

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0569-~~175~~
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/10/79
655 Main Street
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

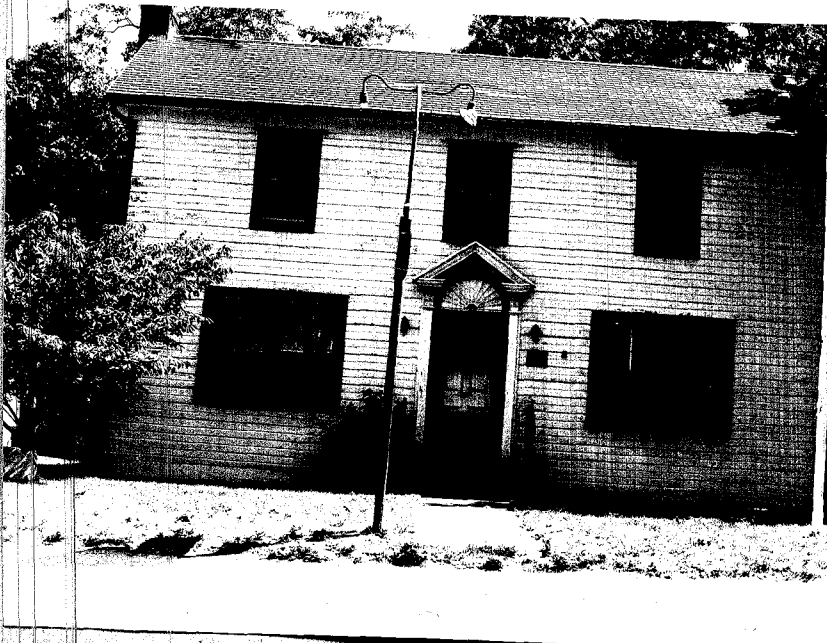
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): American Legion Hall
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 23 Foster Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: W. Sayville Fire Hs. Present: Meeting Hall
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

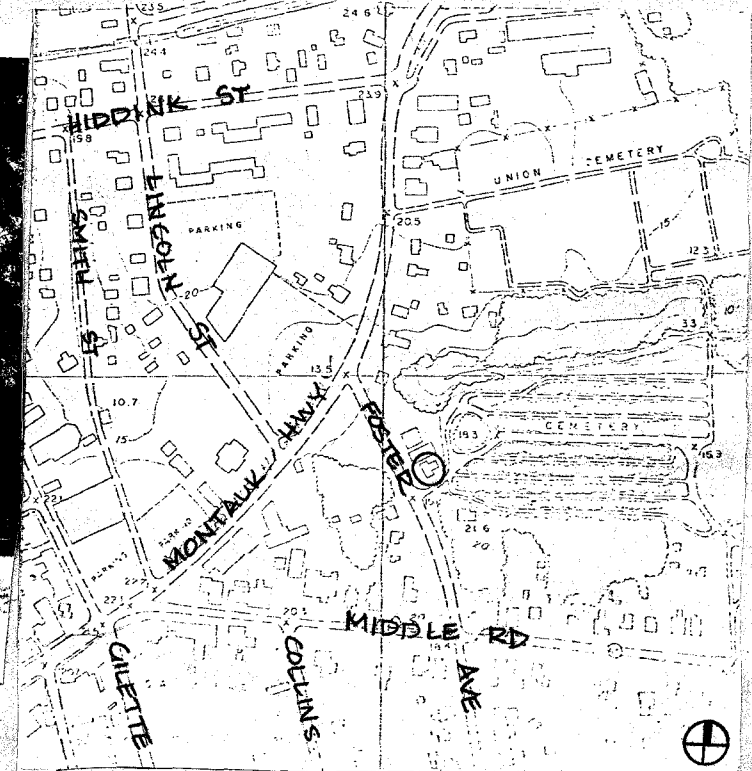
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? 1931
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: NJM-6, neg. 4a

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 front (west) facade



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)

The American Legion Hall is located on the east side of Foster Avenue, south of Main Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2½ story 3 bay clapboard building with gable roof.
 Entry has broken pediment above semi-circular sunburst motif, with pilastered surrounds is modern.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1892

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The American Legion Hall is the former West Sayville Fire House. Built in 1892, it stood on the south side of Main Street, on land leased from Samuel P. Greene, and was moved to its present location in Sayville in 1931, when the new West Sayville fire house was erected. This building is a Designated Town Landmark.

21. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975, p. 40.

22. THEME:

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Oldest Pentecostal Church Opens Door In Sayville

By Barbara Kreisler

The Church of God, the nation's oldest Pentecostal church, recently opened its doors in Sayville.

According to J. D. Golden, overseer of the Church's metropolitan New York and Long Island area, the Sayville mission is one of 11,000 congregations with 30 million members primarily in southeastern, midwestern and western United States. There are churches in 109 foreign countries. In Suffolk County, there are six churches located in Lindenhurst, Commack, Islip, Smithtown, Patchogue and Sayville.

The Church of God in Sayville is located at the former Odd Fellows Hall on Foster Avenue. The building was purchased in March by the church from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a 150 year old fraternal organization. According to Stephen Humsjo, of Great River, past Odd Fellows Grand Advocate of the State of New York and associate member of the Sayville Lodge, the building

in Sayville dates back to the 1800s and was considered by the community as "the poor man's Masonic Lodge." In recent years, interest in the Lodge abated and the Grand Order of Odd Fellows assumed the charter of the Sayville group.

"The building began to deteriorate and the Church offered to purchase it. It was a bargain price for both the seller and the purchaser," says Humsjo, who is also the attorney for the Church.

There are approximately 100 Pentecostal denominations throughout the United States. During the early 1900s, church participants were often called holyrollers because of the exuberance in their manner of worship. The church service is celebrated with joyous singing, handclapping, arm raising in praises to the Lord, and loud cries of "Hallelulah" "Amen" and is often accompanied by live music. Dennis Evensen, church pastor, says the extreme emotionalism associated with the



PENTECOSTALISM, celebrated by handclapping, foot stomping, singing and loud shouts of "Hallelulah" and Amen", has come to Sayville. The new church is at the former Odd Fellows Hall on Foster Avenue.

Pentecostal service follows a literal interpretation of the Bible. "People are finding out that they can get something out of church

and put something into it too." Evensen, a former house painter, received his calling to the church a few years ago and

served as assistant pastor at the Church of God in Patchogue before becoming the first pastor at the Sayville church.