferries that steamed across the Bay.



The Conklin House and the Golden Victorian Age of Babylon

They were heady days for Babylon. We were the vacation place for New York City, the jumping-off place for Fire Island beaches. Hotels dotted the landscape – the Washington, the American, the Sampawams, the Watson House, the Sherman House, the LaGrange. The Watson House was described in 1874 as the finest hotel on Long Island.

The final peril... The wrecking ball

When the Red Cross decided to sell the Conklin site, the wrecking ball was more than just a possibility. The property was a developer's dream. What would it be? A condominium? A shopping center?

Led by the Historical Society, a coalition of Village government and concerned citizens labored long and hard to save the House. Very appropriately, the Village of Babylon purchased the property and site. The House was spared.

The rest is up to us.

Named for a distinguished visitor, the Duke of Argyle, the Argyle Hotel crowned Babylon's golden Victorian age. But it came too late in the era to be profitable.

An architectural gem listed on the State and Federal Historic Registers

Most elements of the House reflect the early nineteenth century Federal period, rarely seen in South Shore communities.

A surprising number of details survive. These include wrought iron hinges of the period, the flush boarding of the first story, the long, 14-inch shingles, much of the original flooring, two finely carved wooden mantelpieces, the delicate newel post and railing, even some of the original wall fabric.

How the Conklin House will be restored

Very carefully. Three key objectives stand behind the philosophy of the restoration.

- To preserve the integrity of two great architectural periods.
- To sustain the historical significance of the house.
- To provide space for a program of restored museum rooms, exhibits, and other activities focused on local history.

The restoration will be phased over a period of several years. Significant modifications made throughout almost two centuries of local history will be retained.

The integrity of the restoration will have top priority. Highly qualified architects and architectural historians have prepared a historic structure report. Such details as paint and mortar will be analyzed and matched as closely as possible.

Plans call for a combination of historic room settings and a permanent exhibition.

