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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: Town of Islip DATE: 14 Feb. 1977

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

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

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: River Road District

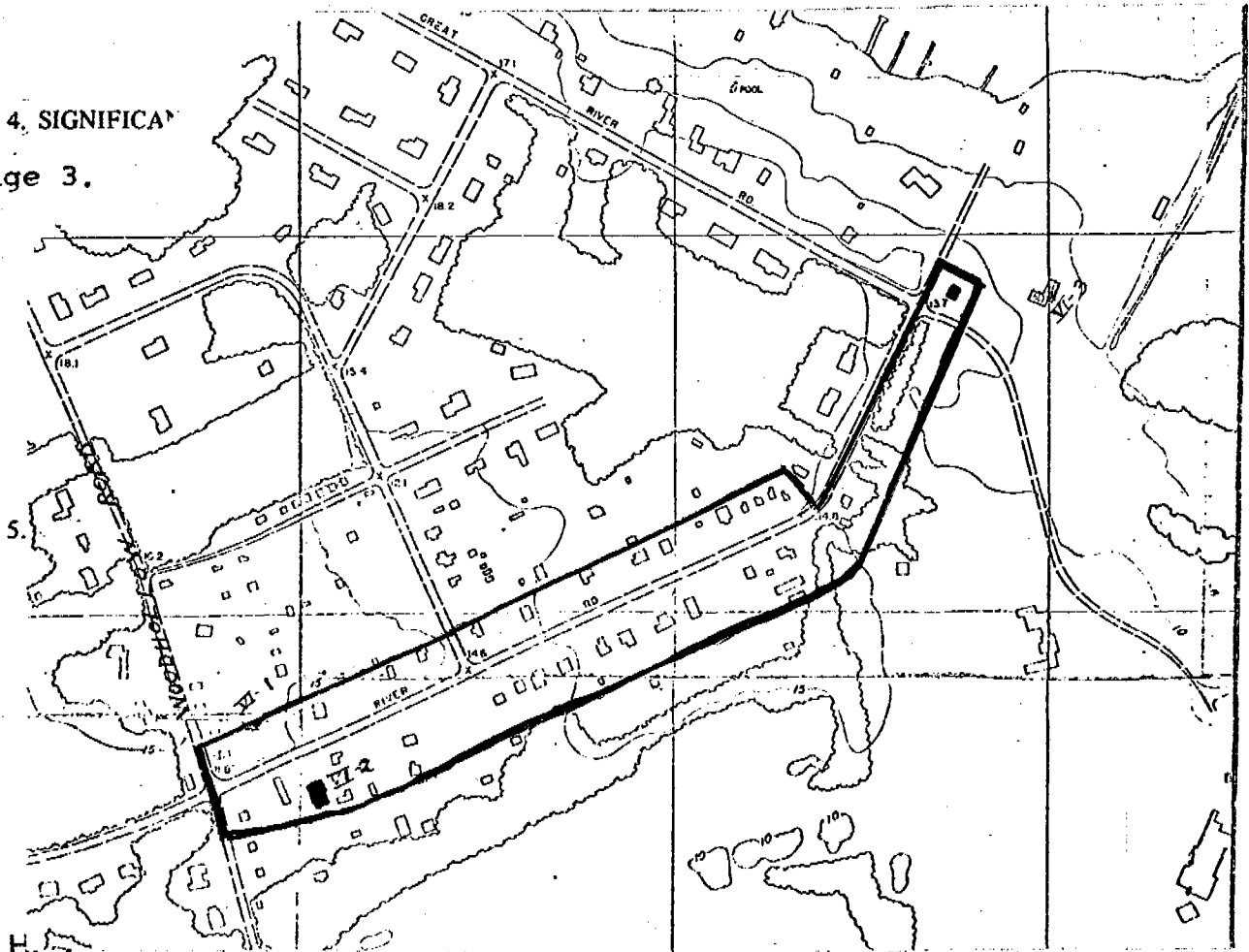
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Great River

3. DESCRIPTION:

District extends from Woodhollow Road to and including the Ranger Station. River Road is a residential street with post office, delicatessen, cocktail lounge, Inn, firehouse and a number of small summer rental cabins. It is a pre-1873 road but few houses of that time remain. Three may survive. Many of those on the south side of the street were floated from Fire Island beach. Some great oaks line the street. There are 3 intrusions.

4. SIGNIFICANCE

see page 3.



Bowe Albertson sewer map R-12, R-13.

NEGATIVES DEPOSITED AT
SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION OF
L. I. ANTIQUITIES

6. SOURCES:

Hyde, E. Belcher Atlas of the Ocean Shore, Suffolk County, Westerly Section, Brooklyn-Manhattan, 1915, plate 25.
Islip Bulletin 7/29/76. "Historic Long Island."

BAYLES, R.M.

7. THREATS TO AREA:

- BY ZONING
- BY ROADS
- BY DEVELOPERS
- BY DETERIORATION
- OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

FORMERLY A COMMUNITY OF BAY MEN, NOW A NATTIVE BUT NOT ATTRACTIVE MARY OF PHASE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER BEACH, SOME GREAT OAKS AND OTHER TREES.

9. PHOTOS: neg, roll MFS 3-1



105 RIVER ROAD
FRONT FACADE

Looking northwest.

IN DETROIT ON SEPTEMBER 11
TO MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SERIALIZED 1.1

3. DESCRIPTION:

River Road east from Woodhollow Road to and including

Suffolk County Ranger Station:

STRUCTURES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

✓ #81 River Road - corner of New Street.
Owner: L. Merasca
Part of a mansion removed from Heckscher
State Park. House notable for tower
and decorated gables.
1915 map: W. Campbell

✓ 450-2-8
✓ 450-03-012 ✓ #86 River Road - Turned posts on porch

✓ 450-02-11 ✓ #101 River Road - and barn

✓ 450-03-15 ✓ #100 River Road

✓ 450-3-16 ✓ #106 River Road

✓ 450-2-12 ✓ #105 River Road & Old fence

✓ 450-3-21 ✓ #124 River Road

✓ 450-3-24 ✓ #140 River Road - Appears to have been a bayman's house.

Some great oaks

✓ 450-3-10 ✓ Opposite # 81 - Gable end to street
1915 map: W. Skidmore.

MORE
(SEE OVER)

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

VI-1 ✓ Wolfe's Cottages 318 Woodhollow Road corner of River Road and Woodhollow Road. Opposite delicatessen; opposite and just west of U.S. Post Office.
✓ 450-01-4.3

4 columns, 2 story supporting 2nd story porch with pilasters. Dropped cornice with dentil outline.

Clipped gables

2/2 windows

2 oval windows on second floor.

Original clapboards

Original corbelled brick chimneys

Moved from Hecksher State Park in 1906... Plumb? Taylor? according to Mr. Wolfe.

Marie and Clara Dahl owners before Wolfe.

Interview: Mr. George Wolfe, owner; 31 August 1976.

Back section: Moved from Cutting Estate
Paired pointed windows on 2nd floor
Stick Style gable ornament
Rear bay window

Property consists of 4½ acres.

When house was moved in 1906 from Cutting and Taylor Estates portico was added.

Many cabins on property of equal age.

1915 map: G. Rhodes and C.T. Harbeck

VI-2 Great River Inn River Road; adjacent and west of Post Office

Shingle Style structure

Shingle courses with brackets at 1st floor.

Original front porch with turned posts, balusters, columns with Ionic capitals.

Bracketed cornice on porch with dentils.

3 story front bay with gambrel roof.

West facade with exposed brick chimney at 1st floor level.

Shed roof dormer with curved sweeping roof.

Eye-brow windows on 3rd floor.

3 original chimneys with corbelled masonry.

J.E. Van Orden in 1913.

1915 map: J.T. Davies.

Previously Hope's Inn; before that, owned by Chris Dahl.

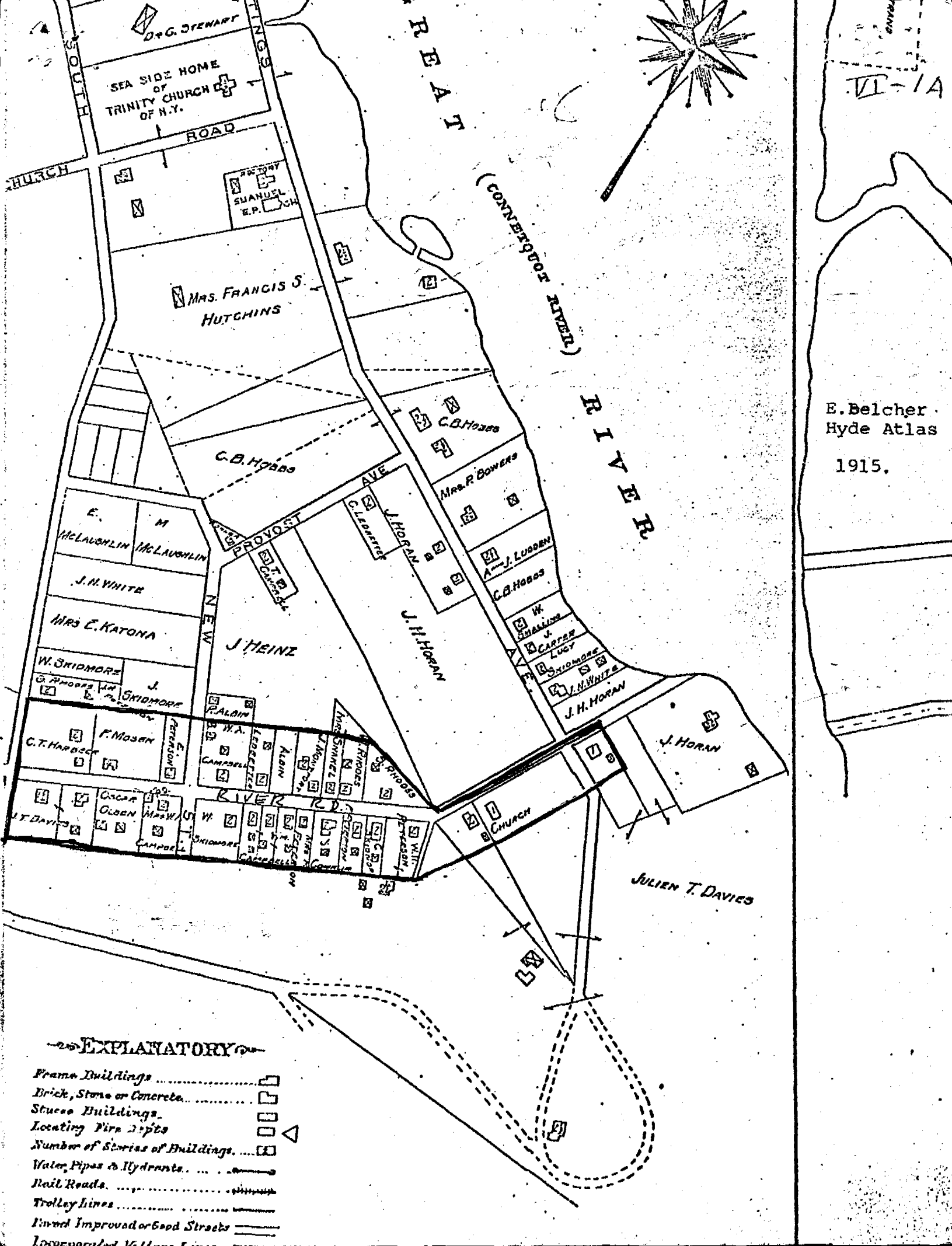
J.E. Van Orden was one of thirteen telephone subscribers for Great River ca. 1913.

450-03-007

Through the courtesy of Mrs. John J. Fauth IV we have come into possession of a bound volume of Long Island local telephone directories, undated but apparently circa 1913.

There are thirteen subscribers listed for Great River: W.A. Campbell, Connetquot Hotel, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Cornelia M. Davies, Julien T. Davies, Chas. B. Hobbs, Long Island R.R. Co., J.H. Monfort General Store, F.C. Truslow, J.E. Van Orden, Rev. W.N. Webbe Rectory, Westbrook Golf Club and Mrs. Raymond S. White.

Carl A. Starace. "Historic Long Island" Islip Bulletin , 29 July 1976.



E. Belcher
Hyde Atlas
1915.

EXPLANATORY

- Frame Buildings [Symbol]
- Brick, Stone or Concrete [Symbol]
- Stucco Buildings [Symbol]
- Locating Fire Sigs [Symbol]
- Number of Stories of Buildings [Symbol]
- Water Pipes & Hydrants [Symbol]
- Rail Roads [Symbol]
- Trolley Lines [Symbol]
- Improved or Good Streets [Symbol]
- Incorporated Village Lines [Symbol]