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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: December 1989

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

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Awixa Creek Area District

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

3. DESCRIPTION:

The shore front of the Town of Islip is a series of peninsulas separated by estuarian creeks that flow south from north of Montauk Highway.

The Awixa Creek Area District encompasses two of these peninsulas lying between Montauk Highway and the Great South Bay. It includes South Saxon Avenue on the east side of Awixa Creek and Awixa, Penataquit, and Montgomery Avenues on the west side of Awixa Creek.

-refer to continuation sheet-

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

Saxon Avenue was named for Daniel Saxton, an early settler, through whose land this road passed. Awixa Avenue was named for the first home of John Mowbray, the patentee, whose residence (not far from the present Awixa Avenue) was given as "Awixa." Penataquit was the early name of Bay Shore in honor of the Penataquit Indians who lived here. This neck of land is called Penataquit Point. Richard Montgomery, a prominent real estate businessman and former resident, laid out Montgomery Avenue as a development for summer residents.

-refer to continuation sheet-

5. MAP:

NYS DOT Bay Shore East Quad

Bowe Albertson, Topographic Map, Sewage Works Study, Sheet R 10.

6. SOURCES:

Byrnes, Horace W. Pictorial Bay Shore and Vicinity, 1902.
Tuttle, Etta A. A Brief History of Bay Shore, 1962.
Havemeyer, Harry W. "The Story of Saxton Avenue", Long Island Forum, Vol. LIII, Winter 1990.

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING BY ROADS BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

9. PHOTOS:

Refer to continuation sheets for streetscape views.

3. DESCRIPTION:

This is a low-density well-treed residential district characterized by its low flat land area penetrated by residentially bordered Awixa Creek - and bounded on the west by semi-commercial Penataquit Creek.

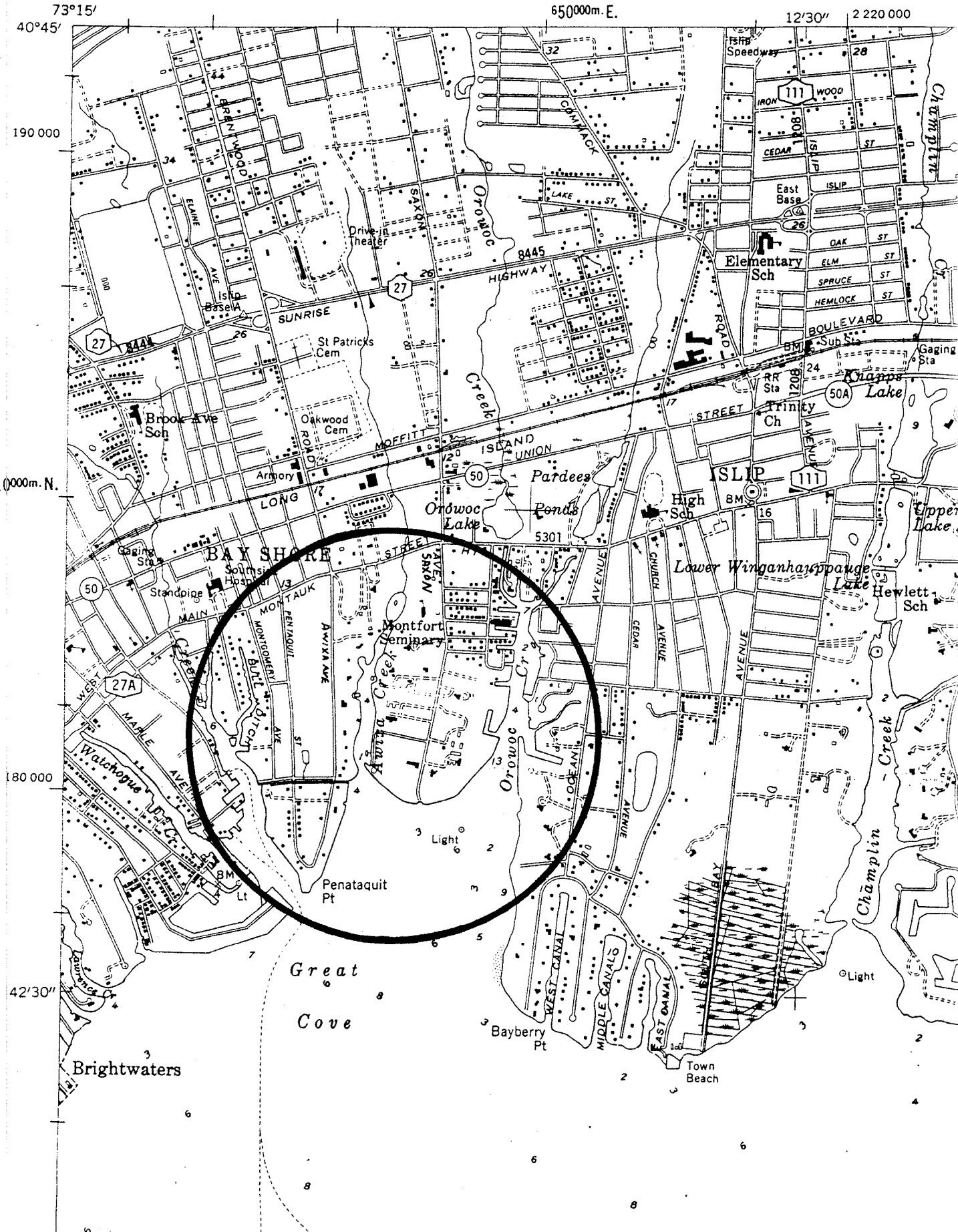
Montauk Highway (NYS Rt. 27A) was originally called South County Road and is Main Street through the south shore hamlets. It was one of the original major east-west arteries laid out in the early 18th century along the old Indian trails. Today Sunrise Highway (NYS Rt. 27) parallels it further north and takes through traffic away from this historic highway.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

The peninsulas were not settled until the 19th century when wealthy sportsmen, who had come to the area for shooting and fishing, decided to establish summer residences on the shore front. Between the South Side Sportsman Club on the Connetquot River and the Babylon town line, Montauk Highway - then the South Country Road - was the site of numerous magnificent estates. The mansions that were built in the Awixa Creek area were part of that movement with many fine shingle-style houses dating from the 19th century. Because some of the estates have had their acreage subdivided, today there are new houses located between the historic mansions.

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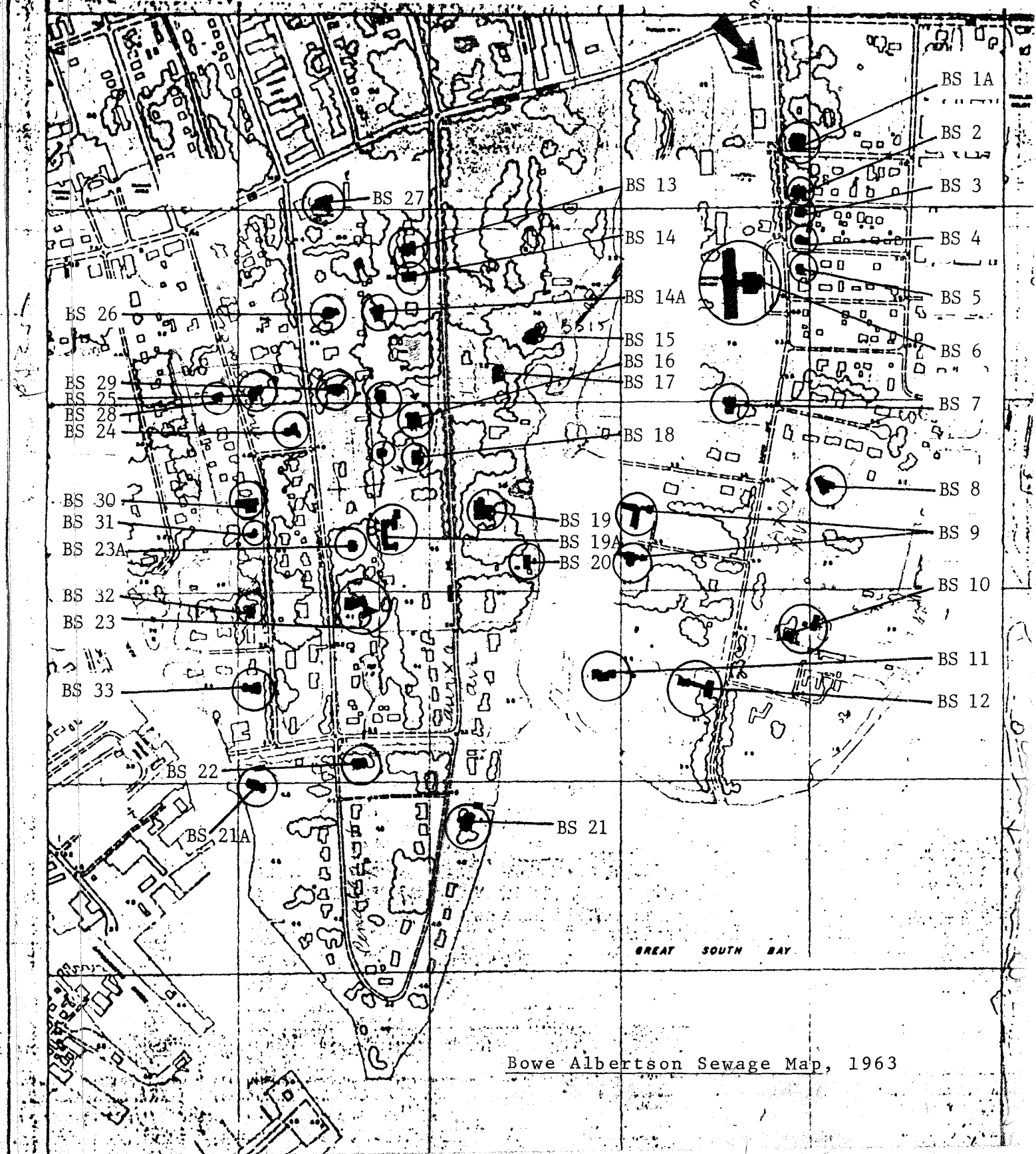
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MONTGOMERY AVE

PENNYBROOK AVE

AWIXA AVE

SAXON AVE





Neg. KK I-18, fm. NE. 52 Saxon Avenue (BS 7).



Left Side:
23 Saxon Avenue
(BS 2) and 25
Saxon Avenue (BS 3).

Neg. KK XIV-1A, fm. N. View of Saxon Avenue from Montauk Highway.



Left Side:
68 Awixa Avenue
(BS 18) and 60
Awixa Avenue (BS 16).

Neg. KK XIV-2A, fm. SE. View of Awixa Avenue.



Right Side:
Fence and gable of
60 Awixa Avenue (BS 16)
and part of 68 Awixa
Avenue (BS 18) next
south.

Neg. KK XIV-4A, fm. NE. View of Awixa Avenue showing pipe rail fencing.



Right Side:
yard and part of
Hulse House (BS 13)
and Wray House (BS 14)
next south.

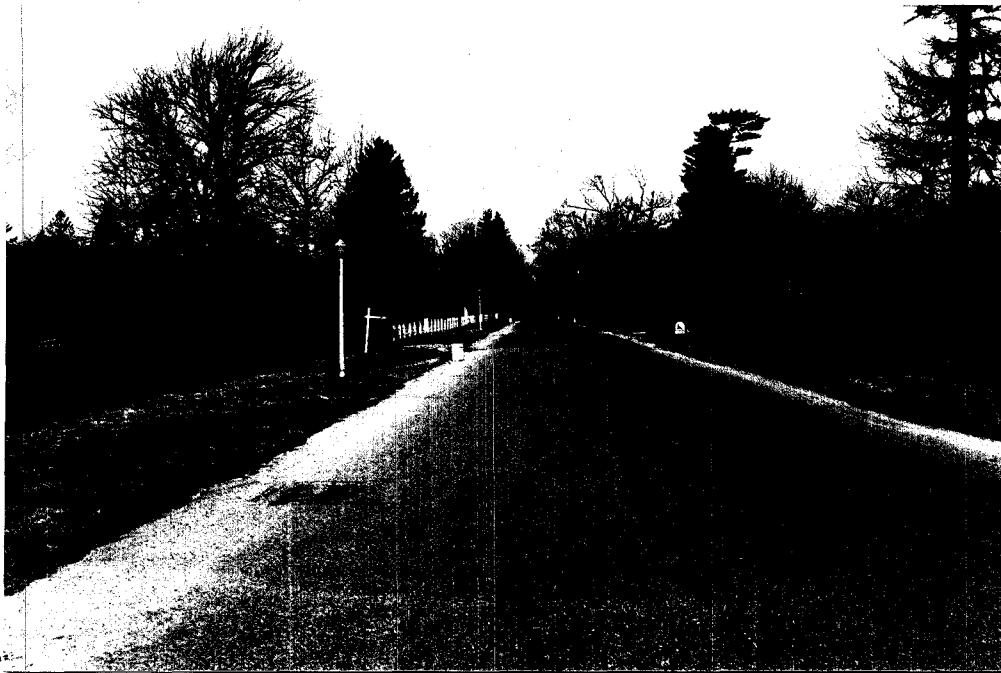
Neg. KK XIV-5A, fm. NE. View of Awixa avenue from near Montauk Highway.



Left side:
street hedges and
entrance posts of
Wray House (BS 14)
and Hulse House (BS 13).

Right Side:
wooded area at east
side of Awixa Avenue.

Neg. KK XII-9. Awixa Avenue, view from S to Montauk Highway (north part).



Left Side:
street hedge of 68
Awixa Avenue (BS 18)
near lamp post and
fence at 60 Awixa
Avenue next north
(BS 16).

Neg. KK XII-6. Awixa Avenue, view from S to Montauk Highway (south part).



Left to right:
W.H. Wray House
(BS 14), W.W.
Hulse House (BS 13).

Neg. KK XII-8. Awixa Avenue, view from SE.



Left side:
street wall at 81
Awixa Avenue (BS
19).

Right Side:
fence at newer house
east of 82 Awixa
Avenue (BS 19A).

Neg. KK XII-7. Awixa Avenue, view from N to Great South Bay.



Left Side:
43-45 Penataquit
Avenue (BS 25).

Neg. KK XIV-6A, fm. N. View of Penataquit Avenue from near Montauk Highway.



Left side:
street hedge and part
of 21 Penataquit
Avenue (BS 26).

Neg. KK XIV-8A, fm. N. View of Penataquit Avenue from near Montauk Highway.

AWIXA CREEK AREA DISTRICT

Part I

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BS 1	Awixa Creek Area District	BS 1A - BS 33
BS 1A	Moffitt House No. 1	15 Saxon Ave.
BS 2	Moffitt House No. 2	23 Saxon Ave.
BS 3	Moffitt House No. 3	25 Saxon Ave.
BS 4	Moffitt House No. 4	29 Saxon Ave.
BS 5	Moffitt House No. 5	33 Saxon Ave.
BS 6	Montfort Seminary	26 Saxon Ave.
BS 7	Knapp House	52 Saxon Ave.
BS 8	Gibb House	Saxon Ave.
BS 9	Sharpe/Riggio House	80 Saxon Ave.
BS 10	Pinkerton Estate Buildings	87 Saxon Ave.
BS 11	Harry W. Havemeyer House	90 Saxon Ave.
BS 12	Horace Havemeyer/Wise House	96 Saxon Ave.

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Part II

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BS 13	W.W. Hulse House	Awixa Ave.
BS 14	W.H. Wray House	Awixa Ave.
BS 14A	W.H. Wray Carriage House	38 Awixa Ave.
BS 15	Mildeberger House	47 Awixa Ave.
BS 16	J. Mollenhauer House	60 Awixa Ave.
BS 17	Dr. Wooley House	65 Awixa Ave.
BS 18	Mrs. William Wray House	68 Awixa Ave.
BS 19	J. Adolph Mollenhauer House	81 Awixa Ave.
BS 19A	J. Adolph Mollenhauer Farm Group	82 Awixa Ave.
BS 20	Jones Carriage House	95 Awixa Ave.
BS 21	Guastavino House	122 Awixa Ave.

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BS 21A	Dr. C.F. Ash House	122	Penataquit Ave.
BS 22	Julian Fairchild House	117	Penataquit Ave.
BS 23	C.E. Low House	87	Penataquit Ave.
BS 23A	F. Thurber House	75	Penataquit Ave.
BS 24	Burchell/Fuchs House	46	Penataquit Ave.
BS 25	J.P. Baiter House	43 - 45	Penataquit Ave.
BS 26	Bendheim/Van Glann House	21	Penataquit Ave.
BS 27	Richard Ranft House	13	Penataquit Ave.
BS 28	J.A. Keller House	28	Montgomery Ave.
BS 29	Ryan/Morse House		Montgomery Ave.
BS 30	Olsen Boat Yard	60	Montgomery Ave.
BS 31	Dawson House	68	Montgomery Ave.
BS 32	Nathaniel Meyers House	80	Montgomery Ave.
BS 33	Bailey House	92	Montgomery Ave.