

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME Town of Islip DATE: 7/22/75
Town Hall 655 Main St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000
ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, & Development

IDENTIFICATION

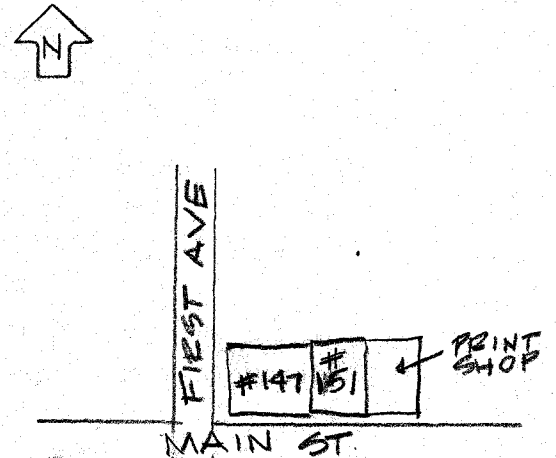
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Group of Three stores on Mill Site
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: #147, #151, 153 Main St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private Main St. between First Ave. & Smith Ct.
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: Stores Present: Stores
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

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):
Second floor front windows of #147 have been modernized.

12. PHOTO: Negative # A-6A

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)

The three buildings on the Old Mill Site are a part of the Main Street Streetscape containing many buildings of the same period.

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

#147 Main St. - Bracketed flat roof, protruding second floor bay on West facade, relatively unspoiled original storefront with cornice at store level. Clarence Race Drug Store, 1890's-1915.
#151 Main St. - Original windows, bracketed cornice, cornice at storefront level.

SIGNIFICANCE Print Shop - Bracketed cornice, cornice at storefront level.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1895

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The three shops are standing on what was once the site of the Grist Mill. George Weeks mentions this site in his book - Some of the Town of Islip's Early History: "Josiah Robbins and Capt. Selah T. Clock purchased the corner of First Avenue and Main Street where the Mill was located in 1895." The three stores probably were built shortly after the purchase. They are typical late nineteenth century store buildings with apartments above. They have remained relatively intact. The three stores can be located in a 1915 Atlas of Bay Shore.

Research by the Society for the Preservation of L.I. Antiquities

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21. SOURCES:

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Beers, F.W. Atlas of Long Island, New York. New York: Beers, Comstock & Cline, 1873.

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tion. These ice houses stored enough ice for use here during the summer season. Many baymen were employed in this work during the winter months, as they could not follow their usual occupation when the bay froze over.---

"The water from the mill ran under a bridge on Main Street into Penataquit Creek. Along the creek ran Canal Street, now known as Homan Avenue. Years before it was known as Ell Lane. It was a common sight to see horses driven down to either side of the bridge not only to water the horses but also to let the wooden wheels with their iron tires go through the water to prevent drying out in hot weather."

Mr. Weeks also states that Clarence Race opened a drug store on the corner of First Avenue and Main Street in the eighteen nineties. Tredwell O. Smith had a general store, and was also responsible for developing property on Telegraph Road, now Fifth Avenue. ✓

This is surely not a static community. Change is constant, but there is a decided lack of interest in monuments of the past. Nowhere has there been more callousness about removing that which is old for so-called progress.

The grave of the patentee, John Mowbray, was moved. No one knows where it is. Probably originally it was on his estate near the Orawac Creek.

Many of the old houses that bordered Main Street have been moved off to side streets, taken to the beach communi-

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Race Drug Store

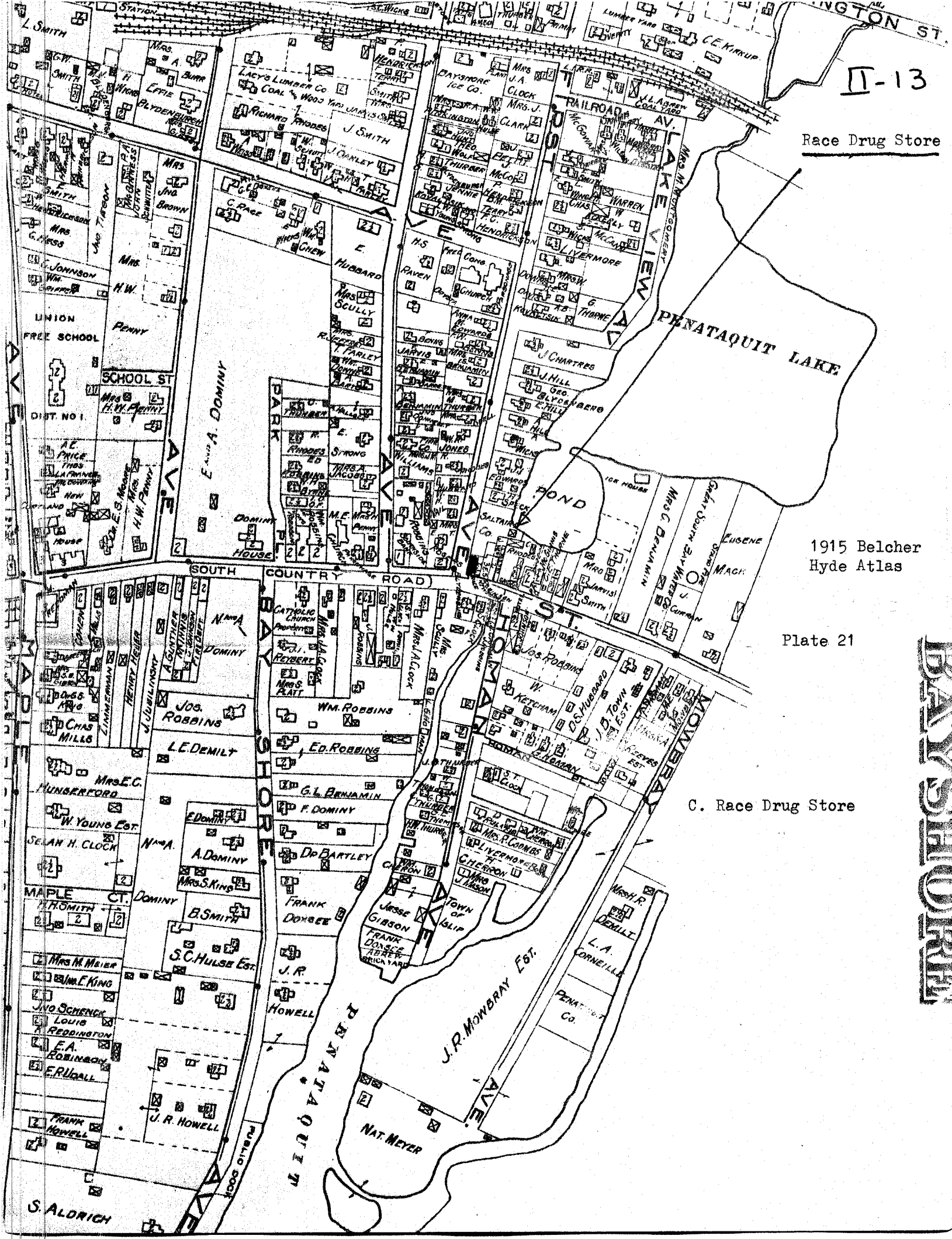
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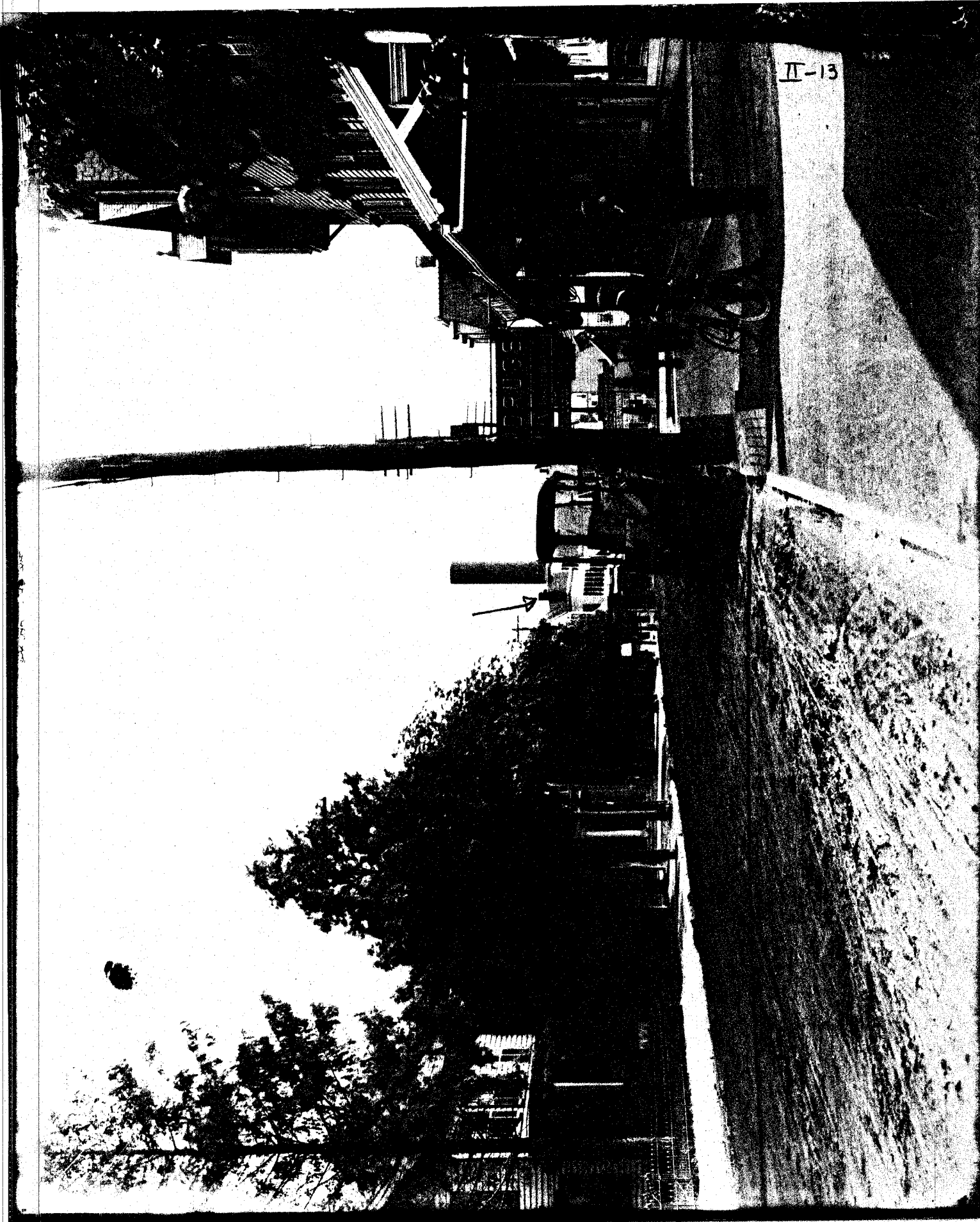
1915 Belcher
Hyde Atlas

Plate 21

C. Race Drug Store

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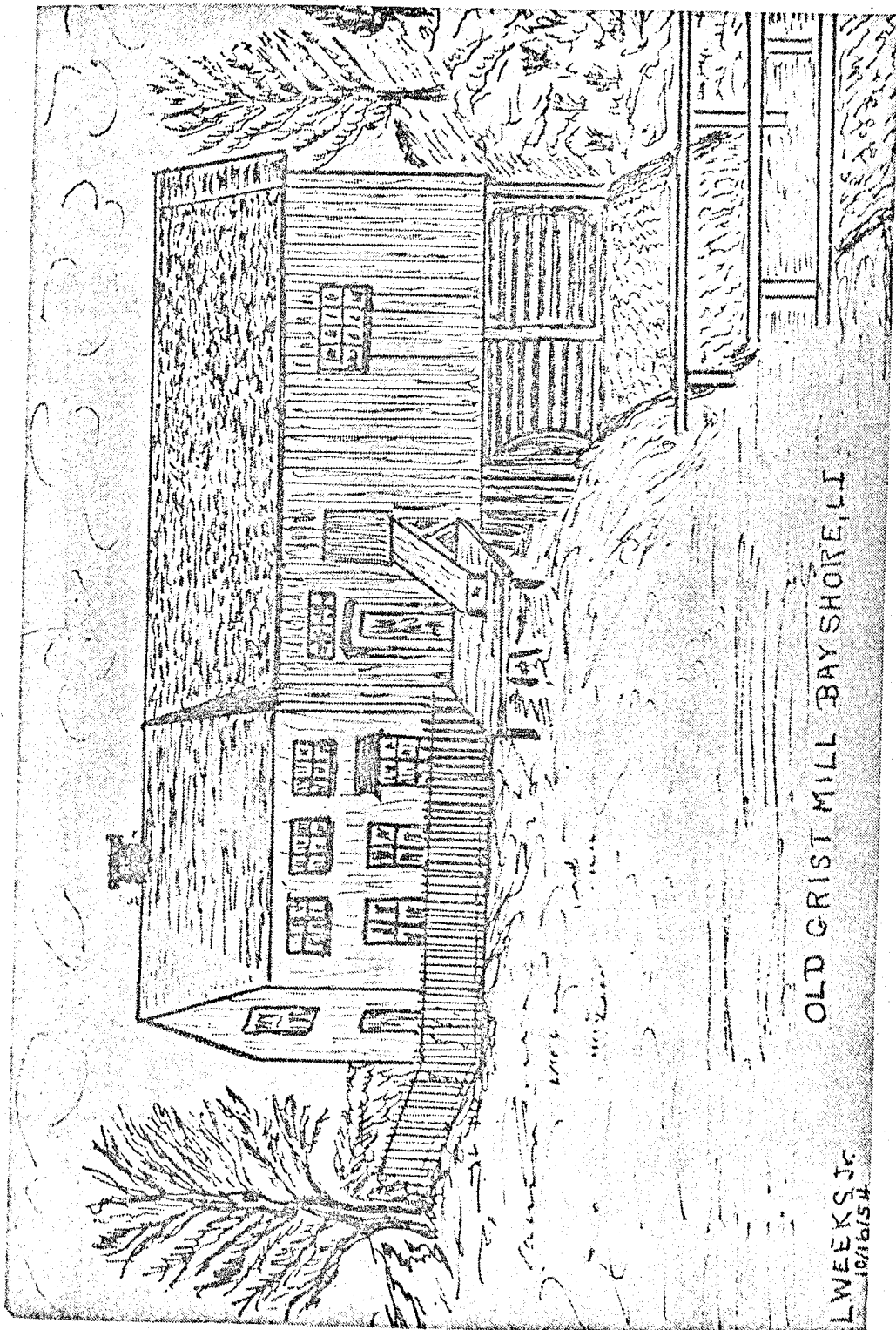


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Main Street, looking east, #147 & #151 and Print Shop at left beyond wagon.

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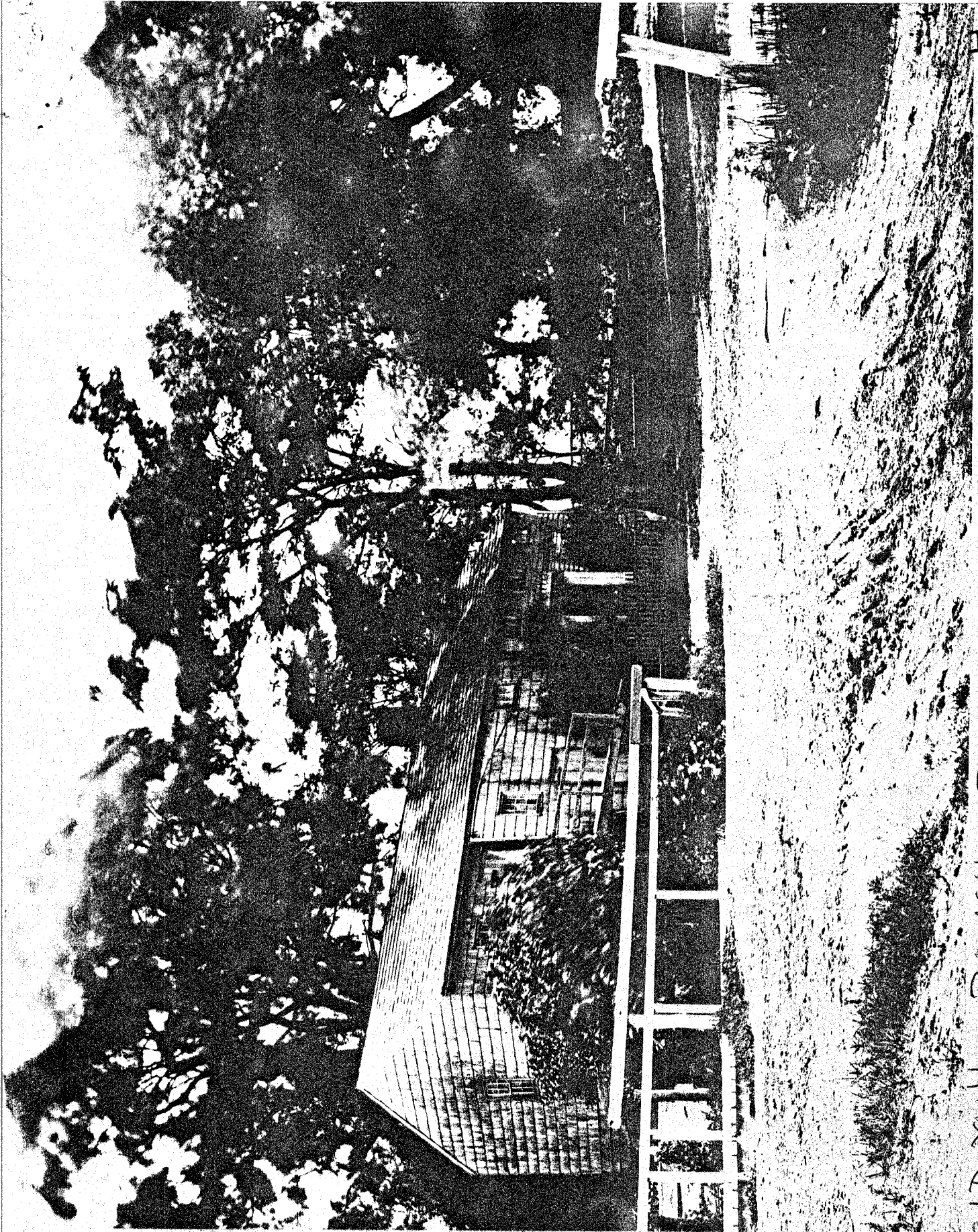
Some of the Town of Islip's Early History - George Lewis Weeks, Jr. 1955



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