

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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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

\*\*\*\*\* U.S.F.D. # 13


**IDENTIFICATION**

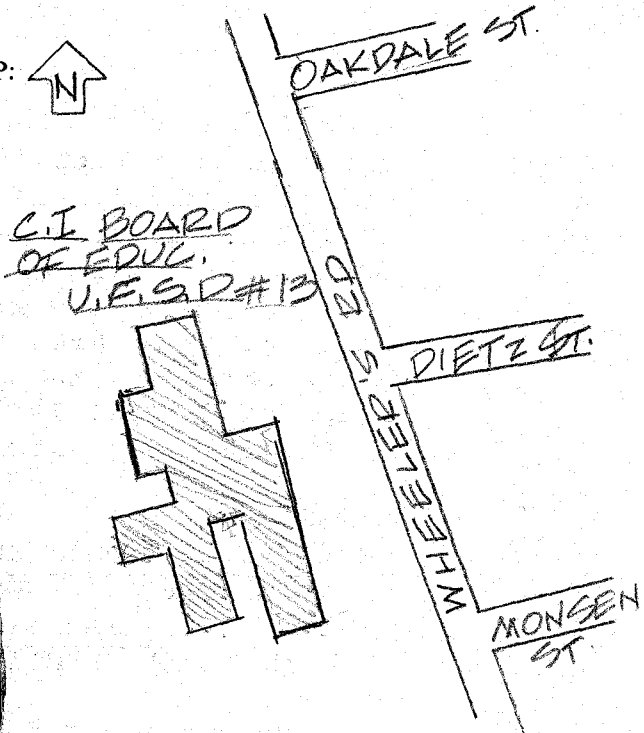
- BUILDING NAME(S): Central Islip Board of Education Administration Bldg.
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Central Islip
- STREET LOCATION: 13 Wheeler Rd t. &
- OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  Dietz St.
- PRESENT OWNER: Board of Education ADDRESS: Same
- USE: Original: School Present: Administration Offices
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION**

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: Negative No, D-4

13. MAP: 



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: Attached to Anthony Alfano School

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)  
**The Central Islip Board of Education Building is set back from the West side of Wheeler Road on a circular drive sandwiched between two later additions.**

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
**Hipped roof building with central pedimented protruding entrance bay, Central bay has giant orders flanking entry. Fanlight window over entrance. Elaborate carved woodwork surrounding entrance. Circular window in shingled pediment over entrance. Original large windows.**

- SIGNIFICANCE** Fine brickwork. Two large chimneys. Heavy wooden cornice  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: line. Adjacent building with classical motif.

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
**The Board of Education Administration Building of Union Free School District # 13 is a handsome red brick Colonial Revival building. It is a perfect example of the Colonial Revival Style of the turn of the century. The handsome carved entrance-way flanked by two giant columns gives the building an impressive air. It is an architecturally significant local building. The location of the school building can be found on an 1873 Atlas of Central Islip. The building appears on a 1915 Atlas of Central Islip as well.**

21. SOURCES:  
Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County (Westerly Section)  
New York: E. Belcher Hyde, 1915, Pl. 6 & 25.  
22. ~~THE~~ Beers, F.W. Atlas of Long Island, New York. New York: Beers, Comstock, & Cline, 1873.

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made to the original structures since that time. The first meetings of the society were held in the school which was shared with the Episcopalians. This latter group started as a mission of St. Mark's Church of Islip in 1869. When the Episcopalians built their church they called it the Church of the Messiah. In recent years the Catholics have erected a beautiful church, and also have a parochial school.

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The public school district was organized in 1858 and became a Union Free School district in 1865. The high school is now located on the same property.

Two miles north of Central Islip is Hauppauge, part of which is in the town of Smithtown. It is a beautiful little rural community located at the headwaters of the Nissequogue River. The pioneer settlers were the Wheeler family and for a long time the place was called the "Wheeler Settlement." In 1874 there were 250 inhabitants and seventy years later there were but 574. This community has a Methodist Church, built in 1806.

A little to the west of Central Islip is the pretty village of Brentwood. In 1853 a group of intellectuals here founded Modern Times, laid out in blocks of four acres each. For a number of years this venture flourished but when the leaders passed away, the end soon followed. Josiah Warren, the leader, inventor of the cylinder press, was described by a newspaper as the first American Anarchist. Dr. Minnie Merton, the niece of Samuel B. Morse, built her own home in Brentwood. In 1864 the village name was changed to Brentwood. Today it has a public school, library and other community organizations. Here is located St. Joseph's Academy, established in 1895, Ross's Sanitorium, started in 1890, and the modern Pilgrim State Hospital, which cost over thirty million dollars.

West Islip occupies the sites of two Colonial estates, Willett and Van Courtlandt. In the 1890s the Wagstaffs, Colts, Stevens, Remsens, Hydes, Keiths, Sillimans, Arnolds and Higbys lived here but today hardly any of these families remain. The first public school was started in 1807 in a building on the Merrick Road. The second one, a one-room affair, was built on Higbie lane in 1835. Since then two others have been erected. In 1853, the records show that a George M. Bishop taught the school which then had an enrollment of thirty-three, at a salary of seventy-five dollars a year. In 1870 there were about four hundred people dwelling in this community. Today there are over 2000. It has a number of factories but no railroad station nor post office.

There are three incorporated villages in the town of Islip—Brightwaters, Ocean Beach and Saltaire. All three started as developments. Brightwaters is a restricted area which is mostly residential. It has a beautiful park, yacht basin and waterways owned by the village. Ocean Beach, across the Great South Bay from Bay Shore, is a summer resort. In the winter there are less than a hundred people there where in the summer over 3000 make their homes. Saltaire is also a popular summer resort on the ocean front.

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