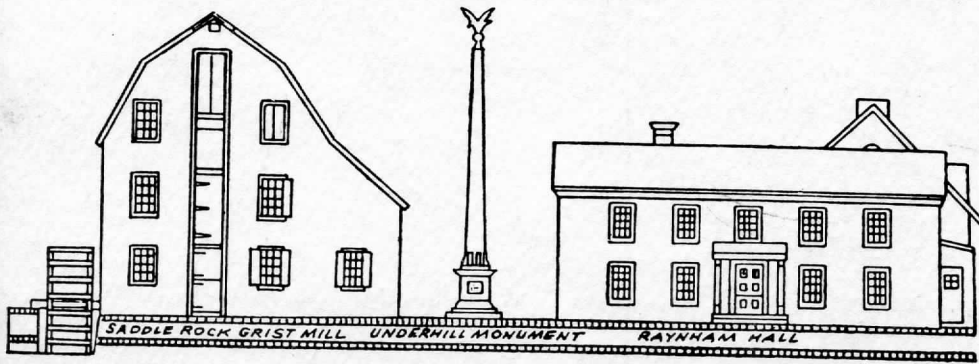
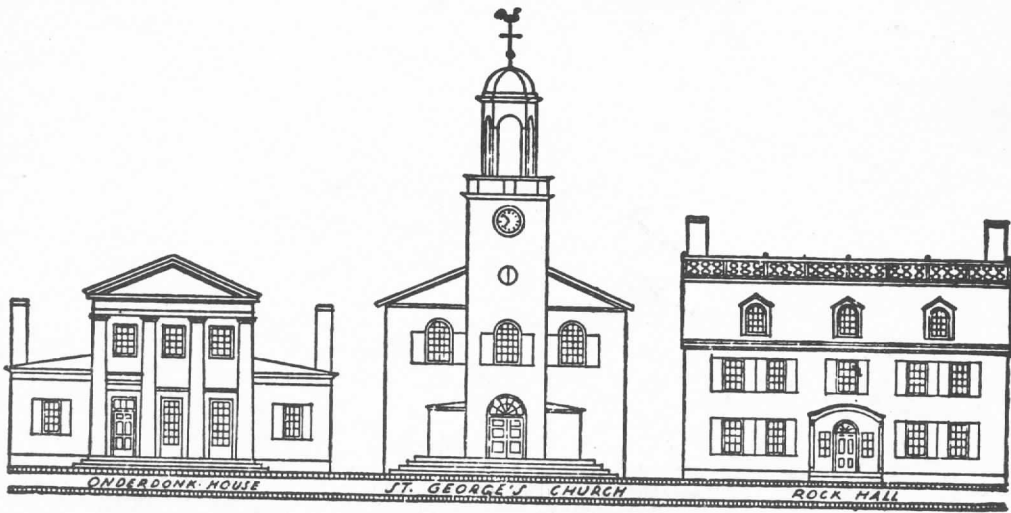
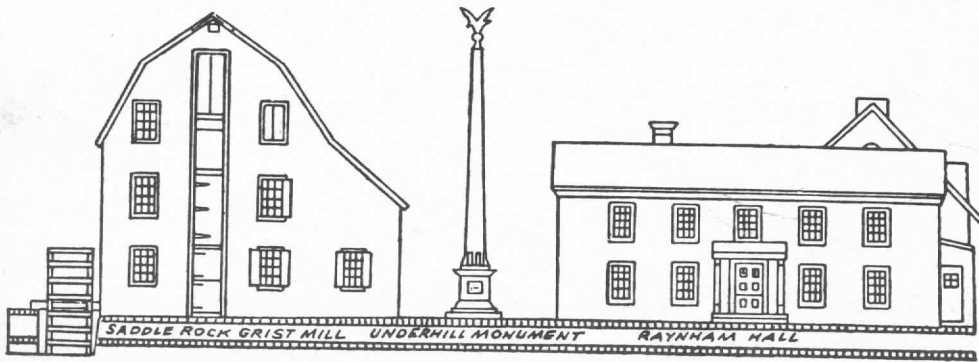


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Nov. 15, 1984	Trustees Meeting	May 9, 1985	Trustees Meeting
Dec. 13, 1984	Historic St. George's Church Royal Welch Fusiliers in America	Jun. 15, 1985	Strawberry Festival
Jan. 10, 1985	Trustees Meeting	Jun. 17-18, 1985	Overnight bus trip to Mohonk Mountain House
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Richard A. Winsche is Historian in Charge of the Nassau County Museum Reference Library in Eisenhower Park. He has done considerable research on many historic buildings in the County and this article is the result of many hours of investigation with reference to the Jericho Historic Preserve. He has written several articles for the pages of the Journal and we are now delighted to be able to print this very carefully researched material of this important Historic Preserve.

Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr. is the well-known author of many articles dealing with the Long Island scene. His poetry as well as other of his writings appear in publications such as the *Long Island Forum* of which he is a Contributing Editor and in *Newsday*. He is also Vice President for Natural History of the Friends for Long Island's Heritage. We welcome Mr. Wheat's valuable contribution to this issue of the Journal.

We are very fortunate to be able to reprint a very choice article by the late Bernice Schultz (Mrs. Ernest D. Marshall) which first appeared in the issue of *New York History*, published by the New York State Historical Association, for January, 1940. We gratefully acknowledge the permission granted to us to do this. Mrs. Mary Irish Oman, who now lives in East Setauket, also graciously gave permission to reprint her illustrations as they appeared at that time. Bernice Schultz was also the author of *Colonial Hempstead*, a volume published in 1937 and which has become a classic in Long Island history. This article appears exactly as it first appeared in *New York History*, forty-five years ago. Until her death Bernice Schultz Marshall was a very active member and officer of the Nassau County Historical Society and contributed several articles to the Journal.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

December is a time for reviewing and evaluating the accomplishments of the past year and for planning the year to come.

The year began with a presentation by the Willis Company, a civil war unit of the union forces centered in Nassau County which was arranged through the good offices of our trustee, Muriel Tatem. In April we moved to the St. Mary's School in Garden City, New York for a program arranged by trustee Ernest D. Marshall dealing with the history of the school, the antique furnishings, and a presentation by trustee Edward Smits on architecturally significant buildings in the County. At the beginning of May trustee Mabel Reid once again provided the Society with another of her delightful trips, this time to Bellport and to the 17th Century Estate of the William Floyd family. We once again enjoyed perfect weather for the Strawberry Festival in June at the Cathedral of the Incarnation where we were treated to a recital on the Cathedral organ which with its more than 6,000 pipes was the largest organ in the United States at the time of its completion in 1883.

We are particularly grateful to trustee Nicholas A. Meyer and Mrs. Kathy Sullivan Werner who performed so graciously and ably as the chairpersons of the Annual Dinner held at the Cherry Valley Club in October. We were treated to an optimistic view of America's future in the world by University of Virginia Professor Norman Graebner who has been a distinguished visiting professor and lecturer for the United States State Department and numerous universities including Queensland in Australia and Oxford and Cambridge in England. December completed the year with another military presentation arranged by trustee Frederic H. Schawe at which we were brought face to face with members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, a British Revolutionary war unit in full battle regalia.

1984 marks a milestone in the history of the Historical Society Journal. This is the beginning of the 35th year of the tenure of Dr. Myron H. Luke as editor. Congratulations are extended to Dr. Luke and to his able assistants over the years.

Looking ahead to 1985 the Society is in the midst of its first major project under the chairmanship of trustee and past president Samuel U. Mitchell. The 19th Century office building formerly located at the Mineola Fairgrounds is being reconstructed at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration with the support of the Society. A grand opening is expected by the summer. Under the stewardship of trustee Nicholas A. Meyer the Society has reestablished its program of recognizing historic buildings within the County. Trustee Mabel Reid is arranging another of her delightful excursions for the spring. The programs being organized and coordinated by program chairman, Frederic H. Schawe, will be informative and intriguing.

I express to all of the officers, trustees, members and friends of the Society my sincere appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the Society and for your support of our activities.

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