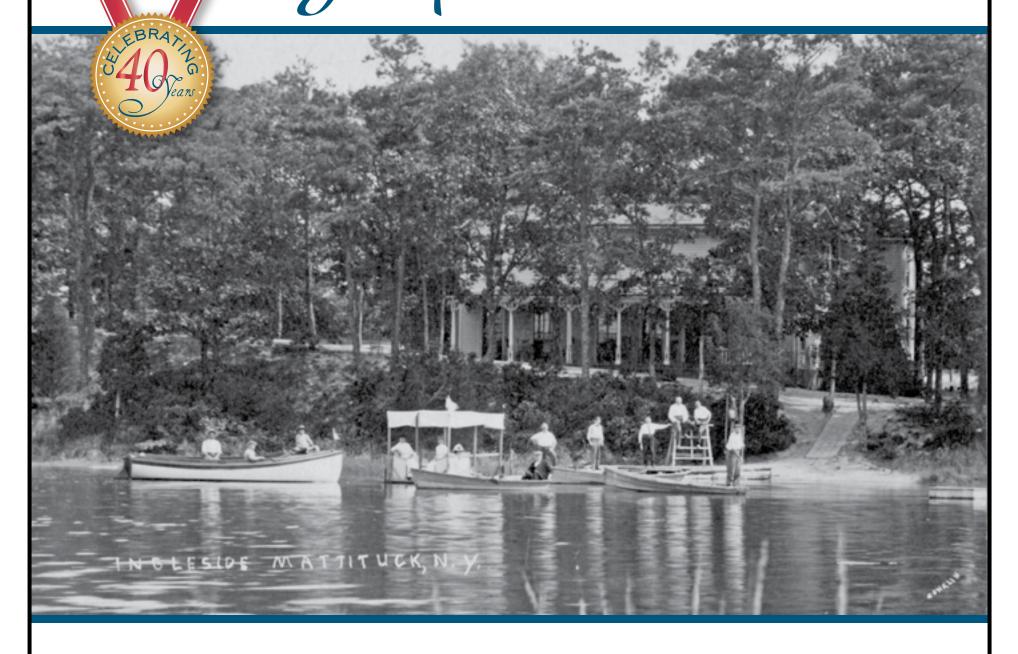
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Guests, many of them probably hailing from Brooklyn, pose at the dock of The Ingleside Cottage on Mattituck Creek, c. 1910. See story on page 3...

egoer Feedogck SUBJECT: Fireman's Fair

I have a fond memory of the Fireman's Fair back in 1956. My aunt, Libby Terry, had a friend, Peggy Thornhill, visiting from NYC. The two of them decided to go to the Fireman's Fair which was held on the grounds of the American Legion Hall. They put a dime down on a number hoping the huge spinning wheel would come up with it. Amazing as it seemed, it did just that and Aunt Libby got to pick from the best of the gifts, a huge black panda. She had two children in mind for this gift, myself, age 10, and my brother Richard, age 7. The only problem was she had won only one panda. So they tried another dime and miraculously they won again and from the top shelf where there was a second panda the same as the first. They were just ecstatic and walked right over to our home on Oaklawn Avenue to deliver the pandas. I can still see them carrying these huge bears into our backyard with the wonderful story of their winning. My brother and I had these for years to come and will always have a special memory of the generosity these two ladies. — Barbara Terry Charnews

We thank you Barbara for sharing your memories.



The results to our request in the June 2018 PBS (page5) for the location of the Goubeaud's Home Appliance building, that served as a temporary Greenport Post Office in 1961, has been surprising. AS of this writing, 7 people have responded, with 3 different locations:

- 1. Main Street, where the Chase Bank parking lot is today.
- 2. Where the present day IGA stands
- 3. Front Street, between Main and First, where the old IGA was located. We will need more proof to declare a winner!

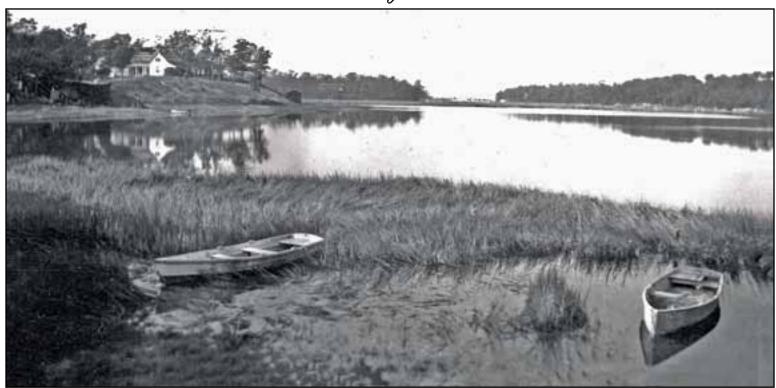
Marie A. Dinizio wrote the following:

I enjoyed the old pictures of Greenport very much. Goubeaud's Home Appliances was were the IGA is now/ My husband Jim Dinizio worked for Joe Goubeaud. He started working on TVs and then all other appliances — washers, dryers, dish washers, etc. Everyone knew Jim and called him to fix everything.

I'm looking forward to seeing new photos. — Marie

Thank you, Marie, for sharing with us.





Morning lies silent and tranquil among marsh grasses on Mattituck Creek before The Ingleside, a house for summer boarders (c. 1905). By afternoon, guests and their children would be out searching for the fragrant blossoms of pink arbutus blooming in the shady nooks and moist recesses along the creek shores.

66OLD BROOKLYNITES" Board in Mattituck at the Turn of the Century

by Jerry Matovcik, Reference Librarian, Mattituck-Laurel Library

ear the end of the 19th century, the Long Island Rail Road introduced special reduced fares to boost ridership by enticing city-dwellers to take rail transportation to the more distant points on the island, to the cool offshore breezes of the bucolic North Fork. And so the era of summer boarders began, when city dwellers on vacation came out on trains and found Mattituck well-equipped with hotels, inns, and boarding houses. Many of the summer boarders came from Brooklyn; in fact, many of the prominent patriarchs who brought their families out to Mattituck were members of the "Old Brooklynites," a society of prominent Brooklyn businessmen founded in 1880; these influential men were also members of local Democratic and Republican clubs in their respective assembly districts. The Brooklynites came to escape oppressive city heat and enjoy the fresh fruits and produce from local farms and the sumptuous bounty of bay, creek, and sound. We present here a brief snapshot of some of these Brooklyn summer boarders by focusing on The Mattituck House, The Ingleside and The Shady Point.

The Mattituck House was a large hotel located on the corner of Love Lane, while The Ingleside and The Shady Point were beautiful boarding houses on Mattituck Creek. The Long Island Railroad listed the following "Summer Homes" for boarders in Mattituck in 1898 with their proprietors:

In the village proper there were:

The Mattituck House George & William Riley The Eureka House Mr. Clement MacMillan The Octagon House Henrietta Wells The Glenwood Hotel John P. Zenzius Lawn Cottage Warren Tuthill The Bay View Cottage Frederick Bicking

Four were located on Mattituck Creek

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The Mattituck House

The Mattituck House was located on the southwest corner of Love Lane where the Mattituck Florist is located today.

Wealthy patrons of the hotel arrived from Brooklyn with their servants and would stay for a month. Mattituck House was a favorite spot to vacation with its large livery stable and property that extended to Pike Street. It was not unusual that a dance at the Mattituck House on a Friday evening in the summer would be enjoyed by some fifty of its guests.

One wealthy Brooklynite at the Mattituck House in 1910 was John P. Mallon, the owner of the famous Mallon Florist of Brooklyn, on Fulton and Willoughby Streets. Mallon often served an upscale clientele. For example, he made one of the largest floral pieces, consisting of almost five thousand flowers, for the funeral of former New York Mayor John Purroy Mitchel (the young

"The Mattituck House has 32 rooms, both single and in suites, nicely furnished, heated and lighted, making it comfortable and homelike. The dining room is large and the tables are supplied with the products of the market and season, cooked and served in a manner and speed that would please the most fault-finding. There is a first-class bar connected where fine wines, liquors and cigars can be obtained, also a pool room where lovers of this scientific game can spend their leisure moments... Proprietor, Mr. T. G. Burgess, is ever on the lookout to further his guests' interests."

~ Long Island Traveler, Oct. 8, 1897

At Mattituck's Tidal Creek

Some fine catches of soft crabs have been made. "Slats" Reeve, our crack baseball shortstop, captured two dozen fat, juicy ones in a short time the other morning.

Flounder fishing with hook and line in Mattituck creek never was better than it is now. One fisherman, the first of the week, in three hours, caught 51 fine fish of good size.

~ Traveler Watchman, c. 1905



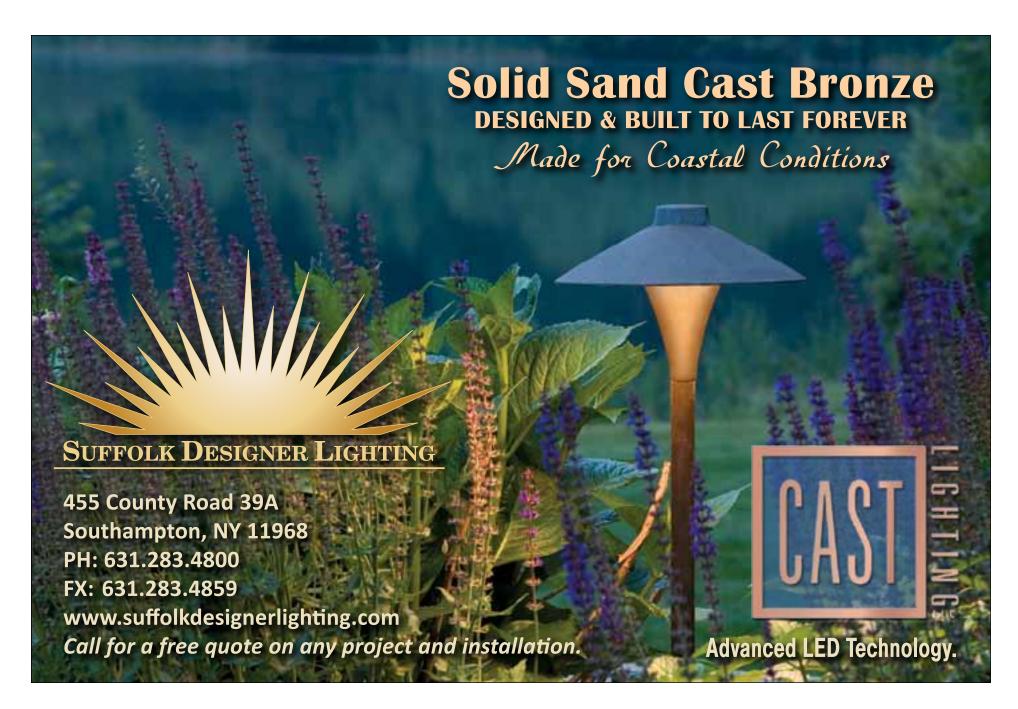


Visitors relaxing on the porch of Mattituck House.

95th mayor of New York after whom Mitchel Air Field was named in 1919). John P. Mallon was a president of the Juanita Democratic Club of the 10th Assembly District (the clubhouse was on Adelphi Street and DeKalb Avenue) and a member of the "Old Brooklynites." In July of 1910, Mallon, who was staying at the Mattituck House with his wife Rose, and their two children, Marie and

Harry Cleveland, decided to go fishing because bluefish were running. A note in the society column mentioned that he "brought back a basketful (of bluefish) within an hour" (The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 10 Jul 1910, p. 9).

Another frequent guest at the Mattituck House was M. F. Marlborough, an automobile and carriage repairer from Clermont Avenue in Brooklyn. He, too, was





Mattituck House, c. 1906. One of the owners of the hotel put an arch opposite the railroad station which said "Mattituck House," and visitors could pass through the arch and along a path through the field to the hotel. The hotel provided transportation in a horse-drawn omnibus to and from the Great Peconic Bay. (Above: On the left side of the photo is Library Hall with the train depot across the way, and in the distance is Mattituck Creek, which locals called "Mattituck Lake" at high tide.

a prominent businessman and member of the Juanita Democratic Club with John P. Mallon and former Judge Henry F. Haggerty. Perhaps he enjoyed a roast duck dinner or a specialty order of lobster which were favored repasts at the

There was much fresh produce to enjoy in Mattituck. Nutritious esculent

asparagus grew thick and tender and were a special treat covered in sweet giltedged butter from Charles Wickham's Marratooka Farm Creamery. There were pickled cucumbers and cauliflower from Alart and McGuire's pickling factory on Wickham Avenue. Of course there were vine-ripe tomatoes, and hearty green beans, and succulent corn.





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Judge Henry F. Haggerty's home at the bay in Mattituck.



Judge Henry F. Haggerty

Mallon and Marlborough had heard about the wonders of summer in Mattituck from their friend, Judge Henry F. Haggerty, who had already built a beautiful home in Mattituck at the bay in 1906 for his wife Rose and daughter Florence. J. Wood Wickham had built a windmill on the property for water supply. Judge Haggerty, a former Assemblyman and Deputy Police Commissioner, was also a member of the Juanita Democratic Club and the Old Brooklynites. After magistrate Haggerty passed away in 1913, his wife Rose continued to live in Mattituck until she died in 1941.

NOTE: We are not sure if Judge Haggerty's house on the bay still exists, whether it has been razed or rebuilt. *If anyone recognizes the house or knows of its ultimate* fate, please contact the Reference Desk at Mattituck-Laurel Library, reference@mattlibrary.org.



Judge E. A. Richard's Summer Home "Twin Oaks" on Peconic Bay.



Judge Edward A. Richards (courtesy of Brooklyn Daily Eagle Photographs, Brooklyn Public Library - Brooklyn Collection.)

Another Democratic judge from Brooklyn who spent summers in Mattituck was Judge Edward A. Richards. In 1908, at the age of thirty-two, he became the youngest municipal court judge in New York City, sitting on the Seventh Municipal Court in Brooklyn. Judge Richards undoubtedly heard about Mattituck from his Brooklyn friends, and in 1922, he bought the Willis A. Tuthill home at the southeast end of Bay Avenue. Willis A. Tuthill, the son of Captain Benjamin Tuthill, was a bayman, and he and his wife Laura had been running their home as a cottage for summer boarders from 1906. The impressive house, with its large expanse of lawn that ran down to the bay shore, was







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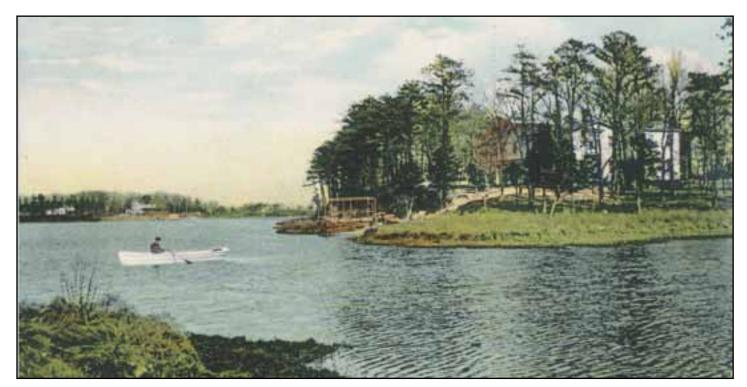
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an ideal place for summer visitors. In 1934, Mrs. Richards opened her summer home for an "exhibition and sale of lingerie and other articles made in the Sheltered Work Shop of the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor" (Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 29 Aug 1934, p 17).

"Clamming at Mattituck is very good, and the clams are of fine quality. Some of the diggers take from three to four bushels to a tide. ~ Traveler Watchman, 1905





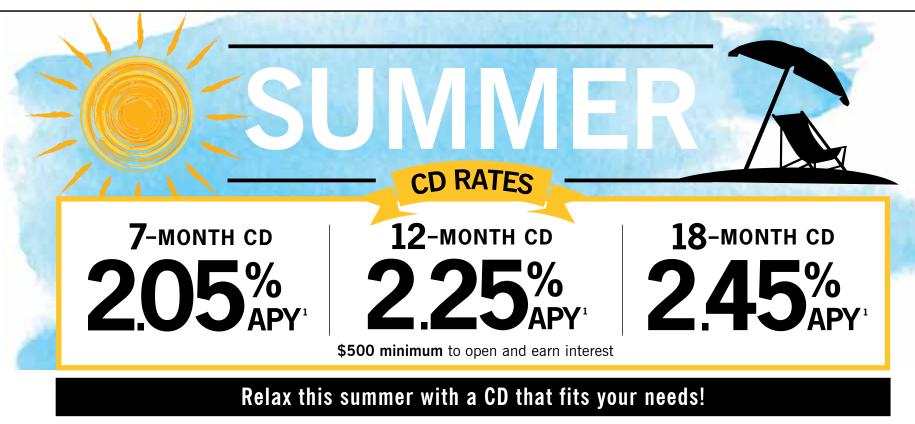
The Ingleside on Mattituck Creek

John Mott Van Wagner

Brooklynites also boarded at The Ingleside, a boarding house on Mattituck Creek conducted by Ella and Seymour H. Tuthill (at one time a salesman for Wechsler and Abraham) with the help of their daughter, Jennie. The price to board for the week was eight dollars. The boarders were well fed. A familiar guest at The Ingleside was another important Brooklynite, John Mott Van Wagner, a resident of Brooklyn for more than seventy-five years and the oldest member of the Juanita Democratic Club (The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 18 Jan 1943, Mon. p 9).

Mr. Van Wagner, a boyhood friend of Seymour Tuthill, had been employed with the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company. Mr. Van Wagner, his wife Mary, and their three sons had a special affection for Mattituck, and Mr. Van Wagner would ultimately end up summering in Mattituck for sixty-six consecutive years. Their sons, William, Eugene, and Raymond grew up spending summers in Mattituck and eventually played on Mattituck's baseball team.

Another guest at The Ingleside, sometimes coinciding with Van Wagner



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The Shady Point on the west side of Mattituck Creek, not far from The Ingleside, was operated by William DuBois and could accommodate 45 guests when filled.

Some Mattituck Creek oysters have been received here No finer bivalves can be found on the Atlantic seaboard than the present denizens of Mattituck Creek....

Speaking of Mattituck Creek oysters, a gentleman from Brooklyn in sending an order here for a barrel says, "They are certainly the finest in the land, but haven't you any smaller ones, as we have to make several bites of one oyster." ~ Traveler Watchman, 1905

family, was Dr. George W. White, a dentist and a member of the State and Second District Dental Societies. In 1909, Dr. White caught some pickerel in Marratooka Lake "averaging in weight two pounds ten ounces each" The dentist's son, teenager George R. White, had the distinction of catching the largest bass that had been taken from the lake in years (The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 16 Jul 1909, p 6). The dentist's son, George R., would become a captain in the army and train aviators during World War I. Ironically, George Junior, who had flown motor-driven bi-planes during the war, would spend a good number of his later years working on his invention, the Ornithopter, a wing-beating, foot-propelled machine which he believed would usher in an age when men would "fly like birds."



If you are wondering about what kind of entertainment kept the summer boarders busy in the days before radio and television, here is a sampling on page 13

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George R. White stands in his Ornithopter on a beach in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1928. Charles Lindbergh had made the first transatlantic flight the year before in a real plane. White's bird-contraption kept crashing and breaking apart, but a battered and bruised White survived many test flights.



