

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000010
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

90NR1871

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: February 1990

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, 655 Main St.
Islip, LI, NY 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

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

IDENTIFICATION

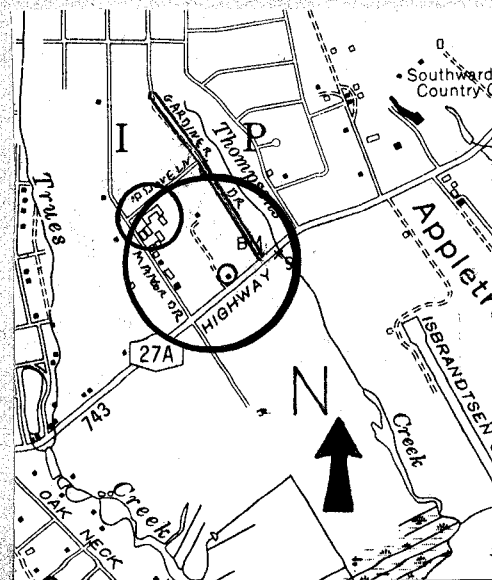
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Sagtikos Manor
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: West Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: South Country Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: RDL Gardiner ADDRESS: East Hampton
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: _____
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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): _____

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK VIII-4, fm. SW.

13. MAP: NYS DOT Bay Shore West Quad



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Following the death of the original patentee (1700), the property passed through a succession of owners, including Timothy Carle of Huntington (1706), until it was acquired in 1758 by the Thompson family of Brookhaven.³ It was during the ownership of Judge Isaac Thompson that the first east wing was added to the original manor house, probably about the middle of the eighteenth century. The wing, actually a five-bay house with center hall, became the main residence. The most notable feature of the eighteenth-century addition is the east parlor, which retains its original painted wood paneling.

Isaac Thompson (b. 1743) was a prominent Long Island figure of the late eighteenth century, serving as a royal magistrate before the American Revolution, as an organizer of the Suffolk County militia during the war, and as a New York State Judge and Assemblyman during the 1790's. Sagtikos Manor became a center of Thompson's political activity. British officers, including General Sir Henry Clinton, occasionally occupied the house during the Revolutionary War. During his tour of Long Island in 1790, George Washington recorded in his diary an overnight stop at "Squire Thompson's."⁴

Sagtikos Manor remained the property of the prominent Thompson family into the twentieth century: its owners included Jonathan Thompson (b. 1773), who served for a time as Collector of the Port of New York; David Thompson (b. 1798); an influential New York financier; and Frederick Diodati Thompson (b. 1847), a world traveler, philanthropist, and socialite.⁵ It was during the latter's residence at Sagtikos Manor that the main house was extensively enlarged and remodeled. About 1902 Thompson commissioned local architect Isaac Green of Sayville to design additions to the manor house in the fashionable "colonial revival" idiom of the era. The results of Green's efforts were the east wing extension, built to accommodate the ornately-paneled music room, and the gambrel-roofed north wing, a second house which became the principal Thompson family residence. The quality of architectural treatment embodied in Green's turn-of-the-century alterations make Sagtikos Manor a fine example of the colonial revival style as interpreted by a talented Long Island architect. The large rambling house reflects longevity of use by the

³William S. Pelletreau, A History of Long Island (3 vols., New York, 1903), 236; Tuttle, 48.

⁴Benjamin F. Thompson, History of Long Island (third ed., 3 vols., New York, 1918), II, 365; W.W. Munsell & Co., A History of Suffolk County, New York, 1683-1882 (New York, 1882), 9.

⁵Pelletreau, III, 237.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Isaac Green (20th c. additions)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sagtikos Manor, established in 1697 under a royal patent granted to Stephanus Van Cortlandt, is located in the present Village of West Bay Shore. Begun in the late seventeenth century and greatly enlarged during the eighteenth and early twentieth centuries, the large and rambling main house is significant for its historical associations with the prominent Carle, Thompson, and Gardiner Families of Long Island, and for its architectural quality. Sagtikos Manor is primarily illustrative of estate life and architecture at the turn of the century, when architect Isaac Green redesigned the house in the fashionable "colonial revival" style for its owner, philanthropist and socialite Frederick Diodati Thompson.

The first permanent English settlement in the Town of Islip resulted from a series of royal land patents granted by William and Mary following the "Glorious Revolution" of 1688. Among the first of the patentees was Stephanus Van Cortlandt (b. 1643), a New York merchant and government official of Dutch descent who initially purchased his land at Islip from local Indians in 1692.¹ This purchase of the tract "Commonly called and known by the Indian Name Saghtekoos and by the Christians called Apple-tree Neck" was subsequently recognized in a royal patent granted Van Cortlandt under the seal of Governor Benjamin Fletcher in 1697. The Van Cortlandt patent encompassed 1,200 acres extending in a narrow strip from Great South Bay a distance of eight miles inland.² The Sagtikos property was little used by the Van Cortlandt family, whose landholdings were concentrated in the lower Hudson Valley. It is likely, however, that the earliest portion of the extant manor house dates from the late seventeenth century and was built by Stephanus Van Cortlandt to validate his patent claim. Exposed interior timber framing in the oldest part of the house tends to confirm an early date of construction.

¹Etta Anderson Tuttle, "A Brief History of Bay Shore," (1962: unpublished typescript on deposit, NYS Division for Historic Preservation, Albany, NY), 46-47.

²Harold Donaldson Eberlein, Manor Houses and Historic Homes of Long Island and Staten Island (Philadelphia, 1928), 129-130.

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)

Refer to National Register Form

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

Refer to National Register Form

- SIGNIFICANCE**
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 17th century, mid 18th century, 1905
 ARCHITECT: 1905 wing - I.H. Green
 BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to National Register Form

21. SOURCES:

Refer to National Register Form

22. THEME:
 Research by the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK



Neg. KK VIII-9, fm. N, view of north facade and buttery.



Neg. KK VIII-5, fm. SW, view of wing designed by I.H. Green.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sagtikos Manor

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Montauk Highway

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Bay Shore (N.Y. Rt. 27A) VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

New York

CODE

36

COUNTY

Suffolk

CODE

103

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Robert D.L. Gardiner

STREET & NUMBER

990 Fifth Avenue

CITY, TOWN

New York

STATE

New York

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Suffolk County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Riverhead

STATE

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

State Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

NYS Parks and Recreation, Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Albany

STATE

New York

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house presently known as Sagtikos Manor is a large rambling frame structure located in the Village of West Bay Shore. The main house and a number of dependencies occupy a plot of ten acres on the north side of Montauk Highway (N.Y. Route 27A). Large trees and landscaped grounds surround the buildings. Originally an elongated, narrow tract of 1,200 acres extending north from Great South Bay, the estate property has been greatly reduced to its present size during the twentieth century. Sagtikos Manor is bounded on its east, north, and west sides by a modern residential development, and overlooks a Suffolk County park of 230 acres on the south side of Montauk Highway.

Sagtikos Manor is a long, eclectic structure which has been extensively enlarged by additions, and alterations during its long active life as a residence. In plan the house is L-shaped: a portion of the original house (allegedly built in the late seventeenth century) joins a long rectangular, gable-roofed wing to a large gambrel-roofed addition which is actually a second house. The original house and its elongated two and one-half-story east wing are oriented south, facing the highway. The gambrel-roofed north addition, also two-and-one-half stories in height, is oriented west, at right angles to the gable-roofed portion of the house. The entire manor house is sheathed in weatherboard siding.

The oldest portion of Sagtikos Manor is a one and one-half-story, timber-framed structure with gable roof. The apparent unbalanced placement of the two south bays suggests the original house was once a larger dwelling, a part of which was either removed or incorporated into a subsequent enlargement.

Abutting the east side of the small original dwelling is the two-and-one-half story rectangular wing, built in two stages. The first stage, a rectangular five-bay house with center hall, was constructed around the middle of the eighteenth century. An exterior brick chimney at the east gable end and another chimney shared with the older house at the west end give vertical thrust to the long structure. The second addition to the east wing was built about 1905. Virtually identical in style to the existing wing, this twentieth century addition is four bays in length and effectively doubled the length of the earlier house. Details added to the east wing during the early twentieth century include a raised porch and portico at the main entrance on the south elevation; a one-story veranda with roof balustrade extending around the south and east elevations of the twentieth century addition; and six pedimented dormers regularly spaced across the south elevation. The east wing is further characterized by a dentiled cornice below the roof line, six-over-six double-hung windows, and louvered shutters on all windows.

The north addition to Sagtikos Manor was built in 1905. The slightly rectangular two and one-half-story building appears nearly square because

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of a large cross gable which duplicates the lines and dimensions of the structure's gambrel roof. Four dormers sheathed in weathered shingles flank the cross gable and abut its shingle roof.

The north and south elevations of the gambrel-roofed house are characterized by a pair of identical one-story balustraded verandas. Fenestration is virtually identical to that of the east wing. A pair of massive interior brick chimneys flank the cross gable at the ridge of the roof, and a decorative roof balustrade extends between the two chimneys.

The interiors of Sagtikos Manor reflect the same alterations which characterize the exterior. The low ceilings and smaller room dimensions of the seventeenth and eighteenth century portions contrast sharply with the larger and more ornate rooms of the early twentieth century. Many rooms are wallpapered in the bold prints of the late nineteenth century. Among the most noteworthy of the manor's forty-two rooms are: The Gardiner parlor with its eighteenth century painted paneling; the formal dining room; and the music room, whose opulent neo-colonial decor reflects the tastes of the early 1900's. Sagtikos Manor is furnished throughout with antiques and heirlooms owned and used by succeeding generations of Sagtikos occupants. The house and grounds are operated as a museum open to the public on a regular seasonal basis.

Located a short distance north of the manor house are a number of dependencies associated with the development of the property. These include: a small gable-roofed brick buttery; a walled formal garden, lily pool, and frame potting shed, all of which date from the early twentieth century; an H-shaped carriage house and modern caretaker's apartment; and a small burial plot containing monuments to members of the Thompson and Gardiner families of Sagtikos Manor.

The present owner has offered Sagtikos Manor to Suffolk County for use as a public property in conjunction with a nearby county park. County officials are studying this proposal.

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same families over more than two centuries, and illustrates the periodic expansion of a house to fit the changing needs and tastes of its occupants. With its carriage house, formal walled garden and landscaped grounds, Sagtikos Manor preserves a sense of the estate life enjoyed by Frederick Diodati Thompson and his family during the early twentieth century.

From the Thompsons, ownership of Sagtikos Manor passed through inter-marriage to the equally prominent Gardiner family of Long Island. Presently operated as a museum, Sagtikos Manor remains the property of the Gardiners, though public acquisition is being considered by Suffolk County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 6455410 45071.50

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 6457310 45060.310

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 6456210 45068.30

D 6454710 45070.710

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Raymond W. Smith, Historic Preservation Program Assistant

ORGANIZATION

NYS Parks and Recreation, Division for Historic Preservation July 27, 1976

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza

TELEPHONE

518-474-0479

CITY OR TOWN

Albany

STATE

New York 12238

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE XX

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

DATE

8/2/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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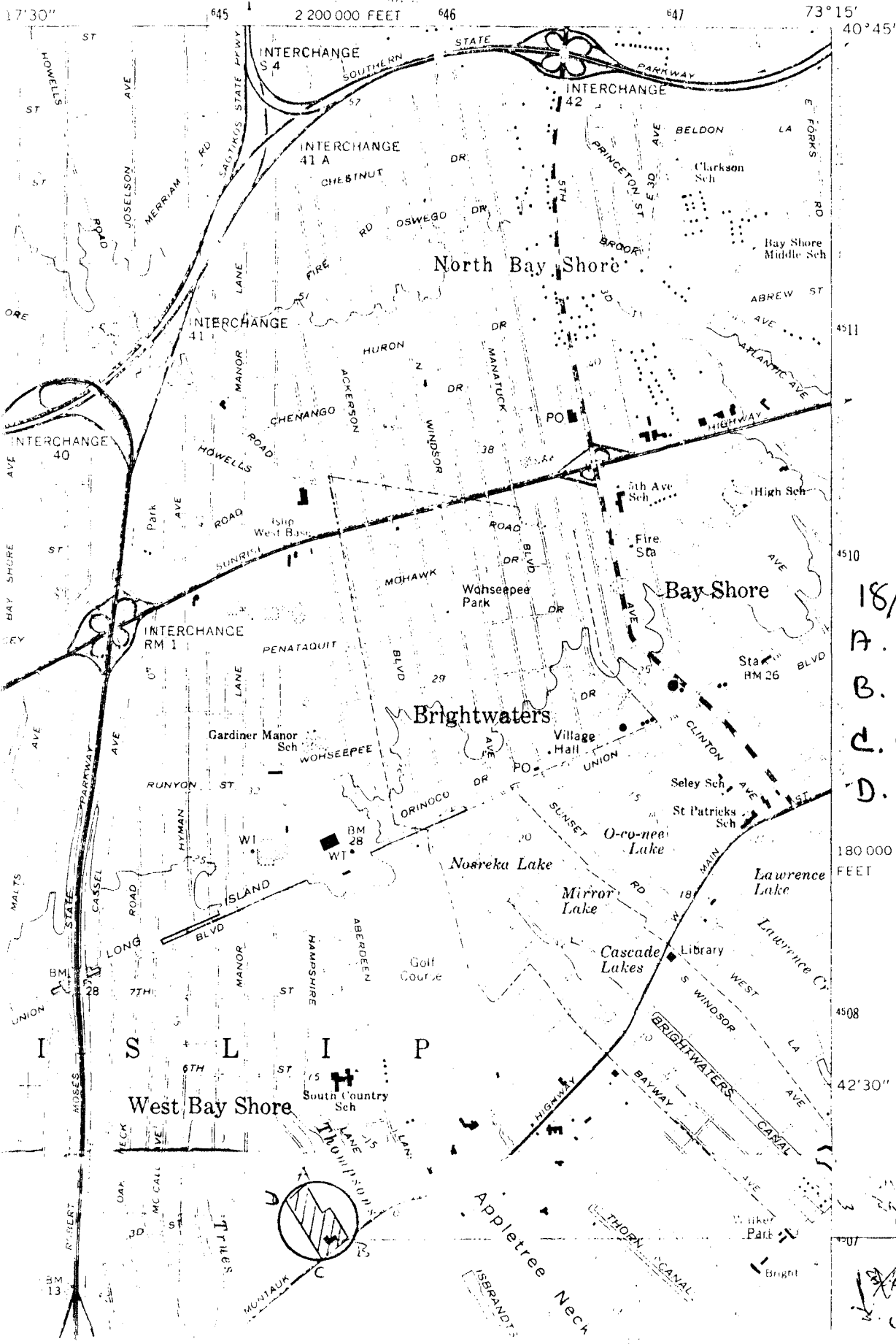
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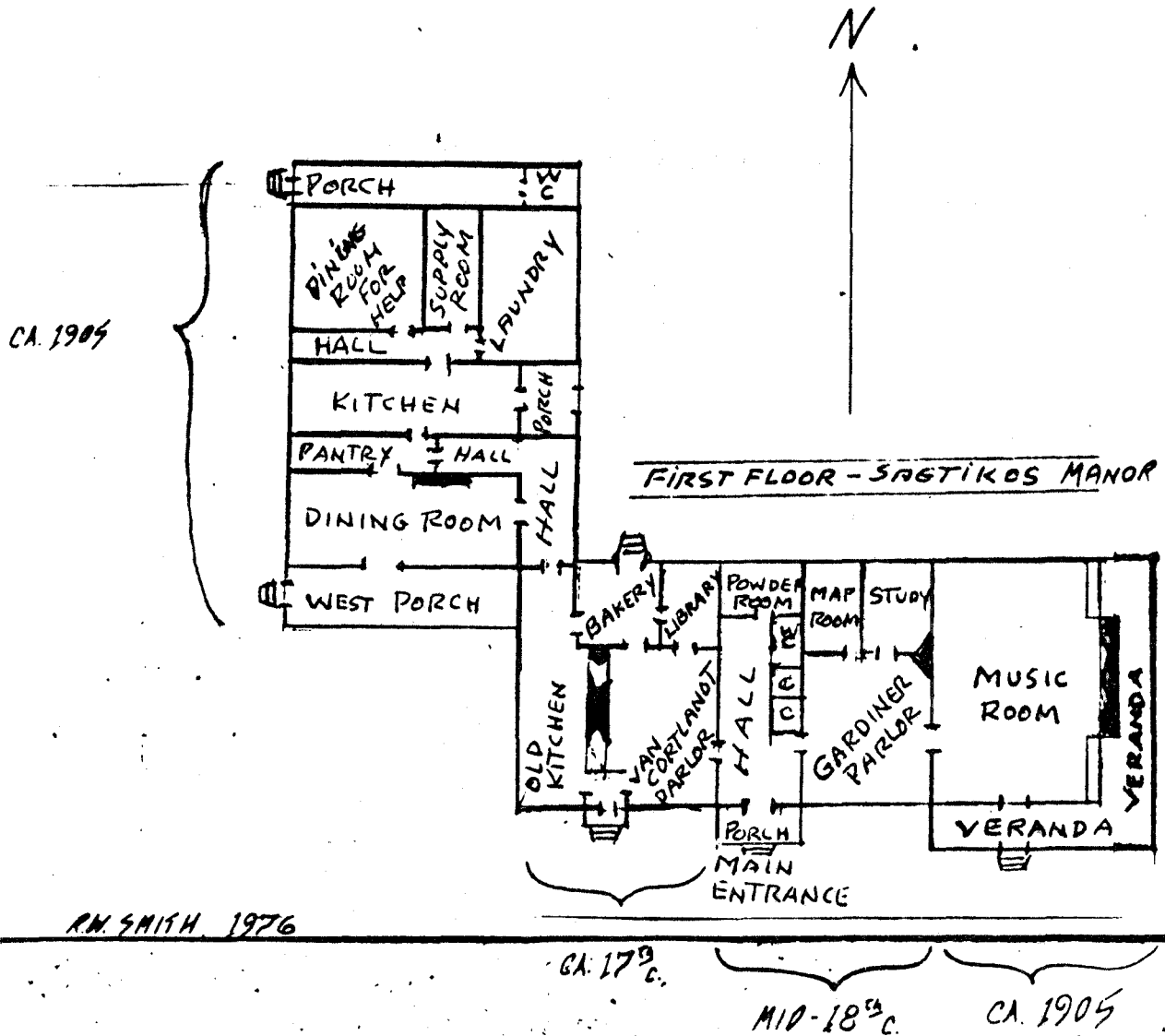
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 Suffolk County, New York
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 Albany, New York
 1976