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**Archaeological Investigations on Long Island**

James Truex, former SCAA president, deputy supervisor of Nassau County under Eugene Nickerson, Broadway actor, and archaeologist (deceased), compiled this list of archaeological investigations on the Island to 1961. They pre-date university field schools, which have greatly augmented the record, and contract archaeology, which is usually unpublished. Dr. Ralph Solecki has added more sites from his long-term work on the Island, as has Stanley Wisniewski and Dr. Gaynell Stone. Many of the sites have been reported in SCAA's Vol. I, *Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology*, Vol. II, *The Coastal Archaeology Reader*, Vol. V, *The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader*, Vol. VI, *The Historical Archaeology of Long Island*, and Vol. VIII, *Native Forts of the Long Island Sound Area*. Vol. VI lists hundreds of sites from contract archaeology (and thus unpublished) in the four Long Island counties as well as collections in museums.

- 1883 J. Wickham Case made observations about his investigations at Fort Corchaug
- 1890- D.B. Austin, artifact collector, at Ryders Pond
- 1910 site, Brooklyn, near Sheepshead Bay. Interpreted by Julius Lopez and Stanley Wisniewski, 1971, pub. 1972.
- 1893 William Wallace Tooker observed Fort Montauk, pub. 1888, 2006.
- 1899 Nathaniel E. Booth at the Old Field site on Peconic Bay, North Fork.
- 1900 M.R. Harrington at the Port Washington site, Nassau, pub. 1982.
- 1900 M.R. Harrington at the Dosoris Pond site, Glen Cove, Nassau, pub. 1982 .
- 1901 M.R. Harrington at the Matinecock Point site, near Locust Valley.
- c.1900 M.R. Harrington, Shinnecock Village site, South Fork, pub. 1924, 1977.
- 1902 M.R. Harrington, A.C. Parker, Alanson Skinner at the Sebonac site, Shinnecock Hills, South Fork.
- 1912+ H.L. Ferguson at Fishers Island, Suffolk, pub. 1935, 1977.
- 1918 Foster Saville at the Pantigo burial site, East Hampton, South Fork, pub.1920, 1979..
- 1920s- Goddard, Dart, Booth, Latham of L.I. Chapter,
- 1950s NYSAA, excavate widely on North and South Forks, 45 sites on the North Fork and 20 on the South Fork. Many of the artifacts are at the Southold Indian Museum, NYSAA. A few sites are published in *NYSAA Bulletin*, 1960s; SCAA 1978.
- 1925 Roy Latham at the burial site, Montauk, South Fork, pub. 1957.
- 1925 Foster Saville and Roy Latham at the Soak Hides site, three Mile Harbor, South Fork.

- 1927 F.P. Orchard at the Beach Haven site, Port Washington, Nassau, pub. 1928.
- 1928 Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter NYSAA at the Noyac site, west of Sag Harbor, pub.
- 1930+ Waldemar Pedersen at the Crab Meadow site, Northport (results of many diggings written up briefly by Richard Spooner in 1955), pub. 1982.
- 1930s Matt Schreiner at the Grantville site, College Point, Queens.
- 1933- Charles Goddard at the Conklin site and Wells
- 1936 site, Aquebogue, North Fork.
- 1934 William W. Claude excavated at Massapequa, pub. 2006.
- 1934 Waldemar Pedersen excavated at Bayside Hicks house and other sites.
- 1934? Leonidas Westervelt poached on W.W.. Claude's burial investigations in Massapequa.
- 1935 James Burggraf excavated at Fort Massapeag, pub. 1938, 2006.
- 1935 Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter NYSAA at the Orient #1 site, North Fork.
- 1935 Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter NYSAA at the Orient #2 site, North Fork.
- 1935 Ralph Solecki, Stan Wisniewski excavate 17<sup>th</sup> c. fireplace at Maspeth, pub. 1948, 1982.
- 1936- Ralph Solecki at the North Beach site,LaGuardia
- 1938 Airport, Queens.
- 1936 Ralph Solecki at the Fort Corchaug site, Cutchogue, North Fork, pub. 1950, 2006.
- 1937 Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter NYSAA at the Sugar Loaf Hill site, South Fork.
- 1937 Solecki, Schreiner and others of the Flushing Historical Society\* at Fort Massapeag, Massapequa, Nassau, pub. 2006.
- 1938 Carlyle Smith and others, Flushing Historical Society at the Baker Hill site, Great Neck, Nassau.
- 1933- Local collectors at the Soundview site, Great
- 1939 Neck, Nassau; sites at Baker Hill, Aqueduct, North Beach, Whitestone, and Grantville were analyzed by Carlyle Smith for his dissertation, *The Archaeology of Coastal New York*.
- 1939 Flushing Historical Society members at the Wilkins site, Whitestone, Queens.
- 1939 Ralph Solecki excavates burial at Aqueduct, Queens, pub. 1951, 1982.
- 1940 Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter NYSAA at the Jamesport Hill site, North Fork.
- 1943- Roy Latham and the L.I. Chapter at the Smith
- 1953 site, Shelter Island, Suffolk, pub.
- 1953 Ed Patterson & team excavate Garvies Point site, pub. 1955, 1982.
- 1946 Carlyle Smith at the Manhasset Rock site, Manhasset, Nassau.
- 1946- P.B. Venuto excavates Oakland Lake site, Bayside, pub. 1967, 1982.

- 1953 William Ritchie at the Jamesport Hill site, North Fork, pub. 1959.
- 1955 Ed Patterson and the Nassau Archaeological Society at NAS I, Muskeeta Cove site, Glen Cove, Nassau, pub. 1982.
- 1956 Ed Patterson and Marshall McKusick at the NAS II site, Muskeeta Cove, Glen Cove, Nassau, pub. 1955.
- 1955-1956 William Ritchie (N.Y.S. Archaeologist) at the Stony Brook site, Stony Brook, Suffolk, pub. 1959.
- 1956 William Ritchie at the Wading River site, Wading River, Suffolk, pub. 1959.
- 1957 Roy Latham excavates Smith site, Shelter Island, pub. 1978.
- 1960 Ralph Solecki and Bert Salwen at the Baxter site, near New Suffolk, North Fork.
- 1960s pub. Latham and NYSAA at sites in Quogue, East Moriches, Orient, Three Mile Harbor, Laurel, Greenport, Southold, Riverhead, etc., 1978.
- 1961 William Ritchie at the Solecki site, Cutchogue, North Fork.
- 1961 William Ritchie at the Wells site, Aquebogue, North Fork.
- 1950s Roy Latham at the Jagger site, Orient, North Fork (reported briefly by Latham, pub 1965).
- 1962 Bert Salwen & Columbia U. team at the IBM site, Port Washington, pub. 1962.
- 1965 Ben Werner excavated Strong's Neck burial site, pub. 1982.
- 1966 Edward Kaeser and Metropolitan Chapter, NYSAA at the Oakland Lake site, Bayside, pub. 1974.
- 1966 E.D. Patterson, n.d. and Bert Salwen excavated the Muskeeta Cove site, Glen Cove, pub.
- 1966- Ron Wyatt & Nassau Co. Museum team excavate excavated Wading River and Cusano sites, pub. 1977, 1982.
- 1970 Matt Schreiner and Stan Wisiewski test the Tiger Lily site, Mt. Sinai Harbor, pub. 1982.
- 1971 Donna Ottusch, Walter Saxon, Daniel Kaplan excavate excavate shellfish features at Merrick Rd. & Ocean Ave., pub. 1980, 1982.
- 1972 Lorraine Williams excavated at Fort Corchaug for Ph.D. dissertation, pub. 2006.
- 1973 Walter Saxon, organized artifact data on the Paleo-Indians at 13 Long Island sites, pub. 1978.
- 1975 Ed Lenik records Jericho petroglyph, pub. 1976
- 1977 Gretchen Gwynne excavated at Pipestave Hollow, Mt. Sinai Harbor, pub. 1979, 1982.
- 1979 Richard Gramley & Gretchen Gwynne excavated at Pipestave Hollow, Mt. Sinai Harbor and the Englebright site, Setauket, pub. 1979, 1982
- 1982 Kathryn Browning analyzes L.I. archaeological environmental settings, pub. 1979, 1982.
- 1983 Edward Johannemann and Laurie Schroeder tested Fort Hill in Montauk, pub. 2006.
- 1996 Queens and Brooklyn sites studied by CRM archaeologists pub. By Prof. Archaeol. Of NYC Newsletter, No. 76, May.
- 2006 Kevin McBride excavated Fort Island on Block Island, pub..
- 2006 Anagnostis Agelarakis reports on Massapequa burials; Ralph Solecki reports on Fort Massapequa excavation (pub.).

\* The Flushing Historical Society had among its members Ralph Solecki, Carlyle Smith, Stanley Wisniewski, Matt Schreiner, John Wilson Jr., James Burggraf, and Waldemar Pedersen. All of them were involved in the dig at Fort Massapeag. The Society had a brief but productive career.

## Joseph Lloyd Manor Excavation Continues



SCAA film editor Matt Grzan filming at the Joseph Lloyd Manor site

Students and volunteers from Hofstra University and other institutions continued the excavation at the slave quarters of the Joseph Lloyd house. Dr. Theresa Singleton of Syracuse University spoke at a July community program on how to look for the African presence on archaeological sites. On October 18 Dr. Alan Singer, David Byer-Tyre, and Geri Solomon spoke on various aspects of African-American history. A great deal of community interaction has developed from this excavation, directed by Dr. Christopher Matthews, assisted by Jenna Coplin.

## Underwater Archaeology Off Long Island/N.J.

Daria Merwin, doctoral candidate in the Stony Brook University Anthropology Department, reported on her projects at the SCAA Annual Meeting in June. She and a team of divers explored an underwater site off the New Jersey shore which was pinpointed by geological and artifactual evidence washed ashore. A transect was established parallel to the shore and divers tested the sea bottom at established intervals. Artifacts retrieved indicated this was a Paleo Native American site, now submerged by the ocean rise of ca. 350 feet during the last global warming ca. >12,000 years ago. *This is the first scientific underwater excavation in the region.*

In 2005-06, Daria, of SBU's Institute of L.I. Archaeology, and Roger Flood, SBU Marine Sciences Research Center, continued to explore submerged Hudson River targets with ultra-high resolution sonar, which had been located earlier by a NYS DEC funded project. About 100 sonar targets of potential archaeological significance, mostly 19<sup>th</sup> century sailing vessels and canal boats, were mapped.

Daria supervised reconnaissance dives by John DeFrancesco and team from West Point Divers, focused on targets probably related to Revolutionary War defensive structures, which appears to be the case. Fieldwork to identify each sonar target to assess its archaeological and historical significance is ongoing.



Margaret Wisniewski donates husband Stanley's chert sample collection to Dr. Chris Matthews for use in the Hofstra University Archaeology Lab.

**SCAA's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Below are pictures of SCAA's beginnings – meetings at Dr. Gretchen Gwynne's house in Stony Brook and early conferences held at the Neighborhood House in Setauket in the early 1970s.. Subsequent conferences were held annually for many years at Suffolk County Community College Eastern and Ammerman Campuses, Shoreham-Wading River High School, the BOCES Center in Holbrook, Stony Brook University, and the Neighborhood House.

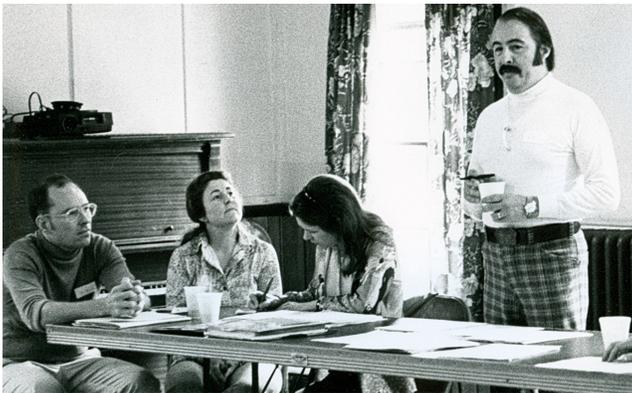
*Photos by Tom Gwynne*



From left: Dr. Mike Gramly and Dr. Phil Weigand of SUSB Anthropology Dept.; Lynn Ceci of Queens College (deceased); at a Neighborhood House Conference.



Walt Saxon, Gretchen Gwynne applauding SCAA award to Gaynell Stone.



SCAA's first officers - Ben Werner, President; Walt Saxon of Garvies Point Mus. V. Pres.; Gretchen Gwynne and Gaynell Stone of SUNY Stony Brook, Secretary and Treasurer.



Gretchen Gwynne, Ben Werner, Dr. Skip Moeller, Dowling College; Dan Kaplan, Garvies Pt. Mus. observe display at SCAA conference at Neighborhood house.

**Neanderthal-Modern Human Interaction** is the topic of Dr. Daniel Shawn Adler's talk for the Long Island Society, Archaeological Institute of America, to be held Sunday, November 16, 2:00 PM, Room 106 Breslin Hall, Hofstra University.

**Paleoamerican Origins Workshop: Evaluating the State of the Paleoamerican Origins Debate**

February 14-16 saw researchers from around the world, hosted by the Center for the Study of the First Americans, the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, Southeastern Paleo American Survey, and the Smithsonian Institution, convened at Austin, Texas for the second conference, the first at Santa Fe, NM ten years ago. The scientists of many fields review specific early-occupation sites, models for the peopling of the Americas, and rules of evidence necessary to confidently verify human presence. DNA and genetics studies of the First Americans seems to point to a single source population, a single migration out of Beringia. The presence of Haplotype B DNA in the Americas more than 8,000 years ago points to a common, perhaps South Asian, ancestor, according to Brian Kemp, Washington State University molecular anthropologist.

## Resources

The Archaeology Channel is now offering five new HD videos on archaeological subjects for members. To access them and for information, contact [www.archaeologychannel.org](http://www.archaeologychannel.org).

The New York Archaeological Council sponsors Section 106 in the New Regulatory Environment, a Workshop by Lynne Sebastian, SRI Foundation. Two sessions will be held: November 4 at the New York State Museum, Meeting Room A in Albany or November 6 at the Holiday Inn in Lockport in conjunction with the ESAF conference. Advance registration required, \$250. fee. Information: <http://nyarchaeology.org>.

The Eastern States Archeological Association Annual Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Lockport November 6-9. Dr. Richard Laub will give the keynote address on "The Hiscock Site." Information on Long Island archaeology will be given as "Exotic Trade Goods or Glacial Transport: An Analysis of Differential Treatment of Non-Quartz Materials on Long Island" by Jaclyn Ann Nadeau, University at Albany. Jaclyn worked with Dr. David Bernstein of Stony Brook University and Michael Lenardi of the N.Y.S. Museum studying artifacts from Long Island glacial erratics, which suggests that non-local materials ("exotics") were more important locally during the Late Archaic then they were during the subsequent Woodland Period.

## Publications

*Cross-Cultural Collaboration: Native Peoples and Archaeology in the Northeastern United States.* Jordan Kerber, U. Of Nebraska Press, 2006. Publisher contact: <http://unp.unl.edu/bookinfo/5069.html>.

Left Coast Press – 15% discount on web orders at [www.LCoastPress.com](http://www.LCoastPress.com):

*Archaeology Matters: Action Archaeology in the Modern World.* Jeremy Sabloff, \$21.95 paper.

*Controversies in Archaeology.* Alice Beck Kehoe, \$29.95 paper.

*American Industrial Archaeology: A Field Guide.* Douglas C. McVarish, \$49.95 paper.

*Handbook of Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology.* Soren Blau & Douglas Ubelaker, \$129. cloth.

*!!Box Office Archaeology: Refining Hollywood's Portrayals of the Past.* \*Alternate Selection of the History Book Club. Julie M. Schlablitsky, \$24.95 paper.

*Doing Archaeology: a Cultural Resource Management Perspective.* Thomas F. King, \$21.95 paper.

*Inauthentic Archaeologies: Public Uses and Abuses of the Past.* Troy Lovata, \$21.95 paper.

*The Archaeological Survey Manual.* Gregory C. White & Thomas King, \$29.95 paper.

*Archaeology and Women: Ancient and Modern Issues.* Sue Hamilton, R.D. Whitehouse, K.I. Wright, eds. \$34.95 paper.

## Publications of the S. C. Archaeological Association

*Readings in Long Island Archaeology & Ethnohistory*  
All volumes are \$40. + \$5. Shipping, except Vol. III, 2d ed., which is \$75. + \$8. Shipping, both plus 8.50% sales tax in N.Y. State for individuals. Vol. I is out of print; a few copies of Vols. IV and VI remain.

- I *Early Papers in Long Island Archaeology*
- II *The Coastal Archaeology Reader*
- III *History & Archaeology of the Montauk, 2d ed.*
- IV *Languages & Lore of the Long Island Indians*
- V *The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader*
- VI *The Shinnecock Indians: A Culture History*
- VII *The Historical Archaeology of L.I.: Part 1 - The Sites*
- VIII *The Native Forts of L.I. Sound*

### Student Series (Including shipping)

- Booklet: *A Way of Life: Prehistoric Natives of L.I.* \$6.  
Study Pictures: *Coastal Native Americans* 8.  
Wall Chart: *Native Technology (26x39"-3 colors)* 14.  
Map: *Native Long Island (26x39"-3 colors)* 14.

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>SCAA Director Gaynell Stone, Ph.D. has been included in *Who's Who in American Women 2008-2009*.