



# TOWN OF ISLIP DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTS

### Interoffice Memorandum

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on file.  
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August 1, 2000

To: **Dan Gulizio - Commissioner**

From: Orla M. Smyth, M. Arch. *OS*

Re: **The "Ice House" - 84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville**  
**0500-431.00-01.00-018.000**  
**Zoning: Residential A / Historic Overlay District**

The following is a synopsis of the events that I have knowledge of regarding the "Ice House," Sayville, please see the attached documentation as backup.

1. **July 1999:** Upon their inquiry I advise the new owners of 84 Edwards Avenue (Brian and Julia McMahan) that the Historic Overlay is a voluntary request to maintain the historic integrity of the building. They are interested in adding onto the existing house to obtain renovation status for tax purposes and to make it more habitable - they claim that the ceiling heights on the upper floor do not accommodate anyone more than six feet (6'-0") in height.
2. **07.23.99:** Demolition Permit Application received - I visited the house for exterior architectural review purposes with Tony Limoli who reviewed the site for environmental effects of a demolition. We find the residence in a state of dilapidation - the roof of the back portion is falling in, there appears to be no foundations, all exterior finishes need to be replaced/repared due to apparent rot. The house may be of historical importance because it was formally an ice house at the Powell estate prior to being moved to this site, and then adjoined to some relocated changing rooms, but it is of low architectural significance, if any, due to it's many transformations.
3. **September 1999:** Approval granted to keep the front elevation and demolish the rest of the building so that it is structurally habitable. The owners and I discussed the possibility of moving the house to another site. This is later overwritten by attempts to move the house and the Building Permit to add onto the existing house.
4. **09.99 to 11.99:** Owners change their minds repeatedly as to whether to maintain the "Ice House" for tax 'renovation status' or remove and build anew.
5. **11.1.99:** Owners decide to demolish /remove the house in the early spring and assume 'new construction' tax status. I contacted the Sayville Historical Society to notify them that the owners are offering the "Ice House" portion of this dwelling for removal and possible preservation.

6. **11.4.00:** Sayville Historical Society discusses the future of the "Ice House" at their meeting and responds with a letter that they cannot move the building but suggest that the Town acquire it and move it to the Grange. Phone calls placed to the Department of Parks and Recreation followed up by a memo dated 11.18.99 (see attached).
7. **02.28.00:** Meeting with Dan G., Jeanette Messina and Doug Celiberti Re: Ice House. TOI will contribute \$5,000 to \$7,000 to move the Ice House portion to Islip Grange. COSTS FOR MOVING THE ICE HOUSE TO THE ISLIP GRANGE = \$12,000 TO \$15,000 (excluding foundations, utilities and carpentry)
8. **03.02.00 to 03.14.00:** Left messages with owners requesting their demo/construction start date and requested permission to bring movers to the site. Sayville Historical Society offers to hold fund drive for donations to make up the money needed to relocate the "Ice House" to the Islip Grange.
9. **03.14.00:** One of the owners called to inform me that they are now going to keep the "Ice House" - Sayville Historical Society, Dan G., Jeanette Messina and Doug Celiberti notified.
10. **4.21.00:** Received Building Permit Application with drawing sets that show a 1,173 sf. addition to the existing 1,306 sf. residence. Floor plans state the following:  
"Note: existing roof structure to remain, consultant engineer after demolition for shoring up existing structure to remain." (Please see attached).  
Architectural Review approved stating 'Homes in the surrounding area is a mixture of vinyl siding, cedar shingles and wood clapboard siding the two neighboring residences to the south are clad in horizontal vinyl siding. Recommendations:  
1. Wood imprinted vinyl siding  
2. Construct the new chimney out of brick to match the existing chimney on the front of the house.  
These are recommendations - not conditions of approval.
11. **06.00:** I forwarded the owner to the Sayville Historical Society upon inquiry as to who would like to take their donation of the heavy lead interior doors.
12. **7.19.00:** Notified by Planning and The Sayville Historical Society that the Ice House has been demolished except for 18" deep of the front facade. My site visit on 7.20.00 confirmed this to be the case. Linda Conron of the Sayville Historical Society called also this week to voice her regret that the "Ice House" was torn down and if we had approved it. We discussed the effects of the Historical Overlay District's voluntary only status for historic maintenance. Unfortunately the only recourse we have is to request revised drawings
13. **7.20.00:** Contacted one of the owners to inquire what had happened. They said they did not know about the demolition (!?), that they would have to speak with their partner, and that I could contact their engineer to find out more. I reminded the owner that they were no longer in 'renovation' tax status they had sought.

14. **7.20.00** Per the owner's engineer the house was demolished due to their finding that there was no foundation under the inner structure and that the entire structure was damaged by termites and rot. He claims that there is a note pertaining to this possibility on the building plans.
15. **Week of July 21, 2000:** Met the owner and their architect leaving the Permit Bureau. They inquired if it would make a difference if they moved the remaining facade back on the property so that they could be within the required setback requirements (!) and to save space (!). I told them that if the ZBA had no objection I would not be an obstructionist as they would then be within the law. They were currently awaiting their ZBA hearing on the setback.
16. **7.28.00:** Received a call from Mr. Francis Vechione R.A. (Work ph # 718.920.2316) who lives in the Sayville area. I explained the above time-line to him. Mr. Vechione wishes to voice his objection to the ZBA regarding the demolition of the house and the requested moving of the structure to meet setback requirements. I forwarded Mr. Vechione to the ZBA.
17. **8.1.00:** Upon discussion with Ruth Dessart of the Building Permit Bureau, I called Trish in Public Information and related as much of the above as possible.

Dan - If you have any questions or comments pertaining to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Ruth Dessart - Building Permit Bureau  
Record Department Files

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# PERMIT APPLICATION

TOWN OF ISLIP BUILDING DIVISION  
1 Meriton Court, Islip, New York 11781

## PERMIT(S) REQUESTED (check one or more)

Numbers refer to questions on right.

- Building Permit (must be issued before work starts)
- Commercial  Industrial  Residential
- Main Building  Addition 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12
- Driveway Apron 3, 9, 11, 12
- Accessory Building  Addition 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12
- Interior Alteration 1-4, 8-10, 12
- Interior Arrangement 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12
- Fire Damage Repair 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12
- Fireplace/Wood Coal Stove 3, 9, 10, 12
- Swim/Pool  In-ground  Above 1-6, 9, 10, 12  
4 Foot Safety Fence Required
- Change of Use or Occupancy 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12
- Demolition (valid only 4 months) 1-3, 9, 12
- Parking Lot Installation Only 1-3, 7, 9, 10, 12
- Public Assembly 1, 4, 9, 10
- Rental  1-fam.  2-fam.  Multiple 1, 2, 9, 10
- Revision of Issued Permit 1-9, 10, 12
- Storage of Combustibles 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10
- Underground Tank Installation 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10
- Land Clearing (5 cu. yds. or more) 1-3, 7, 9, 10
- Other:

PROPERTY OWNER Tel. 589-6437  
Name Giulia McMahon  
Address 84 Edwards Ave  
Sayville NY 11782

TENANT Tel. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR Tel. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### BOARD OF APPEALS:

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MCMAHON, GIULIA  
84 EDWARDS AVENUE  
SAYVILLE  
ADDITION

05/10/00

11782

Name Giulia McMahon  
Print  
Giulia McMahon  
Signature of PROPERTY OWNER

Sworn to before me this 13th  
day of April 18 2000  
Notary Public

MARIE MOYETTE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No 01M05047680, Suffolk County  
Commission Expires August 7, 192001

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

0800- 431-1-18 Building 176-  
Parting Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Fireplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Front Foot \_\_\_\_\_  
Apron \_\_\_\_\_  
Recreation \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL FEE \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 5/10/00  
ZONING A Approved P. Date 5/10/00  
APPROVED TO ISSUE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_  
OK TO TAKE IN  
FLOOR AREA to be constructed or altered \_\_\_\_\_ total square feet  
LL \_\_\_\_\_ UL \_\_\_\_\_ GAR \_\_\_\_\_ DECK \_\_\_\_\_  
Basement Finished \_\_\_\_\_ Unfinished \_\_\_\_\_ Porch \_\_\_\_\_  
Percent of lot occupied:  
Existing Main Structure \_\_\_\_\_ % Accessory Structures \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Proposed Main Structure \_\_\_\_\_ % Accessory Structures \_\_\_\_\_ %  
DATE FILED 4/13/00 DATE ISSUED 5/10/00  
By: PAE Expires 5/10/01  
A permit shall expire one (1) year after the date of issuance. Upon payment of the proper fees, a permit may be renewed, but not more than three one year renewals may be granted.

Answer, in blue or black ink, questions numbered next to type of PERMIT(S) REQUESTED.

1. SIZE & USE of existing structures 1306 SQ. FT. SINGLE FAM RES.
2. PROPOSED USE SINGLE FAM RES.
3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK addition to house
4. IF Garage  1-Car  2-Car No GARAGE
5. FLOOR AREA to be constructed or altered 1113 total square feet of all floors excluding collars and attic. Parking Lot Area \_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft.
6. IF MASTER PLAN, identify: \_\_\_\_\_
7. SETBACKS: Distance new structure to be from property line after construction (former lots)  
Front Yard 50' Other Front Yard \_\_\_\_\_ Rear Yard 78'5"  
Side Yard 12' Other Side Yard 55'
8. SIZE of property ( ) X ( ) = 20,265.77 sq. ft. or \_\_\_\_\_ Acres
9. HEIGHT of building from average grade to ridge 28 feet
10. PROPERTY LOCATION Post Office SAYVILLE  
Street EDWARDS AVE Side of St.  N  S  E  W  
Nearest cross St. ELM ST Direction from Cross St.  N  E  S  W  
Distance from cross St. 1000 ft. If on corner  NE  SE  SW  NW  
School District SAYVILLE
11. Are there any Property Covenants or Conditions of Special Permits which would affect the development of this property? NO If yes, please attach.
12. WIDTH of paved driveway(s) fronting property \_\_\_\_\_ feet
13. Name of Filed Map 431-1-18  
Lot No. on Filed Map \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that before a building permit can be issued, adjoining streets must meet minimum Town standards or be bonded for same and that a Certificate of Occupancy for work done under this permit will not be issued until road damage caused during construction is repaired or bonded for same. I swear that this application is a true and complete statement of all proposed work on the described premises, that I have in effect all required insurance, including workers' compensation insurance, and that I presently possess a valid Suffolk County home improvement license, if applicable.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Print

Signature of CONTRACTOR

County Home Improvement License # \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public



# TOWN OF ISLIP DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Pete McGowan, *Supervisor*  
Daniel J. Gulizio, *Commissioner*

**To:** Ruth: Building Division - Permit Bureau

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**Date:** 11.1.99 / 3.15.00

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**Tax Map#:** 0500-431.00-01.00-018.000

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**Applicant:** Brian & Julia Mc Mahan

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**Project Name:** Extension to an historic residence

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**Representative:** Owners - ph # 589.6437

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**Location:** 84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville (660' north of Elm Street - west side of Edwards Ave.)

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**Elevations Approved (date):**

	<b>Date:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>
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**Elevations Disapproved (date):**

	<b>Date:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>
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**Elevations not Required (date):**

	<b>Date:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>
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**Comments:**

As stated the Society of Long Island Antiquities 1979 survey - "1-1/2 story clapboard building with gable roof that was transformed from an ice house into a home. It still retains some of the original icehouse features."

Site visit 7.23.99: 1-1/2 story clapboard residence with decorative shingles within gable ends. The main architectural feature of this structure is the gable construction with semicircular barge board additions on the front elevation. The clapboard siding and roofing are in need of replacement. The dwelling is made up of a former icehouse and changing rooms (both relocated to this site).

Applicant seeks to increase height of structure and apply vinyl siding. Note homes in the surrounding area are a mixture of vinyl siding, cedar shingles and wood clapboard siding - the two neighboring residences to the south are clad in horizontal vinyl siding.

I have requested vinyl siding that is wood imprinted.

September 1999: Approval granted to keep the front elevation and demolish the remainder of the building so that it is a habitable structure.  
cc: Tony Limoli - for demolition permit  
Historical file

(the house is of historic value but no architectural importance and appears to be in dire need of structural reinforcement if kept)

11.1.99: Note: Applicant had previously sought renovation status for taxation reasons.  
Now the applicant has decided to demolish the whole house and construct a new dwelling - assuming "New Construction Status."  
I have left a message with the Sayville Historical Society notifying them that the owners are offering the ice house portion of this dwelling for removal and possible preservation.

2.28.00 Meeting with Dan G., Jeanette Messina and Doug Celiberti re: Ice House. TOI will contribute \$5,000 to \$7,000 to move the Ice House portion to Islip Grange.  
COSTS FOR MOVING THE ICE HOUSE TO THE ISLIP GRANGE = \$12,000 TO \$15,000 (excl. foundations/utilities)

3.14.00: APPLICANT HAS DECIDED TO KEEP THE ICE HOUSE AND RENOVATE IT. SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JEANETTE, DOUG AND DAN G. NOTIFIED.

June 2000: Received call from Brian Mc Mahan who wants to know if we wanted the lead doors - sent him to Sayville Hist Soc.

7.19.00: Notified by Planning and The Sayville Historical Society that the Ice House has been demolished except for 18" deep of the front facade. My Site visit on 7.20.00 confirmed this to be the case. Per the owner's architect and engineer the house was demolished due to their finding that there were no foundations under the inner structure and that the entire structure was damaged by termites and rot.  
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Unfortunately the only recourse we have is to request revised drawings.

7.28.00: Received a call from Mr. Francis Vechione R.A. (718.920.2316) who lives in the Sayville area. I explained the above to timeline to him. Mr. Vechione wishes to voice his objection to the ZBA regarding the requested moving of the structure to meet setback requirements.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

March 14, 2000

To: **Jeanette Messina**  
**Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

From: Orla M. Smyth  
M. Arch.

Re: **"Ice House"**  
**84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville**

To follow up on our meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed relocation of the above historic dwelling - please be advised that **the owner now wishes to keep the Ice House in its current location and incorporate it into their house plans.**

Once again, thank you for your time and careful consideration of this matter.

As an aside, I received a ballpark price of twelve to fifteen thousand (12,000 to 15,000) dollars - to move the Ice House to the Islip Grange. This price was for moving the structure only (i.e. foundations, carpentry and utilities etc. were excluded).

cc: Dan Gulizio - Acting Commissioner  
Doug Celiberti - Acting Comptroller



# TOWN OF ISLIP DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**Pete McGowan, Supervisor**  
Thomas A. Isles, A.I.C.P., Commissioner

**To:** Building Division - Permit Bureau  
**Date:** April 21, 2000  
**Tax Map#:** 0500-431.00-01.00-018.000  
**Applicant:** Brian & Julia McMahan  
**Project Name:** B-3/Res A: 1130 sf Addition to an Existing 1306 sf Residence.  
**Representative:** Jeffrey Butler, P.E. (631.821.8850)  
**Location:** 84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville (660' north of Elm Street - west side of Edwards Ave.)

<b>Elevations Approved (date):</b>	4.21.00	
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Elevations Disapproved (date):</b>		
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Elevations not Required (date):</b>		
	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>

**Comments:**

One (1) drawing set dated April 12, 2000, as prepared by Jeffrey Butler P.E. received today from the Building Permit Bureau

Homes in the surrounding area are a mixture of vinyl siding, cedar shingles and wood clapboard siding - the two neighboring residences to the south are clad in horizontal vinyl siding.

**Recommendations:**

1. Wood imprinted vinyl siding
2. Construct the new chimney out of brick to match the existing chimney on the front of the house.

These are recommendations - not conditions of approval.

Drawing set returned to the Building Permit Bureau today.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

July 13, 2000

To: **Ruth Dessart  
Building Permit Bureau**

From: Orla Smyth, M. Arch

Re: **Ice House - 84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville  
0500-431.00-01.00-018.000**

Ruth,

The above property is in an historic overlay district. The owners agreed to work the existing "Ice House" portion of the building into their new design and hence sought renovation status for tax purposes. Planning has been notified by a concerned neighbor that the whole house has been demolished except for the front facade. The plans indicate that the roof of the front portion of the dwelling was to remain.

Please forward this on to the appropriate building inspector for review in accordance with approved drawings.

As always thank you for your assistance.

icehouse7-13-00





# Town of Islip Rolodex

Mr./Ms. First Name Last Name Title

Company  
BUILDING MOVERS

Address 1

Address 2

City State Zip Phone Fax

Davis Brothers - 363.6240 — *just movers / 112 72, we (no phone calls, no e-mails, no company)*  
Dawn House Movers - 924.3818 — *call message*  
Emmet Drake & Sons - 665.0637 —  
Norton Brothers -

This Contact is a(n):  
 Attorney  Architect  Engineer  Surveyor  Expediter  
 TOI Employee  Civic Leader  Other Gov't Contact  Other



# BUILDING DIVISION CERTIFICATE

TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK



431.00-01.00-018.000  
125.7' x var.

Address of property to which this Certificate applies:

84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville, New York 11782

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This certifies that the above property contains the following improvements which conform substantially with the terms and requirements of the New York State Building Code and the Town of Islip Zoning Ordinance at the time of construction and that the premises may be occupied for the purpose as stated:

1-Family Dwelling Wood Frame Approximately 881 Sq. Ft. 2-Stories on Cellar & Part Crawl Space Plumbing Fixtures: First Story - 1 kitchen sink, 1/2 bath Second Story - 1 full bath Dwelling Moved to This Location Circa 1919 --- Addition to 1-Family Dwelling Attached Garage with Storage Room Wood Frame Approximately 176 Sq. Ft. (Garage) & 120 Sq. Ft. (Storage Room) One Story on Slab Added Circa 1919 --- Addition to 1-Family Dwelling Roofed-Over Screen Wrap-Around Porch Wood Frame Approximately 162.5 Sq. Ft. First Story Added Circa Unknown --- Addition to 1-Family Dwelling Additional Bathroom on First Floor Wood Frame Approximately 34 Sq. Ft. on Slab Plumbing Fixtures: 1 full bath Added Circa Unknown C/COMPLIANCE 09 Aug 99 JD:lk

3-2-00 called McMahon's re status of demolition - left message

ENQUIRE ① DEMO DATE

② PERMISSION TO BRING BLDG MOVERS TO SITE.

3.14.00 - 1st call to McMahon's re status of demolition

3.14.00 - Julia McMahon called - They are keeping the Ice House!

Residence A District  
Described Property

The above improvements or any part thereof shall not be used for any purpose other than for which they are certified. This certificate will be null and void if the improvements are altered in any manner or additions are made thereto without authorization from the Town of Islip Division of Building

Date:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Official copy must have original seal and signature

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 Town Hall DATE: 8/23/79

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street  
Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Holburn Hall Ice House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 84 Edwards Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Dougherty ADDRESS: see #3 above
- 6. USE: Original: ice house Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

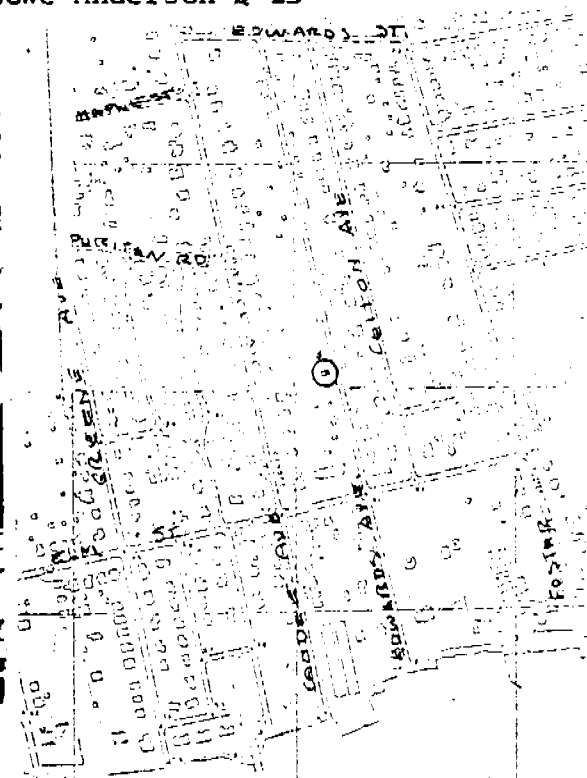
DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
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? before 1919  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Moved from bay front estate near Handsome Avenue.

12. PHOTO: ELW VIII, #9  
from NE, E. facade & N. side

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson Q-15



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):

1½ story clapboard building with gable roof that was transformed from an ice house into a home. It still retains some of the original icehouse features.

Formerly part of complex of Holburn Hall, a summer hotel that once stood at 241 Candee Avenue.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: last half 19th century (c. 1885)

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

It originally was the ice house for an estate that bordered on the Bay near Handsome Avenue when ice was cut from the ponds and stored with sawdust until the Summer. Like many buildings of earlier times, it was moved and utilized rather than destroyed. Although it has been modernized and built onto, it still contains some of the original ice house features, such as heavy 4 and 5 inch-thick doors with huge brass hinges, and some zinc-lined walls. The small building to the rear contained dressing rooms for hotel guests using the tennis court that existed then.

21. SOURCES:

Ruth Dougherty, "Reflections of the Past," Suffolk County News, May 30, 1974.

22. THEME:

Prepared by: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities  
 Setauket, New York 11733  
 Nina Monastero, Research Assistant  
 August, 1979

Holburn Hall Ice House  
84 Edwards Avenue

Suffolk County News, 5/30/74

85 Edwards Ave

file: Sayville Sa 35a

Thursday, May 30, 1974

SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS

## Reflections of the Past

Ruth Dougherty



Referring to last week's photo of Holburn Hall that once stood as a Summer hotel at 241 Candee Avenue, Sayville, this was the cottage where Mrs. Holborn lived. It originally was the ice-house for an estate that bordered on the Bay near Handsome Avenue when ice was cut from the ponds and stored with sawdust to help keep it for Summer use. Like many buildings of earlier times, it was moved and utilized rather than destroyed. Although it has been modernized and built onto, it still contains some of its original ice-house features, such as heavy 4 and 5 inch-thick doors with huge brass hinges, and some zinc-lined walls. The small building in the back contained dressing rooms for hotel guests using the tennis court that existed then. The cottage was purchased in 1919 by my parents, Mary and Charles Diuguid. It stands facing Edwards Avenue, number 84, and remains the home of my father, son and I.

→ 84 Edwards Ave

R. H. Dougherty Photo  
Sayville Historical Society



**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

November 18, 1999

To: **Jeanette Messina**  
**Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**

From: Orla M. Smyth  
M. Arch.

Re: **"Icehouse" Relocation Request**  
**84 Edwards Avenue, Sayville**

Kindly review and advise on the attached letter, dated November 4, 1999, from the Sayville Historical Society which inquires if the Town would consider saving the "Icehouse" from demolition and relocate it to the Islip Grange.

In addition to the above, I have also enclosed a copy of the survey prepared by the Soc. for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities dated August 1979 which states: "It originally was the ice house for an estate that bordered on the Bay near Handsome Avenue when ice was cut from the ponds and stored with sawdust until the summer. Like many buildings of earlier times, it was moved and utilized rather than destroyed."

After much deliberation the owners of this 1885 structure, which is located in a Res. A with an historic overlay district, have decided to demolish it and the adjoining addition in order to construct a new home more suitable for their family. They are aware of the aforementioned Sayville Historical Society request and have agreed to contact me with the proposed demolition date.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,



cc: Dan Gulizio - Acting Commissioner

Sayville Historical Society

P. O. Box 41  
Sayville, N. Y. 11782  
563-0186



EDWARDS HOMESTEAD

November 4, 1999

Ms. Orla Smyth  
Town of Islip  
Dept. of Planning and Development  
655 Main Street  
Islip, New York 11751

Re: 84 Edwards Street, Sayville

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Board of the Society met last night to discuss the fate of the "Icehouse" at 84 Edwards Street. Unfortunately, the Society, for a variety of reasons, can not move the building to its property, but would like to see the building preserved.

The "Icehouse" was originally part of the Powell estate which was located between Green and Handsome Avenues. See the enclosed copy of Beers' 1888 map. The windmill from that estate is now at the Islip Grange property on Broadway Avenue. The Society would like to see the Town acquire the "Icehouse" and move it to the Grange where it would compliment the windmill. These kinds of structures add immeasurably to the public's understanding of life in Islip in the 19th century.

We hope you will give this suggestion serious consideration. If we can help by providing more information about the Powell estate please call.

Sincerely,

*Linda Conron*

Linda Conron  
Administrator

DAH - PLEASE REVIEW + ADVISE

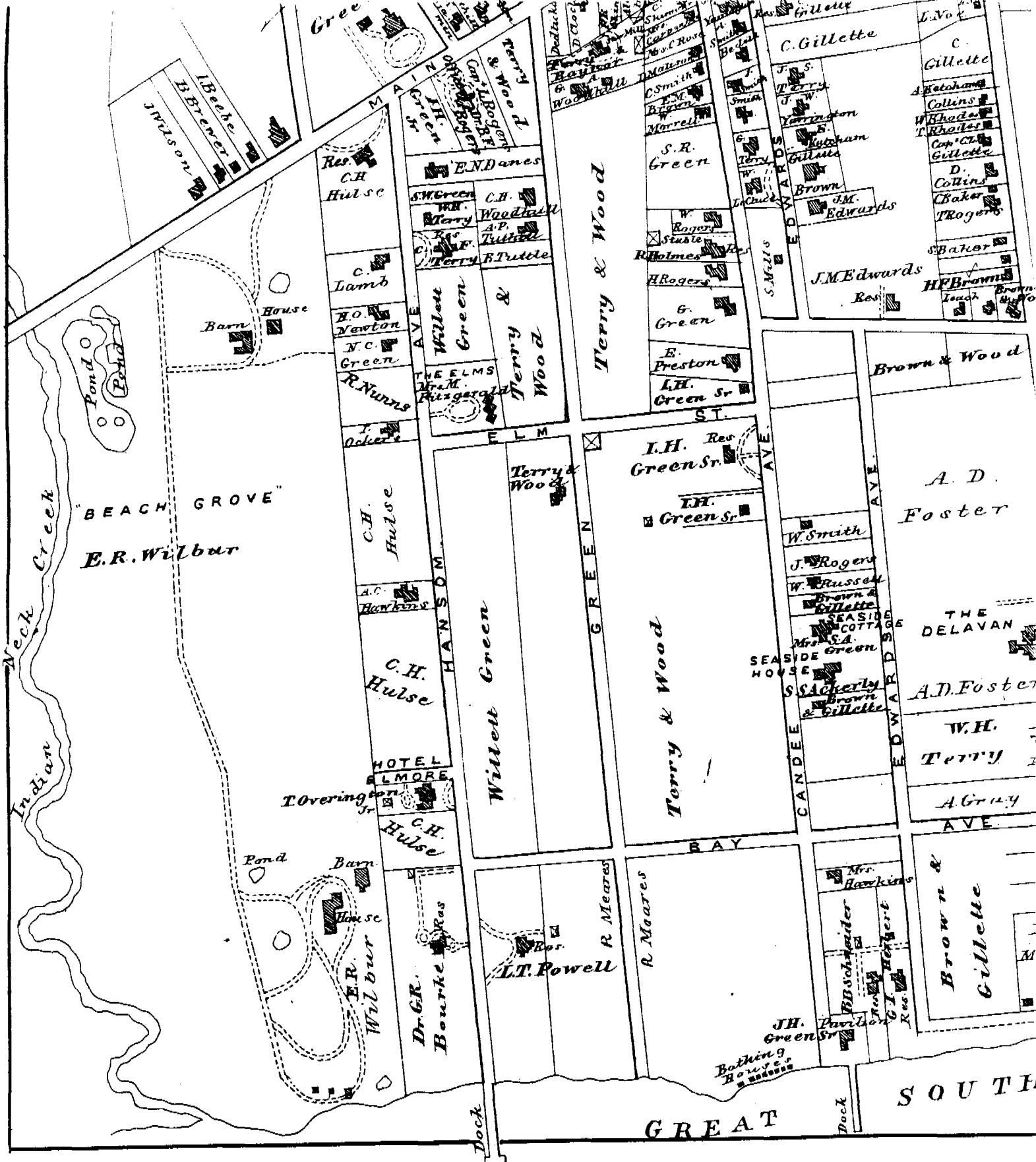
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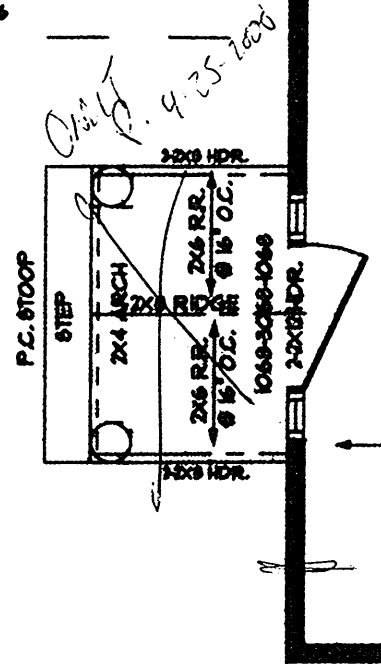
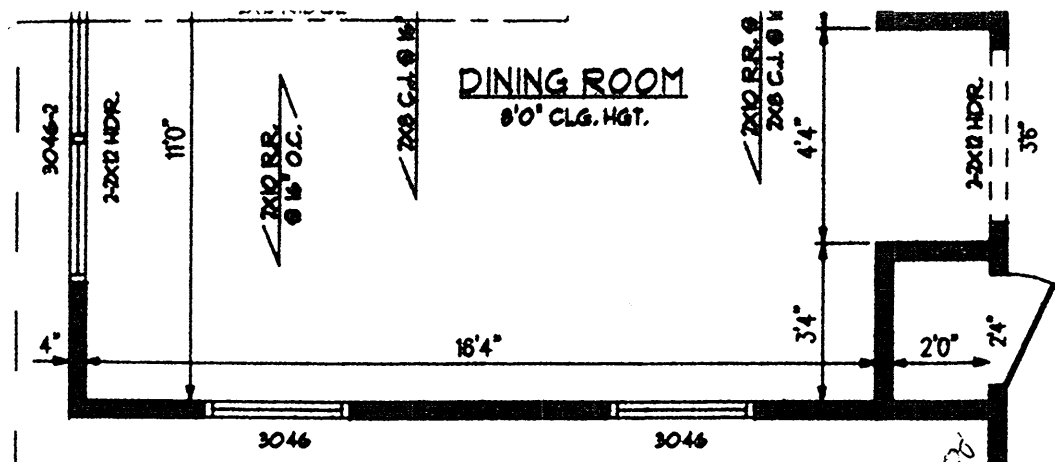
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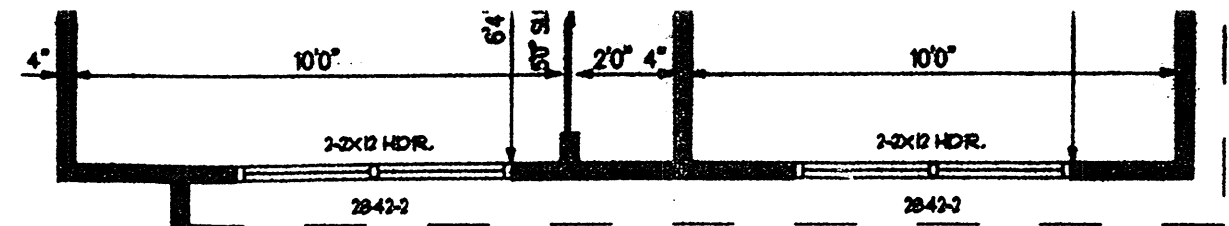


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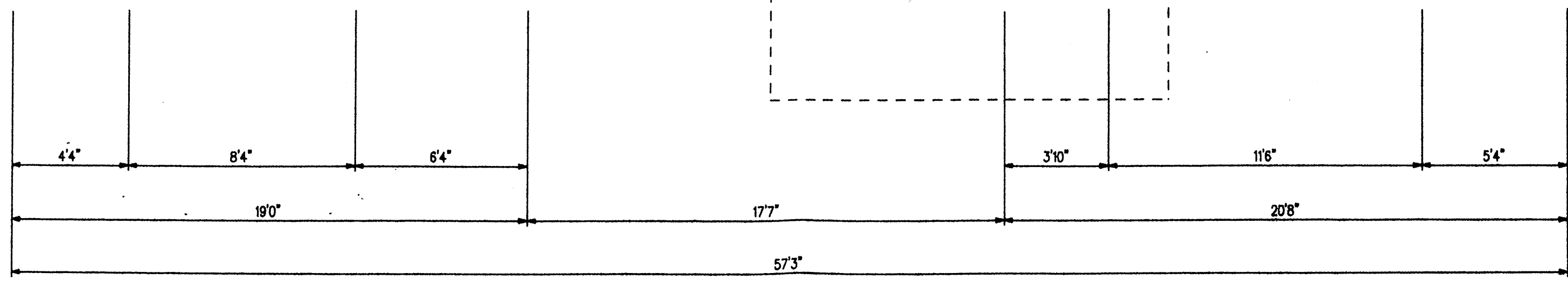


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TO REMAIN, CONSULT ENGINEER  
AFTER DEMOLITION FOR SHORING  
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EXISTING PORCH  
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= 1130 SQ. FT.





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