

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305000742
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: February 1990

Town Hall, 655 Main St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

IDENTIFICATION

"Parkwood Hall",

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Holy Family Ukranian Catholic Church Parish Hall

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: West Islip

3. STREET LOCATION: 128 Parkwood Rd.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private

5. PRESENT OWNER: Holy Family UK Church ADDRESS: _____

6. USE: Original: pavillion Present: meeting hall

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No

Interior accessible: Explain by app't.

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____

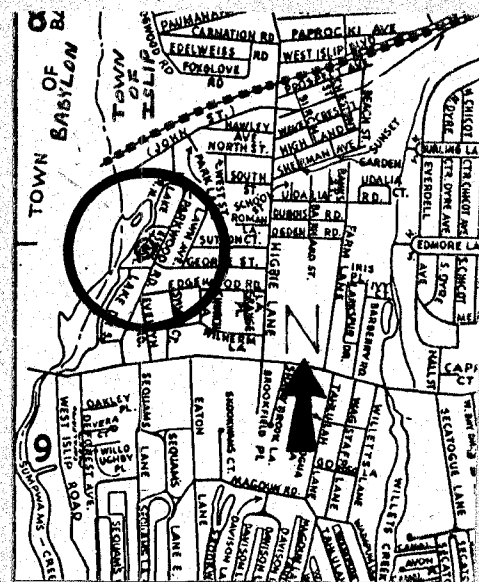
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 b. wood frame with light members
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain) _____
 e. other _____

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):
open pavillion enclosed

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK X-4, fm. S iron fence and hall

13. MAP: NYS DOT Bay Shore West Quad (see Form WI-24) Town of Islip Engineering Dept. Map



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
 5 acre parcel
 i. landscape features: marshland, Hawley Lake, open field
 j. other: high iron fence surrounds property w/ chain link
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary): extension
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: marshland, lake

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

128 Parkwood Rd. is located in a wooded, marshy area directly west of a mid 20th century residential neighborhood of houses on small lots. The building is one of four sites of historic merit on this former estate property. The building is surrounded by an old iron fence approx. 7' tall.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 128 Parkwood Rd. is a large, rectangular, 1½ story, hip roof building with 6/6 sash window bands and exposed rafter ends. The iron fence is composed of pointed iron balusters closely spaced supported on double rails at the base and a simple rail near the top, all supported at frequent intervals by slender posts with iron finials.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: early 20th century (meeting hall)

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This parish hall is called Parkwood Hall. It is located near the site of the 19th century Hawley mansion. After Mr. Hawley's death the mansion was used by an English school mistress as "Parkwood Lakes Estate School" in 1906. (The church has the sign board). The open pavillion was built later for dancing by a German summer camp for people who came out from New York. In the 1920's the place was owned by Harmon who leased it for parties and weddings. William Dzus bought the five acre site from Harmon and gave it to the Holy Family Ukranian Catholic Church.

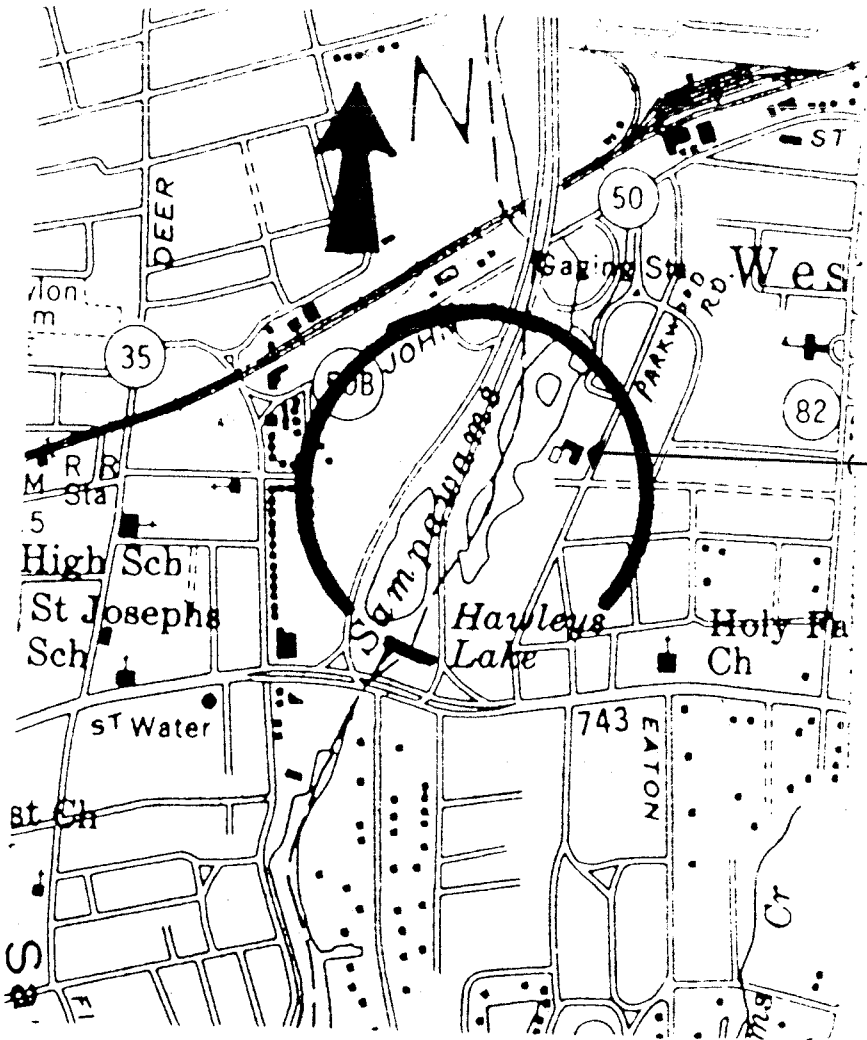
The mansion burned down in the 1960's. The iron fence survives from the 19th century mansion setting. See location of L-shaped mansion on DOT

21. SOURCES: map.

Wilcox, Gerald and Judith. First History of West Islip, 1976.

22. THEME: Interview, Barbara Greco, 19 Sylvan Ct., West Islip, 3/1990.

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mansion (demolished)
and pavillion.

NYS DOT Bay Shore West Quad, enlarged.




Neg. KK X-5, fm. SE, showing parish hall "Parkwood Hall".



Neg. KK X-6, fm. E, view
of cluster of iron posts
with copper finials buried
in vines facing Parkwood Rd.
Probably marks original
entrance.

ADDENDUM

Parkwood Hall (Parish Hall)' was originally Harnes Hotel and people from N.Y.C. would come out to enjoy the beautiful West Islip country side. It was later purchased by William Dzus and was used as a private school. It is now owned by the Holy Family Ukranian Catholic Church and is used for meetings. 

Keith Garden Apartments: were once the riding stables, of Minor Cooper Keith (see Biographical section).

Beaver Dam: was the area located near the present High School and was used by residents of West Islip as a picnic area. The kids of the 20's and 30's would swim in the creek. They would make the water deeper by damming up the stream. Another place that was used for swimming was the "Sand Hole" located just north-west of Kobb Blvd., and east of the Selby burial ground.

Penny Street School: was a small wooden structure that was located on Penny Street and used as a school until the early 1950's. It was originally a chicken house.

Bell's General Store: located at the south-west corner of Higbie Lane and Hawley Ave. was used as a Post Office annex by the Babylon Post Office.