

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 8/25/75

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall 655 Main St. Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, & Development

IDENTIFICATION

Bldgs. 158-176

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Central Islip State Hospital Groups G, H, I, & K.
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Central Islip
3. STREET LOCATION: W. side of Carelton Ave.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: Mental Institution Present: Abandoned
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain

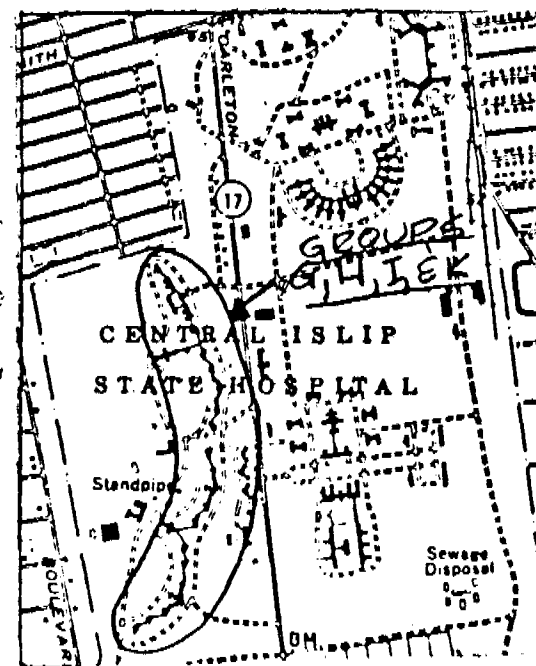
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DESCRIPTION

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? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: Negative No. D-13

13. MAP: USGS-DOT



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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: Trees
 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: Central Islip State Hospital Grounds.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
 Central Islip State Hospital building groups G, H, I, & K are set West of Carelton Avenue behind a rolling lawn and driveway flanked by a row of trees.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 Fine brick work. Arched windows. Good proportions. Granite course at water table. Granite sills. Wood work at Porches. Dramatic Interplay of geometric forms in massing of buildings. Hipped roofs with dormers. Original windows, doors, and hardware.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1901 1902

ARCHITECT: _____
 BUILDER: Miles Leonard

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
 Central Islip State Hospital Building groups G, H, I, & K were originally known as the "String of Pearls." These handsome brick buildings composed of geometric forms, carefully positioned to one another, were constructed in 1901 as a part of the South Colony of the development. The Central Islip State Hospital was first constructed in 1887 as a New York City Farm Colony Hospital. It was taken over by the State of New York in 1896. The Central Islip State Hospital was the largest of the State Institutions. They "String of Pearls" can be found on a 1915 Atlas of Central Islip. Today they stand empty.

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