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Southold Historical Museum Welcomes LILRC Archivist to Help Reinforce Collection

Southold Historical Museum is pleased have welcomed archivist Robert Anen to help preserve and expand access to its Charles H. Meredith Collection of historic Southold images under a grant from the Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC).

The goal of the LILRC program is to improve the archive of images by arranging and describing the materials according to current archival standards; rehousing materials in archival containers; and providing recommendations on the care and handling of the materials. He is also providing recommendations for which digitized images should be uploaded into New York Heritage.

Specifically, at Southold Historical Museum, Mr. Anen has been scanning over 1400 Meredith photographs including farm scenes, wedding photos, homes, school groups, the fire department, and various other depictions of daily life. Each of the photos then gets uploaded into the digital museum catalogue. When searching the catalogue, the folks at Southold Historical Museum can now identify the content much more easily.

“The Charles H. Meredith collection is a valuable repository of photos by a local resident and professional photographer who captured thousands of images of everyday scenes and noteworthy events throughout Southold from the 1930s to 1960s,” said Deanna Witte-Walker, executive director of SHM. “We’re thankful that this grant program from LILRC will help us in our mission to preserve and educate a wider audience about Southold’s rich history.”

The newly launched LILRC program also incorporates uploaded the newly digitized files on New York Heritage which is accessible to researchers looking for information about the people, places and events that contributed to the shaping of New York State.

For more information on this or any other museum program, please call (631) 765-5500 or email info@southoldhistorical.org.

Photo caption: Archivist Robert Anen of the Long Island Library Resources Council with Southold Historical Museum Executive Director Deanna Witte-Walker.

Photo caption: Image from Southold Historical Museum’s Charles H. Meredith collection.