

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO 10305.006834
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: March 1990
Town Hall, 655 Main St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450
ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

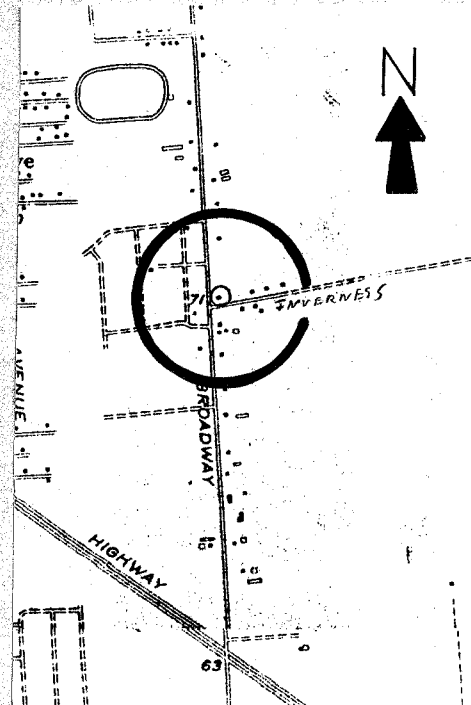
IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Benesch Houses
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Holbrook
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Broadway, east side, opp. Camille Ln. (Broadway Ave.)
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Benesch ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residences Present: residences
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain private residences

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: composition shingle
- 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: A Neg. KK XXII-13, fm. W/NW 13. MAP: NYS DOT Patchogue Quad



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: _____
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 Benesch Houses are located on the east side of Broadway at the NE corner of a new subdivision. Large trees stand near the street line of the main house, which faces Broadway. The surrounding residential area consists of historic and non-historic houses of similar scale.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 The Benesch House is a 2½ story, three bay, center entrance plan, gambrel roof, Dutch Colonial style house with a pedimented entrance porch.

The auxiliary house is a smaller, 1½ story, gable roof, shingled building with a two story, pyramidal roof tower on the NE corner.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Main House - c. 1913

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Benesch family was a prominent Holbrook family that moved to Holbrook around 1913, when this house was built. The tower at the rear is the remains of a water tower that once supplied water for the property. It was at the Benesch home that a meeting was held in 1927 to discuss plans for organizing a fire department.

21. SOURCES:

Interview, owner Benesch, 4/1990.
Suffolk County News, 10/25/1984.
 Town of Islip Tricentennial Cookbook, 1983.

22. THEME:

Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK



Neg. KK XXII-12, ^Afm. SE, showing portion of house with tower. According to the owner, the tower is the remains of a water tower that supplied the property.