

Guide to Resources on
Long Island Shipwrecks
In the Celia M. Hastings Local History Room, at Patchogue-Medford Library

Where to Find information on Shipwrecks in the Room or in our Online Sources

Books

- Direct Sources:
 - Histories or Directories of Individual or Multiple Shipwrecks or Strandings
- Indirect Sources
 - Biographies and Genealogies
 - Books on L.I. Lighthouses
 - Books on Major Storms, Hurricanes, or Blizzards of the Past
 - Books on the U.S. Lifesaving Service & U.S. Coast Guard
 - Books on Scuba Diving (that include shipwrecks)
 - Books on the various bodies of water surrounding L.I., and on the marine ecology or geology of the area that may refer to shipwrecks
 - Books on L.I.'s involvement in various wars, that may identify resultant sinkings of friendly or enemy vessels (whether warships, merchant marine, or privately-owned)
 - Official US, NYS, and Foreign Naval and Marine records, e.g.:
 - *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships* (includes occasional shipwrecks of vessels associated in some way with L.I.; which must often first be determined from other sources; whether the ship associated with L.I. was sunk in L.I. waters or elsewhere around the world, e.g.: HMS Culloden, *USS Monitor*, *USS Montauk*, *USS San Diego*, *USS Long Island*)
 - *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*
 - *Naval Documents of the War of 1812*
 - Directories, Biographical sources, Official Reports
 - U.S. Navy. Ships History Branch
 - NYS Library, Archives, Museum [Excelsior Catalog]

Historic Images

- Drawn from various sources
- Digital PML – new collection?

Periodicals

- Articles in the *Long Island Forum*
- Articles in Historical Society Newsletters
- Articles in Historic Newspapers – Online (often searchable & downloadable) or on Microfilm

Maps

- Showing the location of the shipwreck, and/or the path that the ship took to its final resting place
- Showing various naval engagements in which the ship participated and sinkings (e.g., L.I.ers were aboard the *USS Hartford*, Farragut's flagship at the battles forcing passage to New Orleans (1862) and Mobile Bay (1864); the ironclad *USS Monitor* was built in Brooklyn.
- Showing shipwrecks around L.I. or on a larger or world scale (involving ships associated with L.I.)

Vertical Files

- L.I. – Biography – Fuller, Margaret
- L.I.—Fire Island – Shipwrecks
- L.I. – Patchogue – History, 1850-1859 [*Elizabeth* – d. of Margaret Fuller]
- L.I. – Patchogue – History, 1895 [*Louis V. Place* and *John B. Manning*]
- L.I. – Ships – Steamboats [*General Slocum*, *Lexington*]
- L.I. – Shipwrecks – [subfiles mainly listed alphabetically, by individual shipwreck]
- L.I. – United States Lifesaving Service [+ 9 subheadings]

Local History Website

- Direct References:
 - Maritime History (Long Island History web page)
 - Shipwrecks (Long Island History web page)
- Indirect References:
 - Many of the subpages of the NYS History and LI History web pages and L.I. County, Village, and Outer Island Histories may contain references to shipwrecks
- Online Historical Local Newspapers

Indexes:

- **Shipwrecks by Name of Vessel**
- **Shipwrecks by Location of Wreck**
- **Shipwreck by Type of Vessel**
- **[Shipwrecks Chronologically]**