

Flushing and Long Island Newspapers, 1821-1904
Black and Native American Communities
Topical Index

Introduction

This index is based on transcription volumes from the *Flushing Journal*, *Long Island City Weekly Star*, *Long Island Farmer*, and *Newtown Register*, compiled by the historian Vincent F. Seyfried and available at the Archives at Queens Public Library. For a list of the volumes, see **Sources** at the end of this document.

The transcription volumes are incomplete; many issues of these newspapers have been lost or damaged. It is also important to note that the transcriptions include only “the articles that, in the opinion of the author, seemed historically important or shed significant light on the social, economic and cultural life of old Queens.”^[1].

Because the Seyfried volumes contain a mix of transcriptions and hand-annotated photocopies of the microfilms, dates and pagination are sometimes unclear. Such cases are indicated in this index by question marks. A few reports not indexed by Seyfried were also found due to their presence on photocopied pages. These are indicated as “not indexed.”

For scholarly citation and quotation, it is recommended to consult the microfilms. As of January 2024, these issues have not been digitized and must be viewed at the Archives. For available issues, consult the newspaper index and contact the Archives.

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Index Content

This index includes institutions (e.g., churches and schools), roles and spheres of activity (e.g., clergy, speakers, teachers), and topics (e.g., abolition and emancipation, Civil War, obituaries).

¹ Seyfried, V.F. (1982): Introduction. In *Index to Second Volume, Long Island City Star and Transcript of News Articles, 1880-1885*.

Entries under two of Seyfried's topical categories were not transcribed. Camp meeting notices and reports were skipped, on the grounds of too little substantive information. Crime reports were not included on the grounds that the veracity of the accusations cannot be determined, and because descendants of the community have no means of redress for harm caused.

Because Seyfried compiled his indexes over several decades, the very general topics he applied are not consistent across the volumes. It is not possible, for instance, to search for children as a topic, and churches and clergy were indexed variously.

The topical indexing terms applied in this document were chosen by the author, with the goal of facilitating easy visual scanning based on topics that emerged organically from work with the texts. The organization of this document matches the headings in the transcription document. Entries are repeated under multiple headings where applicable.

For an alphabetical name index of individuals, associations, institutions, and organizations, see **Flushing and Long Island Newspapers, ca. 1840-1900: Black and Native American Communities–Personal Names and Associations/Organizations.**

Content Warning

These newspaper reports contain terms referring to Black people and Native Americans that were in common use in the 19th and early 20th centuries and are now considered offensive and racist.

Terms used in names (Colored School, Colored Cemetery) and content descriptions have been preserved in this index for historical accuracy and to facilitate searching across the topical and name indexes and the text transcription document.

Topic	Newspaper	Year	Date	Pagination	Seyfried Transcript Page	Notes
Abolition and Emancipation	Flushing Journal	1849	July 21	2:3	96	Abolitionists on Long Island: Mr. and Mrs. Foster mobbed in Flushing

Abolition and Emancipation	Flushing Journal	1856	May 31	2:6	35	Rev. Isaac L.C. McDaniel preaches to raise money to purchase wife and family in slavery
Abolition and Emancipation	Flushing Journal	1865	March 4	2:2	265	Rev. Sella Martin to speak on emancipation, benefit for freedman of Savannah and Charleston
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1853	August 13	2:3	136	Colored Burying Ground
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1864	April 9	2:1	202	Flushing Cemetery colored burials: Protest
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1864	May 14	2:4	209-210	Letter protesting refusal of burial for persons of color in Flushing Cemetery (2 pages)
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1867	March 2	2:3 (Seyfried annotation" missing")	91	Colored Cemetery
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1867	March 16	2:3	95	Flushing Cemetery: Editorial and letter from the <i>New York Tribune</i>
Cemeteries	Flushing Journal	1873	November 15	2:2	166	Flushing Cemetery trustees set aside land for colored burial ground
Children	Flushing Journal	1851	January 15	3:1	3	Eliza Tucker , runaway, reward offered
Children	Flushing Journal	1853	September 24	3:1	151	Andrew Cefus , runaway, reward notice

Children	Flushing Journal	1857	March 7	2:5	70	Colored children to bind out as apprentices; headline says boys but it is one boy and one girl
Children	Flushing Journal	1859	July 16	3:1	202	Colored boy and girl to bind out
Children	Flushing Journal	1863	June 13	3:2	141	Poor Farm children hired out
Children	Flushing Journal	1867	May 11	3:1	106	Poor Farm: Colored boy to bind out
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1851	November 22	2:4	41	Rev. Edward C. Africanus , pastor, Macedonia AME Zion Church
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1853	August 13	2:3	136	Macedonia AME Zion Church cemetery full
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1856	June 21	2:3	39	Death of Rev. William Paul Williams (Billy Paul) , formerly of Flushing, in Canada
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1859	July 9	2:3	201	Macedonia AME Zion Church debt: Church fair fundraiser
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1862	January 4	2:2	56	Dedication and festival for Macedonia AME Zion Church , Liberty Street, William H. Bishop presiding
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1862	January 4	2:4	56-57	Festival for Macedonia AME Zion Church

Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1868	May 24	2:3	192-193	"A new African church": Editor urges support for building of new Macedonia AME Zion church on Linden Street
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1868	July 4	2:4	199	Macedonia AME Zion Church : Letter from Rev. Moses Manning on fundraising
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1868	September 19	2:5	217	" Black Swan " benefit concert for Macedonia AME Zion Church
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1868	October 3	2:5	217	Funding of Macedonia AME Zion Church : Rev. Moses Manning letter
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1870	May 21	2:3	354	Preliminary meeting at Macedonia AME Zion Church in preparation for New York State election
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1870	December 17	Not indexed	403	Rev. Peter Hawkins : Macedonia AME Zion Church fundraiser
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1872	September 28	2:3	108	Rev. Jarvis Prince , Macedonia AME Zion Church , "Springville area of Flushing"
Churches and Clergy	Flushing Journal	1876	June 17	2:3	21	African Ebenezer Baptist Church , Flushing: Brief report on recognition ceremony on June 12

Churches and Clergy	Newtown Register	1898	January 20	2:4	150	German immigrant Henry Behringer marries Emma Skent , a Black woman, in Macedonia AME Zion Church, Rev. J.W. Fishburn officiating; second mixed marriage in Flushing in 3 weeks
Churches and Clergy	Newtown Register	1898	August 11	2:3	176	Macedonia AME Zion Church : New pastor Rev. Henry J. Taylor rails against moral state of church members and is threatened by church committee
Churches and Clergy	Newtown Register	1903	August 13	5:3	256	Macedonia AME Zion Church in financial trouble due to building of new church
Churches and Clergy	Newtown Register	1904	July 28	8:4	353	African Ebenezer Baptist Church lays cornerstone
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1863	September 5	2:4	153	Colored men drafted from Flushing, going to Rhode Island
Civil War	Long Island Farmer	1863	September 8	2:4	110	Draft of colored men, including Flushing
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1863	December 19	2:1	172	30-40 colored men from Flushing enlist in Rhode Island regiment
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1863	December 19	2:1	172	300-400 colored recruits on Riker's Island

Civil War	Flushing Journal	1865	January 14	2:2	252	Frederick Douglass to speak at Flushing Town Hall: Benefit for sick and wounded colored soldiers
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1865	January 14	n/a	255	Frederick Douglass lecture advertisement
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1865	January 21	2:2	253	Frederick Douglass speech report: Fundraising for colored soldiers
Civil War	Flushing Journal	1865	February 11	2:2	257	Rev. Sella Martin to speak. Compared to Frederick Douglass. Benefit for sick and wounded colored soldiers
Civil War	Newtown Register	1890	January 30	3:3	299	James Rantous petition to have son Alfred Rantous declared legally dead
Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1866	July 7	2:4	44	Fireworks, Liberty Street
Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1870	June 25	Not indexed	385 (photocopy)	Macedonia AME Zion Church Strawberry Festival
Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1870	July 26	Not indexed	385 (photocopy)	Macedonia AME Zion Church Strawberry Festival
Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1870	November 26	2:6	373	Union Brothers Benevolent Society Ball, supervised by William Treadwell
Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1871	December 16	2:4	57	William Barney's Ball at Flushing Town Hall

Events (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1874	January 24	2:4	172	Sale of John Mingo's horses
Events (miscellaneous)	Newtown Register	1884	August 21	1:1	170	Black population of Flushing in 1835
Events (miscellaneous)	Newtown Register	1904	September 15	1:4	366	Colored workers building Carnegie Library in Flushing
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1856	May 31	2:3	35	Stephen Smith , Black gardener, building house at "Black Dublin" (a.k.a Fowlerville) after being dispossessed from house in Liberty Street; receives aid from friends; area half a mile SW of railroad depot
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1870	August 22	photocopy	390	James Ronters , age 102, "Uncle Jimmy"
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Flushing Journal	1880	May 22	2:2	242	John F. Quarles , first Black lawyer admitted to bar in NY State (resident of Flushing)
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Long Island City Star	1881	February 4	1:7	51	Jeannette Treadwell , formerly enslaved, living in Flushing, nearly 100
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Long Island City Star	1885	Mar 13	1:6	177	Mrs. John F. Quarles , "a French woman," receives temporary administration of estate; see also Obituaries
Individuals (miscellaneous)	Newtown Register	1886	April 22	5:2	12-13	Mrs. John F. Quarles destitute

Indentures	Flushing Journal	1852	October 2	3:2	77	Poor Farm indentures: Colored boy offered
Indentures	Flushing Journal	1857	Mar 7	2:5	70	Colored children to bind out as apprentices; headline says boys but it is one boy and one girl
Indentures	Flushing Journal	1859	July 16	3:1	202	Colored boy and girl to bind out
Indentures	Flushing Journal	1863	June 13	3:2	141	Poor Farm children hired out
Indentures	Flushing Journal	1867	May 11	3:1	106	Poor Farm: Colored boy to bind out
Marriages	Newtown Register	1898	January 20	2:4	150	German immigrant Henry Behringer marries Emma Skent , a Black woman, in Macedonia AME Zion Church, Rev. J.W. Fishburn officiating; second mixed marriage in Flushing in 3 weeks
Military (pre/post Civil War)	Flushing Journal	1853	August 13	2:2	135	Tinker Guards (Colored Guards) at St. Ronan's Well
Military (pre/post Civil War)	Flushing Journal	1854	July 8	2:3	194	Colored Guards (Tinker Guards): Report
Military (pre/post Civil War)	Flushing Journal	1871	September 23	2:5	50	Colored Military Festival, St. Ronan's Grove, September 22
Musicians	Flushing Journal	1868	May 24	2:2	192	Blind Tom : Concert notice (Thomas Wiggins)

Musicians	Flushing Journal	1868	May 30	2:2	193	Blind Tom: Concert report (Thomas Wiggins)
Musicians	Flushing Journal	1873	December 20	2:1	169	Blind Tom: Annual concert at Flushing Town Hall (Thomas Wiggins)
Musicians	Flushing Journal	1862	January 31	2:2	122	"Black Swan" (Miss Greenfield, Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield) concert report, Monday January 26 (Frank Gilder, accompanist)
Musicians	Flushing Journal	1868	September 19	2:5	217	"Black Swan" (Miss Greenfield, Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield) benefit concert for Macedonia AME Zion Church
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1852	January 10	2:5	45	Death of Selah Africanus , teacher at Colored School
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1856	June 21	2:3	39	Death of Rev. William Paul Williams (Billy Paul) , formerly of Flushing, in Canada
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1863	February 7	2:3	122	Uncle Tom Smith notice of death: oldest person in town; bayman
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1870	July 25?	photocopy	385	Henry Byrnes death notice
Obituaries	Newtown Register	1887	July 28	2:3	95	Death of Elkanah Jackson
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1869	June 5	2:4	260	Death of Jonathan Mingo , formerly of Flushing, died

						Albion, Michigan, age 70
Obituaries	Flushing Journal	1873	November 1	2:5	165	Death of John Mingo , famous horse trainer of Native American descent
Obituaries	Newtown Register	1885	January 29	5:4	184	Death of John F. Quarles , lawyer, resident of Flushing at time of death
Politics	Flushing Journal	1870	April 9	2:3	337	Black citizens of Flushing vote (mostly Democratic)
Politics	Flushing Journal	1870	May 21	2:3	354	Preliminary meeting at Macedonia AME Zion Church in preparation for New York State election
Politics	Flushing Journal	1870	October 22	photocopy	395-396	Colored Republican Club of Village of Flushing: Meeting notice
Politics	Flushing Journal	1870	November 12	n/a	397	Colored Republican Club of Village of Flushing: Meeting report
Runaways	Long Island Farmer	1821	September 26	4:5	10	Abraham , runaway from Flushing, notice of reward, dated September 12
Runaways	Flushing Journal	1851	January 15	3:1	3	Eliza Tucker , runaway, reward offered
Runaways	Flushing Journal	1853	September 24	3:1	151	Andrew Cefus , runaway, reward notice
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1843	Mar 11	2:1	27	Colored School funding and arrangements

Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1843	Mar 11	2:1	27	Accusation of financial impropriety against Flushing Female Association and Colored School
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1845	May 17	3:1	55	Notice of teaching position for Colored School
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1850	November 30	2:2	119	Annual report, Board of Education: Flushing Female Association resigns charge of Colored School and offers building to Board
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1851	December 27	2:3	42	Selah Africanus: Colored School teacher
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1852	January 10	2:5	45	Death of Selah Africanus , teacher at Colored School (no date given)
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1856	May 17	2:2	30	Public School (white), with praise for Colored School
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1861	January 19	2:4	3	Colored School attendance
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1861	July 8	n/a	29	Petition by Flushing Female Association to build new schoolhouse
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1861	October 19	2:2	48	Colored School: New building
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1862	February 1	2:5	59	Notice of opening ceremony for new Colored School

Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1864	February 6	2:2	188	Colored School celebration: T.W. Cardozo , principal, School #2, benefit for Freedmen
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1864	February 20	2:2	194	Colored School exhibition report
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1864	December 10	2:3	245	Colored School exhibition notice: Freedmen's benefit
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1864	December 17	2:2	245	Colored School exhibition notice: ticketing, recommendation
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1864	February 20	2:2	194	Colored School exhibition: fundraising
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1868	February 22	2:2	177	Colored School exhibition: Brief report
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1869	November 20	2:1	300-301	Colored Sabbath School crowding; appeal for funds
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1870	July 26	photocopy	386	Colored School picnic to St. Ronan's Well
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1870	December	photocopy	380	Flushing Colored Sabbath School : 6th annual festival
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1871	July 15	2:3	39 (index says 38)	Colored School annual picnic to St. Ronan's Well
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1871	September 2	2:4	47	Colored School opening fall term, principal Miss I.E. Smith , 100 pupils expected
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1872	Mar 16	2:3	75	Exhibition of Colored Young Ladies and

						Gentlemen , assisted by pupils of Colored School
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1877	May 26	2:2	66	Colored School concert and exhibition
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1880	July 17	5:1	254	Dispute between town and Flushing Female Association over expansion of Colored School
Schools and Teachers	Flushing Journal	1880	December 23	1:1	47	Colored School petition of four girls to attend white public high school
Schools and Teachers	Newtown Register	1887	June 30	2:2	88	Merger of Colored School with white public school
Schools and Teachers	Newtown Register	1890	January 30	3:3	299	Flushing Female Association Colored School : Night school taught by Mary E. Shaw
Schools and Teachers	Newtown Register	1900	September 6	4:1	370	Law abolishing separate colored schools in Queens
Speakers	Flushing Journal	1853	July 30	2:4	134	Horace Greeley and William Lloyd Garrison to speak in honor of emancipation in British West Indies
Speakers	Flushing Journal	1853	August 6	2:3	135	National Anti-Slavery Society , British West Indies Emancipation Day gathering at St. Ronan's Well
Speakers	Flushing	1865	January 14	n/a	255	Frederick Douglass

	Journal					lecture: Advertisement
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Speakers	Flushing Journal	1865	March 4	2:2	262	Rev, Sella Martin to speak on emancipation, benefit for freedman of Savannah and Charleston
Speakers	Flushing Journal	1867	March 16	2:1	94	Henry Highland Garnet lecture (given as Henry Garnett)

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