

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 1D305.000698  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BS 62

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

Town Hall, 655 Main St.  
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, LI, NY 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

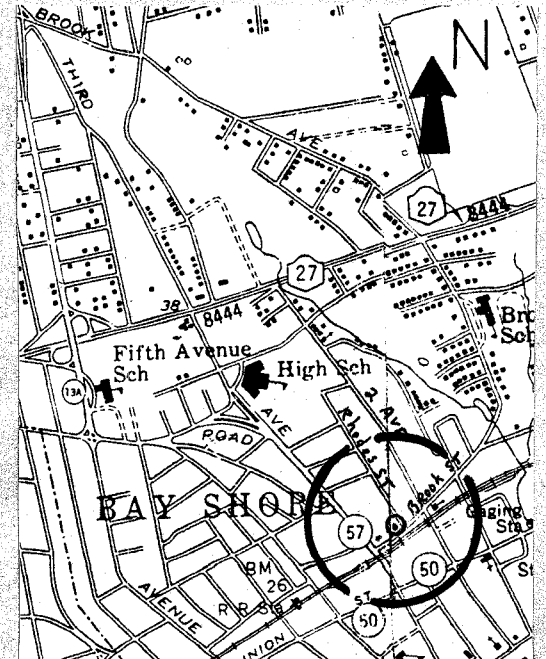
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Richard Rhodes House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: NW corner Brook and Rhodes Aves.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

**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):

Entrance porch added

- 12. PHOTO: Neg. KK VI-14, fm. E East facade
- 13. MAP: NYS DOT Bay Shore East & West Quads



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: former hotel associated with property directly
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary): west (BS 63)  
 a. open land  b. woodland   
 c. scattered buildings   
 d. densely built-up  e. commercial   
 f. industrial  g. residential   
 h. other: Long Island Rail Road directly south

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Rhodes House is located directly north of the Long Island Rail Road and directly east of the former Bay Shore Hotel that shares architectural similarities with the Rhodes House. The surrounding community is a mix of residential and light industrial uses. Brook Avenue was taken over by the town in 1872.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 The Rhodes House is a 2½ story, rectangular, five bay, gable roof house with interior end chimneys. The gable peaks feature round headed windows with Gothic style muntins. Italianate brackets line the eaves and rakes. Other features include 2/2 windows and a double leaf panelled entrance door with sidelights and a transom.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Prior to 1873

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Richard Rhodes was born in Bay Shore in 1827 and married Salina L'Hommedieu in 1851. Richard Rhodes followed the sea for thirty years taking to market the largest cargo of produce and bay food of any vessel plying between Long Island towns and New York markets. His son, Capt. Urias, was also a noted sea captain. Capt. Urias sailed many famous New York Yacht Club yachts.

The integrity of the house is good.

21. SOURCES:

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22. ~~NAME~~ George L. Jr. Some of Town of Islip's Early History, 1955, pp. 77-79.

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