

HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS  
INVENTORY FORM

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1. NAME OF DISTRICT: ~~Bay Shore Coast H.D.~~  
(Second Avenue District)

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

3. DESCRIPTION:

This district lies on both sides of Second Avenue about midway between Main Street and Union Boulevard. It consists of fourteen houses, most are 2½ stories with gable end to the street in the late Victorian vernacular typical of the area.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

The houses have interesting architectural details and have remained largely unchanged. Many of the original porches remain. One of the houses has a handsome picket fence.

5. MAP:

See attached.

Second Avenue District

6. SOURCES:

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

E. A. Tuttle, A Brief History of Bay Shore, 1962, page 19

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

See forms (II-21) (II-21A) (II-21B)

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

9. PHOTOS:

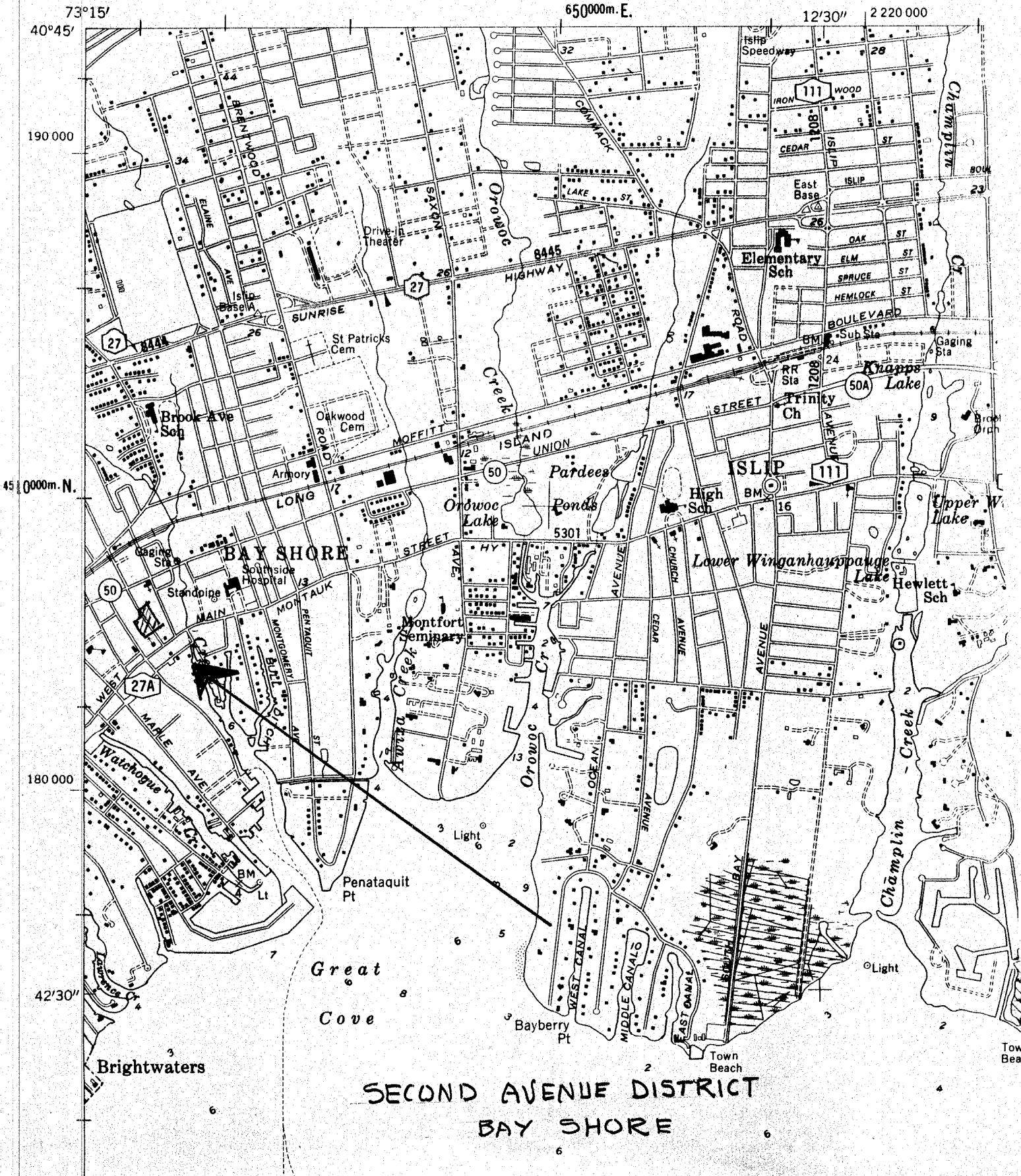
32 Second Avenue west side (front)



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SECOND AVENUE DISTRICT  
BAY SHORE

E. BELCHER HYDE  
1915



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