

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000616  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Betty Kuss DATE: 1/14/1980

YOUR ADDRESS 226 Idle Hour Blvd. Oakdale TELEPHONE: Lt 9-2731 or 557-2277

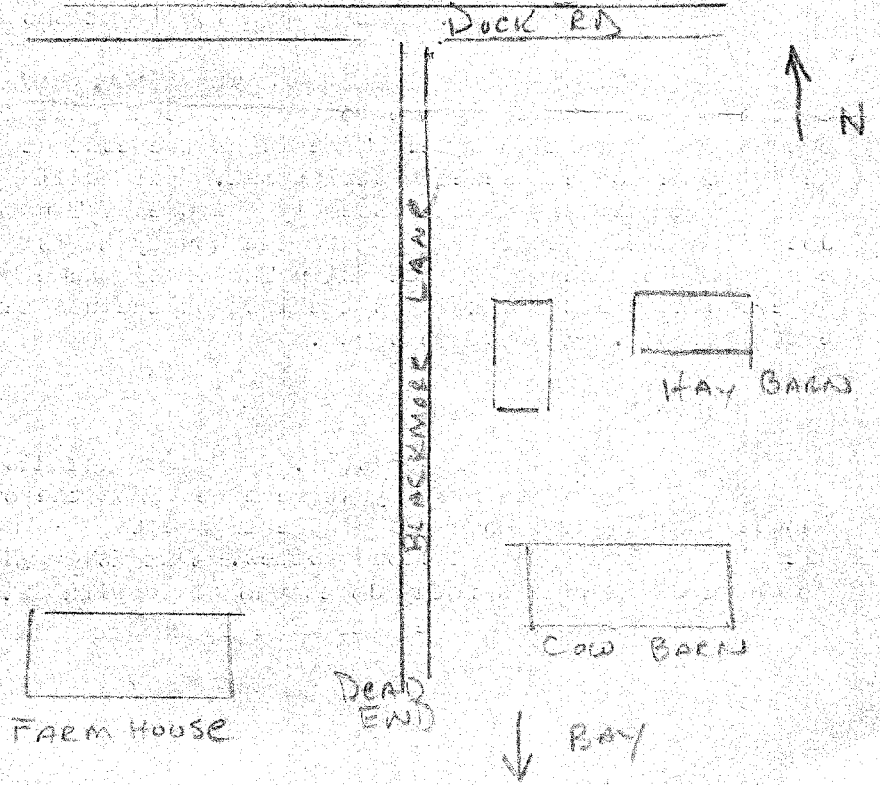
ORGANIZATION (if any): W.K. Vanderbilt Historical Society of Dowling College  
also "Your Organization United" 46 group coalition with 175,000 members

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): The "Farm House"
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: East Islip
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Blackmore Lane
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. E.B. Burton ADDRESS: Blackmore Lane, East Islip, L.I. N.Y.
- 6. USE: Original Walt Whitman's uncle's farmhouse Present: private residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain with owner's permission

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other several buildings were added together by H.B. Hollins
- 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): When H. B. Hollins went broke in 1912, he sold mansion to Charles Lawrence, inventor of motor on Lindbergs Spirit of St. Louis, and he added other old buildings to original farmhouse, all of same era and character to form his second home when J.P. Morgan loaned him \$1,000,000 to start
- 12. PHOTO: over on the stock exchange
- 13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other: South West Sewer District wants to violate whole lane

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: row of english yew up to frontdoor,  
j. other: century old trees both sides of entrance lane

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land  woodlands   
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)

On this private 9 ft. lane is also is also the original Hollins Cow Barn, a magnificent structure of brick and wood, 1880's vintage, now a private home and further up the lane is an original barn from the William Nicoll estate. The whole lane should undoubtedly be a historic district so federal funds cannot destroy the history and environment of this untouched gem of American History

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

Both of these buildings are already Islip Town Historic sites and this home is surrounded by acres of well kept lawns and gardens all of which are enclosed with the same century old trees where a walk to the south will bring you through the wetlands and tributaries to the Great South Bay.

Walking into this house is just like walking into the past. it is beautifully preserved

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Silas Whitman built it in the 1850's

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1850's

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: Mr. Whitman and local artisans

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Of all the streets in East Islip

that have been ruined by the South West Sewer District, in my mind, this one is the one most important to save. Time is of the essence and a special bill will have to go thru legislature to keep sewer district out. Bill will be co-sponsored by Ass. John Cochrane and Paul Harrenberg in the Assembly and Caesar Trunzo in the Senate. County Legislator Joe Rizzo will keep tabling it in the County Legislature until bill is passed. Of all the early millionaires that made Islip Town their home because of their membership in the South Side sportsmens Club, this is the last of the unaltered buildings, trees, gardens, and entrance road. It must be saved.

21. SOURCES: Archives, W. K Vanderbilt Historical Society, South Side Signal, Babylon, family photographs just received from the owners, showing original Whitman farm house, and Hollins cow barn plus entrance to Blackmore Lane as it was then. Both buildings are already Islip Town Historic sites, East Islip Library Hist. Sites Collection, verbal communication with Dorothy Jones who lived with Mr. Burtons parents and Mr. Burton himself. saying they were told time after time that Walt Whitman visited his uncle there frequently



**TOWN OF ISLIP  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTS**

**Interoffice Memorandum**

**"INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION NOT SUBJECT TO FOIL DISCLOSURE"**

**To: Lisa Anderson, Site Plan Reviewer**

**From: Orla Smyth-LoPiccolo, Architect, Community Development Project Supervisor**

**Date: March 12, 2007**

**Re: Yarmouth Estates, East Islip - MS2002006-08  
SCTM # 0500-424.00-01.00-051.004  
Relocation of Existing Historical Structure**

Lisa,

With regard to your memo dated February 27, 2007 please note the following:

1. On October 23, 2006, I walked this site and toured the interior of this historic house with Commissioner Murphy, the owner Doug Hynes and his architect Tom PirkI. We saw that the wood flooring and the exterior brick pavers surrounding the inground swimming pool had been removed and the windows and door of the house were open. The owner was instructed to keep all of the doors and windows closed.
2. I tried to visit this site today. The gates were locked, but from what I could see from the Blackmore Lane side of the house the doors have been boarded-up with plywood and the windows have been covered with plastic on the exterior.
3. I have concerns about this house being moved intact. If this building is permitted to be relocated the owner should be required to provide detailed as-built architectural drawings and photographs and be made aware that this house is to be fully restored after the move.
4. The proposed three (3) car garage, as shown on the site plan attached to your aforementioned memo, would be better is it were detached so as to maintain the integrity of the historic house.

If I can be of any further assistance with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me directly at extn #5511.



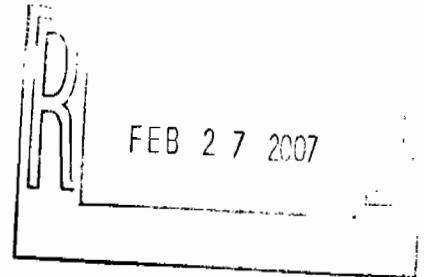
## Department of Planning and Development Interoffice Memorandum

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From: Lisa Anderson, Site Plan Reviewer *LA*

Date: February 27, 2007

Re: Yarmouth Estates, East Islip -MS2002006-08  
SCTM 0500 42400 0100 013005, 051004  
**Re-location of Existing Historical Structure**



The Planning Division is reviewing the above referenced subdivision (copy attached) and will be recommending to the Planning Board on March 1, 2007 to mandate a cluster design in an effort to preserve the historical building on the site and to also maintain the nature and character of the area.

The applicant has submitted an Engineer's report dated January 24, 2007(attached) regarding the original foundation and its need for repair and /or replacement. Since the structure will be lifted off its foundation, the applicant felt that it could be moved to a more appropriate location on site.

The Engineer further states in his February 9, 2007 letter (attached) that the super-structure of the building is in sound condition and can safely be moved without damage or distress.

Is it possible to have the Town's staff review and inspect the structure to verify the Engineer's statements and provide a recommendation to the Planning Board?

If you require additional information, please let me know.

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*Final note: I'm also  
requested review by  
D Hope - Same J*

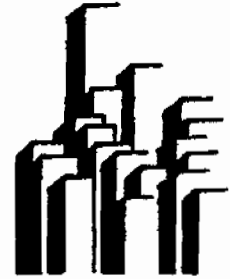
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Consulting Engineer

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God" Hebrews 3:4

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January 24, 2007

Design Development  
4875 Sunrise Hwy  
Bohemia, NY 11716

Re: Existing Residence at  
42 Blackmore Lane  
East Islip, NY 11730-2911

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 23, 2007 an examination was made of the existing premises at the above-named location. The following report is based on the results of that inspection.

The existing first floor is very uneven with several dips and bumps. The sub-floor is deteriorated at several areas; in the Living Room there are number of holes in the floor through to the crawl space.

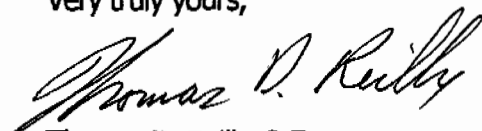
The first floor joists, when viewed from the cellar / crawl space area are in fair condition with extensive mold and mildew.

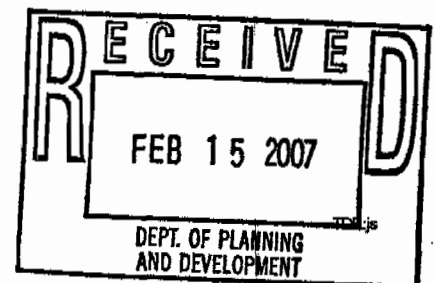
The original brick foundation walls are deteriorated and in need of repair and in some areas complete removal and replacement is required.

It is my opinion that, considering the condition of the existing first floor framing and foundations, in order to restore the structural integrity of the building, it will be necessary to raise the house off the existing foundation, remove and replace the foundation and repair and re-level the floor framing on to the new foundation.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas D. Reilly, P.E.



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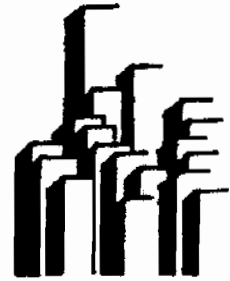
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I have examined and evaluated the existing building at the above-named location.

I have determined that the super-structure of the building is in sound condition and can safely be moved without damage or distress.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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