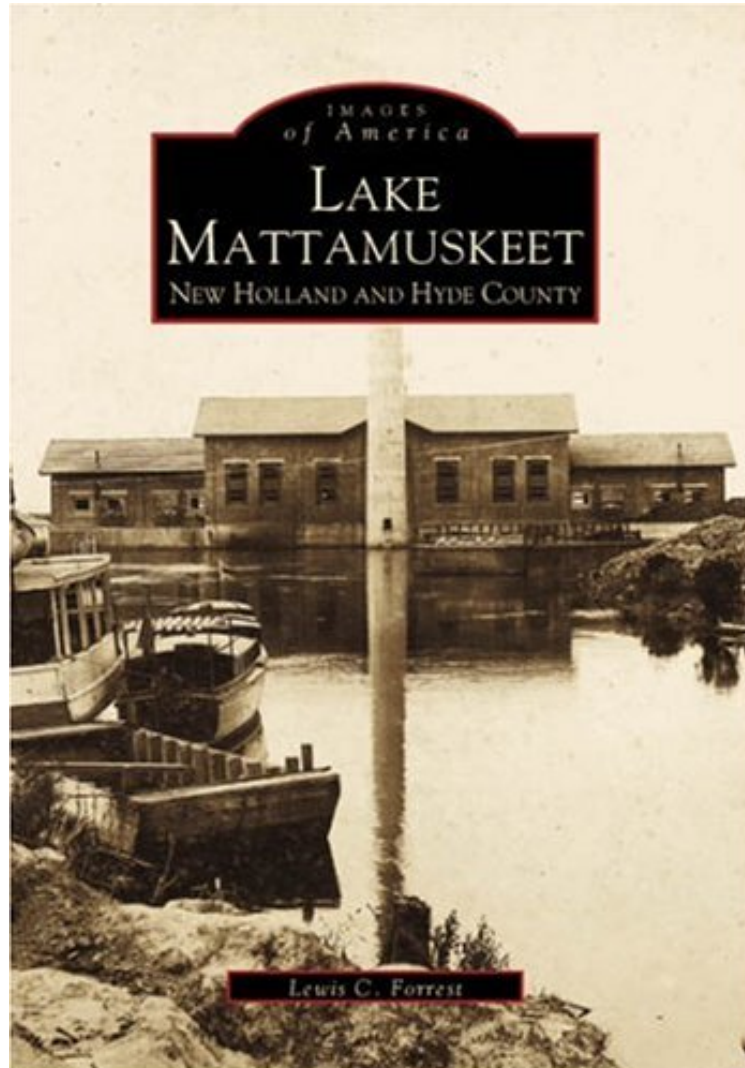


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About the Author Using photographs collected from various archives and generous community members, author Lewis C. Forrest and The Mattamuskeet Foundation, Inc. have created a wonderful visual history that celebrates the many personalities and achievements that make Lake Mattamuskeet such a memorable place. Whether a longtime resident of this natural paradise or simply a person fascinated by the county's incredible legacy, you will certainly find Lake Mattamuskeet: New Holland and Hyde County an entertaining and educational journey into the Hyde County of yesteryear.