

## Flower Hill History Nov 21

Early in 1931, the residents tried to petition for incorporation as a village.

The Flower Hill residents wished to incorporate as soon as possible. Two concerns spurred them on. The first was a rumor that Port Washington was going to become a city in which case Flower Hill with its estates and large farms would be heavily taxed. The other was a change was in the future requirement that any new village would need 500 residents not the 250 that were presently needed.

This petition, requesting incorporation, showed the Town of North Hempstead in the address column. The Port Washington Chamber of Commerce sued the petitioners stating that only the landowners should have signed, and not also their wives thus declared insufficient signatures. Shortly after this lawsuit, there was a determination from the Supreme Court that legal residents may sign and vote. The second petition later that year listed just the street of each resident. However, most of the proposed village from Stonytown Road on the north to the border of Munsey Park had a Roslyn address. The only part of the village that was listed as Manhasset was the area to the west near the bridge and the Dench Estate. St. Francis Hospital's land kept the Roslyn address but the 500 acres given by Carlos Munson were divided into Manhasset and Port Washington in about 1940.

Sources: Minutes and Tax records of the Village of Flower Hill.

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