

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0366-124
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 5/22/79
655 Main Street
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderbilt Tea House
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Oakdale
3. STREET LOCATION: Shore Drive; South Side; on Consuelo Pl.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Jim Finegan ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: entertainment Present: Saxon Arms Restaurant
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

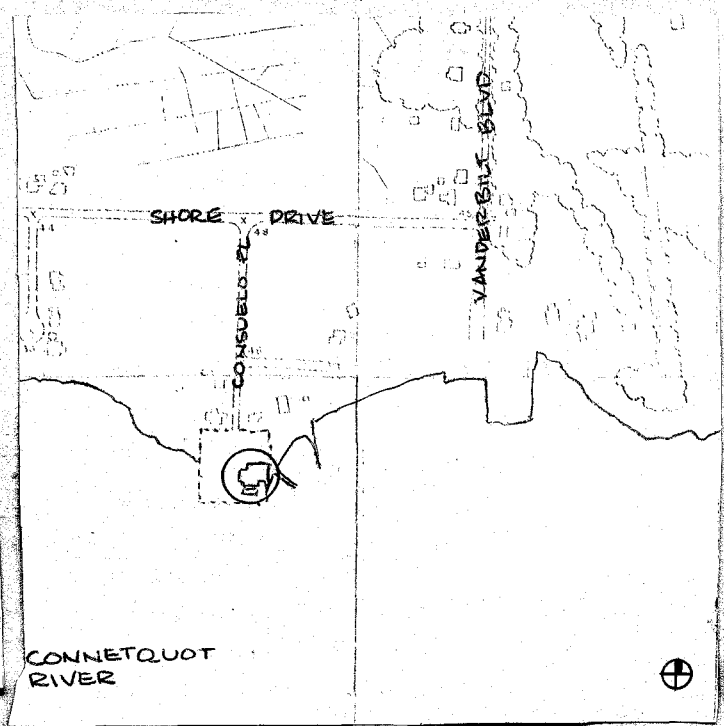
DESCRIPTION

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): _____

Many additions have been made to the original structure in its present use.

12. PHOTO: Roll 2, neg. 2
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13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson
Composite



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: Directly on the Connetquot River
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 Tea House is on Shore Drive, at the southernmost end of Vanderbilt Blvd., on the Connetquot River.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
1½ story building with brick 1st floor and half-timber and stucco above. It sports a gable roof with Twin chimneys at opposite gables. Diamond pane casement windows with granite sills.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1888
ARCHITECT: L. H. Greene Jr. (?)
BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
Also called "The Singing Kettle" because of a huge kettle that hung over the door. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt used this building for entertaining and Clam Bakes.

21. SOURCES: Merritt B. Hyde, Atlas of a Part of Suffolk County, Long Island New York, South Shore, Ocean Side, E. Belcher Hyde, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1915, vol. 1.

The Story of Idle Hour, Alice McGorty, editor, Dowling College Press, Oakdale.

22. THEME: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities
Setauket, New York 11733
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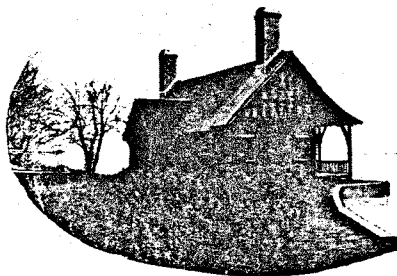
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The enclosed Tennis Court



Vanderbilt Avenue, a typical wooded street



Tea House on the Great South Bay

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