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3. DESCRIPTION:

This district lies on both sides of Maple Avenue both north and south of Maple Court, however, more houses are on the east side of the road than on the west side. This street was developed by Selah Wicks.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

Although not developed as early as Shore Lane or Ocean Avenue, Maple is equally significant. It represents the final period in the Bay Shore flowering as a summer resort.

5. MAP:

see attached N. Y. State D.O.T. map

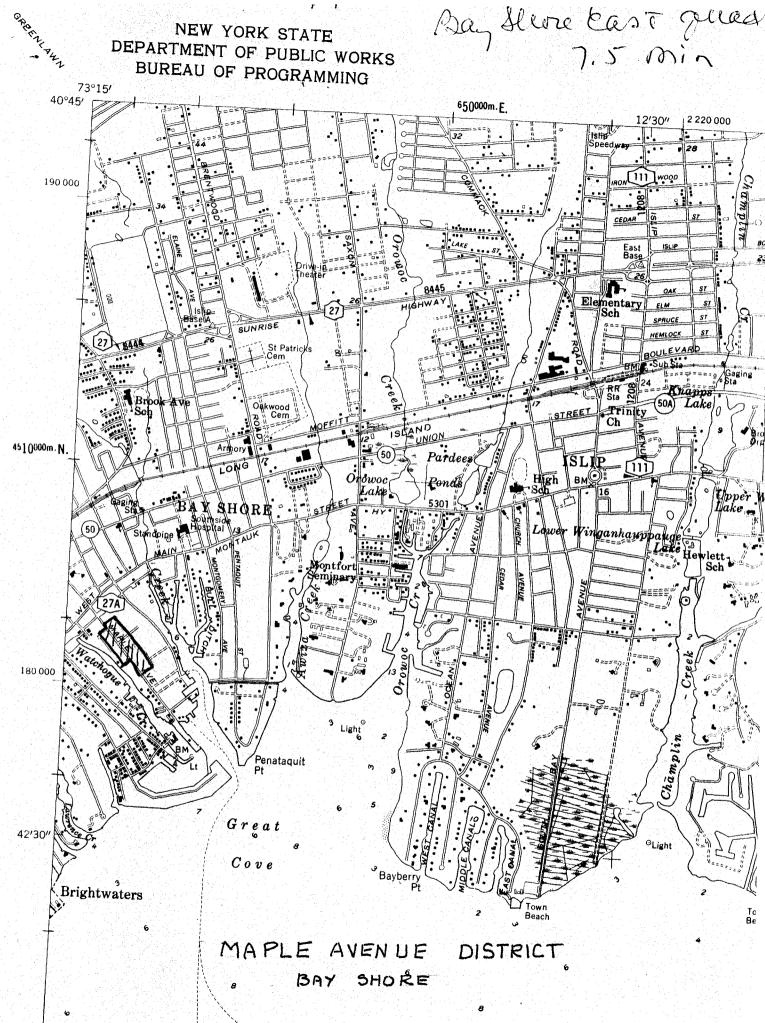
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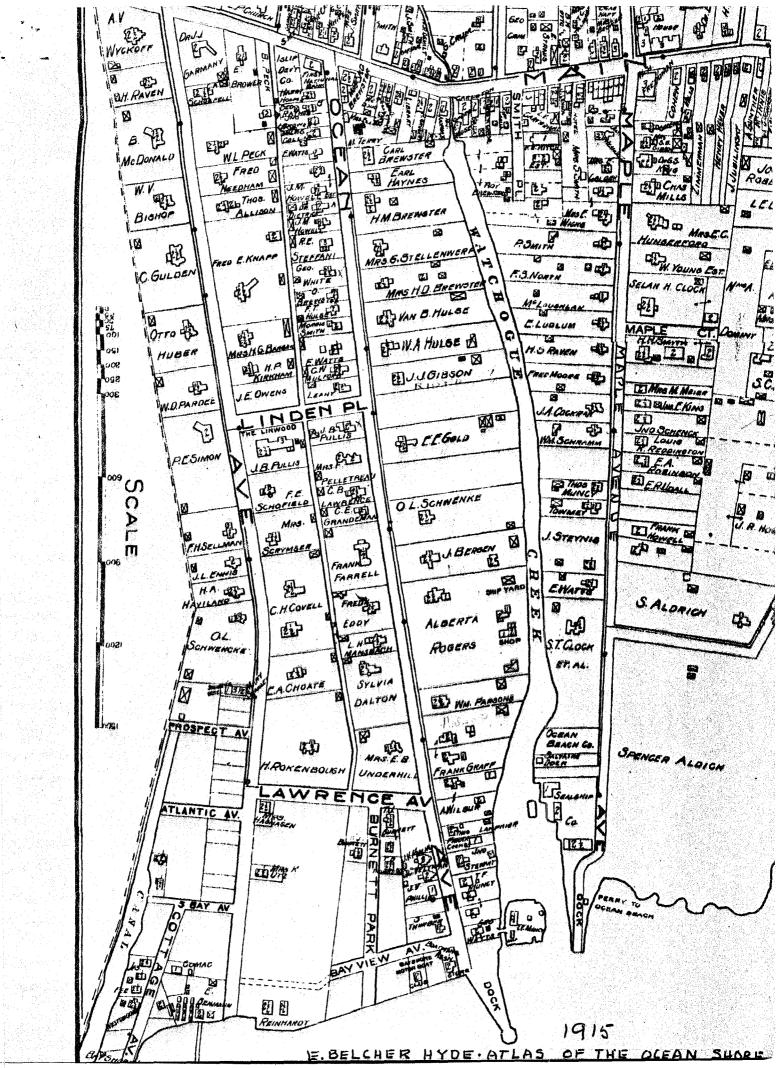
father of Perry Wicks. The land was partly used for farming, but its northern partion from Garfield Street down, was still a source of wood which Selah Wicks shipped to New York. Fourth Avenue originally ran through his farm, becoming a mere cowpath south of Main Street where it led down to pasture for cattle at the waterfront, and to a little dock used by the family. Selah Wicks developed the cowpath into a high-class residential street (Maple Avenue) when Bay Shore became a summer resort.

Clinton Avenue was also a development for summer people, opened by Nathaniel and Hallet Clock of Islip. Richard Montgomery, prominent real estate man and former resident, laid out Montgomery Avenue for the same use.

Early development northward extended on Fifth Avenue, Third Avenue, and to some degree on Brook Street, as well as Fourth Avenue. In North Bay Shore near Jarfield Street, Eliphalet Snedecor had several dozen cottages which were rented to colored (Indian or Negro) families. The tenants paid rent each day, on a sort of installment plan.

Third Avenue property near Main Street belonged to "Aunt Tisch Green", an Indian woman who sold her land on the west side to Seth Clock. South Park Avenue was a cranberry marsh, later filled in by Treadwell O. Smith.

About 1870 a large tract was surveyed for development of First and Second Avenues. By 1882 many houses had been erected. In its early days this property belonged to E.A. TUTTLE: ABRIEF HISTORY OF BAY SHORE: 1962



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