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YOUR NAME: TOWN OF ISLIP DATE: October 1975

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Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing & Development

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: ~~Bay Shore Soc. H. D.~~
(First Avenue District)

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore

3. DESCRIPTION:

This district includes houses on both sides of First Avenue and also includes the Congregational Church on the southwest corner of Union Boulevard.

There are a few intrusions in this district. These houses retain many original Victorian details. Many are typically gable end to street. Most have original porches and original vergeboards.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

These houses represent a period in Bay Shore's history. They have some fine detail of that period, and remain significantly unchanged. The church and parsonage are of special interest.

5. MAP:

See attached

First Avenue District

6. SOURCES:

E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of the Ocean Shore ..., 1915

E. A. Tuttle, A Brief History of Bay Shore, 1962

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION

OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

See forms (II-17) (II-18) (II-19)

9. PHOTOS:

24 First Ave. East (front) side



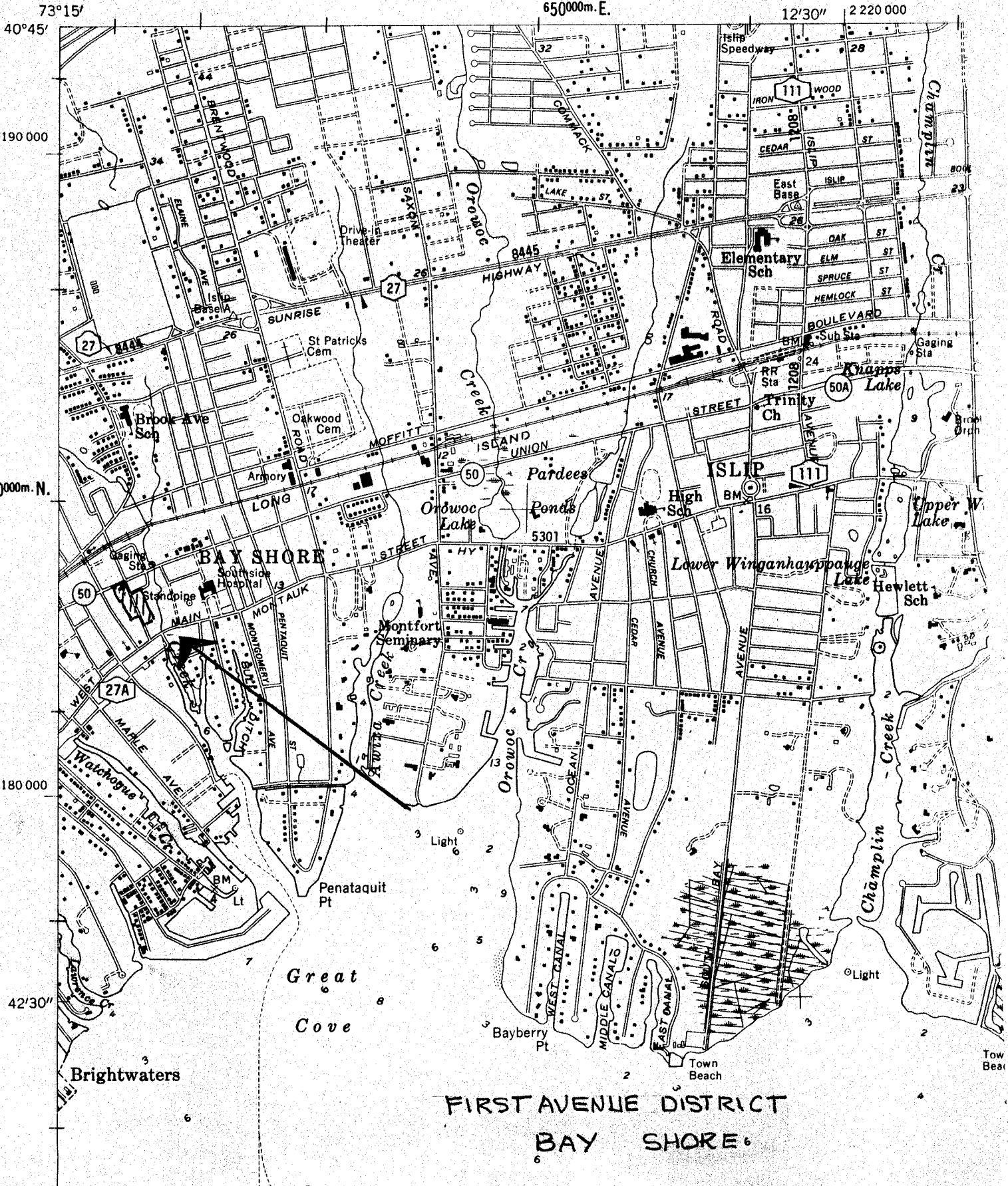
Neg. No. Q 7-17

An Italiante house. Note fine brackets supporting the eaves.

First Ave. in Bay Shore
Bay Shore East quad
7.5 min

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FIRST AVENUE DISTRICT
BAY SHORE



E. BELCHE HYDE
1915

BELCHERTOWN

father of Perry Wicks. The land was partly used for farming, but its northern portion from Garfield Street down, was still a source of wood which Selah Wicks shipped to New York. (Fourth Avenue) originally ran through his farm, becoming a mere cowpath south of Main Street where it led down to pasture for cattle at the waterfront, and to a little dock used by the family. Selah Wicks developed the cowpath into a high-class residential street (Maple Avenue) when Bay Shore became a summer resort.

Clinton Avenue was also a development for summer people, opened by Nathaniel and Hallet Clock of Islip. Richard Montgomery, prominent real estate man and former resident, laid out Montgomery Avenue for the same use.

Early development northward extended on Fifth Avenue, Third Avenue, and to some degree on Brook Street, as well as Fourth Avenue. In North Bay Shore near Garfield Street, Eliphalet Snedecor had several dozen cottages which were rented to colored (Indian or Negro) families. The tenants paid rent each day, on a sort of installment plan.

Third Avenue property near Main Street belonged to "Aunt Tisch Green", an Indian woman who sold her land on the west side to Seth Clock. South Park Avenue was a cranberry marsh, later filled in by Treadwell O. Smith.

About 1870 a large tract was surveyed for development of First and Second Avenues. By 1882 many houses had been erected. In its early days this property belonged to