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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Quad I  
No. 31

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: September 25, 1975

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall  
655 Main Street TELEPHONE: (516) 581-2000

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

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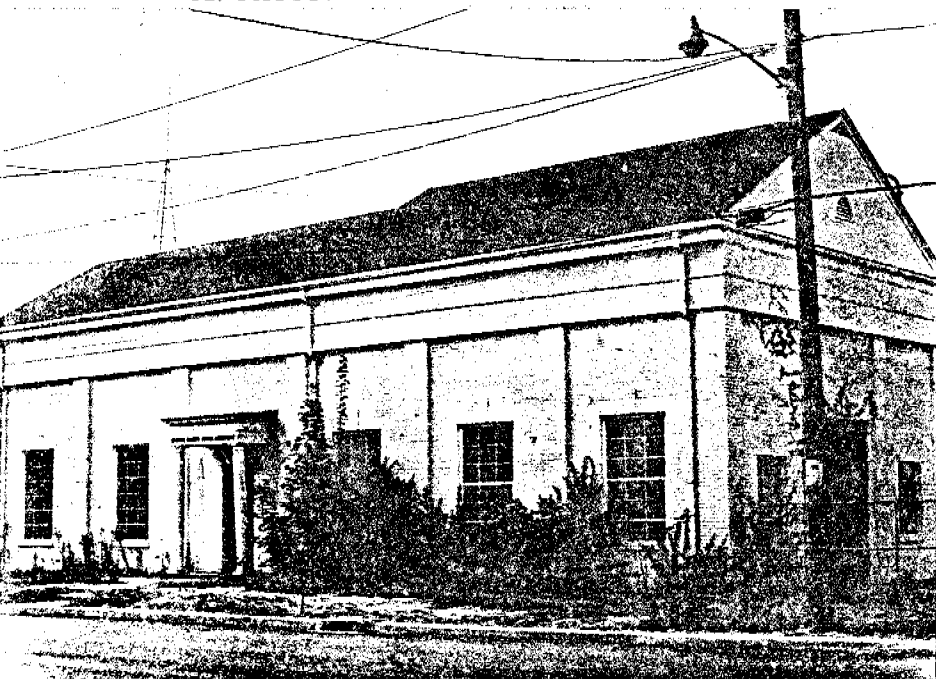
IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Water Works - Pumping Station
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: West side of Fifth Avenue, bet. Juliette & Henry Sts.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: Pumping Station Present: Pumping Station
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain BY appointment only.

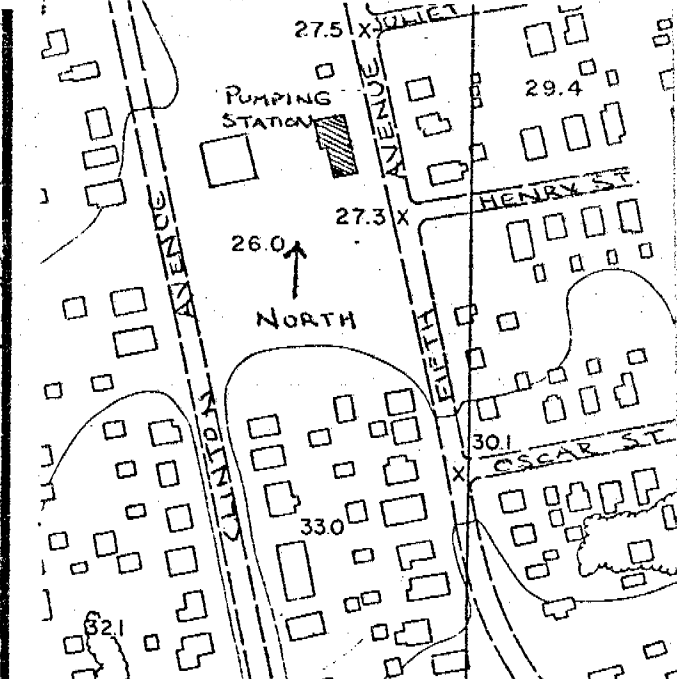
DESCRIPTION

- 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): GABIE ROOF ADDED  
AND FRIEZE CORNICE ADDED

12. PHOTO:



13. 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   
 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)

This pumping station of the water works is in a primarily residential section. There are some fine examples of Victorian houses in the vicinity.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

The pumping station is a functional brick building - gabled, pedimented, and pilastered. It is six bays long and three bays wide.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: unknown Prior to 1900

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The pumping station is a brick building with pilasters and gabled roof. It has a simple frieze and large rectangular windows with angled brick heads and keystones. It has a one bay entrance porch with classical columns and dentils. The entrance on the north side has a double door with a large eight pane transom. The north and south sides have casement windows. The gable roof is pedimented; the gable is higher on the north side. The structure is a fine example of industrial architecture. It is seen on the 1915 maps as the Great South Bay Water Works Co. Pumping Station.

21. SOURCES:

Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I. (Westerly Section).  
Brooklyn & Manhattan: E. Belcher Hyde., 1915. Volume I. Plate 21.

22. THEME: JAMES GLEASON photo c. 1900, Neg. NO. 135

Additional Information on  
The Pumping Station of the  
Suffolk County Water Company  
Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore

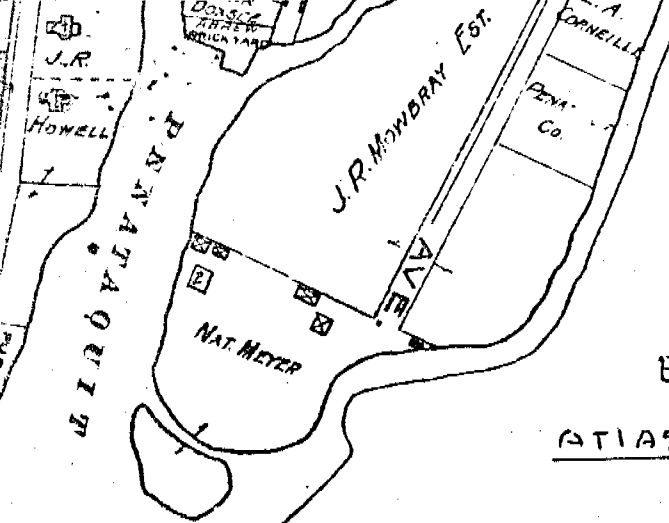
The pumping station was previously owned by the South Bay Consolidated Water Company. It was taken over by the Suffolk County Water Company circa 1951.

In the 1890's the station utilized steam pumps. The building had a flat roof. (There is a picture of the pumping station at that time in an old geology book, though precisely which book is unknown).

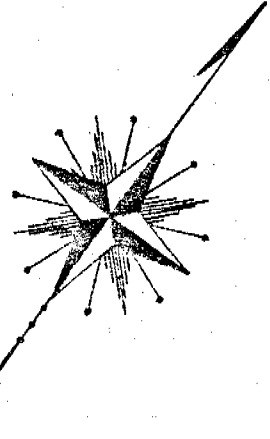
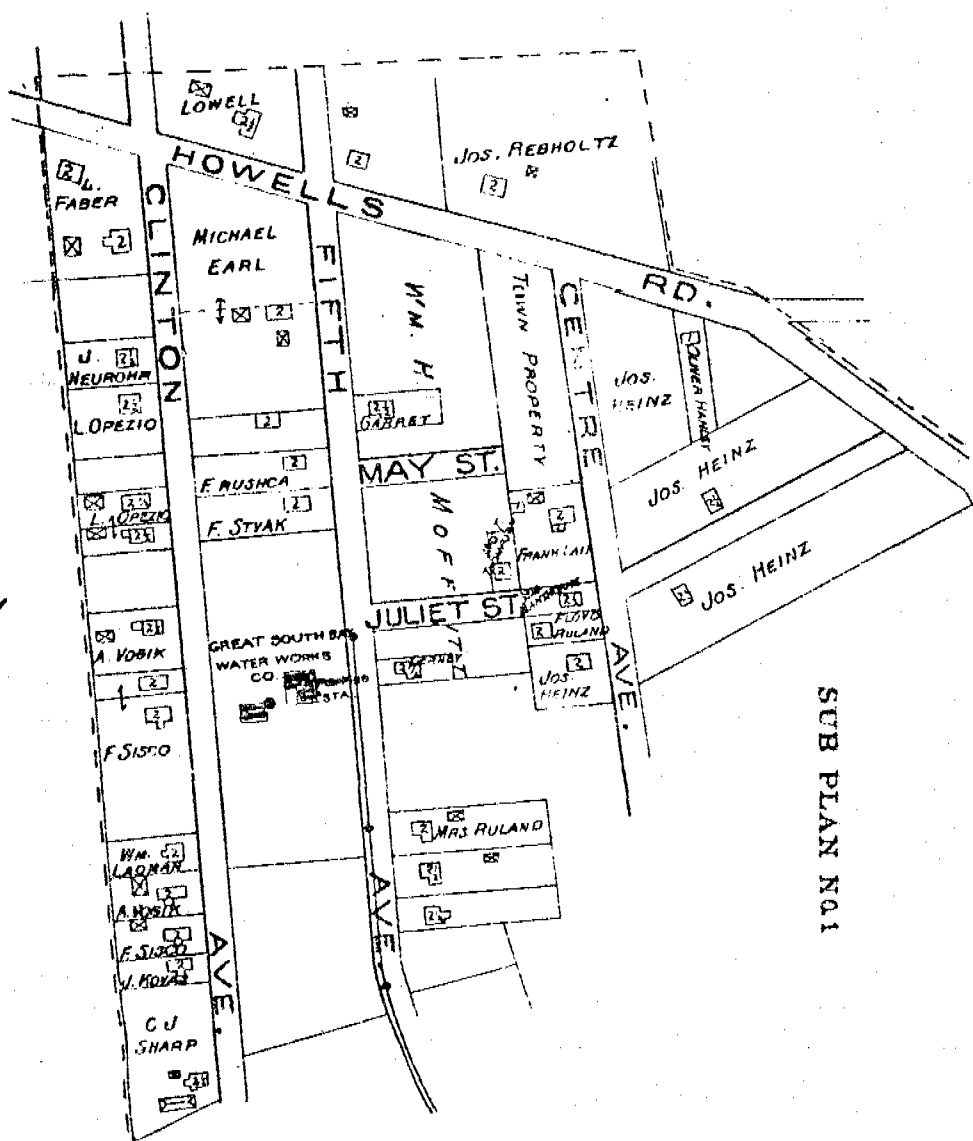
Circa 1966, the building received its present gabled roof. The interior was also renovated. The pumping station now utilizes electric drivers. The building houses a control room and chemical labs.

Source:

Interview with Mr. Braner, Engineer for the Suffolk County Water Company's Pumping Station, Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore, New York, October 2, 1975.



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MAPS OF THE OCEAN SHORE...



SUB PLAN NO. 1

DOUBLE PAGE PLATE NO. 21

My Captain!" upon President Lincoln's death.

It may be of interest that Walt Whitman was related to descendants of John Mowbray.

Nathan Hale, American patriot of the Revolutionary War, who spied for our country, was captured by the British at a spot on Huntington Bay where a monument to his memory can be seen off Vinyard Road. The words of this twenty-one year old schoolteacher, who was hanged without trial, will live forever: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country".

The hamlet of Halesite was named in this hero's honor.

#### Organization of Fire Department

A fire department was organized by volunteers in 1885 when the most serious fire to date occurred--the home and store of William Robbins. Before this time houses were quite far apart with little danger of catching on fire from each other. There had been forest fires, to be sure, but somehow they were quelled by everyone joining to combat them.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was organized on January 7, 1885, at which time John Daggitt was elected foreman. Equipment was stored behind Cortland Wick's house, which later became The Cortland House.

The Great South Bay Water Company started a water system in 1889. The first fire put out by water from the main was the residence on East Main Street of Eugene P. Strong.