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York State or Long Island History.

Thousands of students and researchers  
have used our collection to further their studies  
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to show the history of Long Island.

## James N. MacLean

The founder of the library, the late James N. MacLean, was a retired attorney and a former Army Officer in WW-I, who had a long history of service to God and Country.

Of the many awards and citations that were received by Mr. MacLean over the years, there are three most noteworthy ones for: "A lifetime of Public Service" given by the Nassau County Board of Supervisors; "Thirty-six years of dedicated service to the Youth of Long Island", given by the Nassau County Career Day Committee; "A quarter of a century of unselfish service to Civic and Humanitarian Causes" given by the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith.

The Nassau Lawyer's Association of Long Island gave further recognition to James N. MacLean for his outstanding service to the community when it established a fund in his name, to help needy seniors who were in college and who planned to enter law school and were residents of Nassau County.

James N. MacLean was an outstanding legionnaire and the founder of the Massapequa Post #1066. He was a past commander of the Massapequa Post and in the year 1944 he was elected to the high officer of Commander of the Nassau County American Legion.

In the year 1952, James N. MacLean realized his dreams of creating a library resource center pertaining to the history of New York State and Long Island, when his proposal to Hofstra College President Dr. John Cranford Adams, was heartily accepted. Dr. Adams then appointed Professor William K. Kaiser as the campus liaison man for the proposed collection.

## James N. MacLean (con't)

As the library's first General Chairman, MacLean donated much of his time, money and energy over the years to help establish a continual growth pattern for the library and to assure its success in the achievement of the goals that would eventually make the librarian important resource center for researching the history of New York State and Long Island.

In the year of 1970, MacLean's efforts were graciously rewarded when upon recommendation of the Nassau County American Legion and with the approval of Hofstra University, the collection was named "The James N. MacLean, Nassau County American Legion, Memorial Collection of New York State and Long Island History at Hofstra University."

In 1973 after 22 years of dedicated service to the library, James N. MacLean announced his retirement as the General Chairman. Shortly after his retirement MacLean was given the title of "General Chairman Emeritus."

In the latter part of September 1976, James N. MacLean answered another call to service, this time the call was from the Supreme Commander of all mankind, thus leaving the future of the Memorial Library in the strong capable hands of the American Legion and those who will be chosen to serve as "General Chairmen" of the library.

James N. MacLean was a man of vision and action who realized his dream through dedication and hard work. The Memorial Library is his legacy to future generations.

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