

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0010
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

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 Quad IIIExt
 No. 7

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: August 29, 1975
Town Hall
 YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: (516) 581-2000

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Group of 7 Baymen's Cottages
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
 3. STREET LOCATION: #115, #117, #119, #121, #123, #125, #127 Ocean Ave. (east side)
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 6. USE: Original: Residences Present: Residences
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain BY appointment only.

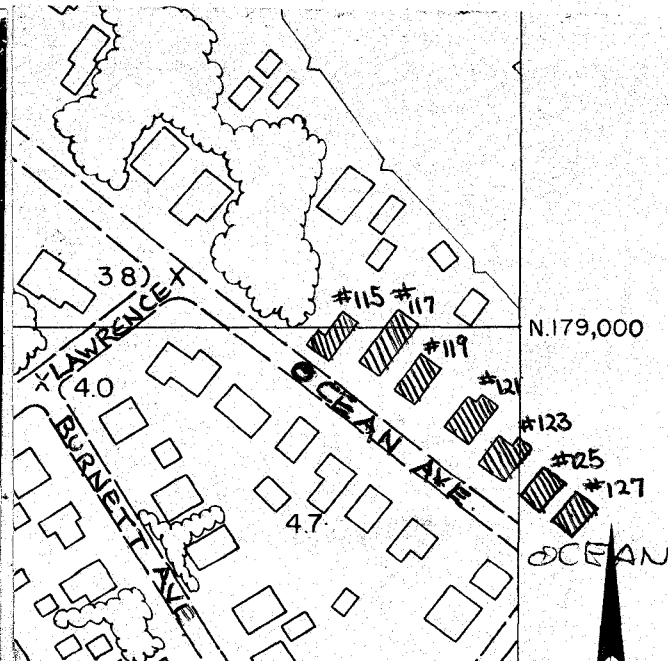
DESCRIPTION

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): _____

Houses have generally undergone some remodelling, I.E. #115 has a new chimney, stoop, and rear extensions.

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



Bay Shore Roll #05; Neg. #19
 HP-1 #115 Ocean Ave. - North & West (front) Sides.

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)

This group of houses is at the southern end of a residential area which runs south from Main Street to the Great South Bay. There are numerous houses of architectural significance in the area, ranging from large Victorian structures to this group of baymen's cottages.

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

The houses vary, but all retain some original elements, i.e., turned porch posts, shingles, windows, or brackets. Old postcards show some of these cottages when Ocean Avenue had clam shell roads and wooden sidewalks. All the cottages except #117 have gable roofs; #117 has a gambrel roof.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: unknown

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

These houses are examples of cottages, probably used by baymen, in contrast to the large houses, often originally vacation homes, which are predominant in the area. #123, 125, and 127 were probably built at the same time; each has two gabled sections at right angles. (#127 has new shingles). #119 and #121 have gable sides facing the street; #115's gables face the sides.

According to 1915 Belcher Hyde Atlas, the owners of the houses were as follows:

#115 - Thomas Lamphier	#117 - F. Coombs
#119 - Jno Stewart	#121 - T.F. Muncy
#123 - T.F. Muncy	#125 - T.F. Muncy
#127 - George Watts	

21. SOURCES: Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I. (Westerly Section). Brooklyn & Manhattan: E. Belcher Hyde, 1915. Vol.I. Plate 21. Postcard Collection of Mr. Phillips, Resident of #114 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, New York.

22. THEME:

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