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TO RECORD THE HISTORY OF FREEPORT from its pioneer days to the present is a pleasant task, because it is a story remarkable of growth and prosperity.

Hempstead township, of which Freeport is a part, was settled in 1643. South of Hempstead was the great South Woods, which extended East and West for miles near the Great Bay. These woods formerly marked the creation of the present village of Freeport. Little did these pioneers think that their descendants, many of whom are now living in Freeport, would ever witness a modern town on this site, with water and electric lights, churches, schools, fire-houses, clubs, and all the accessories of a city combined with all the advantages of a village.

To picture the homes of these early settlers is but to repeat the struggles and hardships of all pioneers. First a small clearing in the forest, then the building of a few log houses; gradually the clearings assumed the proportions of farms and the houses became more pretentious, then they clustered into a village, and the farms began to be cut up into lots. In 1795 the first pretentious house was built by Jacob Bedell, on the site now known as Ocean and Randall Avenue. Some years later this structure was moved several hundred feet east to the corner of Main Street and Randall Avenue, where it still remains. From this small beginning grew the present village of Freeport, one of the most beautiful, one of the most progressive and one of the most desirable villages on Long Island.

Freeport has at present about five thousand inhabitants, and a more peaceful, law-abiding class of citizens it would be hard to find. From the first, the destinies of the village have been in the hands of a few public-spirited, clear-sighted citizens who have exercised a most careful jurisdiction over every step of its growth, and the result is that there is scarcely an undesirable householder in the town today.

The location of Freeport gives it a prestige over many of the Long Island towns. Originally situated a mile from the enchanting ocean, this distance has now been eliminated by the building of two immense inlets which bring the waters into the very midst of the residential portion of the village and gives Freeport unequaled advantages for bathing, boating, fishing and all other Summer sports. These improvements, accomplished by Mr. J. J. Randall and other public-spirited citizens, have made Freeport an ideal home spot through the long Summer months, while the clubs, the social elements, the fine schools and churches make the Winter months enjoyable.
The very best people of the village have always given their time and efforts to serving the public, and the members of the present school board are worthy successors of those who have gone before. These are Samuel R. Smith, President, and Trustees H. L. Crandall, J. K. Eldridge, W. B. Cozzens and Milton Foreman.

The growth of the schools has been as remarkable as the growth of the town. In 1820 the farmers opened the first public school in a little one-story building at the corner of Church and Main Streets. From this small start has grown the present splendid structure, situated at the corner of Grove and Pine Streets, and costing over $75,000. Even this large structure has proved to be inadequate to the growing needs of the village and another large school house has recently been erected in the northern part of the town. Churches of almost every denomination are here, indicating the religious and social tendencies of the people. The fire department is very complete and efficient, and the absence of large fires in Freeport speaks volumes in praise of the department and its officers.

The social life of the village is well cared for by the Freeport Club and the South-Shore Bay Yacht Club. Both of these large clubs occupy beautiful homes, and are tireless in their efforts to bring the Freeport people together into a social brotherhood.

The government of Freeport has always been in the hands of its most careful and progressive people. Assemblyman Win G Miller being president of the village for five years, and ex-Assemblyman George Wallace and Supervisor Smith Cox occupying the same positions for shorter periods. The present board of Village Trustees, with Daniel Morrison, President; Trustees Bedell, Ellison, Patterson and Sigmund, are a guarantee that the government of the village is still being conserved. In conjunction with the Board of Trustees comes the Board of Trade with over four hundred members. Alonzo P Foster is President and W P. Jones is Vice-President of this progressive body.

Adjoining Freeport on the North, and only seven minutes' trolley ride from the station, stands the thriving village of Roosevelt; some fine views of which are shown in the latter part of this book. The growth of this village has been like a mushroom. Less than five years ago farms were standing where now is a thriving village of over fifteen hundred inhabitants. More than fifty houses were built there in 1906 and more than that will be built before the present year closes. It has a $20,000 school house, a fine Board of Trade building, also post-office, stores and churches. Its main beauty is in its fine residences which represent every style of architecture, and are surrounded by beautiful grounds. As a beautiful home town Roosevelt cannot be improved upon.
FREEPORT'S DESTINY.

Ten Reasons why Freeport is destined to become the largest town of Winter and Summer homes within 25 miles of New York:

FIRST.—Its train service is now unsurpassed—trains running into the city in 42 minutes. The extension of the Electric System from Valley Stream will reduce this time to less than 30 minutes. It also has good trolley service all the way to New York.

SECOND.—Because it has all the improvements of Water, Gas, Telephone and Electric Lights.

THIRD.—Because it has unexcelled schools.

FOURTH.—Because it has fine churches.

FIFTH.—Because it has excellent fire protection.

SIXTH.—Because it has splendid hotels now, and a new one under construction.

SEVENTH.—Because it has boating and bathing facilities second to none.

EIGHTH.—Because it has two fine clubs and all social advantages, including a fine theatre in course of construction.

NINTH.—Because it has first-class stores of every description, and two fine banks and the best postal service.

TENTH.—Because its citizens are the kind that hold out the right hand of fellowship to every new comer, if he is worthy, and do all in their power to help him to prosper.

These, and many other reasons, account for the fact that Freeport to-day has more commuters than any other station on the Long Island Railroad, and its future is only limited by the confines of its territory.
Freeport Public School—Largest on Long Island

Electric Trolley Leaving Freeport for Brooklyn and New York
Freeport Club

Water Works, Freeport

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Methodist Church, Freeport

Residence of John E. Nolan, the Printer. N. Main St., Freeport, L. I.
Presbyterian Church, Freeport

Episcopal Church, Freeport
Point Lookout Hotel Oscar Rhodes Proprietor), Freeport

Woodcleft Inn, Freeport
Residence for sale by E. R. Brindel, 7 Brooklyn Ave., Phone 191-L. I. Specialty, Freeport all year houses and choice building sites.

Residence of Mrs. J. Brotheridge, North Main St. (This property and adjoining lots for sale)
Residence of John W. Bailey, cor. Merrick Road and Long Beach Ave.

Residence of George P. Bergen, Merrick Road
Residence of Jos. A. Bigley, 36 South Bergen Place

Residence of Franklin Bedell, Merrick Road
Residence of Esmond Stiles, South Bergen Place
R es ide nce o f H ir a m R. S m ith , N orth B erg e n P l ace

Residence of Hiram R. Smith, North Bergen Place

Residence of M r s. N elson M. S m ith , M er rick R oad a nd G rove S treet

Residence of Mrs. Nelson M. Smith, Merrick Road and Grove Street
Residence of Chas. A. Sigmond, Broadway, Freeport, L. I.
Residence and Greenhouses of Charles Lenker, North Main St.

Residence of H. P. Libby, South Ocean Avenue
Residence of J. K. Eldridge, 119 Fulton Street

Residence of J. Huyler Ellison (Village Trustee), 41 Wallace St.
Residence of L. H. Vogel, Merrick Road and Bayview Ave.

Residence of Clarence A. Edwards, West Dean Street
South Shore Yacht Club, Freeport, L. I.
Beautiful grounds of the residence of J. J. Randall

Bathing at Woodeleft Channel
View of "Woodbine," home of J. J. Randall, Freeport, L. I.
View of Sportsmen's Channel, near Woodcleft

Houses built and owned by J. J. Randall, near Woodcleft
Residence of Ernest S. Randall, 65 Long Beach Avenue
Residence of Mrs. William Higgins, 142 South Ocean Avenue

Residence of William P. Jones, 131 So. Ocean Avenue
Residence of W. H. Patterson, 127 South Main Street

Residence of S. A. Williams, South Grove Street
Residence of Roswell Davis, 26 Rose Street

Residence of Valentine G. Walters, Pine St. and Bergen Place
Residence of Hon. William G. Miller, Ocean Avenue, Cor. Smith Street.
Residence of Dr. William G. Miller, Jr. (Son of Assemblyman Miller), 137 Ocean Ave.
Residence of Mrs. Frank T. McGlynn, 278 Long Beach Avenue

Residence of William P. Miller (Vice-Commodore of the South Shore Yacht Club), 119 Miller Avenue
Property of Cartwright & Murley, Ocean Ave., near Randall Ave.

Residence of Cartwright & Murley, Ocean and Randall Aves.
"Sans Souci," Freeport. Summer home of John Anderson, of Brooklyn
Residence of H. F. Miller, 79 South Lena Avenue

Residence of D. E. Mackay, North Ocean Avenue and South Street
North view at Bayview Ave. and Archer St., Freeport
(Onslow-Moore Co.'s Bayview-Development)

South view at Bayview Ave. and Archer St., Freeport, L. I.
(Onslow-Moore Co.'s Bayview-Development)
East view at Bayview Ave. and Archer St.  
(Onslow-Moore Co.'s Bayview Development)

Residence of Alvin A. Sealy, Bayview Ave. and Archer St.  
(Sales Manager for Onslow-Moore Co.)
Residence of Walter B. Cozzens (contractor and builder),
Brooklyn Avenue and Bergen Place

Residence of Henry L. Crandall, corner Pine and Ocean Aves.
Residence built by Vanderwater Post, Contractor, Wallace Street, near Lena Avenue (For Sale)

Residence of O. C. Patterson, Cor. Lena Ave. and Wallace St. (This property for sale)
Residence and Mantel Warerooms of Daniel Morrison, Grove Street.
Residence of J. W. Fitzsimons (President of Board of Health),
Merrick Road

Residence of Smith Cox, 249 West Merrick Road
Residence of Clinton M. Flint, 185 South Side Ave.

Residence of Alonzo Foster, Bergen Place near Randall Avenue
Residence of Frank H. Stevens, Columbus and Grand Avenues

Residence of S. R. Smith, corner Smith and Grove Streets
One of 40 Bungalows being built at Woodcleft Beach, Freeport, L. I.
Owned and developed by Stephen P. Pettit and Roland M. Lane
Offices: 110 W. 34th St., N. Y. C., and 42 So. Main St., Freeport, L. I.

C. H. Lush, Sign Works, East Merrick Road

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Livery and Feed Store of S. A. Williams, Main Street

Office and store of George Howard Randall, Brooklyn Avenue
Benson House, 87 So. Main St., established 1893, Geo. B. Smith, Proprietor.

Delicatessen Store of Fred. W. Conrad, Main St. and Merrick Road
Fred. A. Stone's Business Block, Main Street and Merrick Road

Seaman's Dry Goods Store, Main Street
Freepo r t Rank, of Freepo rt, L. I.
Smith & Bedell's Drug Store, junction of Main and Church Streets

L'Hommedue Building, built by Fred. S. Howell, Contractor and Builder, 33 Pearsall Avenue
Office of Chas. A. Sigmond (Real Estate), Brooklyn Ave., opposite L. I. R. R. Station
Whitney Van Wicklen, Sanitary Plumber and Gas Fitter, 66 Main St.

Scott's Hotel, J. W. W. Scott, Manager (one of the oldest and best known hotels on Long Island)
Roes & Randall Building, Freeport, L. I.

Furniture and undertaking establishment of C. A. Fulton, Fulton St.
Wallace's Real Estate Office

First National Bank, Freeport, L. I.
Millinery establishment of N. & E. Fletcher, 98 Main Street

Freeport Wine & Liquor Warehouse, Main St., Mayer Bros., Proprs.
Manhattan House and Cafe, 44-46 Main Street, Charles J. Georgens, Proprietor
Thomas Johnston's Pharmacy, 23 Merrick Road

Office of Louis T. Wells (Real Estate), Railroad Avenue
Coal Yard and Storage Bins of Smith Cox, Freeport, L. I.
Real Estate Office of Alvin N. Johnson, Brooklyn Avenue

Office of H. P. Libby (Real Estate), also office of Clinton M. Flint, Atty. Railroad Ave.

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Main Street Office of Smith Cox (Coal and Wood)

Property of the estate of N. H. Smith, Fulton St.
Board of Trade Building, Roosevelt, L. I.

Public School Building, Roosevelt, L. I.
Residence of J. S. P. Dorlon, Roosevelt, L. I.

Roosevelt Meat Market, John Schneider, Propr., Roosevelt, L. I.
Residence of Frederick Scherr, Hempstead Boulevard, Roosevelt, L. I.

Residence of Richard De Lap, Lakewood Ave., Roosevelt, L. I.
One of the many beautiful residences of Roosevelt, built on property owned by The High Grade Realty Co., Roosevelt, L. I., Wm. P. Jones, Secretary, Freeport, L. I.

Property of E. D. Seabury, corner Main Street and Raymond Avenue, Roosevelt, L. I.
Residence of Edward Uhe, Main Street, Roosevelt, L. I.

Residence of Harlan Crandall, Whitehouse Ave., Roosevelt, L. I.
Houses constructed and owned by David H. Brown, Jr. (Contractor and Builder), Roosevelt, L. I.