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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 24 November 1976

Town Hall

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

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Former Mayor Wagner home
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Islip
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 99 Ocean Avenue, East side of street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Sullivan ADDRESS: 99 Ocean Ave.
- 6. USE: Original: RESIDENCE Present: RESIDENCE
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain permission of owner

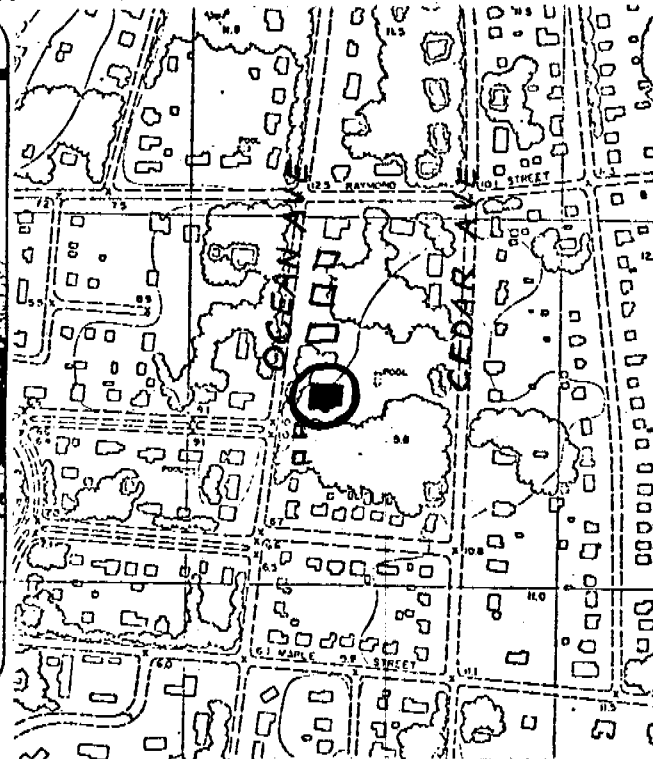
**DESCRIPTION**

- 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. roll MFS 3-0



13. MAP: Bowe, Albertson & Assoc. sewer map



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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:  
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) \_\_\_\_\_

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Stucco house with "colonial style" entrance.

SIGNIFICANCE

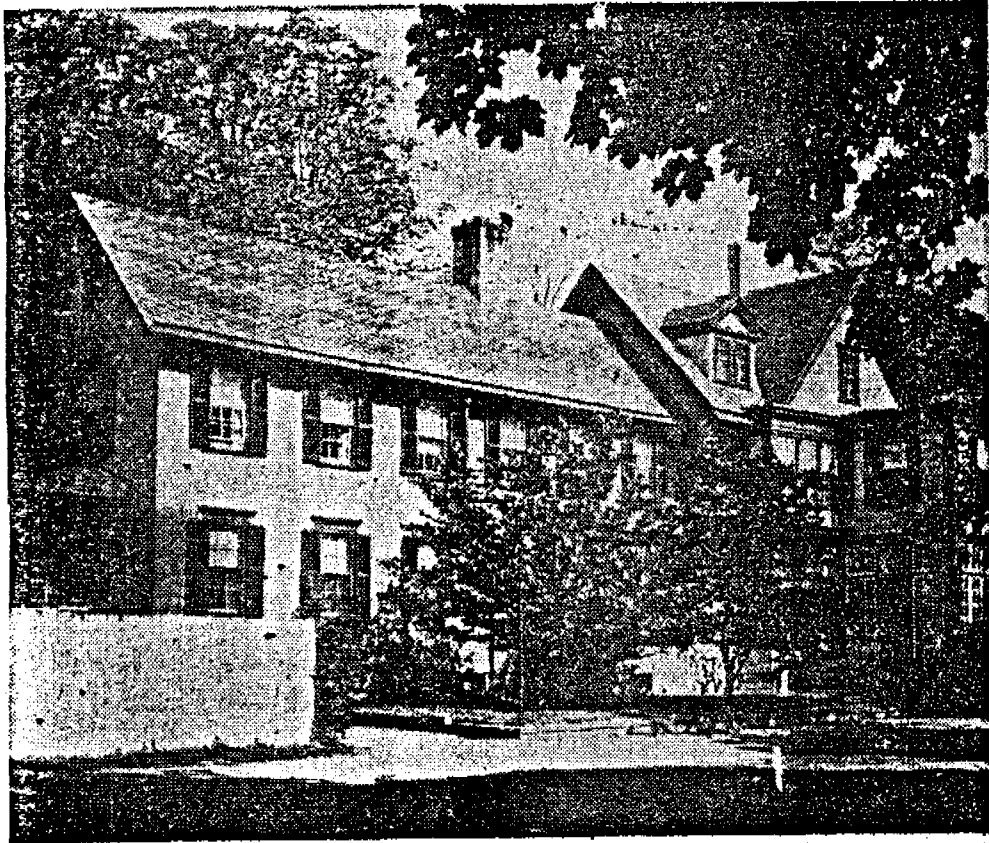
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
Former home of Robert F. Wagner, ex-mayor of New York City.

21. SOURCES:  
Hyde, E. Belcher Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I.,  
Westerly Section, Brooklyn-Manhattan, 1915. Plate 23.  
Long Island Press, 11 Oct. 1964. page 3.  
22. ~~REVIEW~~ "L.I." Newsday 18 Jan. 1976.

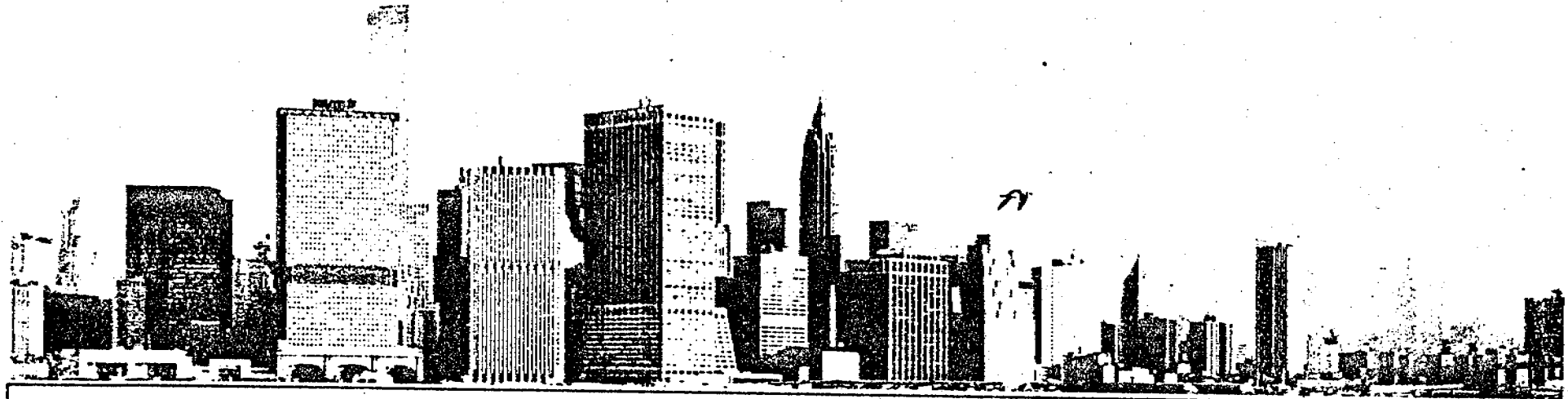
Research by: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities  
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**This is the mayor's home in Islip. He isn't there. Neither are pickets of Parents and Taxpayers (PAT) who staged a 24-hour vigil outside his New York City home—Gracie Mansion—from 8 p.m. Friday until 8 p.m. yesterday. Wagner wasn't there either. He was visiting friends in Islip.**





## Robert Wagner Jr. 'Each Summer We Went to Islip'

Even when Robert Wagner was mayor of New York, he was a part-time Long Islander. His son, Robert Wagner Jr., now a New York City councilman, recalls the weekends and summers spent on the South Shore.

"Each summer from the time I was 2 1/2, in 1947, we went to Islip. We finally sold that house in 1966 and then my father bought a house in Sands Point. We did all sorts of country things out in Islip. My father had a series of boats. The first one was called the 'Dilly Dally.' I named it. And we would sail over to Fire Island to swim.

"Long Island was a series of really small towns then. The people were still involved in fishing and some farming. But while I was there an enormous amount of growth took place in the area. And it disturbed me to watch the growth and to see the obvious lack of planning. Suddenly, there was a trailer camp on the main street in town and four or five gas stations when there had

been only a couple. Then there was a Carvel's and a McDonald's. I like Carvel's and McDonald's but I was sorry to see a place I considered the country become more like the city.

"Long Island was a childhood place to me and now I only go back for an odd weekend to see friends. And like all places that are important in our childhood which we later return to, it seems smaller, less impressive to me. The house we had — a stucco farmhouse that had rooms added on — now seems closer to the road, and the windows seem smaller than when I was a child.

"Very rarely did politics intrude on our lives in Islip. But I remember one time when my father was running for senator in 1956 and Adlai Stevenson was running for President. We had a white picket fence all around the house. Well, someone painted 'I Like Ike' in black paint on it. And so, instead of repainting, we went outside and added 'And Bob, too!'"