Leonore and Norma Lanzillotti on 41st street and 48th avenue, Sunnyside, 1940.
Donated by Leonore Lanzillotti
About Queens Memory

Queens Memory is an ongoing program supported by Queens Library and Queens College, CUNY, designed to collect stories, images and other evidence of life in the borough of Queens. These records get a permanent home in the Archives at Queens Library and are featured on the Queens Memory website (queensmemory.org), where newly added materials connect with historic artifacts.

Visit Us and Share Your Memories

We host public events all over Queens where you can learn something new about your neighborhood, share your own memories and get your family’s photos digitized for free. Our staff saves your contributions to our permanent archival collection and to a thumb drive you can take home. For a current listing of upcoming events, visit qnslib.org/Nwc8d.

Partners

Join our community of distinguished partners! Queens Memory provides training, digitization and preservation services for individuals and organizations helping us document life in Queens.

- Asian Americans for Equality
- Bayside Historical Society
- Broad Channel Historical Society
- Brooklyn Public Library
- Center for Teaching and Learning, Queens College
- Citi Center for Culture
- Floating Hospital
- Forest Hills Asian Association
- Greater Ridgewood Youth Council
- Irish Studies Program, Queens College
- Metropolitan New York Library Council
- My Bario, My Borough
- Queens College Library, Department of Special Collections and Archives
- Queens Historical Society
- Queens Museum
- Shift Design, creator of Historypin
- St. John’s University
- Woodhaven Cultural and Historical Society
- Five Borough Story Project

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What We Have Accomplished So Far

- Hosted 80 Queens Memory events since 2013
- Collected 286 oral histories with Queens residents from 23 countries of origin
- Made over 3000 images and audio records available on QueensMemory.org from over 50 Queens neighborhoods

Help Us Reach Our Goals to

- Host public events in every community in Queens
- Purchase equipment and provide training to support volunteer contributors
- Offer highly accessible and appealing online access to Queens Memory collections

Interview Someone from Queens

Do you know someone with an untold story of Queens? We want to document diverse life stories from our borough, and provide training and equipment to support our oral historian volunteers who go out to document their families and communities.

Plan a Queens Memory Project in Your Classroom or Community

Use items from the Queens Memory collections as primary source materials for research and instruction. Our guides for recording oral histories will help you develop an oral history project of your own. By using our technical guidelines and consent forms, you can create materials ready for donation to Queens Library’s local history collections.
Railroad workers on the tracks near the Broad Channel Station, 1920. Donated by Patricia Rosendale


Ratha Yatra procession during the nine-day Sri Ganesa Chaturthi festival, Flushing, 2010. Donated by James Wrona

Gladys Weaver and her husband John on Mother’s Day, Jamaica, 1950. Donated by Gladys Weaver