

052 ✓

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
UNIQUE SITE NO.	<u>10305 000053</u>
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

Quad IV
No. 6

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: August 15, 1975

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: (516) 531-2000

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

IDENTIFICATION

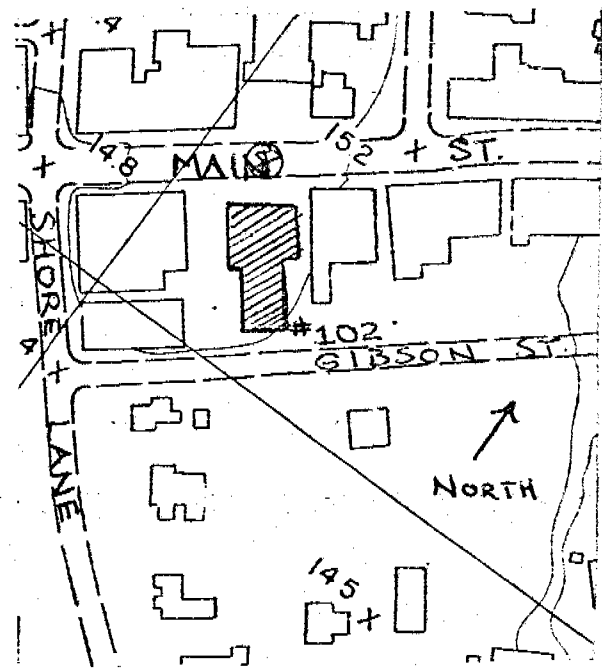
- BUILDING NAME(S): American Legion Soldiers & Sailors Memorial
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- STREET LOCATION: #102 E. Main St. (south side, bet. Shore & Homan Aves.)
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Board of Education ADDRESS: _____
- USE: Original: American Legion Present: Bd. of Ed. offices, community affairs & Amer. Legion
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No Interior accessible: Explain By appointment.

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 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 _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



HP-1 Bay Shore Roll #Q4; Neg. #11
Front (north) facade.

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 building is on the main commercial street. There are other structures of architectural significance near-by, though from varying periods and in varying styles. Many of them have undergone extensive remodelling.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 This two story brick building has a parapet with an oval medallion and a stone cornice. The first floor has round headed window openings with keystones, though the windows are rectangular. The second floor windows are rectangular with radiating voussoirs and keystones, and lugsills below. There is a large central entrance with a Palladian-type window above.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Begun after World War I

ARCHITECT: Charles F. Hart

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

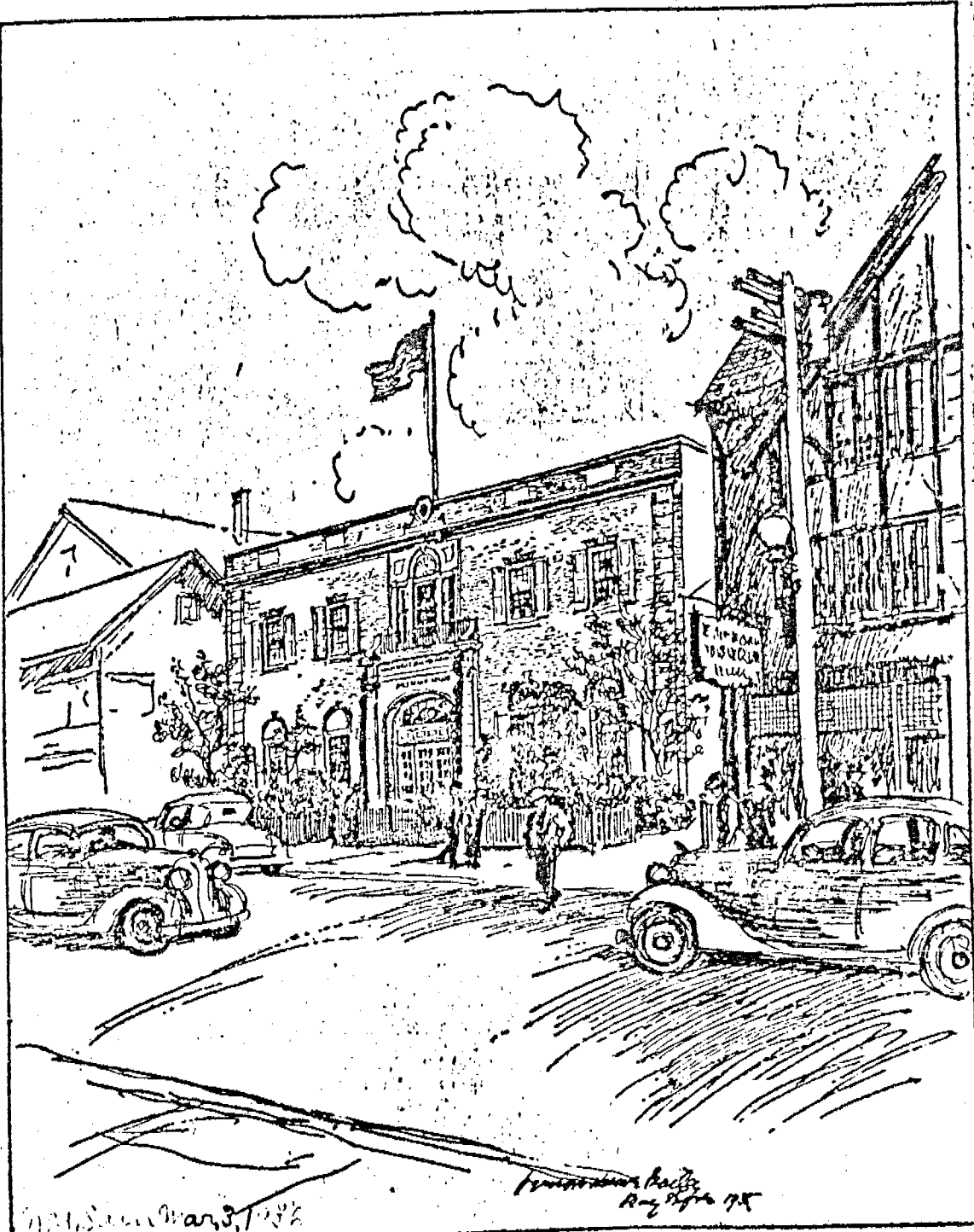
This is a fine example of a Federal style building erected as a memorial circa 1920. The entrance is flanked by engaged round Corinthian columns. The double leaf door has flanking windows and a large semi-elliptical fanlight above with decorative glass resembling flower petals. The Palladian-type window above is pilastered and repeats the flower petal design in stone. The interior has two double leaf doors with transoms leading to the main room. The first two side-rooms have double leaf doors with semi-elliptical fanlights, keystones, and molded trim. The land for the building was donated by Mr. & Mrs. J. Adolph Mollenhauer, who also contributed to the building fund, which was raised through popular subscription.

21. SOURCES:

1. Bailey, Vernon Howe. "Sketches of New York's Suburbs - No. 239." New York Sun, 1936.
 2. Interview with Frank Dolny, Head Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors
22. THEME: Memorial Building. August 12, 1975

SKETCHES OF NEW YORK'S SUBURBS—No. 239

By VERNON HOWE BAILEY



Bay Shore, L. I.—Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building.

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, headquarters of Bay Shore Post 365, American Legion, was erected on land given by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph J. Mollenhauer, who also contrib-

uted to the building fund, which was raised through popular subscription. The building, designed by Charles F. Hart, has spacious meeting rooms and an auditorium seating 400.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church first held services in The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building on February 1, 1925. The cornerstone of the present building in Oconee just off West Main Street at Garner Lane was laid October, 1929. The parish house was dedicated on April 6, 1930.

St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church started from St. Mark's in Islip in 1876. The first chapel was on West Main Street and South Park Avenue. In 1888 the mission organized as a parish. The next location was on West Main Street and Fifth Avenue. Recently the church, now called St. Peter's by the Sea, built a structure and remodeled one on the Thorne estate on West Main Street further west than Fifth Avenue, having sold the old church to the adjacent Catholic Church, St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church goes back to 1858 when the first mass was celebrated. This took place at the Fifth Avenue home of Owen Drum. In 1863 a converted carpenter shop on Fifth Avenue north of Main Street became the church. It remained a mission church until 1883. In June 1904 the present site was built upon. This was a church in Lombard style designed by Gustave E. Steinbach. The cornerstone was laid in 1916. The Parochial School first held classes in the old Fifth Avenue Church with the Sisters of Mercy instructing. The first class was graduated in 1924 with eleven persons.

The Christian Science Temple at Garner Lane near West