

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/10/79
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): ~~229 Main Street, Former~~ Methodist Parsonage
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 229 Main Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

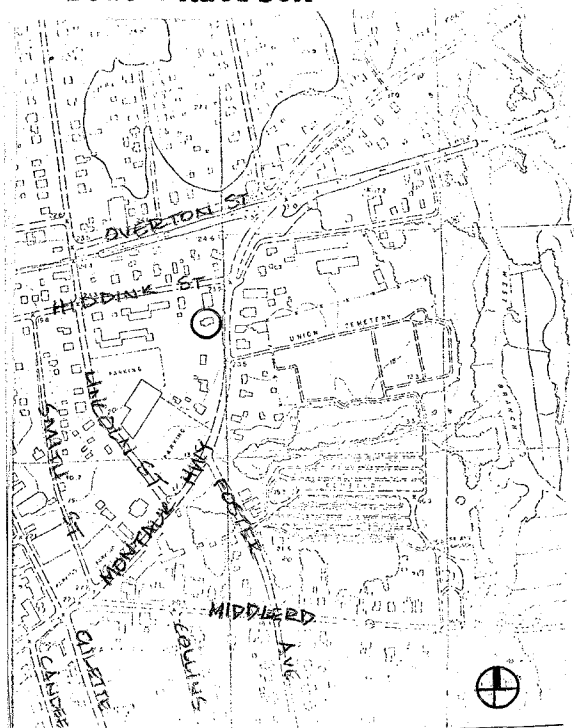
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____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

12. PHOTO: neg 20a NJM-4

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



front (east) 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 former parsonage is on the west side of Main Street (Montauk Highway), north of the former Methodist Church, (now the Masonic Lodge), near the corner of Hiddink and Montauk.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2 story, 3 bay., low gable, cross-shaped Italianette clapboard house with projecting bays on the east and the west. Low gabled pediment faces street on front facade. 4/4 balcon-fnetre windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1871
- ARCHITECT: _____
- BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house was once the parsonage of the Methodist Church of Sayville, built in 1871 at a cost of \$2600. There was originally a pond and a brook between the church and the parsonage, about where Lincoln Street now crosses. The residence is virtually unaltered.
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21. SOURCES:

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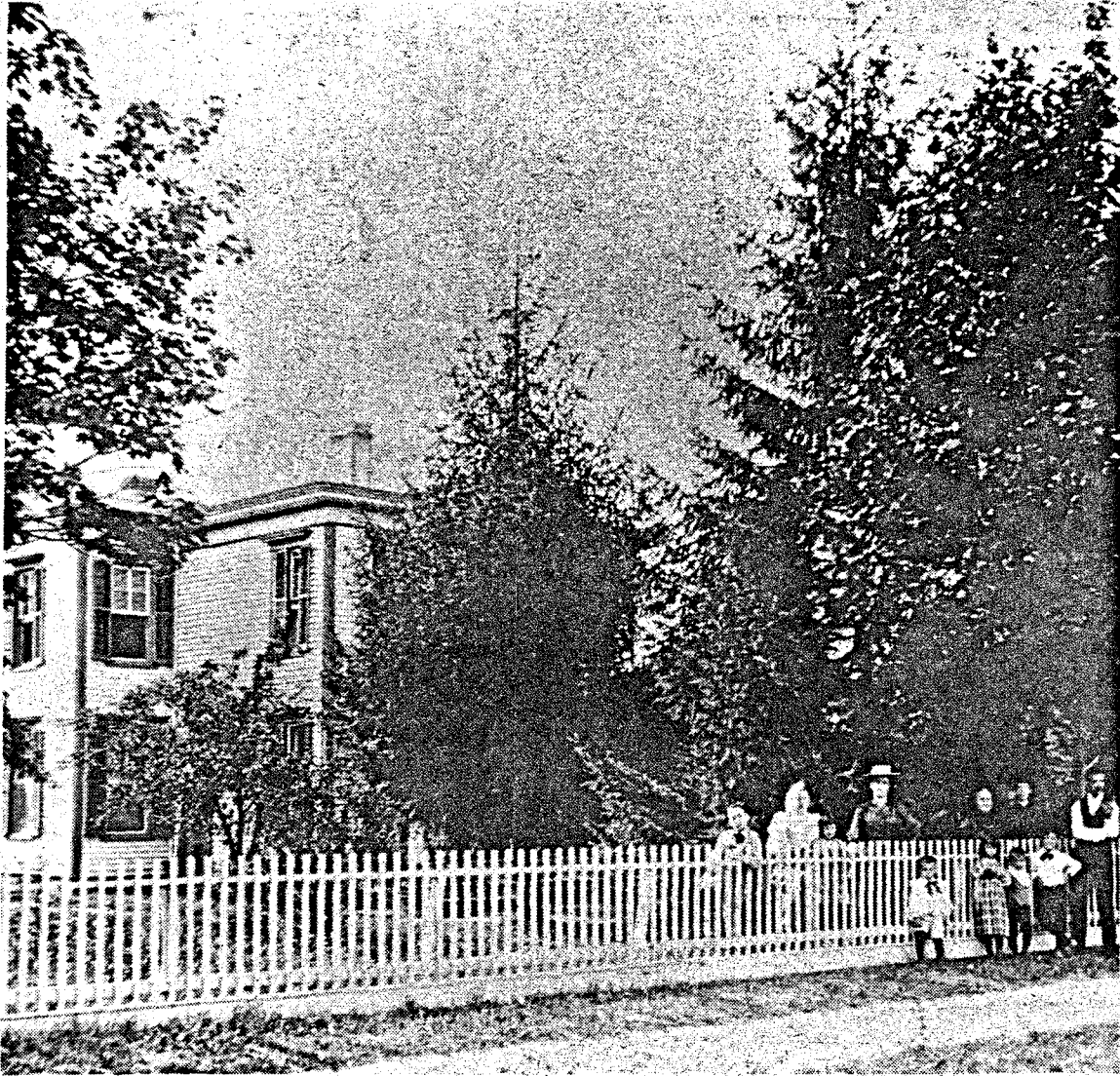
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Reflections of the Past

By Ruth Dougherty



This photo taken in 1893 was of the Benjamin Sellers home at the time. It was once the property of the Sayville Methodist Church and served as its parsonage. It stands on the north side of Montauk Highway almost opposite the entrance of the cemetery, number 229. Standing in front of the fence are Benjamin Sellers, then Benjamin Jr. and Walter, his other son. In back are Mrs. Rose Sellers and Charlotte Street, her mother. Others in the photo are visiting friends. Mr. Sellers Sr. lived in another town, but put in the stained glass windows of the Methodist Church, then later the ones in St. Lawrence's, (the church that burned a few years ago). When Wm. LeCluse and Woodhull Raynor auctioned this house for \$1700, Mr. Sellers offered them \$1600 and became its new owner, moving his family to Sayville. Son Walter later married Mr. LeCluse's daughter, Rosabelle, and he presently lives in Bay Shore, 87 years old. Thanks to Robert Eberbach for borrowing this photo from him to copy for our collection of old houses. Today, the house still stands and has been owned for the past 15 years by Stella and Arthur Staminski. They recall that several years ago a young man came in from England and said he had once lived there as a boy. The hand-pump for the well is still in the backyard. The house beams are mostly 7 x 3's with one in the front hallway as 7 x 4 inches. Mr. and Mrs. Staminski have put much work and effort into fixing and maintaining the house, which is estimated as about 100 years old.

Sayville Historical Society