

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0477-120
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

BA 70



YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: November 15, 1979

Town Hall
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main St., Islip TELEPHONE: 516 224-5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Purdy house (~~one section~~)
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bayport
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 78 Connetquot Avenue, west side
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Francis Skelly ADDRESS: 78 Connetquot Ave., Bayport
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? 1920s
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

New windows in first floor east elevation.

12. PHOTO: ELW VI, # 16
from NE, rear and E. side

13. MAP: Bowe, Albertson Sewer Map, Bayport Q16



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

This house is located in Bayport, south of Middle Road.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

The architecture of these houses as they are today is not pre-1873. It may be that a pre-1873 house was enlarged and embellished by the Smiths after 1873 and probably before 1888. Please see also, BA 71 and BA 76.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: before 1873*

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Three story, gable roof, Queen Anne/shingle style house with decorative shingles on third story, and partly on second story. Roof extended on west in catslide (a typical characteristic of the shingle style). South gable with heavy, decorated verge-board. North gable with overhanging infill of stick-work. Two wall-faced, gabled, oriel dormers and a gabled oriel window supported on brackets on east elevation. Queen Anne transomed windows. Jerkin-headed gable roof shed in rear with decorative shingles matching.

This is one part of the large house on Middle Road which was owned first by Jane Abel Edwards Smith and then by the Chas. Purdy family. In the 1920s it was dismantled and moved south east to its present site. (see BA 71)

21. SOURCES: *Beers, F.W., Atlas of Long Island, Brooklyn: Beers, Comstock & Cline, 1873, Bayport, p. 154. (Silas Smith)
Map of 1888, Endpapers, Stevenson, Charles, But As Yesterday, 1967.
Stevenson, Ch., But As Yesterday, Sayville, 1967, p. 48.
22. THEME:

residential.