

# HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS INVENTORY FORM

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

YOUR NAME: J. Auwaerter DATE: 12/96

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if any): Field Services Bureau

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Connetquot River State Park Preserve:

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Southside Sportsmen's Club District

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Great River vicinity

3. DESCRIPTION:

See USN 10305.00002, .000188, .001021-23, .001046-.001057, .001082-1086

archeological sites unevaluated as part of district

See USN 10305.000009, .000286-296

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

nomination attached

*See also research file.*

5. MAP:

6. SOURCES:

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

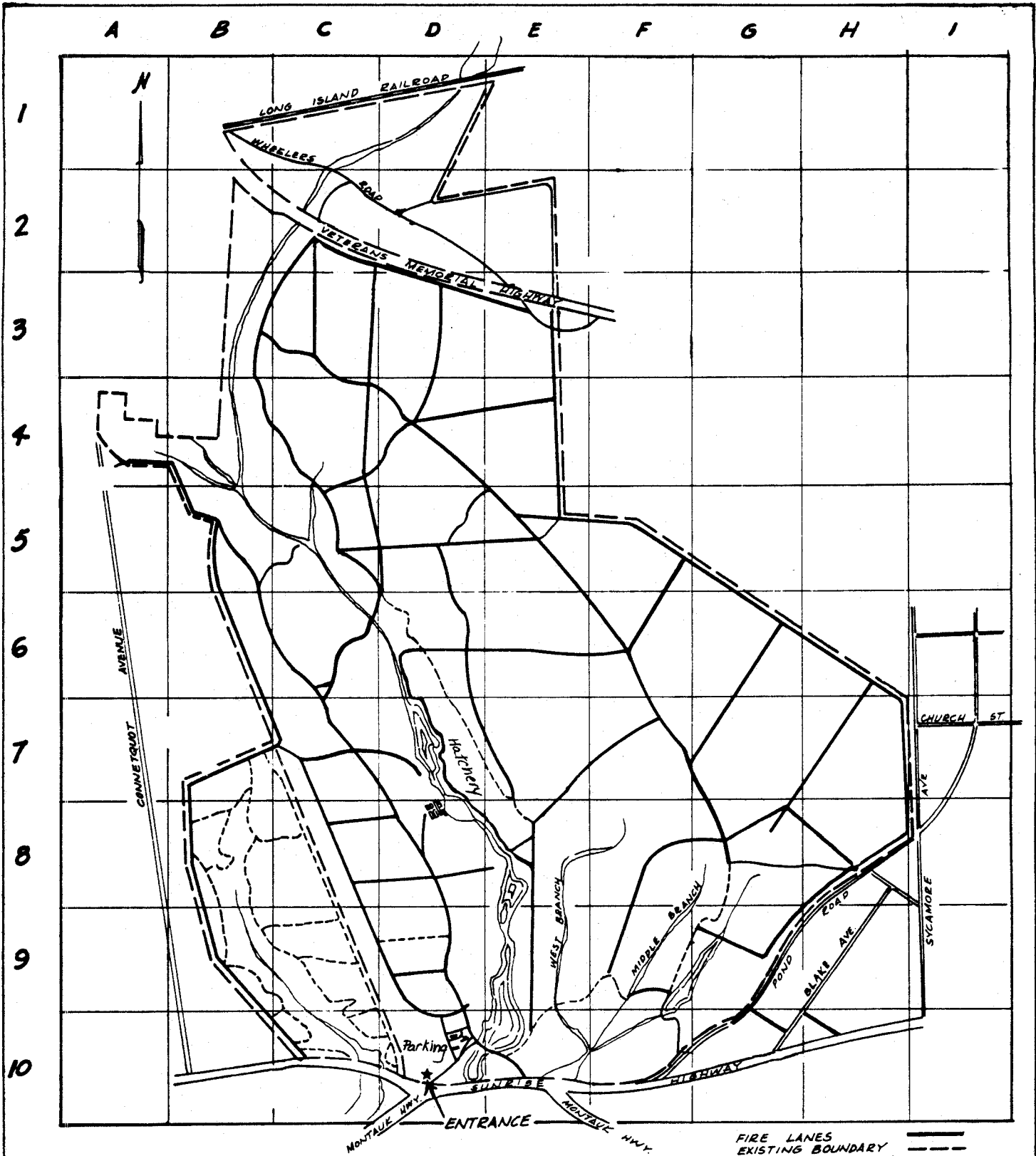
BY DETERIORATION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

9. PHOTOS:



APPROX. SCALE 1" = 2200'

FIRE LANES  
EXISTING BOUNDARY

CONNETQUOT RIVER  
STATE PARK PRESERVE  
**Sunrise Highway**  
**Oakdale/Bohemia, N.Y.**  
**11769**



**LONG ISLAND STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK, P.O. BOX 247, BABYLON, NEW YORK 11702

**CONNETQUOT RIVER  
STATE PARK  
PRESERVE**

Oakdale/Bohemia, Long Island - south shore (inland). For information, phone (516) 581-1005

DISTANCE FROM NEW YORK CITY: 50 miles

DIRECTIONS - FROM WESTCHESTER, BRONX, MANHATTAN, NORTHERN QUEENS:

VIA AUTO:

- 1) Throgs Neck Bridge } to Cross Island
- or Pkwy. south to:
- 2) Whitestone Bridge }
  - a) Long Island Expwy. (Route 495) east, to Sagtikos Pkwy. south, to Southern State Pkwy. east, to Heckscher State Pkwy. east and south, to Exit 44 - Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) east, to Park.
  - or
  - b) Grand Central Pkwy. east, to Northern State Pkwy. east, to Sagtikos Pkwy. south, then follow same as above.
  - or
  - c) Southern State Pkwy. east, to Heckscher State Pkwy. east and south, then follow as above.
- or
- 3) Triboro Bridge to: (b) above
- or
- 4) Queensboro/59th Street Bridge to Queens Blvd. to: (a) above.
- or
- 5) Midtown Tunnel to: (a) above

VIA BUS:

- 1) Throgs Neck Bridge to Rte. 295 (Clearview Expwy.) south
- or
- 2) Whitestone Bridge to Rte. 678 (Whitestone/Van Wyck Expwy.) south } to: Long Island Expwy. (Rte. 495) east, to
- or Exit 56 - Islip Ave. (Rte 111) south,
- 3) Triboro Bridge to Rte. 278 (Brooklyn-Queens Expwy.) south } to Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) east to Park.
- or
- 4) Queensboro/59th Street Bridge to Queens Blvd.
- or
- 5) Midtown Tunnel

DIRECTIONS - FROM BROOKLYN & SOUTHERN QUEENS:

VIA AUTO:

- 1) Shore/Belt Pkwy. to: 1 - (c) above
- or
- 2) Atlantic Ave. east, to So. Conduit Ave. east, to Belt Pkwy. to: 1 - (c) above

VIA BUS:

- 1) Rte. 278 (Brooklyn Queens Expwy.) north to: Rte. 495 (Long Island Expwy.) and follow bus route above.
- or
- 2) Atlantic Ave. east, to So. Conduit Ave. east, to Rte. 27 (Sunrise Hwy.) east, to park.

DIRECTIONS - FROM EASTERN LONG ISLAND:

VIA AUTO AND BUS:

- Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) west to park.
- or
- Long Island Expwy. (Rte. 495) west to Exit 59 - Ocean Ave. south, to Sunrise Hwy. (Rte. 27) west to park.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Long Island Railroad to Islip station (approximately 3 miles from park). No scheduled bus service between Islip Station and park. Taxi service available.

PARK FACILITIES:

Limited use park - woodland with native trees, shrubs, wild flowers and wildlife in a setting of streams, fresh water ponds and river. Fish hatchery and trout fishing streams. Guided nature walks and trout fishing by advance reservation only.

No provision is made for recreational facilities such as bathing, picnicking, ball fields or play-ground areas, but Heckscher State Park, located near Connetquot River State Park Preserve provides accommodations for active recreation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Individuals and organized groups must apply for permit in advance by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Permits, P.O. Box 247, Babylon, New York 11702.

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Long Island Railroad

Whealers Rd

GATE

GATE

Veterans Memorial Hwy



# Connetquot River State Park Preserve

SUNRISE HIGHWAY

OAKDALE - BOHEMIA, NEW YORK 11769

LONG ISLAND STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

## Bridle Paths

APPROX. SCALE 1" = 2,200'

FIRE LANE ———

EXISTING BOUNDARY - - - - -



GATE

Dismount and Lead Horse

Bunces Bridge

Boundary Line

Hatchery

Main Pond

West Branch

Middle Branch

Slade Pond

GATE

Van, Trailer Parking

Entrance

Dismount and Lead Horse

Sunrise Hwy

Montauk Hwy

27

27a

Permit number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

LONG ISLAND STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

HORSEBACK RIDING - CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE  
INFORMATION, CONDITIONS & APPLICATIONS

1. Permit and identification must be carried by each rider while in the Preserve. Annual permits available at administration offices near the Sunrise Highway entrance. Annual fee \$10.00. Riders without a valid annual permit must obtain a daily use permit. Daily fee will be charged.
2. Access to bridle paths at areas shown on map. Riding limited to defined trails. Horses should be ridden at walk, trot or canter only. Meet or pass other horses, vehicles or pedestrians in single file at a walk. Ride horses on road edges where possible. No loose livestock or dogs.
3. Avoid paths, streams, fishing sites and platforms, wet or marshy areas, maintenance areas and building complexes.
4. Smoking prohibited.
5. Horses must be properly saddled and bridled. Riding double prohibited. Horses with known vices such as biting, kicking, etc., will be identified by the traditional custom of a small RED ribbon on the tail. Unruly horses, reckless riding or violation of these rules may result in loss of riding permit.
6. Preserve closes at sunset. In travel to and from Preserve, observe traffic regulations and use caution at all road crossings and traffic signals.
7. The State of New York, Long Island State Park & Recreation Commission will not be responsible for injury to horse or rider.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE 581- 1005 PARK POLICE M09-2500

Long Island State Park & Recreation Commission  
CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE  
Box 505, Oakdale, New York 11769

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Names of family members using this permit \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Long Island State Park & Recreation Commission, and shall assume all risks and hold harmless and indemnify the State of New York, Long Island State Park & Recreation Commission for any and all claims for injury or death arising out of accident to self, horse, or others resulting from activities under this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

WELCOME TO CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE  
**Fly Fishing Only**

Reservations may be made Sunday 8:00 a.m. one week in advance of the fishing week. (516-581-1005)

Reservations accepted for 30 sites available per session. Specific sites cannot be reserved in advance but are issued first come-first choice at time of session.

**NO SHOW POLICY:** Abandonment of reservations will result in cancellation of your remaining reservations.

Valid permit required while fishing. Permits issued for current session only. Have permit available at all times when fishing. Permit expires upon possession of limit, violation of any posted fishing rules or end of time session.

**Trout Fishing Permits:** (In addition to valid New York State fresh water fishing license.)

February - March (Wednesday - Sunday)	8 - 12 noon	12 - 4 pm	<b>No Kill</b>
Catch and Release Only- Possession of any trout prohibited.			
April - September (Tuesday-Sunday)	7 - 11 a m	12 - 4 pm	5 - Sunset
October 1 - 15 (Wednesday-Sunday)	8 - 12 noon	12 - 4 pm	

April - October 15, anglers **must STOP** fishing when **TWO (2) TROUT** are in possession. No stringers or other methods of restraining or tethering fish in the water. Fish kept must be quickly and humanely killed and crealed. Net and release fish carefully. Release your fish in the water, immediately, with care, and in the same condition it was taken. **NO** injured fish are to be released.

Fishing must be done with conventional fly fishing equipment limited to flies, fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with unweighted leader material attached. Any other type of fishing tackle is prohibited. Artificial flies and streamers are defined as being constructed of natural or synthetic materials, so long as all flies are constructed in a normal fashion on a single barbless hook with components wound on or about the hook. Specifically prohibited are molded facsimiles or replicas of insects, earthworms, fish eggs, fish or any invertebrate or vertebrate either singly or in combination with other materials. Likewise prohibited are other lures commonly described as spinners, spoons, or plugs made of metal, plastic, wood, rubber or like substances or combination thereof. To protect the environment, no lead weight, split shot or other lead items may be used.

The use or possession of any bait, fish eggs or fish parts and use of barbed hooks or any other fishing device other than barbless hooks, artificial flies or streamers is prohibited.

Please do not litter. Kindly carry out everything you have brought in - paper, fishing gear, etc.

Prevent forest fires, **NO SMOKING** in woodlands.

**GOOD FISHING!**

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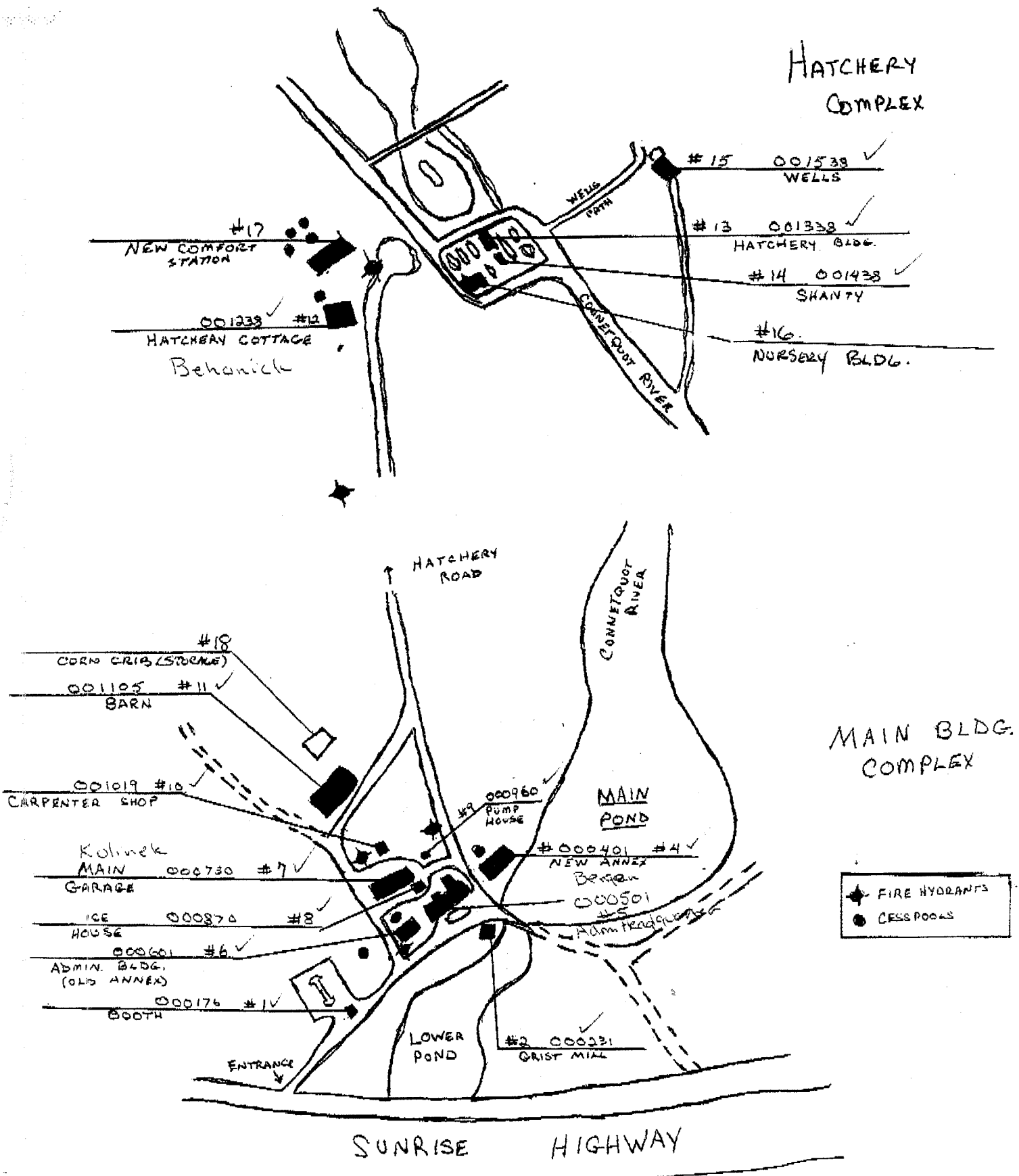
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CONNETOQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE



HATCHERY  
COMPLEX

MAIN BLDG.  
COMPLEX

★ FIRE HYDRANTS  
● CESSPOOLS

#17  
NEW COMFORT  
STATION

001233 ✓ #12  
HATCHERY COTTAGE  
Behanick

#15 001538 ✓  
WELLS

#13 001338 ✓  
HATCHERY BLDG.

#14 001438 ✓  
SHANTY

#16  
NURSERY BLDG.

#18  
CORN CRIB (STORAGE)

001105 ✓ #11  
BARN

001019 #10  
CARPENTER SHOP

Kolinek  
MAIN GARAGE  
000730 #7 ✓

ICE HOUSE  
000870 #8 ✓

000601 #6 ✓  
ADMIN. BLDG.  
(OLD ANNEX)

000176 #14  
BOOTH

#9 000960  
PUMP HOUSE

MAIN  
POND

#000401 #4 ✓  
NEW ANNEX  
Bergen

000501 #5  
Admin. Headquarters

LOWER  
POND

#2 000231 ✓  
GRIST MILL

SUNRISE HIGHWAY

ENTRANCE

WELLS  
PATH

CONNETOQUOT RIVER

HATCHERY ROAD

CONNETOQUOT RIVER

COPY

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Suffolk	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Southside Sportsmens Club District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Sunrise Highway, N.Y. Route 27

CITY OR TOWN:  
Great River

STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: Suffolk	CODE 103
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Game preserve and Sporting Club</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of New York

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Albany

STATE: New York	CODE 36
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Suffolk County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Riverhead

STATE: New York	CODE 36
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
N.Y.S. Historic Resources Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
N.Y.S. Div. for Historic Preservation, Office of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South Mall

CITY OR TOWN:  
Albany

STATE: New York	CODE 36
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Representative: Otis Pike  
Congressional District: 1

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The 3528 acres in the Southside Sportsmens Club District has continuously provided the setting and wildlife that generated the sportsmen's gatherings at Snedcor's Inn and later the club. The property forms a corridor-like tract along the Connetquot River and contains a variety of natural features including marshes, woodlands, ponds, and brooks. Hatcheries, foot paths, bridges, blinds, and a dam evidence man's utilization of these natural resources. The buildings themselves are clustered near the southernmost end of the property immediately east of the dam which manipulates the Connetquot River into "Lower Pond" and "Main Pond."</p> <p>The earliest known view of Snedcor's Inn suggests that the original structure was a small, simple, gable-roofed building. The date of construction is unknown although between tradition and the earliest written documentation it appears that Snedcor first constructed his dwelling/inn between the 1820s and 1836. Still to be determined, too, is the date at which Snedcor enlarged his establishment to the three-story structure depicted in a photograph dated ca. 1870.</p> <p>Contained today within the north end of the clubhouse structure, Snedcor's Inn when acquired by the Southside Sportsmens Club, stood three stories high and seven bays long, covered by a gable roof and served by two interior chimneys, one at the north end, and one two bays from the south wall. A two-story covered veranda ran the length of the east (front) elevation and at the north end one, two bays from the south wall. A two-story, covered veranda ran the length of the east (front) elevation and at the north end stood a one-and-a-half story extension. Soon after the Club assumed title to the property both the upper story of the veranda and the north wing were removed.</p> <p>The Club members subsequently erected a small extension at the south end of the inn which served as the main entrance and housed the bar. When originally constructed this wing did not stand flush with the front (east) wall of the main structure. In approximately the same period the club enlarged its facilities by erecting a three-bay by four-bay, two-and-a-half story frame wing at the south end to contain the Billiard Room.</p> <p>In 1886, under the supervision of a four-member committee which included Bayrad Cutting, the Billiard Room Wing was moved approximately twenty-five feet southward and the portion of the clubhouse situated between that wing and Snedcor's was substantially enlarged. Authorized in 1885, the improvement was completed, according to plans drawn by Bradford L. Gilbert, two years later at a cost of more than \$15,000. This enlargement provided the present dining room, rod room, stairs, superintendents quarters, and several additional bedrooms. In</p>	
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addition the piazza was carried around the end of the house overlooking the pond.

During these alterations the clubhouse in its entirety was shingled. As the Executive Committee reported:

This was not altogether done to please the eye, as the tarred paper with the shingles, make the Old Club House a warm and comfortable building during the winter and spring months.<sup>2</sup>

Thirty-three years later the interior of the upper floors in the old section of the clubhouse was rebuilt in order to reinforce the old framing system which had been disturbed by alterations made since Snedikor's retirement. Other alterations undertaken at this time included removal of the steps which had led to the piazza for its entire length, and the construction of a shorter stretch of stairs and of a porte-cochere by builders from New York City. In 1904 the Club contracted with Ashby and Breckenridge of Bayport who constructed a new gun room behind the rod room.<sup>3</sup>

As it stands today the main clubhouse is a substantial wood frame structure measuring sixteen bays in length, from three to four bays in width, and varying from two to three-and-a-half stories in height. Old Snedikor's Inn, as it appeared ca 1870 is still clearly discernible for it forms the north end of the structure. Similarly the Billiard Room Wing, distinguished by its low-sloped bracketed cross-gables, is unaltered in mass and forms the southern end of the structure. The intervening block attains the greatest height, three and a half stories, and is easily distinguished by the paired gables which constitute its roof, the bracketed overhang at the second floor level, and a one-bay, two-story, gabled extension which projects over the main entrance.

The interior is striking for the degree to which the integrity of the ca. 1870-1900 sportsmens gathering place has been retained, especially in the 1st floor of the Billiard Room Wing and of the central block. Measuring 29' by 35' with no interior supports, the Billiard Room itself contains the dado, paneled doors, simple window enframements, and the furnishings depicted in ca. 1870's engravings and photographs. The Franklin Stove came from an Astor home and the lockers from Harry Felter's billiard room on Broadway in New York City. Distinctive, too, are the Wainscoted walls of the hallway, and the woodwork and furnishings of the rod room.

East of the Clubhouse, at the west end of the dam stands a mid-18th century grist mill.<sup>4</sup> Comprised of a hand-hewn wood frame, sheathed with shingles, the small gable-roofed mill was built so as to extend out over the water by resting the southern end upon

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three stone and brick piers. Fenestration is irregular. On the north end a small gabled extension has been constructed. An article in the Suffolk County News in 1898 indicates that despite extensive alterations planned for the clubhouse, "the old mill, an ancient landmark, will remain undisturbed."<sup>5</sup> Like the exterior, the interior is essentially unaltered and still contains some milling equipment.

In addition to enlargement of the clubhouse itself, the club facilities were expanded by the construction of two annexes which stand south (1879) and north (1903) of the main structure. Both are shingled, wood-frame, hip-roofed buildings which provided additional bedrooms and suites for members. The south annex measures four by five bays and stands two stories high. A local newspaper reported the plans for the north annex as follows:

Eight wealthy members of the Southside Sportsmens Club have joined in an agreement to build a house on the club grounds close to the main building for their private use. It is to consist of eight commodious bedrooms with private bathroom for the individual use of these members. Plans for a very luxurious appointed building have been drawn by architect...Green jr., and the contract to build it was awarded to Ashby and Breckenridge of Bayport... No facts have been made public but the building will probably cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.<sup>6</sup>

The edifice, erected on the site of the miller's house, was designed in the colonial revival style. Its nine-bay front (southeast) elevation is dominated by a slightly projecting central pavilion crowned by a pedimental cross-gable.

There are, in addition, three other dependencies and an archaeological site in the immediate vicinity. Across the mill-tail once stood the dwelling of Steve Murray, a guide long associated with the club. Immediately southwest of the mill there is a small, cross-gabled, frame pump house, and to the rear of the clubhouse itself are a very long two-story shingled frame Barn, and a substantial, gable-roofed, brick and frame Ice House.

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FOOTNOTES

- 1 Philip Hone's observation, quoted in the statement of significance account for the year 1836. William Nicoll's Will (1846) also refers to Snedicors occupancy.
- 2 Quoted by Senator Gherardi Davis in A Club, (privately printed, 1903). Much of the material concerning the evolution of the clubhouse structures is based on this source.
- 3 Suffolk County News, 1904. Article in records on file at Wm. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale, NY.
- 4 A deed, dated 1751, refers to a mill at this site. A diary among the Club's records mentions 1760 as a possible date of construction.
- 5 Suffolk County News, November 18, 1898. Article on file at Wm. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale, NY.
- 6 News clipping, March 20, 1903, on file at Wm. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale, NY.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Invention<br><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Literature<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Social Club history</u><br><hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An unusual survival of both architectural and environmental resources, the Southside Sportsmens Club District is a well-preserved illustration of one phase of Long Island's Social history especially characteristic of the last half of the 19th century. In addition, it is a landmark in the settlement of Islip for the wealthy entrepreneurs who patronized Snedikor's Inn and later formed the club built the large neighboring estates which historically and architecturally have characterized a significant portion of Islip's development.

Eliphalet Snedikor (1789-1861) is said to have moved from a site on the Old Plank Road in Jamaica, where he operated an inn for hunters and fishermen, to Islip where he resumed business as early as the 1820s on land leased from William Nicoll, original grantee of Islip. Situated on South Country Road, a stage route from New York City, Snedikor's Inn enjoyed substantial popularity among travelers and sportsmen--a tradition certainly in part substantiated by Philip Hone's observations in 1836:

We went to Snedikor's after dinner where we found the house so full that if we had not taken the precaution to write in advance for beds, we might have lain on the floor.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to accomodating travelers and sportsmen from New York City, the inn served as a social and political gathering place for Islip. Town records indicate that from as early as 1838 Town Board Meetings were held regularly at Snedikor's.

When the Snedikor family retired in 1866, one hundred of Snedikor's customers formed the Southside Sportsmens Club and purchased the property. At \$500 per share, corporate stock totaled \$50,000. Often described by contemporaries as "solid men from prominent business families in New York City,"<sup>2</sup> the membership has continuously included many of the wealthy and eminent men of 19th century as well as 20th Century New York: Charles Tiffany (a charter member), John Rogers, John J. Hackett (N.Y.S. Supreme Court), George G. Bernard (N.Y.S. Supreme Court), George Lorillard, William K. Vanderbilt, W. H. Wickham

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Form 10-300a  
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE	
New York	
COUNTY	
Suffolk	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 8. Significance p. 2 (Continuation Sheet)

(Number all entries)

(Mayor of New York City, 1874), August Belmont, H. B. Hyde, George Robeson (Secretary of the Navy), Roland Redmond, F.B. Bourne (Singer Sewing Machine Co.), W. Bayard Cutting, and Theodore Roosevelt.<sup>3</sup> Many of these men came to Islip as members of the club and subsequently built large estates in the immediate neighborhood of which several remain: Dowling College and several other establishments (originally Vanderbilt's "Idle Hour"), La Salle Military Academy (Bourne), Bayard Cutting Arboretum (Cutting), and Southward Ho Country Club (Hyde).

The Southside Sportsmens Club has functioned continuously up to 1973 and, due to sympathetic treatment, today constitutes a total environment of architectural and natural resources predominantly representative of the last quarter of the 19th century. On the acreage encompassed by this district an ecological equilibrium has been preserved as it existed prior to the suburbanization of Long Island, and constitutes, as well, an illustration of the art and science of environmental management for over 100 years. The complex of structures situated thereon is significant for the survival of the unit in tact, and for the architectural quality and integrity of the individual structures. The 18th century mill alone is a notable and well-preserved example of vernacular architecture, while the shingled clubhouse structures represent the sophisticated architecture of their day, executed with the simplicity befitting a sportsmen's lodge. The continuity of materials, construction techniques and building types, and the respect for natural materials inherent in the club's operations are significant expressions of a human respect for the land. Thus, despite the importance of the buildings themselves, the special vitality of this site derives from the inter-relationship of these well-preserved structures and the land upon which they were erected.

<sup>1</sup> Philip Hone, quotation in files of Wm. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale, N.Y.

<sup>2</sup> Newsclipping, Brooklyn Herald, 1872, in files of Wm. K. Vanderbilt Historical Society, Oakdale, N.Y.

<sup>3</sup> Notable visitors to Snedcor's and the Club include Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Gen. U. S. Grant, and President Arthur.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
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NW	40°	48'	1"	73°	07'	17"						
NE	40°	48'	1"	73°	10'	49"						
SE	40°	44'	52"	73°	10'	49"						
SW	40°	44'	52"	73°	07'	17"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3528

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Lynn Beebe Weaver, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: N.Y.S. Division for Historic Preservation      DATE: June 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South Mall

CITY OR TOWN: Albany      STATE: New York      CODE: 36

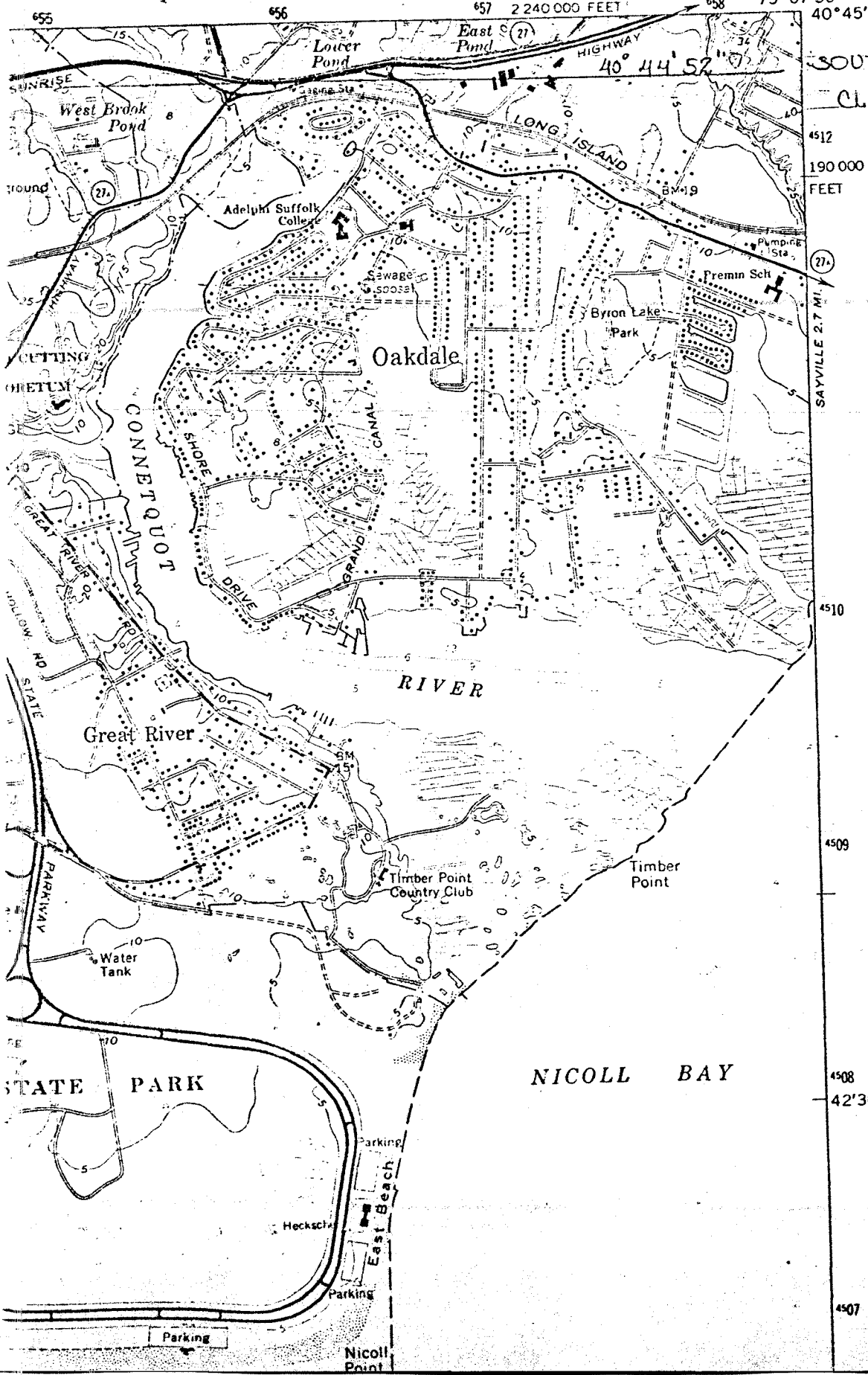
12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

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BAY SHORE EAST QUADRANGLE  
NEW YORK - SUFFOLK CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NORTH PATCHOGUE (N.Y. 112) 7 MI.  
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(PATCHOGUE)



SOUTHSIDE SPORTSMENS CLUB, Islip, Suffolk Co.

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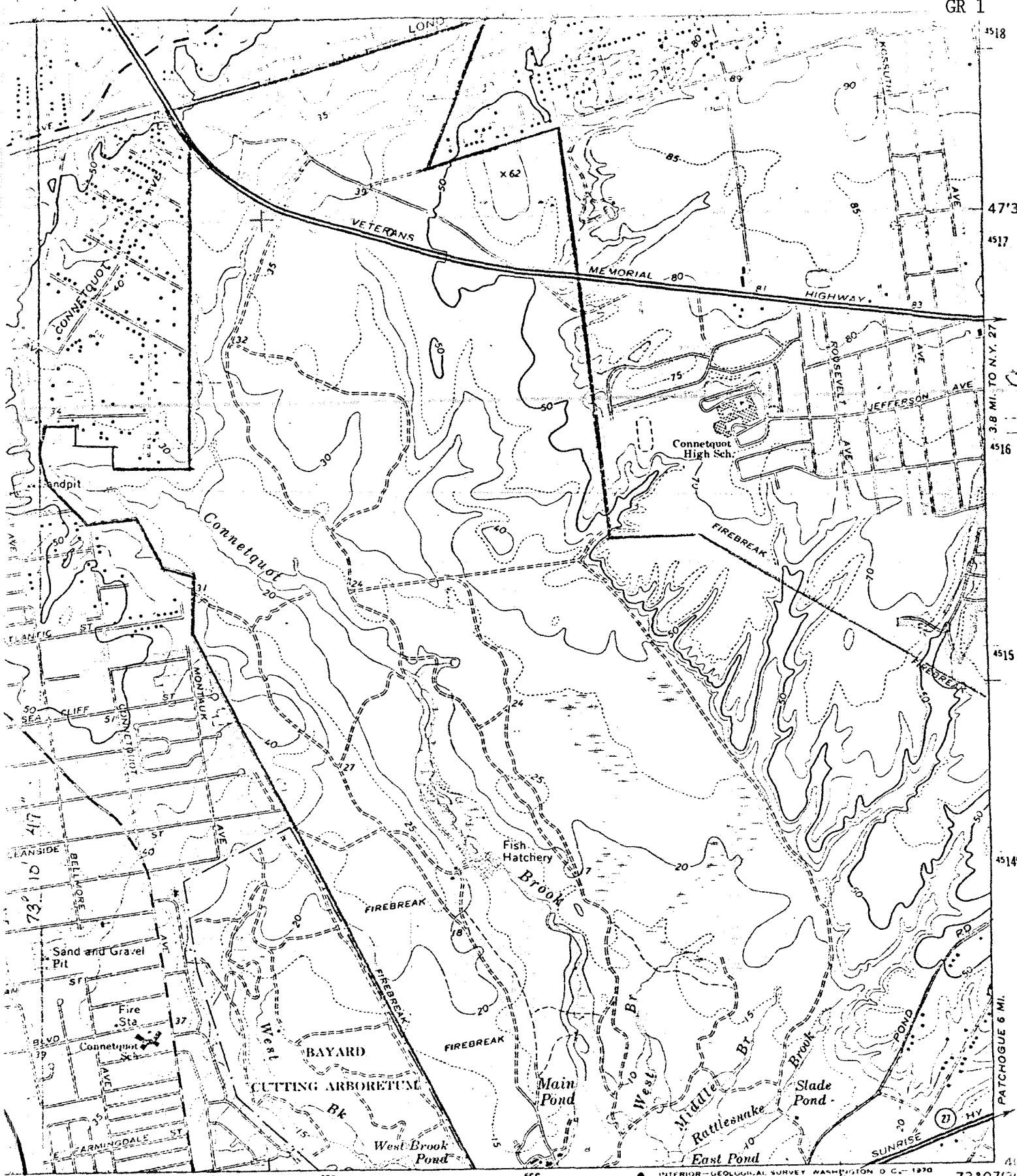
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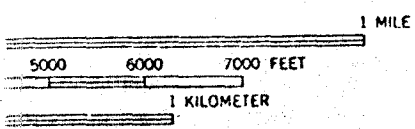
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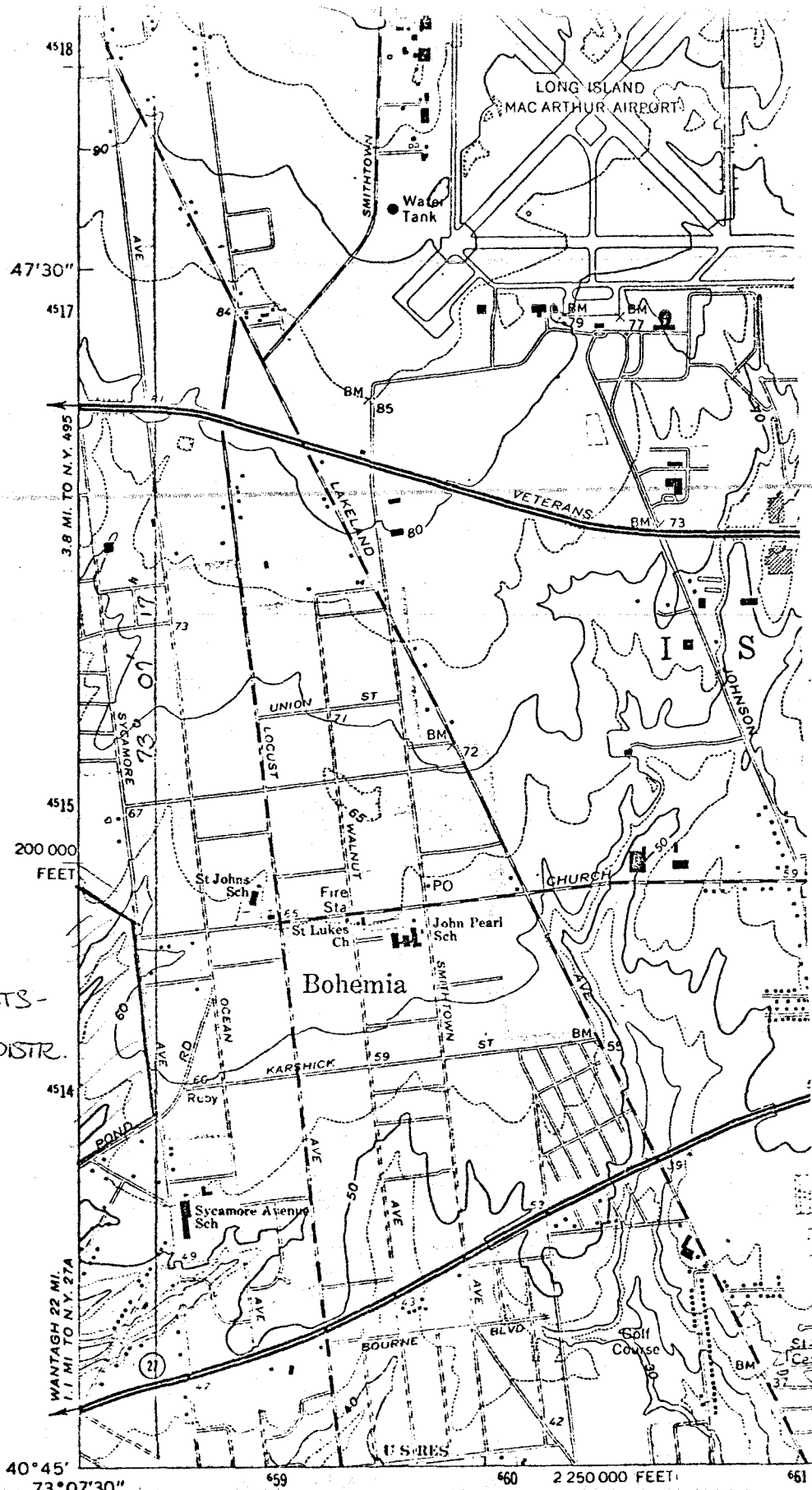
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- State Route ○

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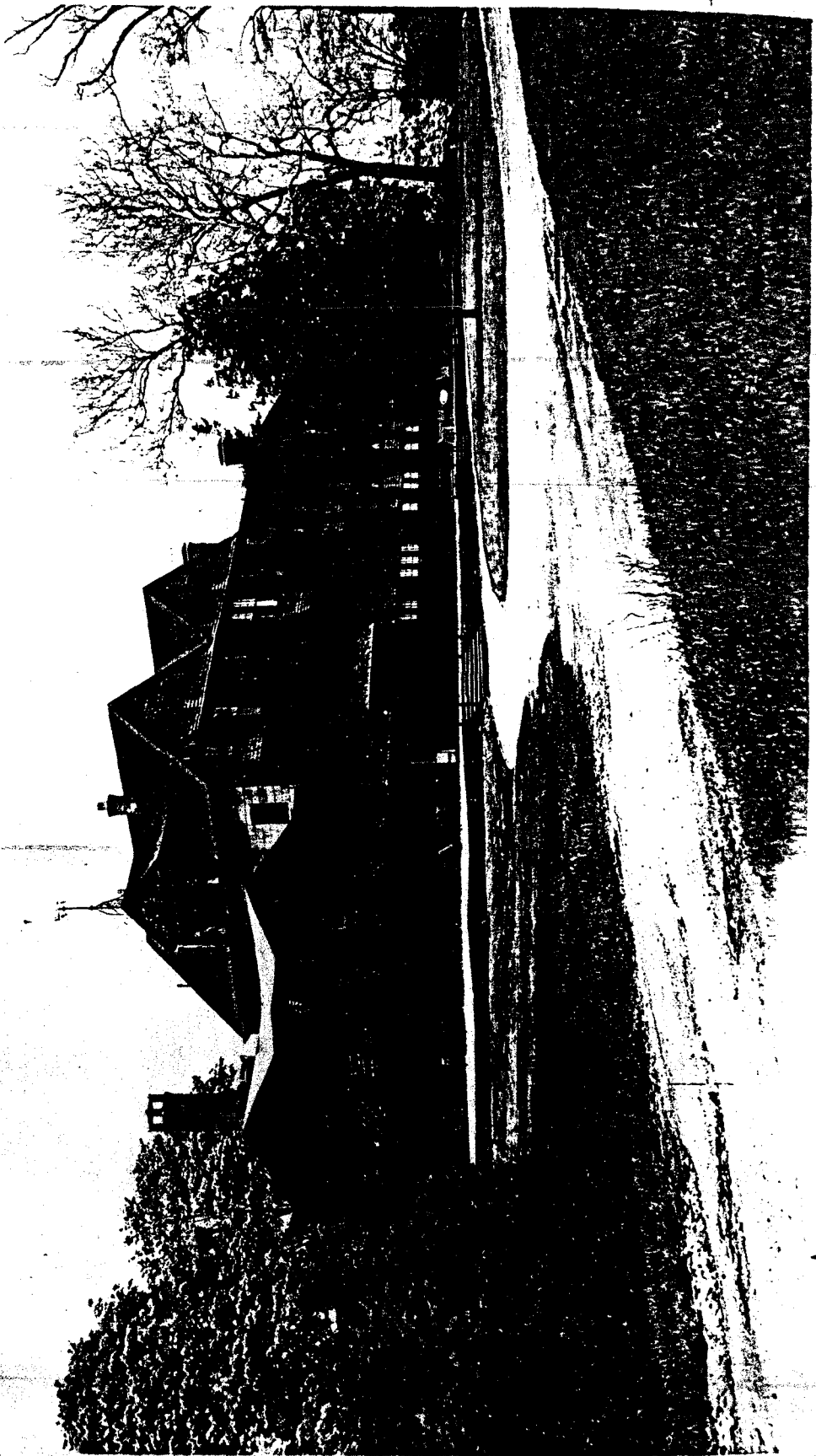
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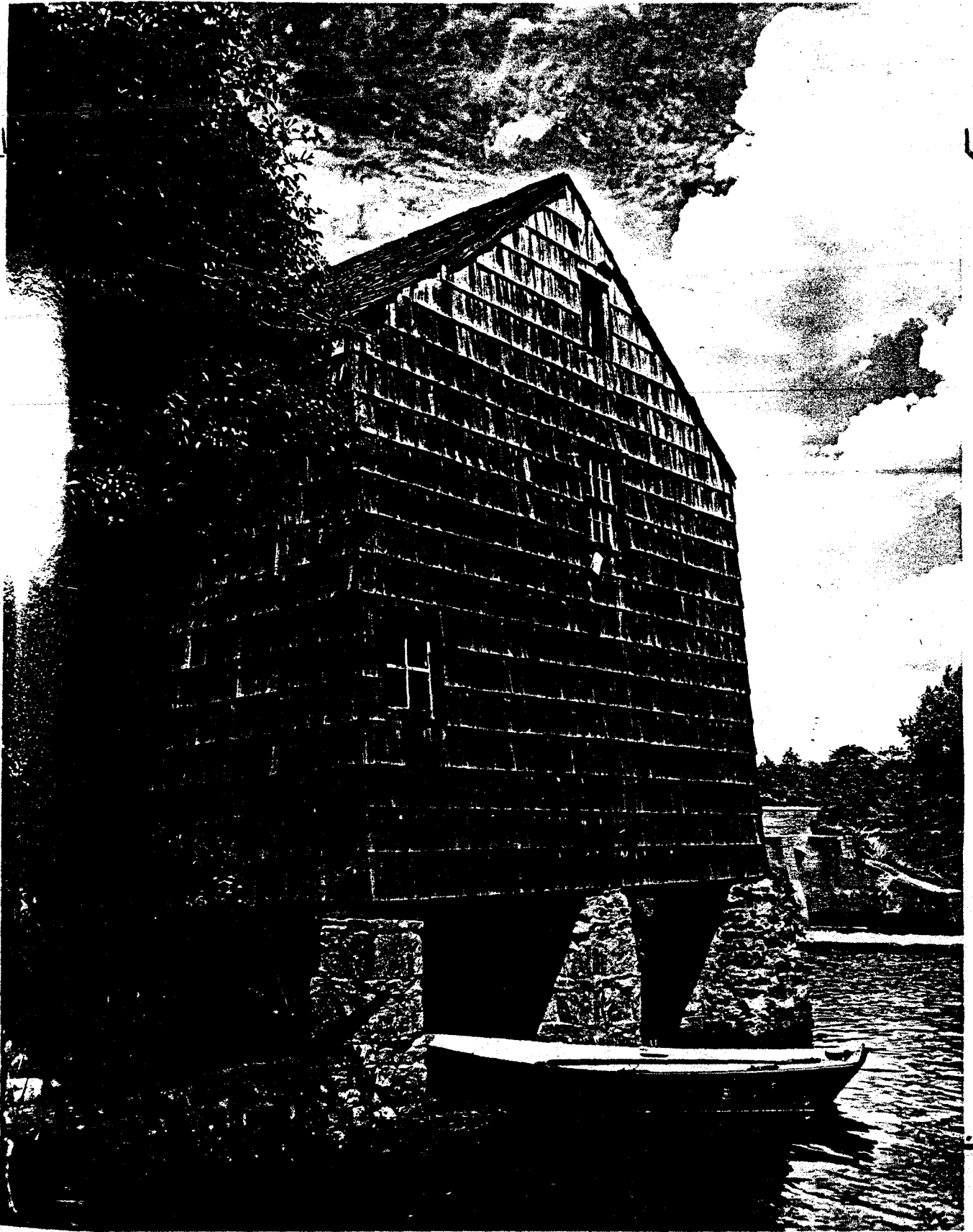
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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
 UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000001  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

GR 1

NR listed

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: April 1990

Town Hall, 655 Main St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.54500

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

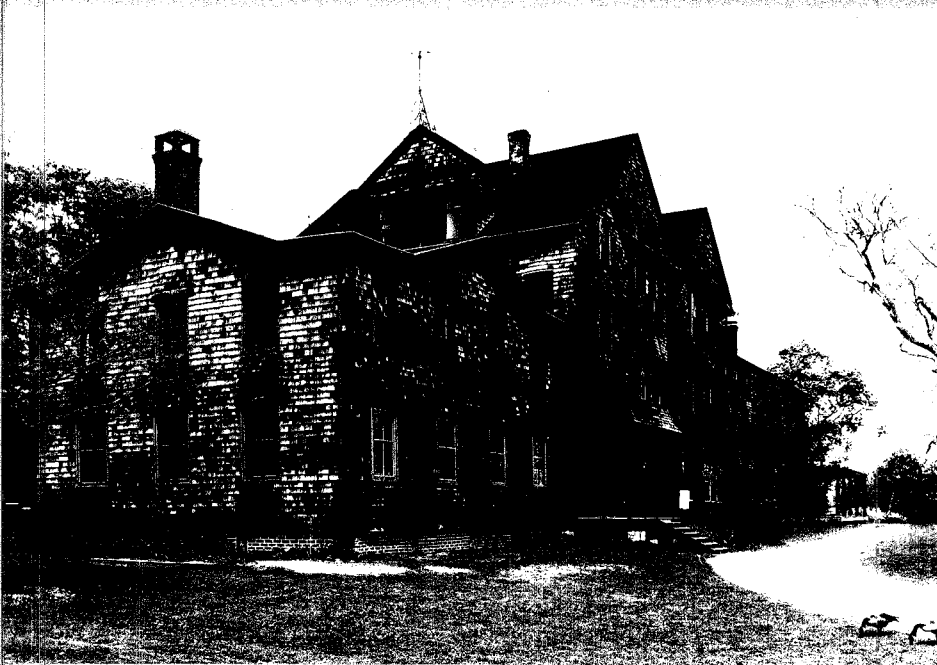
1. BUILDING NAME(S): South Side Sportsmen's Club  
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Great River  
 3. STREET LOCATION: Sunrise Hwy., north side, west of Pond Rd.  
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private   
 5. PRESENT OWNER: New York State ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. USE: Original: Inn, Club Present: various and vacant  
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No  partial  
 Interior accessible: Explain by app't.

**DESCRIPTION**

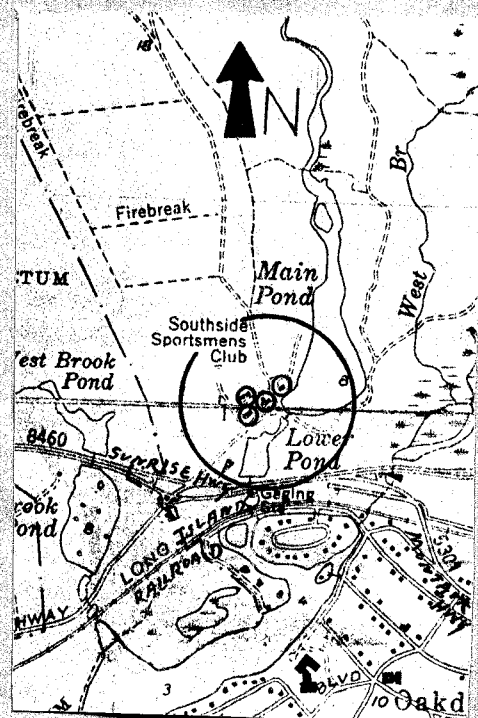
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. other \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: Neg. KK XXIV-6, fm. S/SE

13. MAP: NYS DOT composite Central Islip & Bay Shore East Quads



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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:  
 Refer to National Register Nomination  
 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):  
 Refer to National Register Nomination  
 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)

Refer to National Register Nomination

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

Refer to National Register Nomination

- SIGNIFICANCE  
 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Early 19th century, enlarged c. 1870 & 1885

ARCHITECT: 1885 enlargement - Bradford L. Gilbert

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to National Register Nomination

21. SOURCES:

Refer to National Register Nomination

22. THEME:



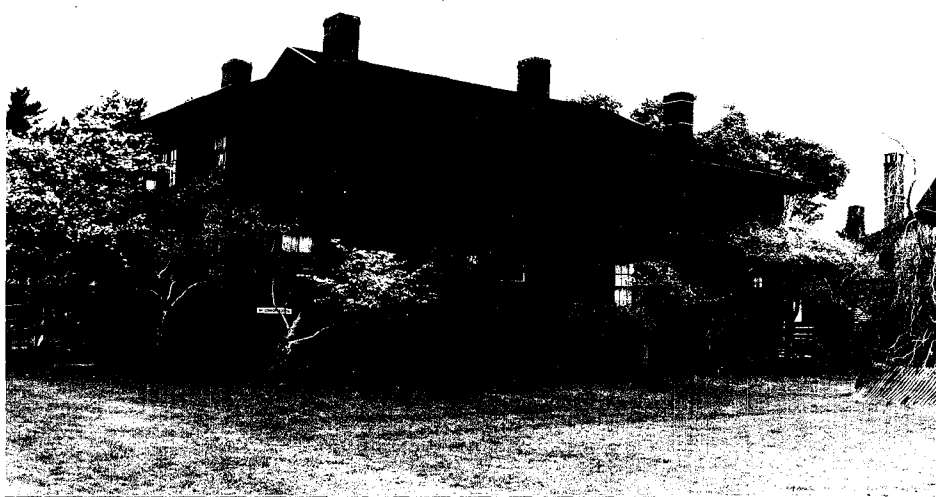
Neg. KK XXIV-7, fm. NE. Main building showing north end.



Neg. KK XXIV-8, fm. SE. Building to the north of the main club house. Constructed 1903, architect I.H. Green, Builders Ashby & Breckenridge, Bayport.

Continuation Sheet  
South Side Sportsmen's Club

GR 1



Neg. KK XXIV-4, fm. SE. Building to the south of the main club house.  
Constructed 1879.

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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC TRUST  
STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

1. Name (Common and Historic) Snedecor Tavern, (Southside Sportsmen's Hunting Lodge)

Location 2. Suffolk County 3. Islip Town 4.  Village or City

5. Address or Location Sunrise Hwy; North Side; in Preserve ~~ise~~

~~Highway between Communities of East Islip and Oakdale~~ Biographical

6. Type Federal, Tudor Revival, & Shingle Style Subject or Theme Travel, Commercial - Entertainment  
Sports, Architectural

8. Date of Construction 1820's 1870's 1890's 9. Architect (If Known)

10. Builder (If known)

11. Original Owner

12. Original Use Tavern

13. Present Owner Leased to Connetquot River Club by L. I. Park Comm.  
Name

Address

14. Present Use Hunting Lodge

15. Physical Condition Fair to Poor

16. Surveys L. I. Survey, Office of Planning Coordination.

17. Future Action Renovate and restore to period of 1900 Hunting Lodge considering its uniqueness, its above subject or theme, and its location in the attractive Southside Sportsmen's Preserve, (a future State Park). Along with the nearby mill, the complex would make an excellent museum.

Federal Register

18. Surveyed by Robert L. Wiggins, Cuddebackville, N. Y., March 5, 68.  
Date Surveyed

NR

History and Significance:

In the early 19th century the tavern was an important stage stop; near by is an early wooden mile post. Fortunately the highway has been moved.

Inside the club house is an 1883 photo showing the tavern and recently built billiard section as clapboard buildings. In the 1890 the connecting section between the tavern and ~~billiard~~ billiard section was raised to 2 storied and Tudorised in the familiar turn of the century opulence. Later the entire building was covered in wooden shingles to give unity to the 3 sections. Very little of the tavern as been tampered with and the interior is largely intact.

From 1866 on, the period when it ~~ceased~~<sup>3</sup> to be a tavern on South Country Rd. and became a Sportsman's club, ~~numerous~~ ~~notables~~ the tavern has been visited by numerous presidents and ~~not~~ other notables - Grover Cleveland, U. S. Grant, T. Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson, John Mc clung, C. R. Smith, and a number of wealthy New Yorkers, etc.

Although the architecture of the present structure is not outstanding, it is by no means objectionable. A restored 1900 type sportsman's club emulating the wealth of turn of the century L. I. would be most unique. Presumably the building is threatened to be torn down as a fire hazard.

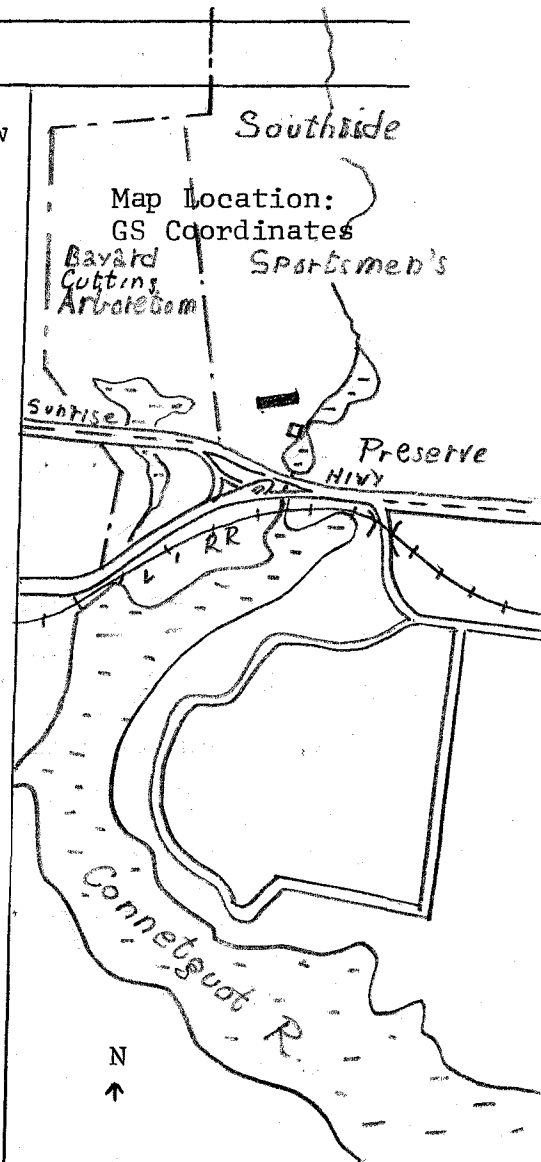
Sources of Information: Guest Register, 1883; photos hanging in the building.

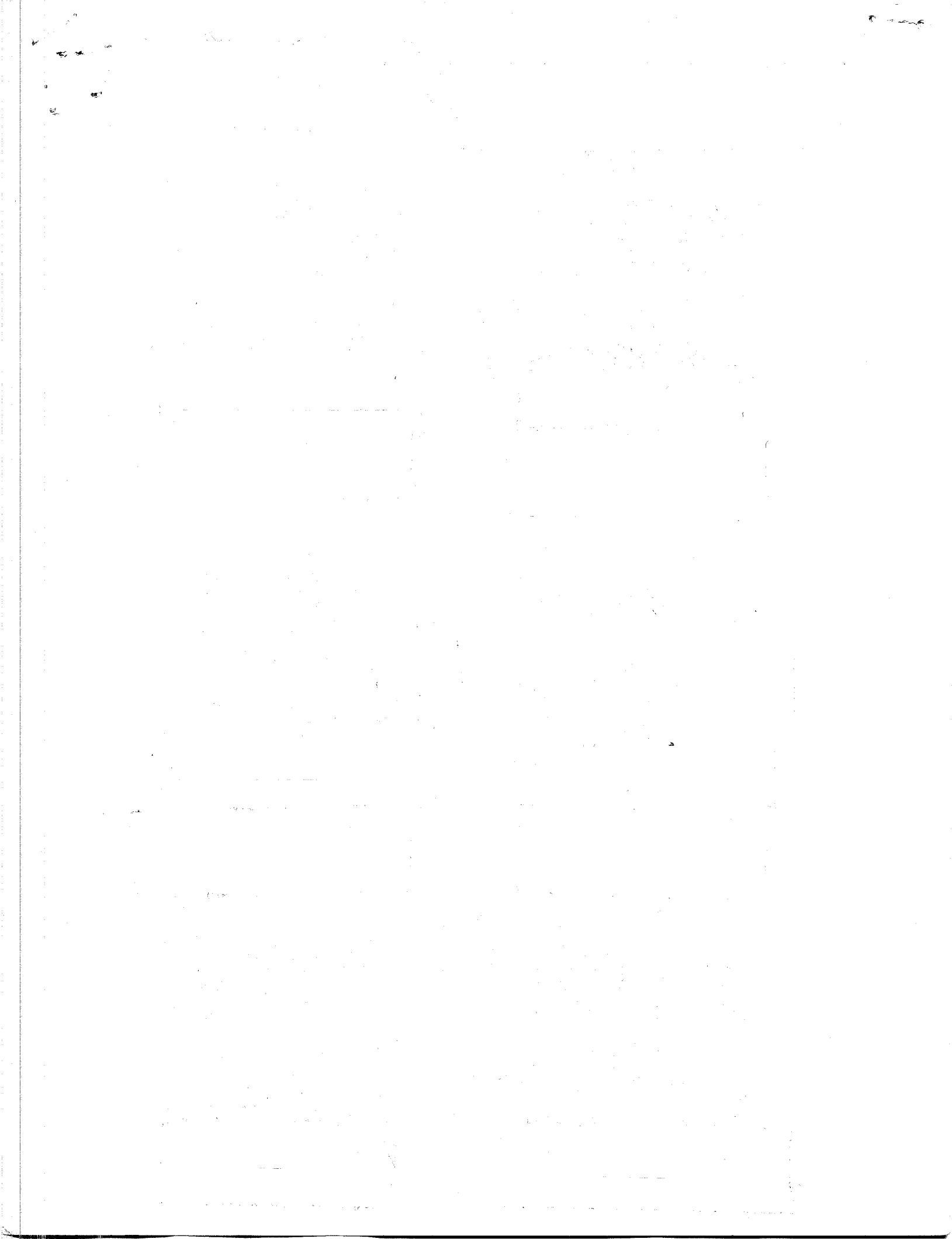
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Direction of View

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SUFFOLK COUNTY - ISLIP

Snedecor Tavern-Southside Sportsmen's Hunting Lodge

The original clapboard tavern in Federal style dates from c 1820. Sometime before 1883 another clapboard section (the billiard room) was added. In the 1890's, the portion connecting the two sections was raised to three stories. Later, the entire structure was shingled. Although the early tavern was not tampered with and its interior is largely intact, the overall effect of the large front resembles an example of the turn-of-the-century Tudor Revival country-estate.

In the early 19th century, the tavern was an important stage stop. After it ceased to be a tavern in 1866, it became a sportsmen's club. Wealthy and prominent persons in the late 19th century made the club a gentlemen's resort and used it as a base for fishing and small game hunting. U. S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt as well as a number of leaders of industry and finance were members or were guests of the club.

The hunting lodge is a rapidly disappearing feature of recreational activity and social history. This site, with the adjacent mill, should be preserved, restored and interpreted to indicate its significance. Registration would assist in providing the necessary recognition.