

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0580-1225
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/13/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

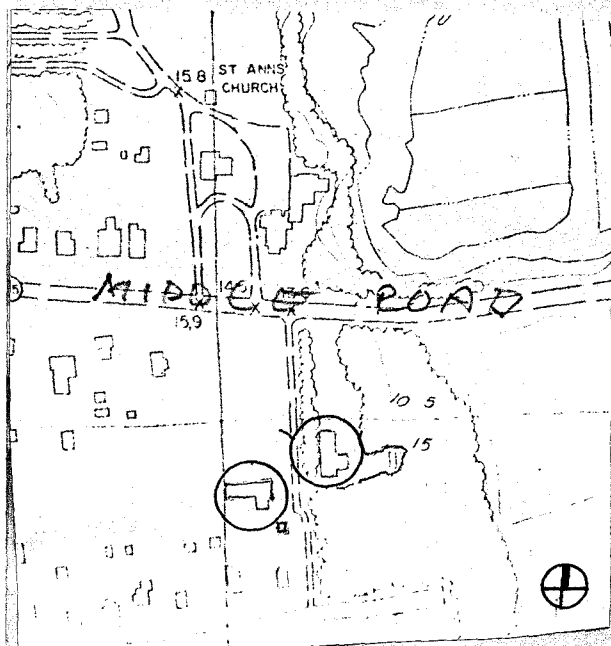
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): The Children's Cottages
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 262 Middle Rd
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: St. Ann's Church ADDRESS: Sayville
- 6. USE: Original: orphanage Present: thrift shop & offices
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY 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. 19a

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 Littlejohn, front (north) 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 Children's Cottages are located on the south side of Middle Road, just west of Brown's Creek, across the road from St. Ann's Church.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2 similar buildings of the orphanage: Little John and Burgess. 2½ story 9 bay stucco buildings with gable roof, iron railings at entrance with panelled doors, sidelights and elliptical transoms. 6/6 windows, recessed entrance with large concrete gateposts on Middle Road.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1924

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island erected these two buildings in 1924 and established a home for orphan boys and girls who attended the local schools through high school. The Children made an excellent reputation among the people of Sayville, and it was with great regret that the homes were closed in 1940. The buildings were later purchased by St. Ann's and they are now used as a church school, thrift shop and offices.

21. SOURCES:

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

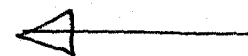
22. THEME:

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(above) The home-like setting of the children's cottages in Sayville.

(below) Church Charity Foundation girls' building in Sayville.



John W. Davis, Dominion in the Sea. History of the Diocese of Long Island, 1971.

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The great need among our young people is the same as that for the whole church, which is more definite instruction on the Faith and Life of the Church. . . . In the days which are to follow, it may be trite to say, but nevertheless true, that the hope of the world is with our young people. We here in Long Island must never let it be said that we begrudged any amount of time or money spent in consecrating the future hope to Christ and His Kingdom.

The Diocese did not begrudge time or money for youth work. When budgets for full time diocesan personnel were seriously cut back, the Diocese continued a Youth Director on a part time basis. On the resignation of Father Gillette, the Bishop appointed the Vicar of St. Mary's, Carle Place, the Rev. John W. Davis to act in that capacity. By 1953, the Bishop and Diocese were ready to resume once more full work among young people and Father Davis, resigning his cure, became the full-time Director of Youth Work for the Diocese.

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Juvenile delinquency, which became a major problem to the whole nation, stirred interest and action on the part of the Diocese. The Brothers of St. Joseph, a new order, were given the responsibility of working with delinquent boys. The Brothers completely renovated one of the large buildings at the Sayville Cottages, turned over to them for their work. Never overcrowded, the Sayville work assisted boys in a difficult period of their life, in adjusting to their problems and solving them.

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Burgess, from
southwest

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