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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.	_____
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 24 November 1976
Town Hall
 YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000
Islip, L.I., N.Y., 11751
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing & Development

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): Albert Fantini Residence (Doxsee house)
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Islip
- STREET LOCATION: 90 Ocean Avenue, SW corner of Ocean Ave. & Raymond St.
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Albert Fantini ADDRESS: 90 Ocean Ave.
- USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

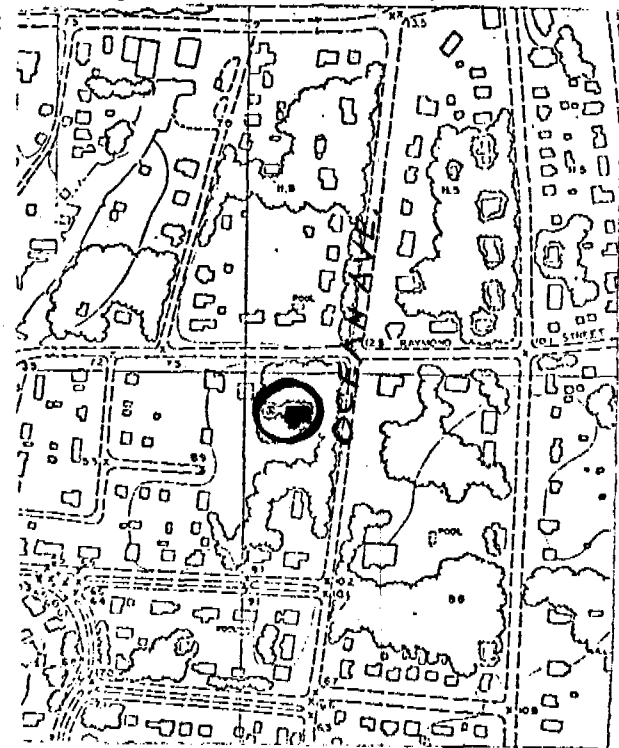
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) 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):
Asbestos shingles on first floor
Porch removed ; entrance removed

12. PHOTO: neg. roll MFS 1-2

13. MAP: _____

Bowe, Albertson & Assoc. sewer map



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L. I. ANTIQUITIES

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: J. H. Doxsee was a
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
DESCENDANT OF THE DOXSEE WHO STARTED CANNING
CLAMS CA. 1867.

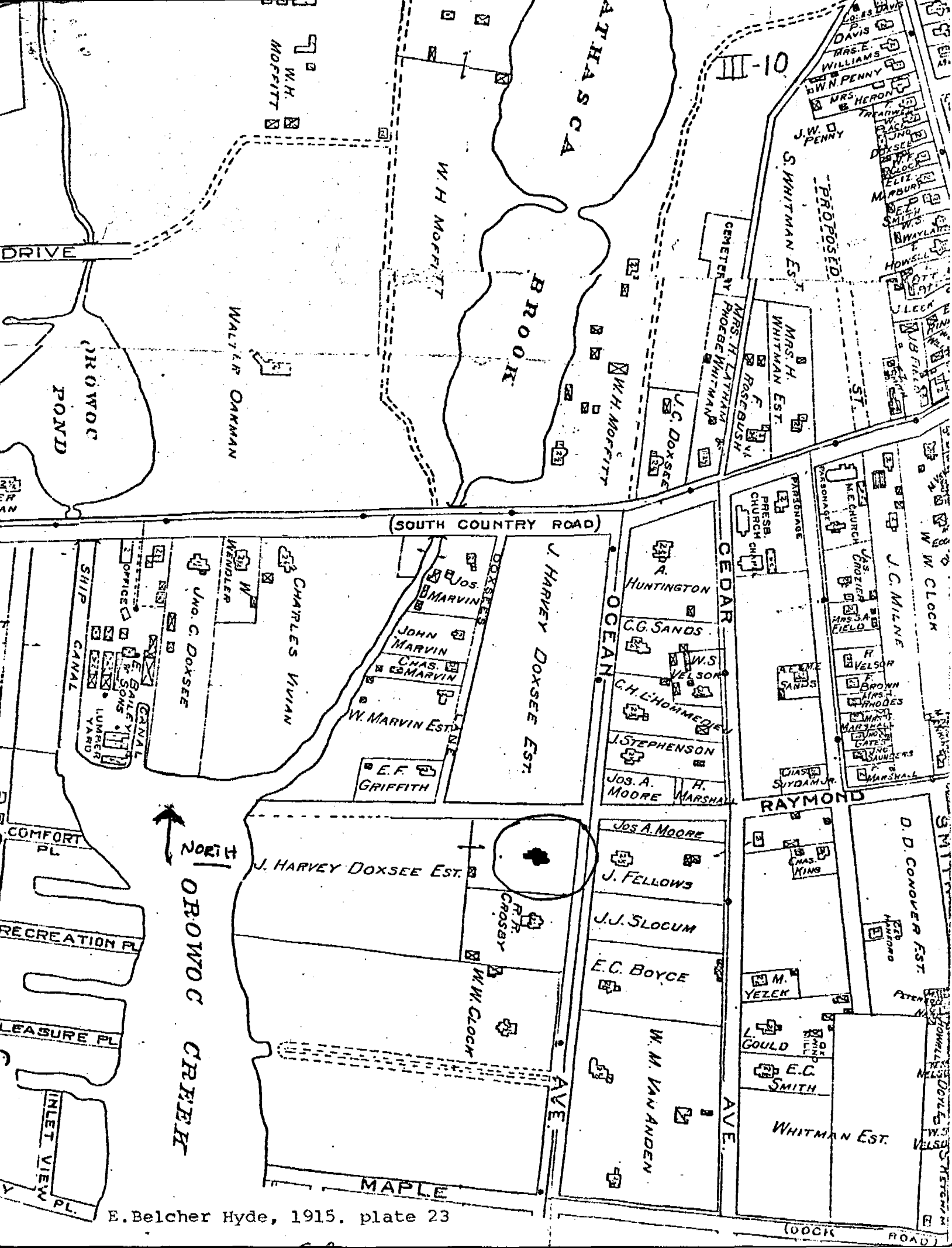
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 Queen Anne style house with four original chimneys, consoles with leather decoration, gables and two-story bay on North side. Shingles wrapped around corners in North gable; two-story oriel windows on North side, six fireplaces, dentils below ~~windows~~ consoles.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____
 ARCHITECT: _____
 BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
 J. Harvey Doxsee Estate in 1915.
 Previous owners Nicolas, a Dutch artist, and Dr. Brusca, a psychiatrist, according to Mr. Fantini.

21. SOURCES:
 Hyde, E. Belcher. Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I. Westerly Section, Brooklyn-Manhattan, 1915. Plate 23.
 Fantini, A, interview 16 August 1976.
 22. NYC Picturesque Babylon, Bayshore and Islip, Mercantile Illustration Co., N.Y. (ca.1910)
 Thomas F, Schweitzer postal collection.



E. Belcher Hyde, 1915. plate 23

Manufacturers.
 O. Manufr of fine Carriages; also Paint-trimming and Repairing, Bridge St
 H. Planning, Moulding and Turning Mill,
 S. Manufr of Sash, Blinds, Doors, Mold-
 ing, Bridge St
 J. Manufr of Monuments, Tombstones,
 and all kinds of Marble work,
 Main St
 Bros. Manufr of Sash and Blinds. Facto-
 Main St

Merchants.

Station Agent and Post Master. Calver-
 spot
 & Son. Dealers in Groceries- Provisions,
 Feed and Liquors, Main St
 Dealer in Groceries and Dry Goods, Main St
 W. Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, cor-
 and Main St
 Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Main

& Son. Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Dry
 Goods, Shoes, Grain and Flour, Bridge St
 Dealer in Groceries and Taxidermist, East

Dealer in Ladies' and Gents' Boots and Shoes,
 Main St
 E. & J. H. Dealer in Ready-Made Clothing
 and Furnishing Goods, Main St
 Dealers in Gents' Furnishing Goods,
 and Singer's Sewing Machines, Main St
 Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries and
 Hardware, Main St
 Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Bridge

Markets

Meat and Vegetable Market, Main St
 W. Meat and Vegetable Market, Main St

Organs

Manufr of Parlor and Church Or-
 Factory, opp. Depot

Physicians and Surgeons

H. Res and Office, Main St
 Office, cor Main and Bridge Sts
 Office and Res, Main St

Stoves and Tinware

Dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Heaters and
 all kinds of Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware,
 Main St
 and Jobbing, Main St
 E. & Co. Dealers in Stoves, Ranges, and
 all kinds of Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron Ware,
 Main St

Miscellaneous

Deputy County Clerk, Main St
 Watch-maker and Jeweler, Main St
 Proprietor of Peconic Saw and Grist Mill, Cal-
 P. O.
 Proprietor of Hotel, Jamesport
 Foreman Sash and Blind Shop, Hallett's
 Bridge St
 County Clerk. Office, Main St
 Farmer, Northville
 Farmer, P. O. Wading River
 Merchant and Merchant, Abner St
 Res, Aqueduct
 Wholesale Dealers in Tobacco and
 Snuff, Griffling Ave
 Sash and Blind Maker, Hallett's Mill
 Blacksmith, Main St
 Photographer, cor Main and Griffling Ave
 Farmer and Produce Dealer, Aqueduct
 W. Farmer, Dist No 15. P. O., Riverhead

Brookhaven

Attorneys

City and Counsellor at Law, Yaphank
 Atty and Counsellor at Law, Stony Brook

Artists

Artist, Artist Lake

Agents

Ag. Weed Sewing Machine Co., Blue
 Book Agt, Manorville
 Chas. E. Agt American Driven Well, for
 Co., except Islip, Bellport and Huntington

Blacksmith

Blacksmith, Setauket

Lumber, Crockery, &c., Brookhaven
 Clark W. H. Dealer in Groceries and Fresh Meats of all
 kinds, Centre Moriches
 Gerard R. S. Dealer in Dry and Fancy Goods, Groceries,
 Provisions, &c., Bellport
 Havens C. S. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., Cen-
 tre Moriches
 Jones, Walter & Co. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries,
 &c., Setauket
 Jones Benjamin. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &,
 Setauket
 Mills J. P. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., Yap-
 hank
 Oaks E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., Stony
 Brook
 Osborn H. T. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.,
 Manorville
 Osborn H. G. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.,
 Centre Moriches
 Raynor G. W. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.,
 Manorville
 Satterley T. T. & Co. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries,
 &c., Mount Sinai

Markets

Wells B. F. Dealer in Fresh Meats, of all kinds also
 Pork, Hams Lard, Sausages, &c., Stony Brook

Physicians

Bates J. F. Physician and Surgeon, Setauket
 Baker J. I. Physician and Surgeon, Yaphank

Painters

Hawkins J. H. House and Sign Painter, and Paper
 Hanger, &c., Bellport
 Lee J. G. House and Sign Painter, and Paper Hanger,
 &c., Bellport
 Murdoch D. Painter and Grainer, Centre Moriches
 Seaman J. D. Painter, Grainer and Paper Hanger,
 Brookhaven

Ship Builders

Hand W. & Son. Ship Builders, Setauket
 Terry J. S. Ship Builder, Stony Brook
 Wells T. S. Ship Builder, Stony Brook

Teachers

Candee H. F. Principal Public School, East Setauket
 Saxton B. H. Teacher. Res, East Patchogue

Miscellaneous

Avery W. Farmer, East Patchogue
 Brown J. Farmer, Rocky Point
 Badetty P. Resident, Brookhaven
 Bal Luce. Resident, Bellport
 Crawford J. R. Resident, Artist Lake
 Corson C. Farmer, Brookhaven
 Coombs W. Retired Sea Captain, Yaphank
 Chichester C. Stage Propt, Centre Moriches
 Duryea E. G. South Side Planing Mill. All kinds of
 Sawing and Planing done to order. Goods deliv-
 ered to South Side E.L. free of charge, South
 Haven
 Davis J. B. Farmer, Rocky Point
 Dickerson W. Farmer, Setauket
 Dare C. W. E. Farmer, Selden
 Davis L. H. Farmer, Coram
 Davis D. Resident, Moriches
 Edwards Daniel, Farmer
 Elmore C. B. Refreshment Saloon, East Moriches
 Farmer H. H. Slate and Tin Roofers, and Dealer in Gro-
 ceries, Waverly
 Gould W. E. Farmer and Butcher, New Village
 Gosman Robt. Farmer, Dist No 10
 Griffling T. S. Farmer, Setauket
 Gurvey M. Farmer, Middle Island
 Hallock Capt. J. Farmer, Rocky Point
 Hallock James. Farmer, Rocky Point
 Hallock S. Farmer and Wood Dealer, Hallock's Land-
 ing
 Havens J. C. Farmer, East Moriches
 Havens J. S. Farmer, Centre Moriches
 Hawkins C. W. Farmer, Lake Grove
 Hawkins D. H. Farmer and Ship Carpenter, Brook-
 haven
 Hawkins J. Coachman
 Homan S. L. Oysterman, Moriches
 Hopkins S. J. Farmer, Miller's Place
 Hopkins G. W. Farmer, Mount Sinai
 Howell J. F. Marketman, East Moriches
 Hutchinson B. T. Farmer, Middle Island
 Jones N. H. Farmer, Rocky Point
 King E. E. Dealer in Flour and Feed, Wading River
 King J. M. Farmer, Setauket
 Lyman G. T. Farmer, Bellport
 Luce T. B. Farmer, Rocky Point
 Longking T. Farmer, Middle Island
 Miller E. N. Farmer, Miller's Place
 Miller C. H. Tannery, Harness Making, Boots, Shoes,
 &c., East Moriches
 McGregor D. Farmer, Centre Moriches
 Martin Saml. Farmer, Manorville
 Miller N. Farmer, Brookhaven
 Mills Jesse C. Farmer, Bellport
 Norton A. R. Farmer, Selden
 Nicol Win. W. Farmer, and Propt Stage Line from
 Brookhaven to Patchogue

Boyer E. H. Farmer, Bellport
 Valentius J. C. Farmer, Dist No 10
 Williamson J. C. Farmer, Stony Brook
 Whitbeck I. T. Nurseryman and Florist, Port Jefferson
 and Yaphank
 Woodbury L. N. Farmer, Dist No 13
 Walker A. J. Farmer, Dist No 15
 Whaley G. Farmer, East Moriches
 Wheeler D. Dentist, Centre Moriches

Islip

Agents

McConnell J. B. State Agt N.Y. Life Insurance Co.
 Sutton John. Real Estate, Islip

Clergymen

Hoover C. Pastor Cong. Church, Sayville
 Riley R. Pastor Episcopal Church, Islip

Carpenters

Bridger T. E. Carpenter, Central Islip
 Terry J. S. Carpenter " "
 Wheeler F. W. Carpenter, Sayville

Hotels

Bedell Isaac. Propt Bay View House, Sayville
 Downing Mrs. Phebe. Propt Bayshore Hotel
 Sammis D. S. S. Propt Surf Hotel, Fire Island
 Stellenwerf A. R. Propt Lake House, Islip

Merchants

Arthur W. R. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and
 Drugs, Bayport, New Station
 Clock S. E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c, Bay-
 shore
 Clock Bros. Dealers in Dry Goods, and Genl Mds, Islip
 Donaldson W. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c,
 Hauppauge
 Green S. T. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c, Green-
 ville
 Hawkins & Edwards. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries
 and Hardware, Sayville
 Smith & Gillette. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries,
 Wood, Lime, Lath and Cement, Sayville
 Wheeler W. J. Dealer in Dry Goods and Genl Mds,
 Islip

Physicians

Hamill E. H. Physician and Surgeon, Bayshore
 Moubrey J. R. Physician and Surgeon, Bayshore
 Thompson A. G. Physician and Surgeon, Johnston
 Ave, Islip

Miscellaneous

Beers G. W. Resident, Islip
 Conklin B. F. & Bro. Farmers, Islip
 Dorse J. H. Packer of Hermetically Sealed Goods,
 Islip
 Everitt G. J. & Son. Manufr of all kinds of Pearl But-
 tons, Slave Buttons, Studs, &c, Ronkonkoma
 Easter A. D. Taylor, Sayville
 Green S. W. Farmer and Propt Oil Factory, Sayville
 Green Willett. Farmer, Sayville
 Greenwood Saml. Resident, Islip
 Griawold E. & Co. Manufr of Tobacco and Cigars, Ron-
 konkoma
 Hawkins P. J. Asst Assessor of Int. Rev., Islip
 Hibbard W. F. Farmer, Bayport
 Keith W. H. Real Estate and Farmer, West Islip
 Ludlow W. H. Farmer, Oakdale
 Lane E. N. Farmer, Dist No 3
 Lane C. N. Farmer, Dist No 4
 Lane Capt. E. P. Boatman, Sayville
 Lane A. C. Capt. Sloop Ann E. Jane. Res, Dist No 4
 Mainwaring Jas. Farmer, West Islip
 Maury W. L. Brentwood
 Miller J. H. Farmer, West Islip
 Morris C. S. Greenville
 Nicoll W. M. Islip
 Seaman S. C., Jr. Dealer in Coal, Wood and Brick,
 Sayville
 Smith S. D. Manufr of and Dealer in Doors, Sash and
 Blinds, Sayville
 Smith A. E. Ship Builder, Islip
 Speloeck E. Tanner and Propt of Livery Stable, Bay-
 shore
 Soper S. P. Farmer, East of Hauppauge
 Snydam J. H. Resident, Bayport
 Thompson G. W. Farmer, West Islip
 Tyler W. S. Farmer, Greenville
 Whitman Silas. Farmer, Islip
 Wood Jno. Resident, Sayville

Port Jefferson

Agents

Hawkins T. B. Steamboat Agt, South St
 Jacobus W. G. Sewing Machines
 Sturtevant C. F. Agent for Gould Brothers, Monroe Co
 Nurseries at Rochester, N. Y. Main St
 Tutill H. S. Real Estate Agt, and Speculator, Main
 St



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SCENE IN ISLIP, L. I.

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DOXSEE HOUSE on OCEAN AVENUE

Thomas F. Schweitzer Postal Collection

"Picturesque Babylon, Bayshore and Islip," Mercantile Illustrating Co., N.Y. (ca. 1910)

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W. Meeks, J. Bouman Johnson, Wm. K. Knapp, Dr. Abram G. Thompson, John D. Prince, Benjamin Welles, Lee Johnson, William Nichols and R. O. Colt. The visitor to Islip, driving through it for the first time would be sure to think he had found some extensive and noble park, where one villa followed close upon another. In the main part of the village all the streets are lined with fine shade trees and present a very attractive appearance. To the north are a number of large forests, with good hunting of various kinds. Even deer are still found, though it requires skill to get them. The South Side Club was organized some years ago, and has its headquarters at Islip. Its object is to enforce the observance of



RESIDENCE OF MR. SWAN.

RESIDENCE OF MR. DOCKSEE.

DOCKSEE

the game-laws, and thorough success has attended its efforts. During the fall there is fine quail shooting in the open fields toward the center of the Island. The town also has a game constable, Mr. Thomas Newell, of Bay Shore. There are, in addition, two bay constables to enforce the observance of the fish laws—Mr. Wm. Nelson of Islip and Mr. John Tucker, of Sayville. The Olympic Club of Islip has a handsome club house on Saxton's Neck, near the shore. Its members devote much attention to yachting and the fine fishing of the bay, as well as that of the trout streams of this section, which are famed throughout the Island.

Most of the stores of Islip are situated on the Main street, and business largely transacted there. A number of extensive wholesale and manufacturing establishments are located in the town. The soil is mostly level, and after more than two centuries of careful cultivation, still bears rich crops of fruits, vegetables and grain. Islip is also quite a center for the nursery and seed industry. The growing and transplanting of trees receives considerable attention. Canning of fruits and fish is a leading industry.

SUMMER LIFE AT ISLIP.

The year in some sections begins on the 1st of January, but in Islip it begins on the 1st of June. While matters glide along pleasantly enough during the winter, the town suddenly blossoms out into new life with the approach of the summer time, and a quite universal transformation comes over every side of local activity. This is quite natural, as the population is more than doubled, and there are so many things to do in the summer, that life is animated and filled with pleasurable occupations. Each east bound train for months brings new visitors, who come to gain strength and recreation in these healthful environs. Many of the visitors have permanent homes here, and are part of that summer colony which delights to spend three to four months of every year "within sight of the heaving billows" of the Great South Bay. A cavalcade of handsome carriages and teams is often drawn up at the Islip station during the summer afternoons, and makes a novel spectacle as they speed away in different directions. The number

navigation as far up as the country road. The channel here is about thirty to forty feet wide and three to four feet deep. Large scows are employed to transport the cargoes of sloops and schooners from out on the bay up to this landing. On a smaller brook which empties into Orowac creek from the east Mr. J. H. Doxsee has a large trout-pond, the water from which is also utilized in driving a wheel connected with a shaft which runs under the owner's barn. Belts from pulleys on this shaft are attached to various machines as occasion demands, and thus a cheap and convenient power for driving threshing machines, fanning mills, corn shellers, feed cutters and grinders, saws, grind-stones and the like, is always at hand and ready for action.

Doxsee's canning establishment is located on the east side of Orowac Brook or Doxsee's Creek as the lower part is called, about half a mile below the main road. Here a considerable business, which has no rival in the county, is carried on in the preparation of hermetically sealed goods, principally confined to the canning of green corn, tomatoes, clams and fish. After considerable time and money had been spent in experimenting upon the process of preserving "quahaugs," or hard clams, Mr. Doxsee started the business successfully about seven years ago. The canning of fish — moss bunkers — was added during the past season [1872.] These fish are "scaled," and cleaned, by a series of simple machines which perform the work with unerring nicety, after which they are cooked, by a process which we do not propose to explain, and then packed in tin cans somewhat the shape of sardine cans, but containing about two pounds each. Everybody knows that the meat contained in these fish is the

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across the bay to such oceanside communities as Ocean Beach, Salt-nire and Fair Harbor. There are ferries to and from these beaches. As far back as 1862 there was a steam ferry owned and skippered by John Hicks plying between Bay Shore and Fire Island. At that time B. Doxsee's packet sloop *Eugenia* made regular trips between Bay Shore and New York. Ferries from the beach made connections by stage with passenger trains at Thompson's Station.

Many baymen became yacht skippers for the estate owners. Others used their own boats to sail parties. Boats were built in shipyards at Sayville, Islip and Bay Shore. Racing boats were also designed and built in these same yards. Sailboat racing became a great sport and still is here. Many of our baymen won fame in yacht racing and three of them became sailing masters of America Cup defenders. These were Captain Henry Haff of Islip and Captains Urias Rhodes and Leander Jeffreys of Bay Shore.

Double tracks were installed by the railroad between Babylon and Oakdale in 1905 and by 1913 there were fifteen trains a day. Small industrial plants have been established here from time to time. One of these was that of James Doxsee of Islip who began canning clams. The capacity was four hundred bushels a day. The business was later moved in Ocracoke, N. C., in 1897 and still later it was located in Florida. Two State Hospitals, Central Islip and Pilgrim, located in the northerly part of the town, employ thousands of men and women. In 1945, the town population, exclusive of these hospitals, was in round numbers 33,000.

If one looks to the Town bounds on the ocean front one finds that Brookhaven Town comes right into our own front dooryard, coming up past Point o' Woods which is due south of Heckscher State Park. This is due to the fact that certain wide awake freemen of Brookhaven Town bought all the right and title to this bay bottom which is therefore in their town and leaves the Town of Islip that much less bay bottom of its own.

Fire Island inlet broke through during a great storm in 1690, seven years after William Nicoll had purchased his land here. The inlet was first called Nine Mile Gut because the original break-through was of that width. Old maps show the name New Gut. It also was called Great Gut or Nicoll's Gut. There were five small islands in one group where the inlet first came through and these islands were known by an Indian name which meant "seal." The name was appropriate because many seals came to rest on these islands in the winter time. Someone who wrote about the five islands got his wires crossed and misinterpreted the word five, making it Fire Island Inlet. The name Fire Island has also been applied to the entire beach lying between the Great South Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. To the native, only that part of the beach from the State Park westward to the inlet is Fire Island. Only that portion from Point o' Woods to the lighthouse is in Islip Town. Within the memory of living man the inlet has moved westward four miles. When the present lighthouse was built in 1856 it was so near the inlet that boatmen could toss newspapers to the lighthouse-keeper as they

LONG ISLAND - NASSAU AND SUFFOLK

PAUL BAILEY. 1949.