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That Was Then

The Reformed Dutch Church at Manhasset



In the beginning, Dutch farmers of the Town of North Hempstead, which was part of Queens County at the time, traveled more than 15 miles to the Dutch Reformed Church at Jamaica for worship. In 1731, 65 families paid 173 pounds and 16 shillings to build a church in Lake Success, which was finished in 1732. It was known as the Reformed Dutch Church of the Town of Hempstead. It was built on the site of the present Great Neck

South High School offices. In 1816, the church moved to Manhasset at 90 Plandome Rd. In 1897, the church building was destroyed by a fire. It was rebuilt in 1898. The only remaining relic of the 1816 building is the amber-green window of the youthful Jesus in the alcove at the rotunda. Within the same year, Queens County was divided at the present city line and the church became a part of Nassau County.

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