

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10503.000696
QUAD _____
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NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: July 1990
Town Hall, 655 Main St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

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

IDENTIFICATION (servants' wing) (Himes Museum of Motor Racing)

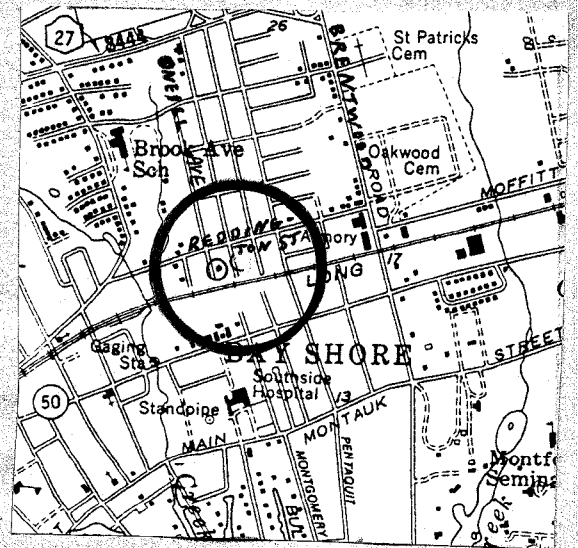
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Linwood Hotel wing (presently Himes House)
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 15 O'Neill Ave.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Marty Himes ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: hotel building Present: residence & museum
- 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: modern shingle
- 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. 1924 from Clinton Ave. & Linwood Pl.
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

converted to private residence

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK XXVIII-4 fm. NW 13. MAP: NYS DOT



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: auto racing museum and memorabilia on property
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)

15 O'Neill Ave. is located on the east side of a dead-end street in a residential neighborhood of houses that date primarily from the 20th century. The south part of the property is devoted to automobile racing memorabilia.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 15 O'Neill Avenue is a 2½ story, gable roof, gable end to the street building with a salt box profile rear (east) wing.

Originally the servants' wing for the Linwood Hotel (see below).

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1888

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally part of the Linwood Hotel, built in 1888 at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Linwood Place. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1924 and this wing was saved and moved to the present location where it is now a private residence. The property consists of garages that display automobile racing memorabilia, mostly related to Long Island.

21. SOURCES:

Interview, owner Marty Himes, July 1990.
Suffolk Life, 4/25/1990.

22. THEME:

Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK



Neg. KK XXVIII fm. W. Principle facade.
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Neg. KK XXVIII-6 showing Islip Speedway sign on display at the museum.

Auto history on LI

To the editor:

How many people know that at one time Long Island was part of the true automobile history, with drivers who became legends at Indianapolis 500? Duane, Carter, Len Duncan, Roger Ward, Dutch Schaffer and Don Schindler to name only a few. They all cut their teeth on the bull rings on LI and New York tracks like Freeport Municipal Stadium, Islip Speedway and Dexter Park, now all gone.

We on the Island have been fortunate to have people around who preserved our aviation history by creating the cradle of aviation museum, now part of the Nassau County park system and assisted by funding from Nassau County, but nothing was ever really done about automobile racing, and memories slowly fade away of a glorious era. Today, only Riverhead Raceway remains to carry the torch. At least, so I thought till I was allowed to view what one dedicated man

has accomplished by himself. After seeing what he's done at his home, I was whisked back to a day of wheel-to-wheel competition and evenings filled with family fun.

The great legends march their ghostly way across my mind and across history. The museum is called the Himes Museum of motor racing nostalgia and is run by a former racer, Marty Himes. It's located at 15 O'Neil Avenue, Bay Shore, 666-4912.

I do believe his efforts deserve an article in your great Long Island paper, perhaps people in our LI community or our civic groups will come forward and realize that here is a tourist attraction of the same caliber as the cradle of aviation, and with assistance, his efforts can be placed into the light of day for all to see and admire.

Thanks for letting me spout off.

John W. Schrader
E. Northport

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