

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0414-029  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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green  
cross-hatch

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: Sept. 10, 1979

Town Hall

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

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~Cahill house (formerly Francis Melville home)~~
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bayport
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 395 Middle Rd., north side, east of Bay Ave.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas Cahill ADDRESS: 395 Middle Rd., 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  (west section)  
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? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Eastern portion of house added between 1880 and 1915.**

12. PHOTO: ELW I, #10A  
from SE, front

13. MAP: Bowe, Albertson Sewer Maps, Bayport Q 16

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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: set well back from street  
 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 on Middle Road, Bayport, where many of the homes date back over one hundred years.**

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

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: west end before 1858\*

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The west end is older part of house; it is a one and one-half story, gable roof, clapboard house with gable end to street. It is identified as belonging to J.F. Terry in 1858, and in 1873.

About 1880, the smaller section was bought as a summer cottage by Francis Melville, who married a local woman, and built a great shoe empire in the United States. The village of Stony Brook became the beneficiary of many of the Melville philanthropies.

The newer section of the house, a Two and one-half story, Five bay, gable roof house was added to the earlier section near the turn of the century.

\* correction: his son, Francis Melville jr. built the shoe empire.

21. SOURCES: \* Map of Suffolk County, from surveys by J. Chace, Philadelphia: 1858, John Douglass, publisher.  
 Stevenson, Charles, But As Yesterday, Sayville; 1967, p. 67, and B-6 On p.2  
 Dickerson, Charles, History of the Sayville Community, Sayville: 1975, p.59

22. THEME:

**Residential.**