

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0550  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/7/79  
655 Main Street

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Gillette House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 47 Gillette Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Town of Islip ADDRESS: see Above
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: museum & park grounds
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain

**DESCRIPTION**

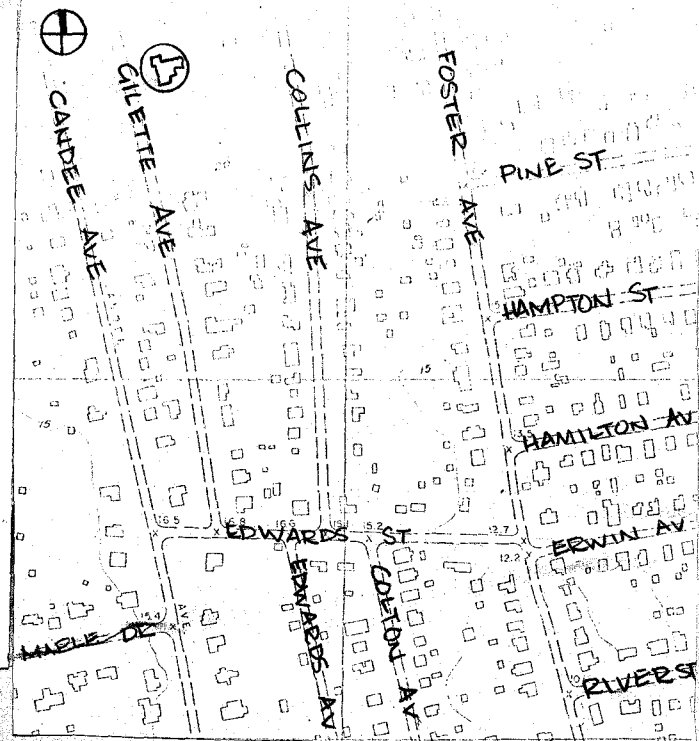
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: NJM-6 neg 9a

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 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: county park; surrounding property  
 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 Gillette House is located on the east side of Gillette Avenue, just south of Main Street (Montauk Highway.)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

2½ story, 5 bay Italianette house with gable roof, Palladian window in facade gable, flanking 2 story pilastered later wings, Surlian enclosed entrance, Queen Anne style corbelled chimneys at either end of main structure, and balcon finetre 4/4 windows on main facade.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: prior to 1848

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Gillette House was built in 1848 by Captain Charles Z. Gillette on what was then Edwards Avenue, now Gillette Avenue. The house and property was left to the community by the captain's daughter, Ida, and is now known as the Gillette Community House and Park. It is a Designated Town Landmark.

Ida Gillette left the house to The Episcopal Church Charity Foundation who in turn sold it to Islip Town.

21. SOURCES:

Historical Landmark Preservation Committee, Islip, New York.  
 J. Chace Jr., Map of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, Philadelphia: 1858.

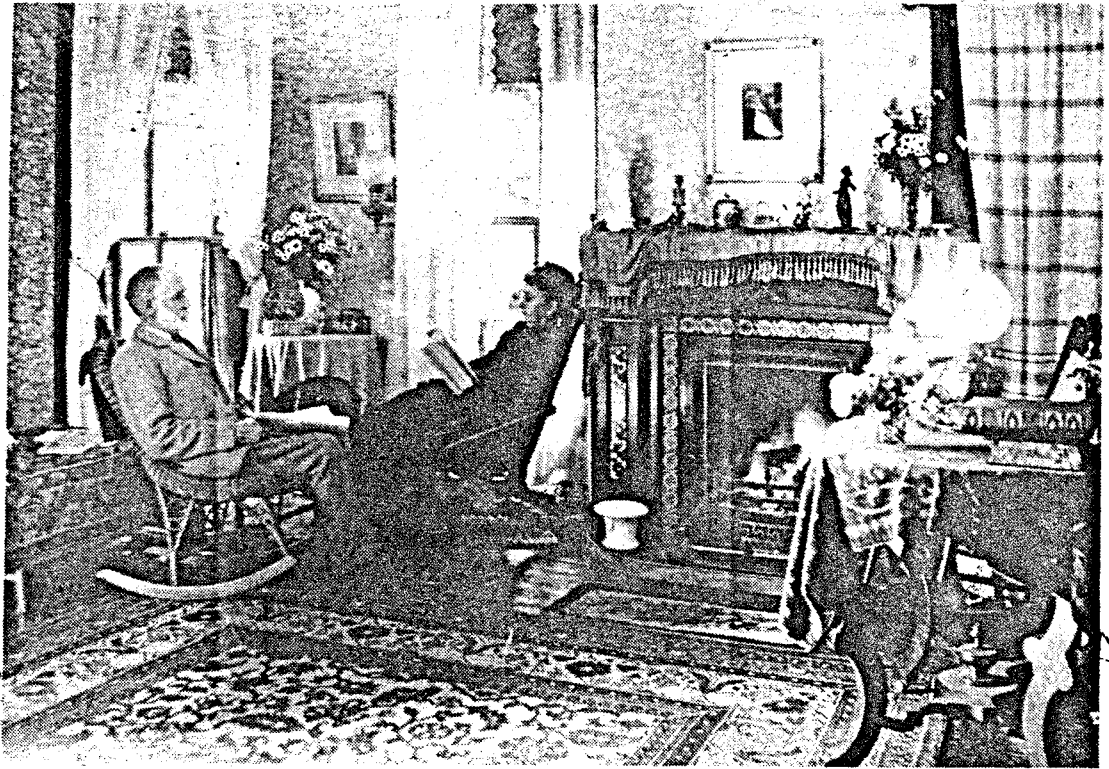
22. THEME:

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# Reflections Of The Past

By Ruth Dougherty



Back around 1900 this is how the interior of the present-day Community House on Gillette Avenue looked, with its owners, Captain and Mrs. Charles Z. Gillette sitting in the parlor, the front northwest room. Today it is a very plain unadorned meeting room, gone are its Victorian furnishings and the elaborate gardens that surrounded the house. But many children today enjoy the baseball diamonds and grounds, while scouts, Board of Elections and other groups make use of the meeting rooms. The Gillettes' daughter, Ida, was the last to live in the house. She left it to the Episcopal Church Charity Foundation, who in turn sold it to Islip Town.

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Sayville Historical Society

