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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip—Town Hall DATE: 7/24/79
655 Main Street
 YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Frank Jones Estate (Rivera Park)
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville

3. DESCRIPTION:

The original estate comprised 75 acres and extends from Main Street to the Great South Bay on the east bank of Greene's Creek. One Jones Mansion, Gatehouse, and various related buildings still survive, surrounded by more recently built homes. The structures that make up the district are as follows:

- Barns, Sunset Drive .001078
- ✓ Jones/Palmer House, 71 Benson Avenue .000549
- ✓ Gatehouse and Gates, Handsome Avenue .000547
- ✓ Jones House, 211 Handsome Avenue .000548
- 48 Benson Avenue (wing of mansion).001079
- 29 Benson Avenue, 51 Jones Drive

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

In 1902, Frank Jones, President of Jewel Tea Company, came to Sayville and purchased 75 acres from E.R. Wilbur for \$75,000. He built a large mansion on the bay that was destroyed by fire in 1960. He also built an elegant large mansion on the bay for his daughter, which was later moved up Benson Avenue and occupied by Elwell Palmer. After the death of Frank Jones, the property was sold in 1926 to Russell J. Perrine, who developed it as Rivera Park.

The houses of the Jones Estate, despite their change of location and the rapid growth and expansion around them, still retain the grand splendor of the lingering memory of prosperous Sayville in the early 20th century.

5. MAP:

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R - 15, see attached.

4.cont. This was the estate of E.R. Wilbur in 1888. See Sa 30 for old house that was removed from the property by Frank Jones.

6. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975, p. 63.

Charles G. Stevenson, But as Yesterday, The Early Life and Times of ST. Ann's Church, Sayville, New York, Sayville. 1967, p. 119

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING BY ROADS BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

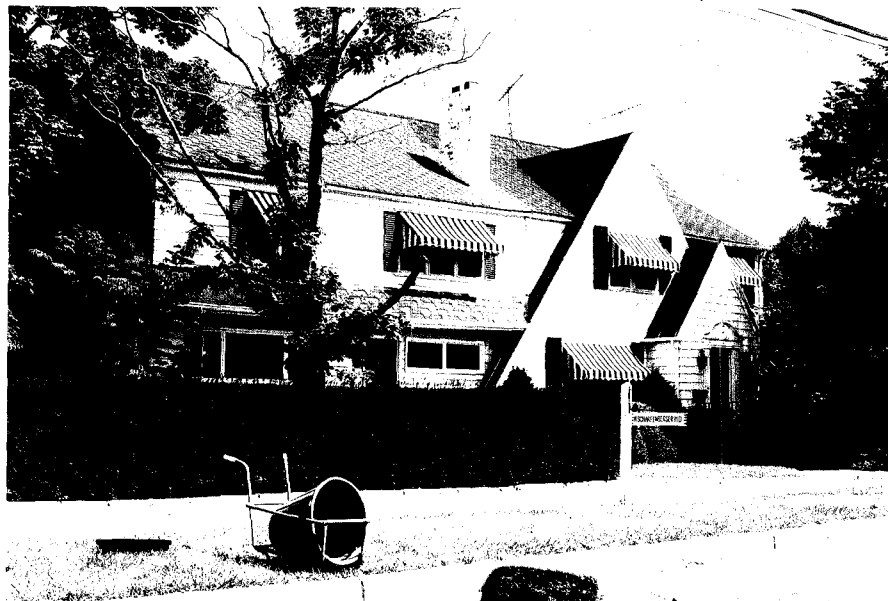
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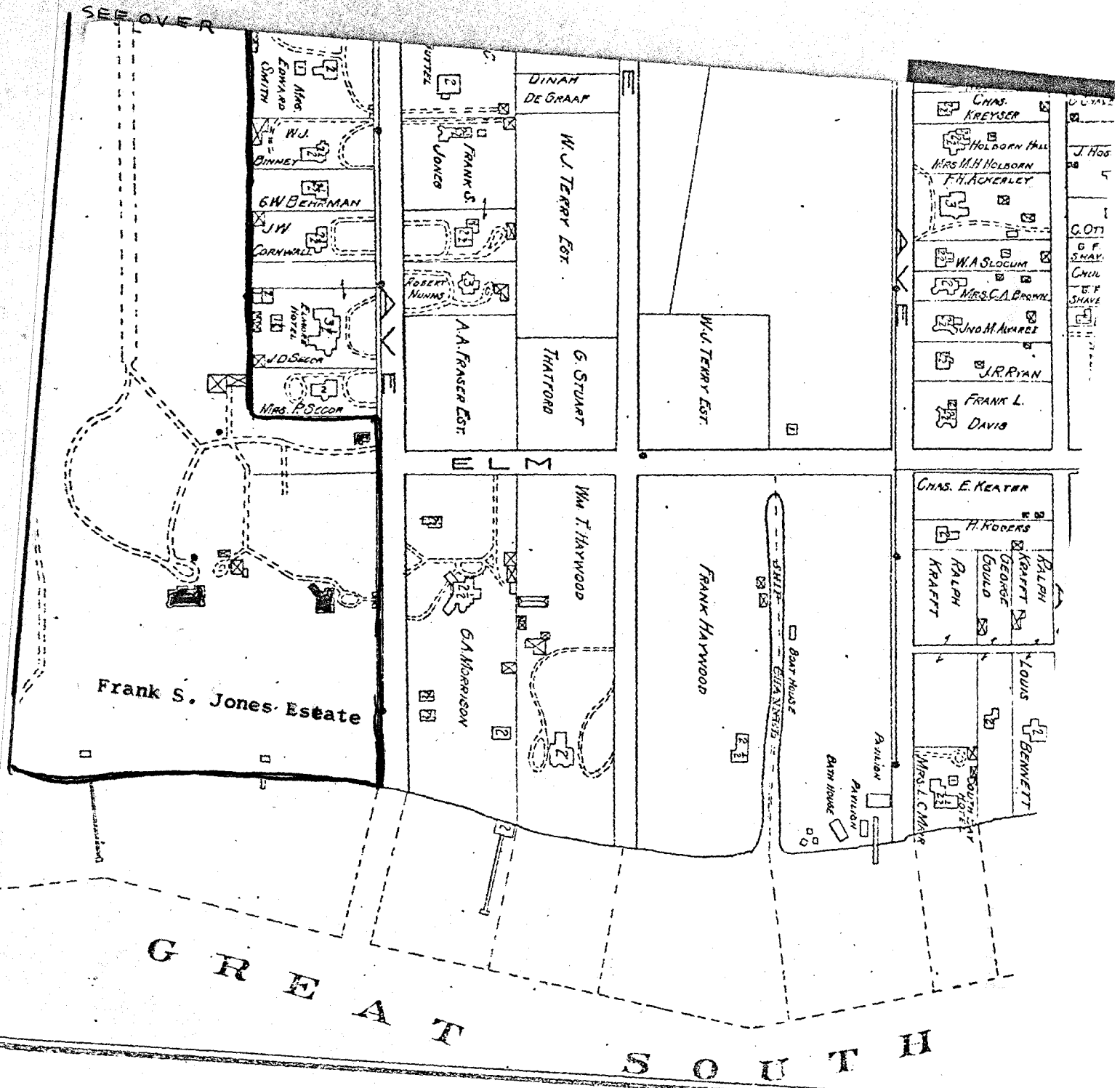
Wilbur Jones Estate Barn
Sunset Drive

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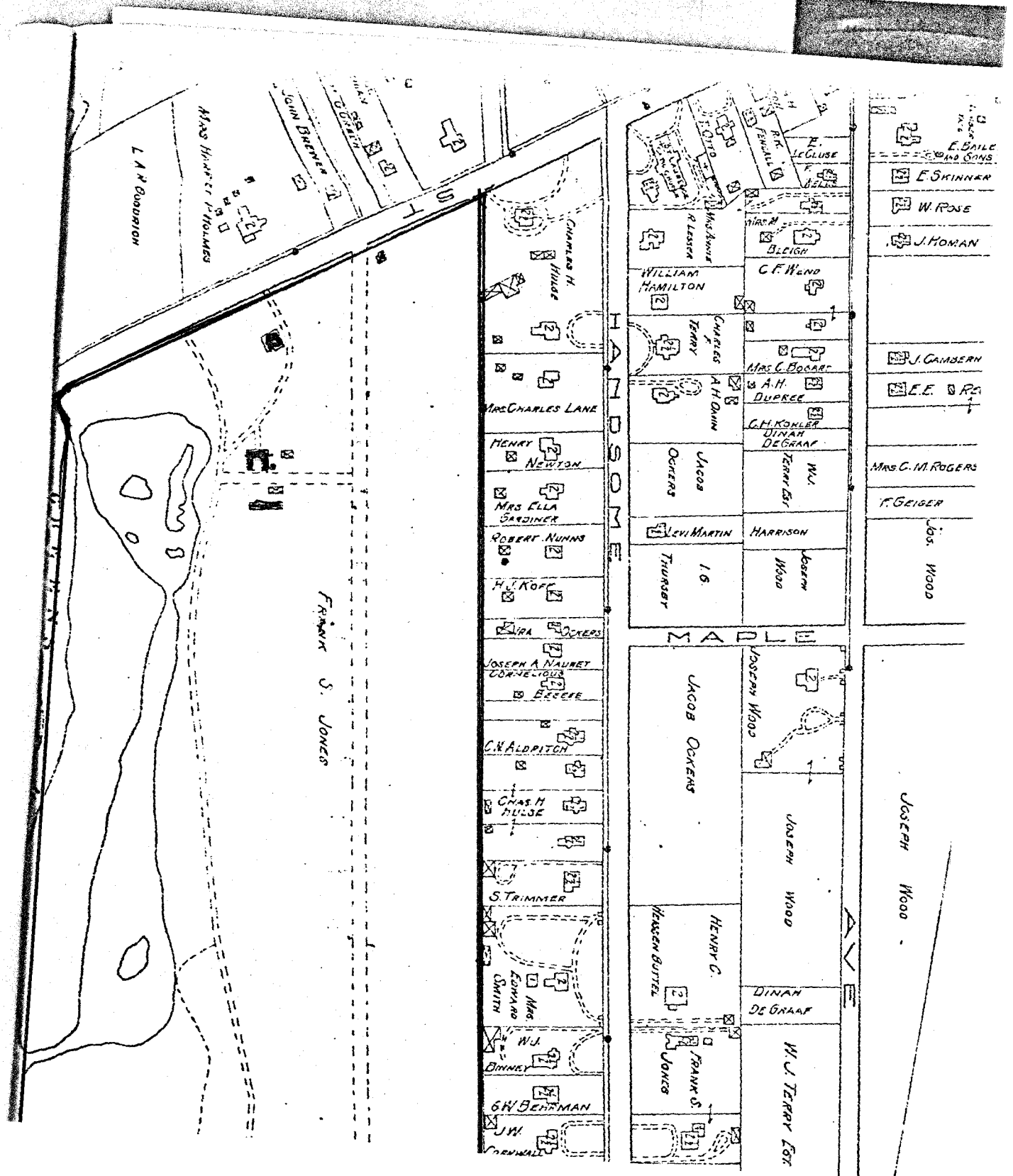


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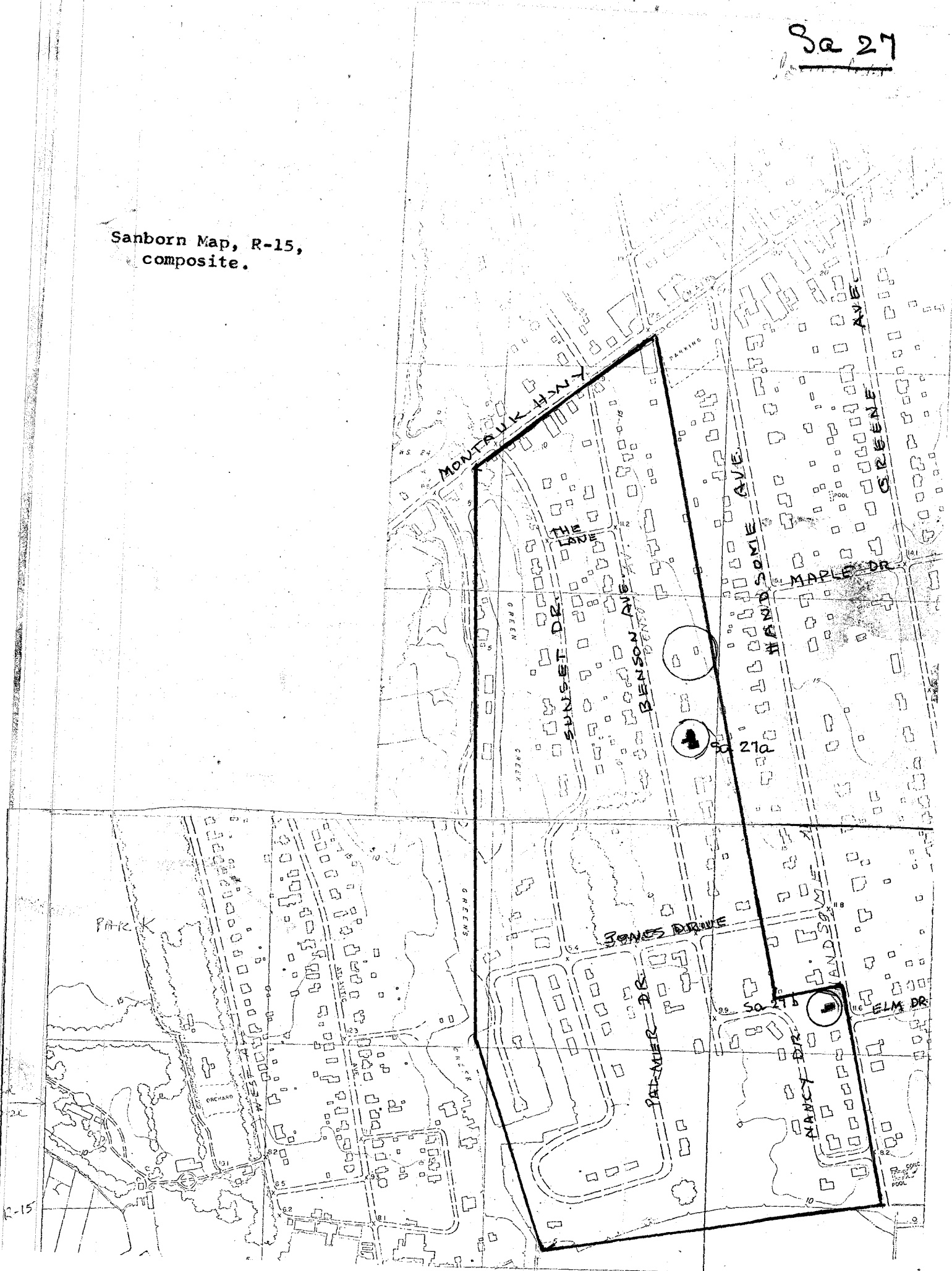
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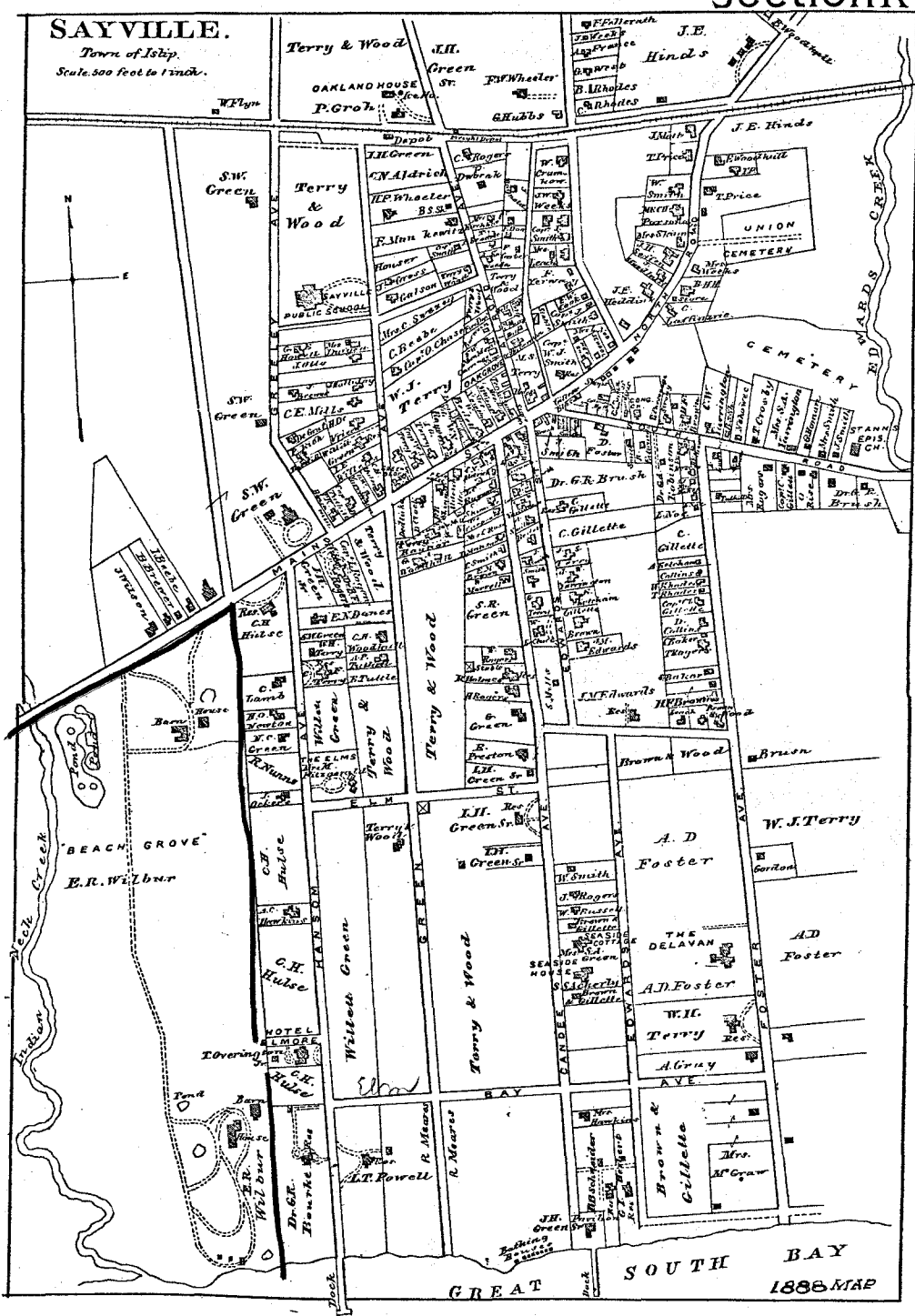


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Sanborn Map, R-15,
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Stevenson, Charles, But As Yesterday, Sayville, 1967, p. 21, Map of 1888

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Thursday, December 1, 1977

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS

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Mrs. Charles G. Bishop, a former resident of Bayport, had died in Brooklyn, after a long illness.

Joseph Arata had bought the Bergman farm of about ten acres on Lincoln Avenue.

40 Years Ago

The amazing total of 1169 votes had been cast at an election in which John Winter Jr. and R.M. Harry Isaacson were elected fire commissioners. The vote the previous year was 70. The reason for the large poll was the contest for the placement of the doors in the new fire house. One faction held that they should be on Main Street while the other favored Lincoln Avenue.

Local stores were advertising huck roast at 19 cents, turkey at spring lamb at 17, Vermont aid syrup at 18, Babbitts anner at three cents, smoked hams at 15 cents and bacon cents a pound.

Joseph F. Acker, for 17 years a resident of Oakdale, had bought the Bergman farm of about ten acres on Lincoln Avenue.

Peter De Dreu, for many years a resident of West Sayville, had died after a long illness, at the age of 73 years.

Gentry Williams, for 20 years clerk of the Suffolk County Supreme Court, had been killed in an automobile accident.

30 Years Ago

Patrolman John J. DeRpp, 37 years old, had been killed when his car skidded into a tree in Great River. He had been a member of the Islip Town Police Department for nine years.

Mrs. Elbert Brown, Sayville's oldest resident, had died at the age of 98 years.

Miss Katherine Sluiter had been married to Robert A. Merritt. Both were of West Sayville. Also Miss Gloria Filsinger of Lake Ronkonkoma had been married to George E. Powers of Holbrook.

20 Years Ago

On Thanksgiving morning, Mrs. Charlotte Thelen of Blue Point had been fatally injured in an automobile collision on Montauk Highway. Her

daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Glaeser of the same address, driver of the car, was seriously injured.

Arson was suspected in the destruction by fire of the 18-room home owned by Dr. Daniel McLaughlin at the foot of Benson Avenue. The house had been badly damaged by fire the previous spring. The building was the main residence on the estate of the late Frank S. Jones, a prominent coffee importer and founder of the Grand Union Tea Company and for years was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. David Shea. Mrs. Shea, daughter of Mr. Jones, now lives in Clearwater, Fla.

A proposed centralization of the Ronkonkoma and Oakdale-Bohemia school districts was to be discussed the following week at a public meeting planned by the Oakdale-Bohemia Board of Education.

The Islip Town Board was to conduct a public hearing on a highly controversial ordinance which would bar the use of power dredging in the taking of shellfish from all waters in the township.

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THE LARGEST EUROPEAN BEECH ON LONG ISLAND 1952 - 1972

Location	Circumference — Ft. In.			
	1952	1962	1972	Taken at
1. Roslyn; East side Mineola Ave., opp. "The Maples," Pierce Country Day School	N.R.	N.R.	22' 6"	1' 6"
2. Kings Point; North end, on Herman Brickman Estate	N.R.	N.R.	21' 5"	1' 0"
3. Glen Cove; Dosoris Island, 100 ft. North of Pink House, Mrs. J. Morgan Estate	18' 1"	19' 1"	20' 1"	1' 6"
4. Glen Cove; Dosoris Island, West of Mall on Mrs. J. Morgan Estate	18' 3"	20' 1"	20' 11"	2' 0"
5. Kings Point; 60 ft. N.E. of 500 E. Shore Road, Shalom residence	N.R.	17' 11"	19' 3"	2' 6"
6. Glen Cove; Dosoris Island, 10 ft. North of Pink House, Mrs. J. Morgan Estate	N.R.	N.R.	18' 9"	1' 6"
7. Roslyn; East side Mineola Ave., opp. "The Maples," Pierce Country Day School	N.R.	N.R.	17' 7"	1' 6"
8. Douglaston; 40 ft. East of 104 Arleigh Road, Fitzpatrick residence	15' 8"	16' 6"	17' 6"	4' 0"
9. Brooklyn; Greenwood Cemetery, North Side Central Ave., Section 103	15' 6"	16' 6"	17' 3"	4' 6"
10. Glen Cove; Dosoris Isl., on Mrs. J. Morgan Est.	N.R.	N.R.	17' 1"	1' 6"
11. Oakdale; Lincoln Drive & Homestead Rd., Kessler residence	N.R.	15' 9"	16' 4"	2' 0"
12. Islip; 90 Saxon Ave., South of Mrs. H. Havemeyer residence	N.R.	N.R.	16' 3"	4' 6"
13. Upper Brookville; Planting Fields Arboretum, South side drive	N.R.	14' 6"	16' 1"	4' 6"
14. Islip; 90 Saxon Ave., 200 ft. West of Mrs. H. Havemeyer residence	N.R.	N.R.	16' 0"	4' 6"
15. Roslyn; East side Mineola Ave., opp. "The Maples," Pierce Country Day School	N.R.	N.R.	15' 9"	3' 0"
16. Hempstead; North of Fulton St., 110 ft. East of Professional Building	14' 8"	Gone	Gone	4' 6"
17. <u>Mastic; Old Floyd House T. Nichols Estate</u>	N.R.	14' 1"	14' 9"	4' 6"
18. Douglaston, 129 Ridge Road, between curb & sidewalk	13' 4"	14' 4"	14' 7"	3' 0"
19. Bridgehampton; S.W. of Ocean Road & Pauls Road, South of house	12' 2"	13' 4"	14' 6"	4' 6"
20. Upper Brookville; Planting Fields Arboretum	10' 9"	12' 10"	14' 1"	4' 6"
21. Matinecock; East side of Town Cocks Lane, Mrs. R. Lovett Estate	N.R.	13' 8"	14' 1"	1' 6"
22. Matinecock; East side of Town Cocks Lane, Mrs. R. Lovett Estate	N.R.	N.R.	13' 11"	4' 0"
23. Setauket; South of View Ave., on former Wm. Floyd Estate	N.R.	N.R.	13' 10"	4' 0"
24. Sayville; South end of <u>Benson Drive,</u> <u>Dr. D. McLaughlin property</u>	N.R.	13' 0"	<u>Gone</u>	2' 0"

