

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 1D305.000782  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: April 1990

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, 655 Main St.  
Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

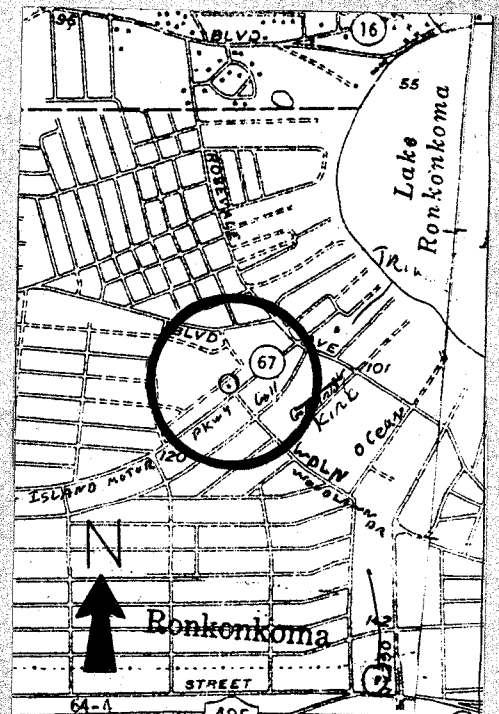
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Long Island Motor Parkway Toll Gate Building
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Lake Ronkonkoma
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 2553 Motor Parkway Long Island Motor Pkwy
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: John Nikolassy ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: \_\_\_\_\_ Present: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

**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. KK XVII-8, fm. E

13. MAP: NYS DOT Central Islip Quad



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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  Neg. KK XVII-9  
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse  Neg. KK XVII-10  
 g. shop  h. gardens   
 i. landscape features: abandoned road directly NW behind house  
 j. other: Long Island Motor parkway directly adjacent
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)

2553 Motor Parkway is located on the north side of the historic roadway on a slight embankment above the ~~roadway~~ grade level of the road. Directly NE of the house stands the garage seen in attached survey form Neg. ETM 6 Frame 14. The site is near the roadway's terminal.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 2553 Motor Parkway is a small, 1½ story, "T" shaped, low gable roof house with an addition to the north. The garage is a small, rectangular, single story, low gable roof shingled building with batten doors.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to 1977 Inventory Form

21. SOURCES:

Building-Structure Inventory Form, SPLIA, 5/4/1977.

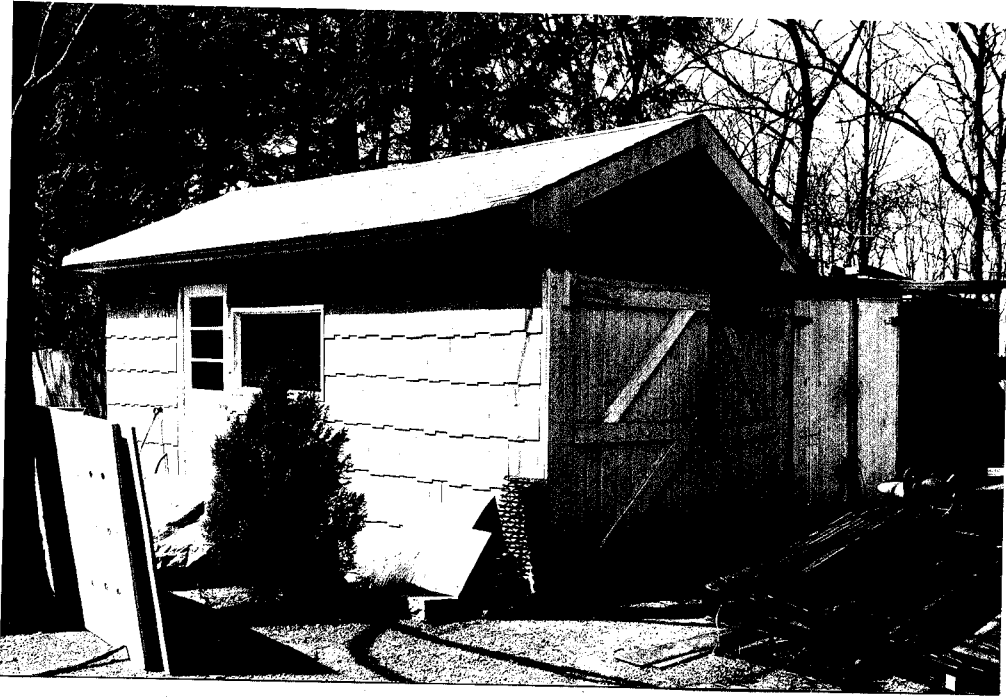
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22. THEME:

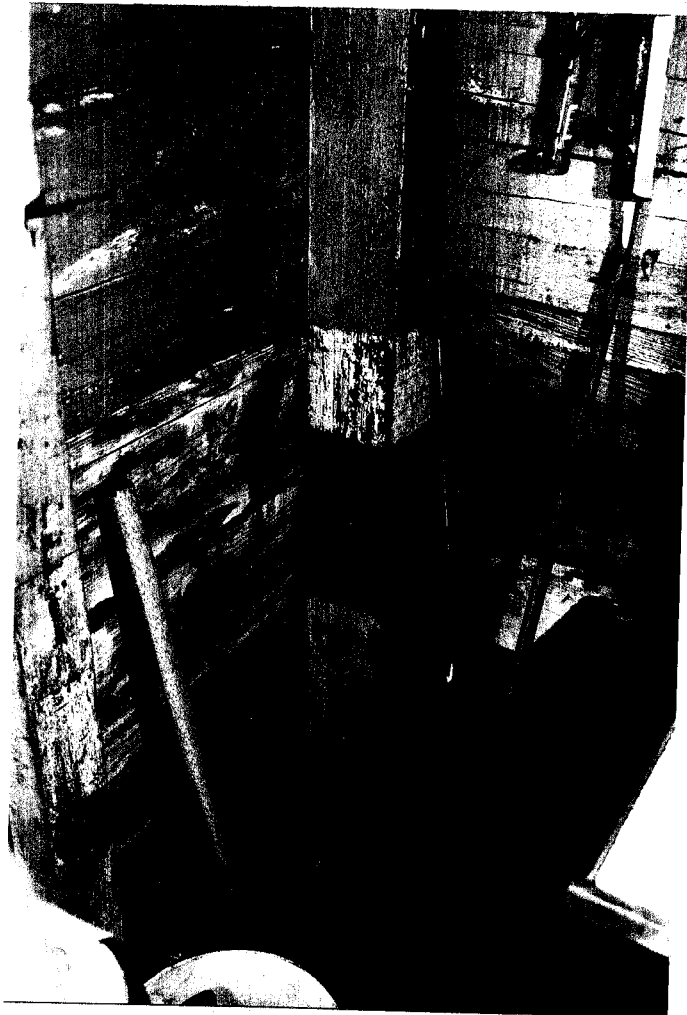


Neg. KK XVII-7, view of section of Long Island Motor Parkway ticket sign found by owner behind electric box in house basement.

Note - The toll gates have been moved to the Vanderbilt Museum.  
(see attached survey form Neg. HS-7, Frame 10)



Neg. KK XVII-9, fm. S/SE, showing batten doors of garage.



Neg. KK XVII-10,  
view of corner post  
inside garage with  
black & white striped  
painted bands seen in  
toll gate photo (attached).

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YOUR NAME: Ellen T. McDougall DATE: 5/4/77  
 YOUR ADDRESS: 93 North Country Rd.,  
Setauket, N.Y. 11731 TELEPHONE: (516) 941-9444

ORGANIZATION (if any): Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquit.

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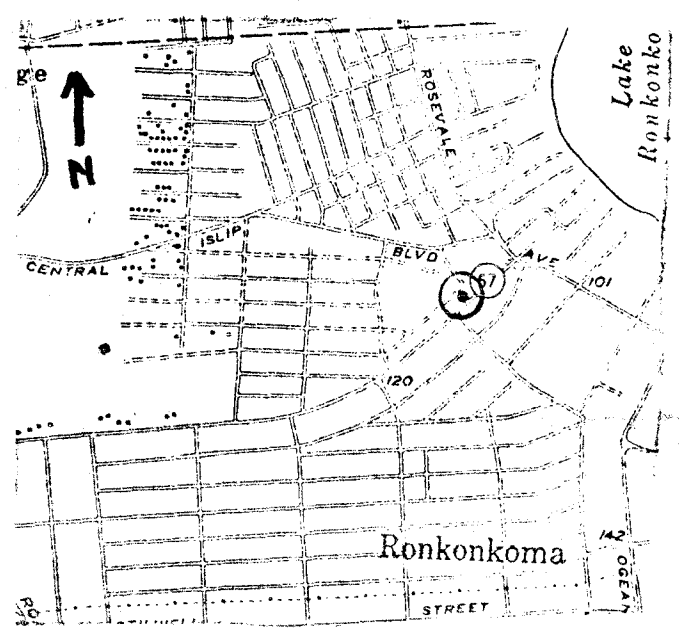
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2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Ronkonkoma
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4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
6. USE: Original: \_\_\_\_\_ Present: \_\_\_\_\_
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTION

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 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? Building moved back from L.I.  
 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): Motor Parkway c. 1938.

12. PHOTO:  
 Figure 1, HS-7: Frame # 4.  
 Figure 2, ETM-6: Frame # 13.  
 Figure 3, ETM-6: Frame # 14.  
 Figure 4, HS-7: Frame # 10.

13. MAP: Central Islip Quad.



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 Large evergreens probably planted by the Long Island Motor Parkway Corporation.

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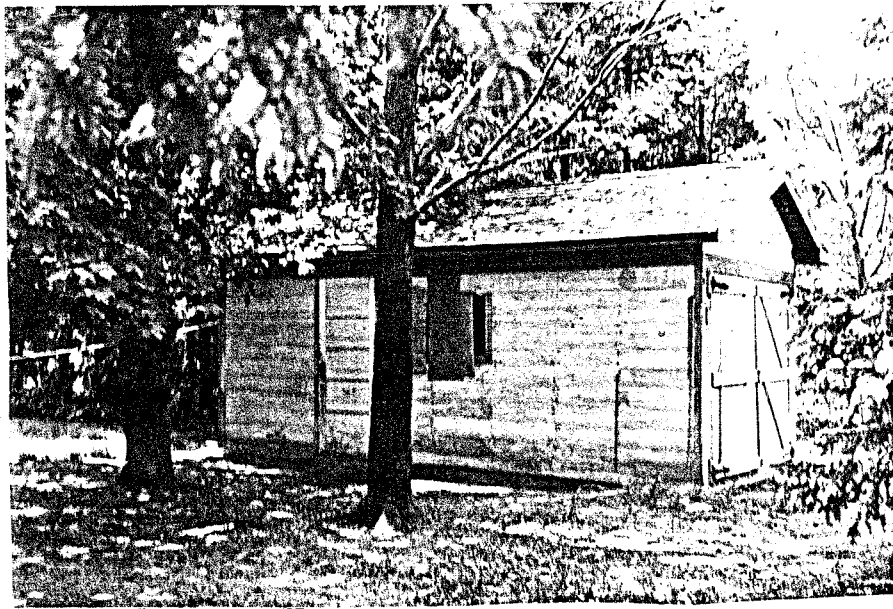
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 ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Roughly T shaped house with gable end to the street and return of the cornice at gable end. Originally, a small house with 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bath and dining area. It was at this site that travellers returning from the American Inn paid their toll. Mr. Eric Ericson lived in this house from 1923 and when the L.I. Motor Parkway was acquired by Suffolk County, he bought the cottage from the L.I. Motor Parkway Corporation.

21. SOURCES: Ericsson, Mrs. Eric. Personal Interview. May, 1977. Ronkonkoma, N.Y.  
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Figure 3, ETM-6: Frame # 14. Ronkonkoma Toll Gate Garage, looking N.

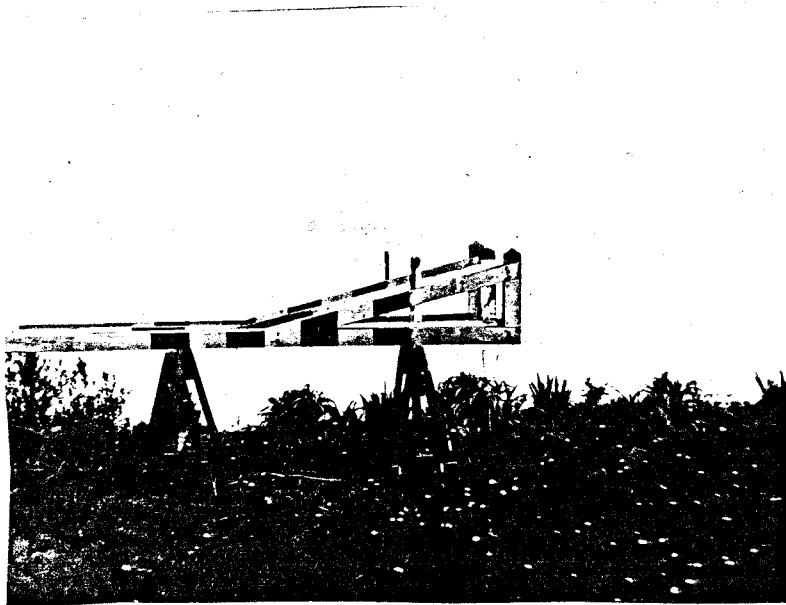
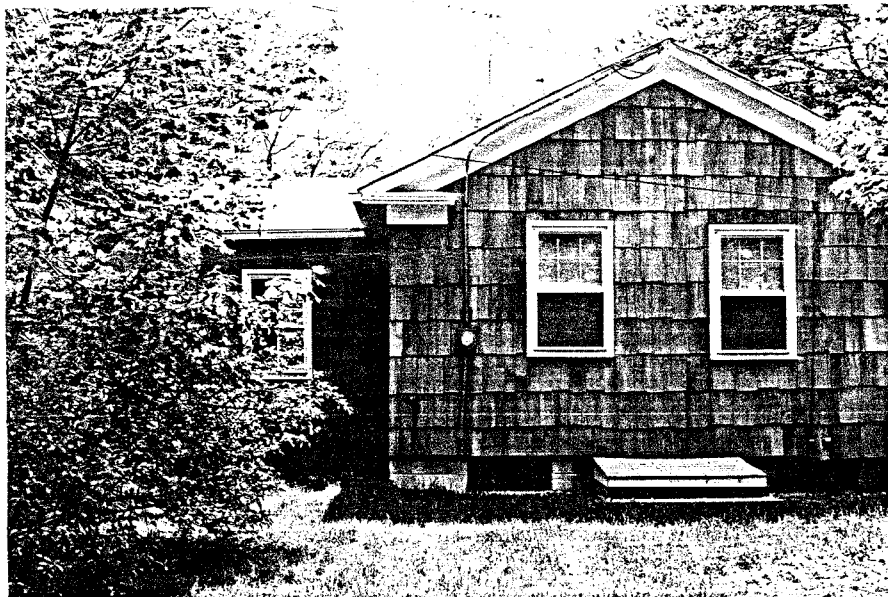


Figure 4, HS-7: Frame # 10. Original Toll Gates.

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Figure 1, HS-7: Frame # 4. View of surroundings of Ronkonkoma Toll Gate House, looking E. house is behind pine trees at left

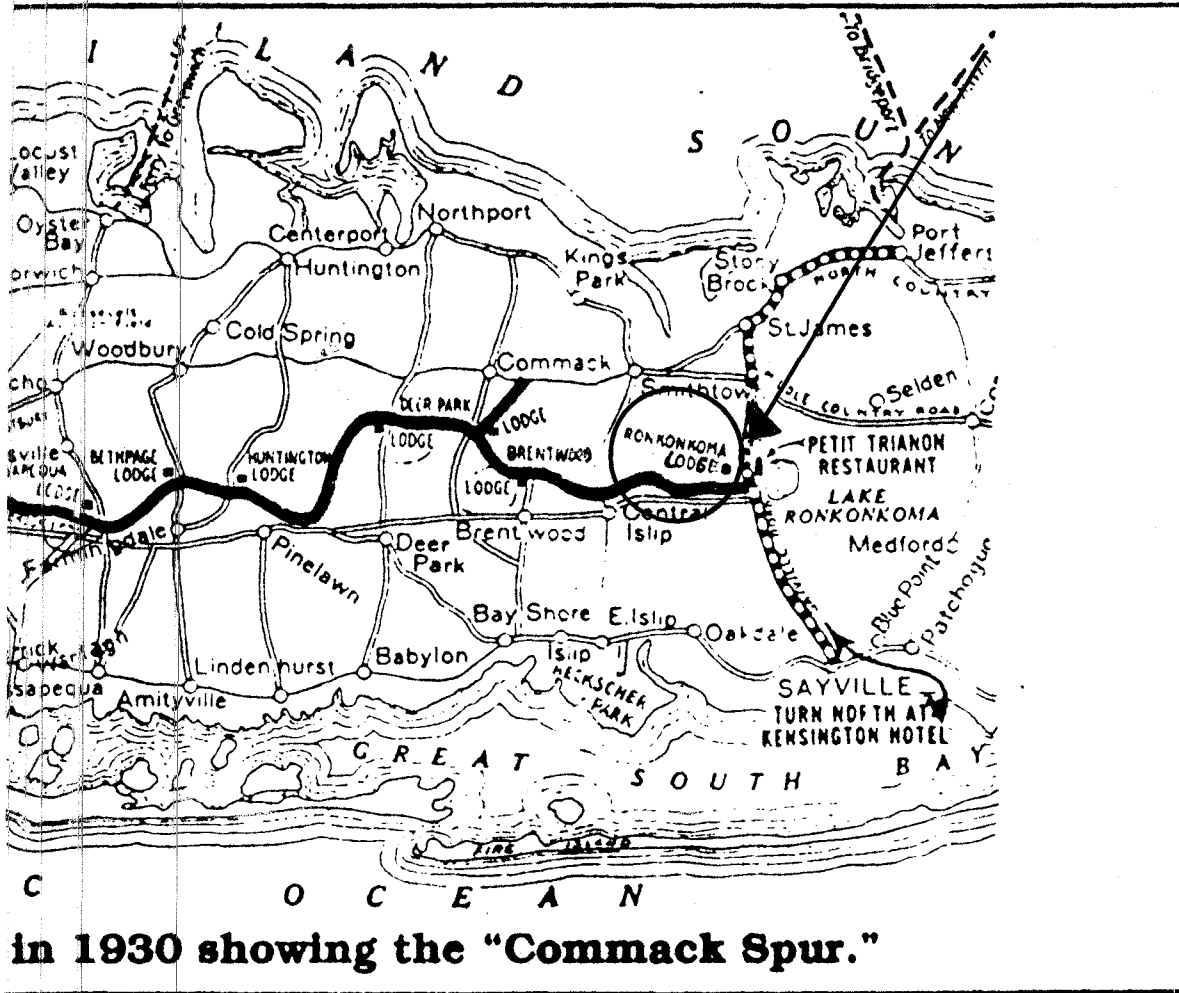


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Figure 2, -ETM-6: Frame # 13, East elevation of house, looking W.



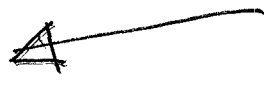
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in 1930 showing the "Commack Spur."

never went beyond the shores of Lake Ronkonkoma. The accompanying map shows the parkway as it was in 1930. The map also shows the location of a number of lodges that existed along the parkway and these were the toll gate stations.

The Long Island Motor Parkway was under construction from 1908 to 1913. By 1913, its terminus on Lake Ronkonkoma had been reached and the toll road was opened. When it was opened, the road was



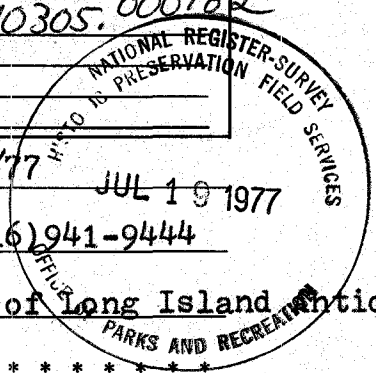
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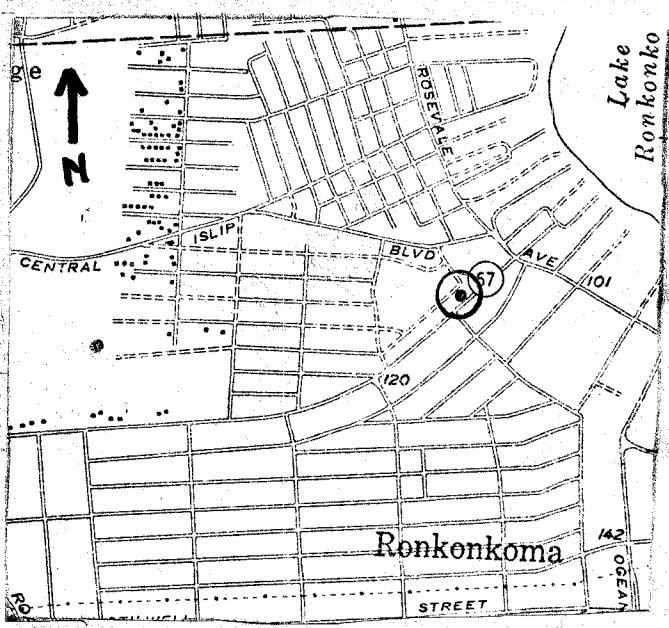
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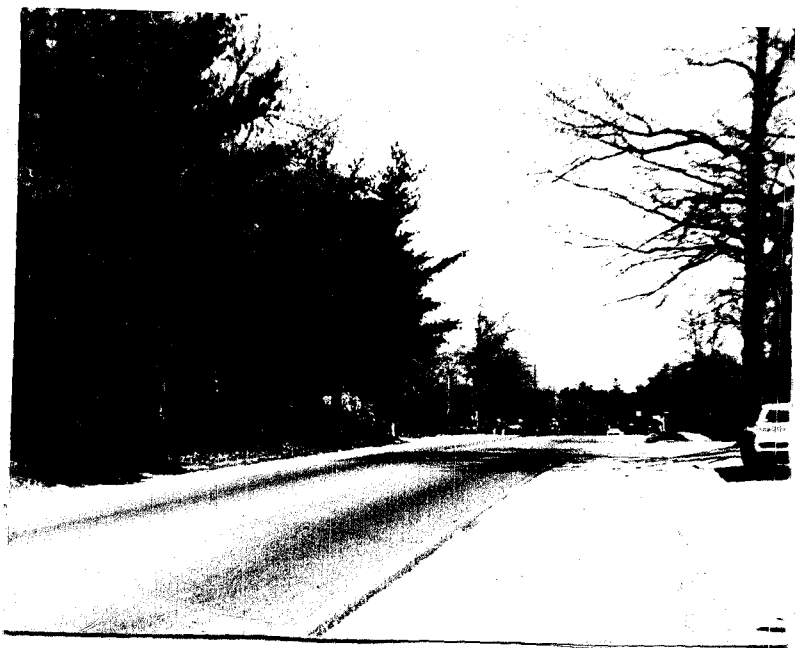


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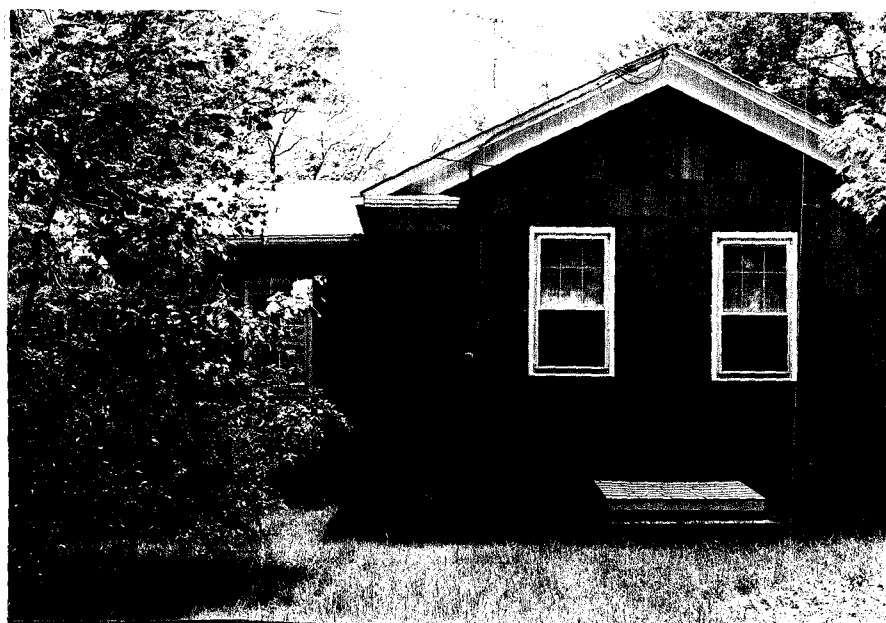


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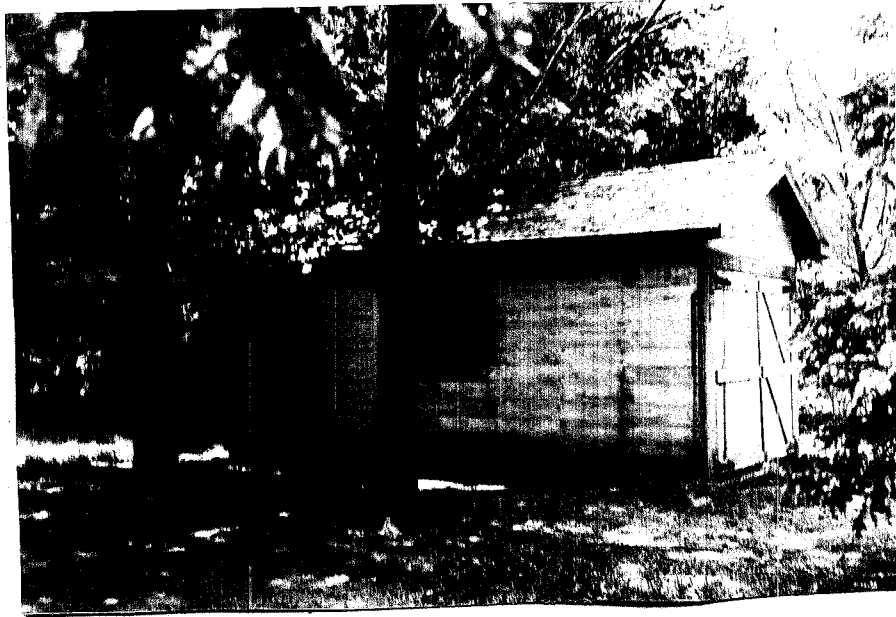


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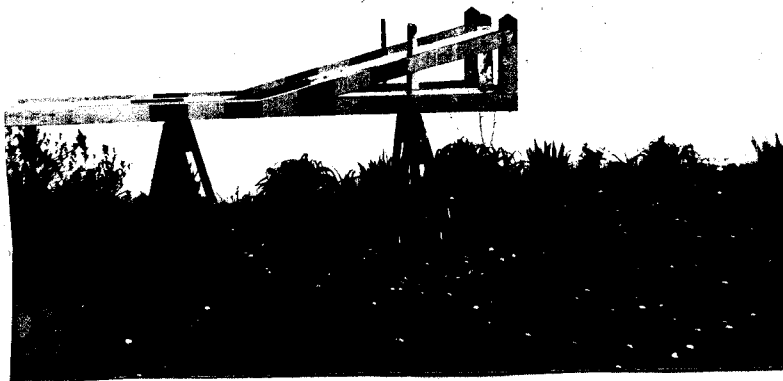


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