

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000633

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: December 1989
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

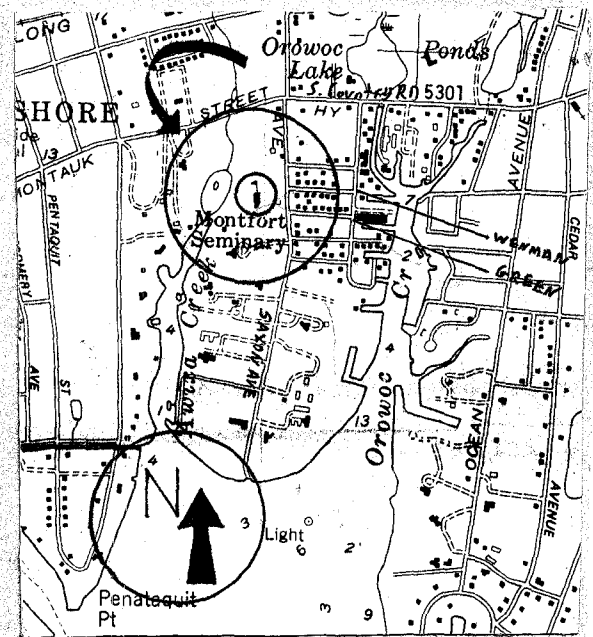
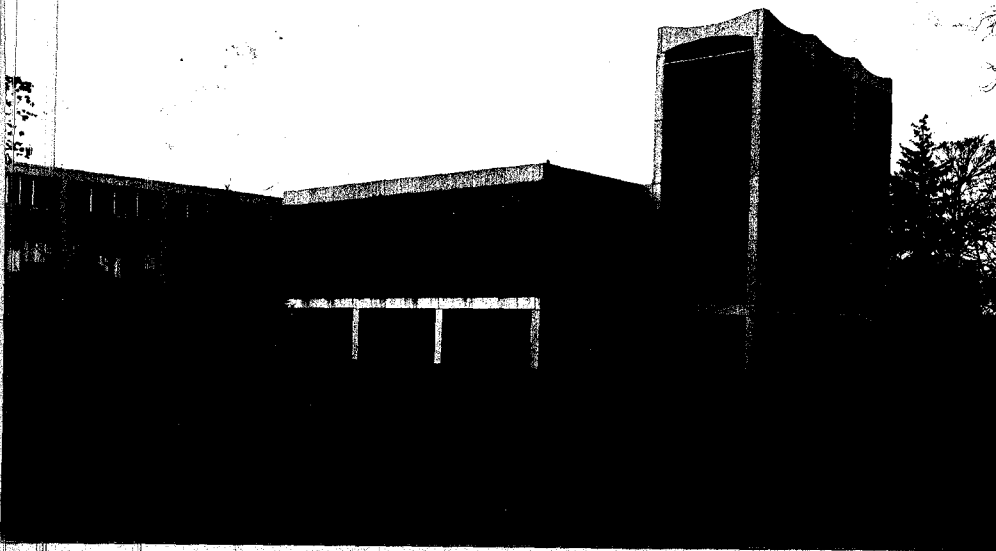
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Montfort Seminary - former Knapp/Belmont Carriage House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 26 Saxon Ave.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Montfort Seminary ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: seminary Present: seminary
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: concrete
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
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 I-15, fm. SE

13. MAP: NYS DOT Bay Shore East Quad



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 2 1/2 story, shingled, gable roof. c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: 14 acre lot
 j. other: religious sculpture
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: wetlands along Awixa Creek

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Montfort Seminary, built on a former estate property, is located on the west side of Saxon Avenue opposite five early 20th century stucco residences. The large property is predominantly open land with mature trees. Wetlands are maintained along Awixa Creek and the small lake to the west.

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

The Montfort Seminary is a large, two story, flat roof, brick and concrete building with an indented ground story framed by concrete posts. A large, multi-story entrance wing is centered on the main facade with brick panels set between concrete pilasters under elliptical arch windows and an inverted elliptical arch cresting. Large, three story, flat roof wing to the west.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1962

ARCHITECT: Brady & Zazzi, 55 West 42nd. St., NYC

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This large modern building makes an architectural statement of considerable power on this quiet street of former estates. The Seminary occupied the site of the Livingston Estate in 1927. In 1952 they bought the seven acre Hawkins Estate which adjoined on the south. The Hawkins mansion was demolished in 1982.

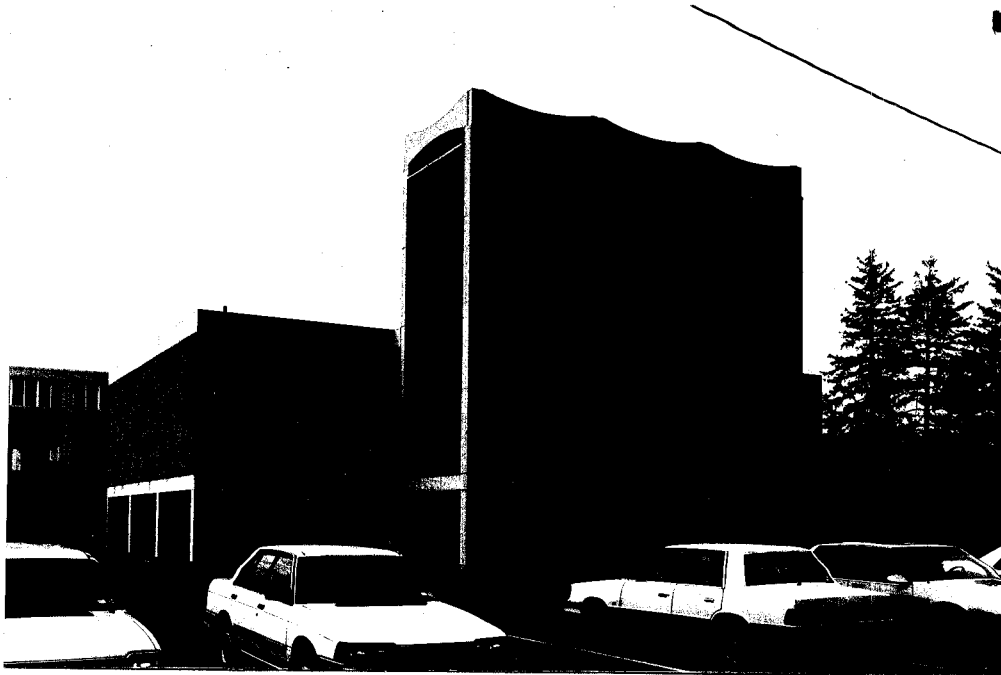
The Hawkins estate was the original Knapp and later Belmont estates. The surviving carriage house was probably the Knapp/Belmont carriage house.

21. SOURCES:
 Interview, Father Charest, 12/12/1989. Interview, Bldng. Supt., 10/1989.
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 erly section), 1915.
22. ~~Correspondence~~ Correspondence, Harry Havemeyer, 2/1990.

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Montfort Seminary
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Neg. KK I-14, fm. E/SE. Entrance wing facing Saxon Avenue.

Montfort Seminary
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Formerly Hawkins carriage house



Neg. KK I-13,
fm. SW.

This is a 2½ story, former estate carriage house now converted to residential use situated near the creek west of the Seminary. Note original shingles and flaring stringcourse at the first floor level.

It is possible that this was the August Belmont carriage house as shown on the 1915 map.