



LOCAL HISTORY SOURCES FOR THE TOWN OF BABYLON

A selection of local history sources for Town of Babylon communities – the Hamlets of Copiague, Deer Park, East Farmingdale, North Amityville, North Babylon, North Lindenhurst, West Babylon, Wheatley Heights, Wyandanch, the Barrier Island communities and the Villages of Amityville, Babylon and Lindenhurst.

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Old Town Hall, built 1917-1918

This booklet is designed to help researchers identify potential sources for local history information. If you have questions, please reach out the Town Historian's Office. We are happy to help answer questions during your research.

1. Maps

Atlases for the Town of Babylon and adjacent areas

- **1858** – [Map of Suffolk County, L.I., N.Y.: from actual surveys](#), J. Chace, John Douglass, and Robert Pearsall Smith; Published by John Douglas, Philadelphia, PA. (NYPL Link)
 - Not a lot of detail about specific buildings unless they were located in downtown areas, usually just names.
 - Town of Babylon not yet created; it shows the old Town of Huntington. There are small detailed maps for Amityville and Babylon.
- **1873** – [Atlas of Long Island, NY](#) published by Beers, Comstock & Cline (NYPL Links)
 - There is a [Town of Babylon](#) map and detailed maps for
 - [Amityville](#)
 - [Babylon](#) village
 - [Deer Park](#)
 - [North Babylon](#)
 - Adjacent Locations
 - [Farmingdale](#), Town of Oyster Bay
 - Town of Huntington (see Town of Babylon map for southern part of Town of Huntington)
 - [Town of Islip](#)
 - West Islip (see Town of Islip map)

Local History Sources for the Town of Babylon

- **1888** – [Atlas of the towns Babylon, Islip, and south part of Brookhaven](#) in Suffolk County, NY, New York, F.W. Beers & Co.; Published by Wendelken & Co. (NYPL Links)
 - There is a [Town of Babylon](#) map and detailed maps for
 - [Amityville](#)
 - [Babylon](#) village
 - [Deer Park](#)
 - [Breslau](#) (Lindenhurst)
 - [North Babylon](#)
 - Barrier Islands, including Oak Beach, Captree Island (see Town of Babylon map)
 - Adjacent Locations
 - [Town of Islip and West Islip](#)
- **1891** – [Atlas of Queens County, Long Island, New York](#); Published by Chester Wolverton. (NYPL Links)
 - [Farmingdale](#)
- **1902** – [Atlas of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, Volume One: South Side – Ocean Shore](#), Merritt B. Hyde; Published by E. B. Hyde, 1902 (NYPL Links)
 - There is a [Town of Babylon](#) map and detailed maps for
 - [Amityville](#)
 - [Babylon](#) village
 - [Lindenhurst](#)
 - [Barrier Islands](#) (Oak Island Beach, Captree Island)
 - Adjacent Locations
 - [Town of Islip](#) and West Islip
 - Town of Huntington was not published in this map; see 1909 atlas
- **1909** – [Atlas of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, Volume Two: North Side – Sound Shore](#), Merritt B. Hyde; Published by E. B. Hyde, 1909 (NYPL Links)
 - Adjacent Locations – Town of Huntington, [Central](#) and [South](#)
- **1914** – [Atlas of Nassau County, Long Island, N.Y.](#); Published by E. Belcher-Hyde
 - Adjacent Locations
 - [Amityville-Massapequa](#)
 - [Amityville West](#)
 - [Farmingdale \(West\) Central Park](#)
 - [Farmingdale](#)
- **1915** – [Atlas of Part of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, South Side – Ocean Shore, Volume One](#); Published by E. Belcher Hyde (NYPL Links)
 - There are [Town of Babylon](#) ([North](#) and [South](#)) maps and detailed maps for
 - [Amityville](#)
 - Babylon village ([North](#) and [South](#))
 - [Copiague](#)
 - [Lindenhurst](#)
 - [Wyandanch](#)
 - Barrier Islands ([Oak Beach and Captree Island](#), [Oak Island Beach and Muncie Island](#), [Gilgo Beach](#))
 - Adjacent Locations – [Town of Islip](#) ([North](#) and [South](#))

Local History Sources for the Town of Babylon

- **1917** – [Atlas of Part of Suffolk County, Long Island](#), New York, North Side – Sound Shore, Volume One; Published by E. Belcher Hyde (NYPL Links)
 - Adjacent Locations
 - [Town of Huntington](#), south
- **1929** (circa) – [Atlas of Suffolk County](#), published by Dolph & Stewart. (Link to East Hampton Library, Digital Long Island Collection)
 - There is a two page map of the Town of Babylon, however, there is very little detail about property owners and structures.
 - Unfortunately, this does not appear to be a very reliable atlas.

A Selection of Other Maps and Images for Long Island

- 1829 – *Map of the state of New-York and the surrounding country*, David H. Burr and Simeon DeWitt. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1841 – *Map of the County of Suffolk*, David H. Burr; published by New York Surveyor General. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1841 – *Map of the Counties of New York, Queens, Kings and Richmond*, David H. Burr; published by New York Surveyor General. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1851 – *Western part of the southern coast of Long Island: from a trigonometrical survey*; published by the U.S. Coast Guard. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1857 – *Travelers Map of Long Island*, J.H. Colton & Co. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1866 – *Travelers map of Long Island*. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1867-1874 – *Map of Long Island: showing the line and property of the South Side Railroad of Long Island*. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1873 – *Map of Long Island*. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1882 – *Map of Long Island showing the Long Island Railroad and its leased lines*. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1883 – *Map of Long Island and the southern part of Connecticut*, G.W. & C.B. Colton. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1895 – *Map of Long Island showing the Long Island Railroad*. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1897 – *Colton's Road Map of Long Island*. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1897 – *Long Island for the Summer*. [New York Public Library](#)
- 1925 – Aero-view of Amityville, Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y., Metropolitan Aero-View Co. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1925 – Aero-view of Farmingdale, Nassau County, Long Island, N.Y., Metropolitan Aero-View Co. [Library of Congress](#)
- 1925 – Aero-view of Lindenhurst, Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y., Metropolitan Aero-View Co. [Library of Congress](#)

2. Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlases:

Sanborn maps were created for the insurance industry. The earliest maps typically show just a small area of a community, specifically a business district or other areas with dense numbers of buildings. As communities expanded, the areas covered by the maps also expanded. Despite this growth, there are often large areas that were never mapped.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlases do not typically have owner/occupant information for buildings, but can tell you if the house/building existed as of a particular year/month, along with its general configuration and possibly a few interior features. Sanborn published several Keys for the maps. Google the words *Sanborn Map Keys* to find keys appropriate to the maps.

Check with your local library for information about accessing the Sanborn ProQuest database.

- Amityville
 - [November 1890](#) (5 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [February 1897](#) (6 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [October 1904](#) (6 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [March 1910](#) (10 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [November 1915](#) (15 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - February 1925 (15 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
 - August 1950 (15 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
- Babylon village
 - [January 1885](#) (2 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [December 1890](#) (7 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [March 1897](#) (9 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [October 1902](#) (10 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [November 1908](#) (13 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [May 1915](#) (21 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [October 1923](#) (23 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - September 1929 (23 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
 - July 1943 (23 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
- Barrier Islands (these maps show parts of Oak Beach, Oak Island, the Oak Beach Association and Muncie Island, except 1943 because Muncie Island had been destroyed)
 - see [Babylon May 1915](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 19-21
 - see [Babylon October 1923](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 19-21
 - see *Babylon September 1929* (ProQuest database) – pages 21-23
 - see *Babylon July 1943* (ProQuest database) – pages 21-22
- Copiague (this map shows parts of the hamlet, not the whole community)
 - [April 1948](#) (7 pages, Library of Congress; color)
- Farmingdale and East Farmingdale
 - [June 1893](#) (2 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [September 1904](#) (2 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [November 1910](#) (5 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [September 1920](#) (8 pages, Library of Congress; color) – pages 1, 5, 7 and 8 show a small area of East Farmingdale (around the west end of Conklin Street)
 - *Farmingdale June 1929* (16 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only) – pages 7, 12, 13 and 16 show a small area of East Farmingdale (around the west end of Conklin Street)
 - *Farmingdale May 1942* (17 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only) – pages 7, 12, 13 and 16 show a small area of East Farmingdale (around the west end of Conklin Street)
- Lindenhurst
 - [October 1902](#) (2 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [December 1908](#) (6 pages, Library of Congress; color)
 - [June 1915](#) (6 pages, Library of Congress; color)

- [March 1925](#) (8 pages, Library of Congress; color)
- November 1933 (13 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
- October 1949 (13 pages, available through ProQuest database; b&w only)
- West Babylon (these maps show small areas of southeastern West Babylon, north of the railroad, bordering Babylon village)
 - see [Babylon May 1915](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 11-12
 - see [Babylon October 1923](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 11-12 and 22
 - see *Babylon September 1929* (ProQuest database) – pages 11-12 and 17
 - see *Babylon July 1943* (ProQuest database) – pages 11-12 and 17
- West Islip (these maps show parts of West Islip, south of the railroad)
 - see [Babylon May 1915](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 16-18
 - see [Babylon October 1923](#) (Library of Congress) – pages 16-18
 - see *Babylon September 1929* (ProQuest database) – pages 18-20
 - see *Babylon July 1943* (ProQuest database) – pages 18-20

3. Newspapers

This is a selection of newspapers that have proved useful in Town of Babylon research. There are many other Long Island and New York City newspapers available. Please note:

- Access to newspapers from the New York Public Library database requires an NYPL library card. New York residents may apply for a free NYPL library card at <https://www.nypl.org/help/library-card>
- Newspapers.com is a fee-based website. The links are marked with the symbol (\$) .
- The Town of Babylon Historian's Office is preparing to inventory and evaluate their Newspaper Collection. Please contact the Town Historian's Office for more information about the collection.

Town of Babylon newspapers

Amityville Record

- *Collection Years:* 1904-2024
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Amityville Historical Society (please contact them regarding availability/access)
 - Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* Good source for Amityville, North Amityville and Copiague. This title was absorbed by the current Amityville Herald Record.

Babylon Beacon

- *Collection Years:* 1967-2024
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - NYS Historic Newspapers – 1967-1972 and 2010-2022 – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
 - Babylon Public Library (microfilm)
 - Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* Good source for Babylon, North Babylon, West Babylon and some West Islip. This title was absorbed by the current Babylon Herald Beacon.

Babylon Eagle

- *Collection Years:* 1928-1963
- *Collection Institution:* Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* The *Eagle* was never as large – in size or readership – as the *Leader* but sometimes offered a “different perspective.”

Town of Babylon newspapers (continued)

Babylon Leader

- *Collection Years:* 1910-1958
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Babylon Public Library (microfilm, 1921-1958)
 - Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* The *Leader* started publishing while the *South Side Signal* was still being published (1910-1920). After the *Signal* stopped publishing, the *Leader* became the predominant Town of Babylon newspaper.

Babylon Town Leader (a successor of the *Babylon Leader*)

- *Collection Years:* 1958-1966
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Babylon Public Library (microfilm)
 - Town of Babylon Historian's Office

Babylon Town News

- *Collection Years:* 1963-1964, 1970-1974
- *Collection Institution:* Town of Babylon Historian's Office

Deer Park - Wyandanch News

- *Collection Years:* 1955
- *Collection Institution:* Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* This newspaper originated as a mimeographed community newspaper. It is a rare title and the Town Historian's Office is always looking for more issues.

Lindenhurst Star

- *Collection Years:* 1927-1958
- *Collection Institution:* Lindenhurst Public Library – lindenhurst.advantage-preservation.com/
- *About this Title:* Published by same company as *Babylon Leader*. Until the *Leader* is digitized, this is a good source for Town of Babylon information, particularly Lindenhurst and Copiague.
- *Notes:* Sponsored by Lindenhurst Public Library. This database was digitized from microfilm; legibility is sometimes poor because of the process used when the microfilm was created.

South Side Signal

- *Collection Years:* 1869-1920
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
 - Babylon Public Library (microfilm)
 - Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *About this Title:* This is an important resource for all of the Town of Babylon, using historic place names, as needed. It was a good source for Amityville news up through the 1890s, before Amityville newspapers were published.

Town News (Deer Park, NY)

- *Collection Years:* 1958
- *Collection Institution:* Town of Babylon Historian's Office

Suffolk County newspapers

Islip Bulletin

- *Collection Years:* 1962-1975
- *Collection Institution:* NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
- *About this Title:* Includes West Islip and some Babylon information.

Suffolk County newspapers (continued)

Long-Islander

- *Collection Years:* 1839-2021
- *Collection Institution:* NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
- *About this Title:* Town of Huntington newspaper. Includes Town of Babylon information prior to 1872 and Lower Half Hollow Hills communities – Deer Park, Wyandanch, Wheatley Heights – using historic names.

Newsday

- *Collection Years:* 1940-present
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - LiveBrary.com – livebrary.com/historic-newspapers
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com
- *Notes:* Particularly for Suffolk County information, Newspapers.com is recommended for this newspaper; both Nassau and Suffolk County editions scanned from originals, and good quality.
- *ProQuest Database:* Unfortunately the database is primarily Nassau County editions; does not provide quality Suffolk County information. Digitized from microfilm, quality is sometimes poor.

Suffolk County News

- *Collection Years:* 1888-2019
- *Collection Institution:* NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
- *About this Title:* County-wide newspaper published in Sayville, NY, usually includes some Town of Babylon information up through the mid-1900s.

Suffolk Weekly Times

- *Collection Years:* 1876-1926
- *Collection Institution:* NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
- *About this Title:* County-wide newspaper published in Greenport, NY, usually includes some Town of Babylon information

Nassau County newspapers

The Farmingdale Observer

- *Collection Years:* 1964-1977
- *Collection Institution:* NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org

The Farmingdale Post

- *Collection Years:* 1923-1971
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - NYS Historic Newspapers – nyshistoricnewspapers.org
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com

This Week (Farmingdale, NY)

- *Collection Years:* 1989-1992
- *Collection Institution:* Town of Babylon Historian's Office
- *Notes:* Loose issues, not a complete set.

New York City newspapers

Brooklyn Daily

- *Collection Years:* 1956-1969
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com

Brooklyn Daily Times

- *Collection Years:* 1856-1932
- *Collection Institution:* Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com

Brooklyn Eagle (Brooklyn Daily Eagle)

- *Collection Years:* 1841-1963
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com

Brooklyn Life (and Activities of Long Island Society)

- *Collection Years:* 1890-1931
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com

Daily News

- *Collection Years:* 1919-present
- *Collection Institution:* (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com

New York Amsterdam News

- *Collection Years:* 1922-2010
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - LiveBrary.com – livebrary.com/historic-newspapers
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com
- *About this Title:* Black-owned newspaper. This is a good source of information about Black people and organizations that moved to or grew in the Town of Babylon, particularly after WWII. Includes advertisements for post-War housing developments geared toward Black families and GIs.
- *Notes:* This title is also available on Newspapers.com, but yields better results on the Livebrary-ProQuest site. However, the images were digitized from microfilm and quality is sometimes poor.

New York Herald

- *Collection Years:* 1869-1922
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - New York Public Library – libguides.nypl.org/az/proquest-historical-newspapers
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com
- *Notes:* For some reason, research yields more results using ProQuest database from NYPL.

New York Times

- *Collection Years:* 1851-present
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - LiveBrary.com – livebrary.com/historic-newspapers
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – newspapers.com
- *Notes:* This title is also available on Newspapers.com, but yields better results on the Livebrary-ProQuest site.

New York City newspapers (continued)

New York Tribune/Herald Tribune

- *Collection Years:* 1841-1962
- *Collection Institution:* New York Public Library – libguides.nypl.org/az/proquest-historical-newspapers

New-York Tribune

- *Collection Years:* 1841-1922
- *Collection Institution:*
 - New York Public Library – libguides.nypl.org/az/proquest-historical-newspapers
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)
- *Notes:* For some reason, research yields more results using ProQuest database from NYPL.

The Brooklyn Citizen

- *Collection Years:* 1887-1947
- *Collection Institution:* (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

The Chat

- *Collection Years:* 1903-1929
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

The Long-Island Star

- *Collection Years:* 1809-1840
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

The New York Age

- *Collection Years:* 1905-1960
- *Collection Institution:* (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)
- *About this Title:* Black owned newspaper.

The Sun

- *Collection Years:* 1859-1920
- *Collection Institution:* (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

The Tablet

- *Collection Years:* 1908-1963
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)
- *About this Title:* Catholic newspaper.

Times Union

- *Collection Years:* 1887-1937
- *Collection Institutions:*
 - Brooklyn Newstand – bklyn.newspapers.com
 - (\$) Newspapers.com – [newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com)

4. History Files, Photographs and Postcards

History collections – books, newspaper, clippings, ephemera, photographs – are available at many libraries and historical societies.

Materials are typically considered “closed stacks” – original materials are usually accessed and retrieved by staff only, due to the rarity and fragility of the items.

It is highly recommended that researchers call/email the institutions to discuss their research questions, or make an appointment. Materials are usually not available “on demand” during regular visitor hours.

Libraries

Amityville Public Library, 19 John Street, Amityville, NY 11701; (631) 264-0567

Babylon Public Library, 24 S. Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11702; (631) 669-1624

Copiague Memorial Public Library, 50 Deauville Blvd., Copiague, NY 11726, (631) 691-1111

Deer Park Public Library, 44 Lake Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729, (631) 586-3000

Farmingdale Public Library, 116 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, NY 11757, (516) 249-9090

Half Hollow Hills Community Libraries (serves Wheatley Heights, part of East Farmingdale)

- 55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, NY 11746, (631) 421-4530
- 510 Sweet Hollow Road, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 421-4535

Lindenhurst Memorial Public Library, 1 Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, (631) 957-7755

North Babylon Public Library, 815 Deer Park Ave., North Babylon, NY 11703, (631) 669-4020

West Babylon Public Library, 211 Route 109, West Babylon, NY 11704, (631) 669-5445

Wyandanch Public Library, 14 S. 20th Street, Wyandanch, NY 11798, (631) 643-4848

Historians and Historical Societies

Town of Babylon Historian’s Office, 47 W. Main St., Babylon, NY 11772; (631) 587-3750. Call for research appointment.

- Town Historian – Mary Cascone

Babylon Town Historical Society, 600 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704. Please contact the Town Historian’s Office at (631) 587-3750.

Amityville Historical Society, 170 Broadway, Amityville, 11701, (631) 598-1486 (Museum Hours: Sun., Tue., & Fri., 2:00-4:00pm. Call for research appointment.)

- Village Historians – Joe Guidice and Ken Lang

Lindenhurst Historical Society, 272 S. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757, (631) 226-0209 (Museum Hours: Wed., Fri. & Sat., 2:00-4:00pm. Call for research appointment.)

- Village Historian – Anna Jaeger

Village of Babylon Historical & Preservation Society, W. Main St. and Carll Ave., Babylon, NY 11772: (631) 669-1756 (Museum Hours: Wed. & Sat., 1:00-3:00pm. Call for research appointment.)

- Village Historian – Wayne Horsley

5. Aerial Photographs – Suffolk County

[Suffolk County GIS Viewer](#)

- FREE. No signup needed. (Just click “terms and conditions” and OK to enter.
- Aerial Images – 1947, 1962, 1978, 1984, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2020
- Hover between historical images. Using print feature, download images in JPG or PDF format

6. Land Records – Suffolk County

[Suffolk County Land Records](#) – digital copies of indexes and deeds, on www.FamilySearch.org

- FREE, after setting up username and password.
- Grantee/Grantor Indexes, 1660-1926 and Deed books, 1660-c.1900
- Each link is typically a book in the County Clerk’s Office.
- The easiest way to navigate the book page is changing the page number at the upper left. Remember, this is not the page number in the book, just the page number for the digital scan.
- Images can be downloaded from the website.

7. Long Island Forum Index, 1938-2003

The *Long Island Forum* was a local history magazine. The searchable [Forum Index](#) is maintained by the Patchogue-Medford Library. As described on the Index link, a full set of the *Long Island Forum* is available in PML’s Celia M. Hastings Local History Room. (Copies of articles are also available from the Town of Babylon Historian’s Office.)

Please note: Most of the articles have no references or footnotes for the source of information contained in the articles. It is highly recommended that researchers consult with local historians to confirm information contained in these articles.

8. Books

This is a brief list of books – available through the provided links – that discuss the history of the Town of Babylon and Long Island. Please note that information specific to the Town of Babylon was not created until after its 1872 formation. The communities of Amityville, Babylon, and Deer Park (and, later, Lindenhurst) were sometimes mentioned but information is scarce in these books before the mid-1900s.

Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties)

- 1828 – *A sketch of the first settlement of the several towns on Long Island; with their political condition, to the end of the American Revolution*, by Silas Wood. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1845 – *A history of Long Island: from its first settlement by Europeans, to the year 1845, with special reference to its ecclesiastical concerns ...*, by Nathaniel S. Prime. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1849 – *Revolutionary Incidents of Suffolk and Kings Counties; with an account of The Battle of Long Island and the British prisons and prison-ships at New York*, by Henry Onderdonk, Jr. [Internet Archives](#)
- 1865 – *A Sketch of the First Settlement of the Several Towns on Long Island, with their Political Condition, to the End of the American Revolution*, by Silas Wood. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1874 – *Historical and descriptive sketches of Suffolk County and its towns, villages, hamlets, scenery, institutions, and important enterprises: with a historical outline of Long Island, from its first settlement by Europeans*, by Richard M. Bayles. [Internet Archive](#)

Local History Sources for the Town of Babylon

- 1876 – *Old Times in Huntington. An Historical Address*, by Hon. Henry C. Platt, delivered at the centennial celebration at Huntington, Suffolk County, N.Y., on the fourth day of July, 1876. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1882 – *History of QUEENS County, New York: with illustrations, portraits, & sketches of prominent families and individuals*, by W.W. Munsell. [Internet Archive](#) (Nassau was originally part of Queens County.)
- 1882 – *History of SUFFOLK County, New York: with illustrations, portraits, & sketches of prominent families and individuals*, by W.W. Munsell. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1885 – *Bayles' Long Island Handbook*, by Richard M. Bayles. [Google Books](#)
- 1885 – *Bicentennial History of SUFFOLK County: comprising the addresses delivered at the celebration of the bicentennial of Suffolk County, N.Y., in Riverhead, November 15, 1883*. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1896 – *Portrait and biographical record of QUEENS County (Long Island) New York: containing portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of the county*. [Library of Congress](#) (includes Nassau)
- 1896 – *Portrait and biographical record of Suffolk County (Long Island) New York: containing portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of the county*. Internet Archive – [Part 1](#) , [Part 2](#)
- 1898 – *Silas Wood's sketch of the town of Huntington, L. I., from its first settlement to the end of the American revolution*, by Silas Wood and William S. Pelletreau. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1902 – *Historic Long Island*, by Rufus Rockwell Wilson. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1902/1905 – *A history of Long Island: from its earliest settlement to the present time* / by Peter Ross, LL. D. (volume 1), and William S. Pelletreau (volumes 23). Internet Archive – [Vol. 1](#) (by Ross), [Vol. 2](#) (by Ross), [Vol. 2](#) (revised by Pelletreau), [Vol. 3](#) (by Pelletreau)
- 1909 – *Long Island today; consisting of sketches on the political, industrial, topographical and geological history of Long Island and Long Island towns and villages, but more particularly of general views illustrating Long Island scenes of today*, by Frederick Ruther. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1911 – *The Indian place names on Long Island and islands adjacent, with their probable significations*, by William Wallace Tooker. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1913 – *The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut*, by Frederic G. Mather. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1918 – *Brooklyn and Long Island in the war* [World War I]. [Internet Archive](#)
- 1918 – (third edition, three volumes) *History of Long Island from its discovery and settlement to the present time*, by Benjamin F. Thompson, with additions and a biography of the author, by Charles J. Werner. [Vol. 1](#) – Internet Archive, [Vol. 2](#) – Google Books, [Vol. 3](#) – Internet Archive
- 1925 – *The boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, counties of Nassau and Suffolk, Long Island, New York*, by Henry E. Hazelton. Volumes 13, paged continuously. [Vol. 1](#) – General history and World War II. [Vol. 2](#) – World War II, continued; Suffolk County; Nassau County; Queens County; Kings County. [Vol. 3](#) – Kings County, continued. Vol. 4-7 – Biographical, [Vol. 4](#), [Vol. 5](#), [Vol. 6](#), [Vol. 7](#) – (Internet Archive and Google Books)
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