

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000634
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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

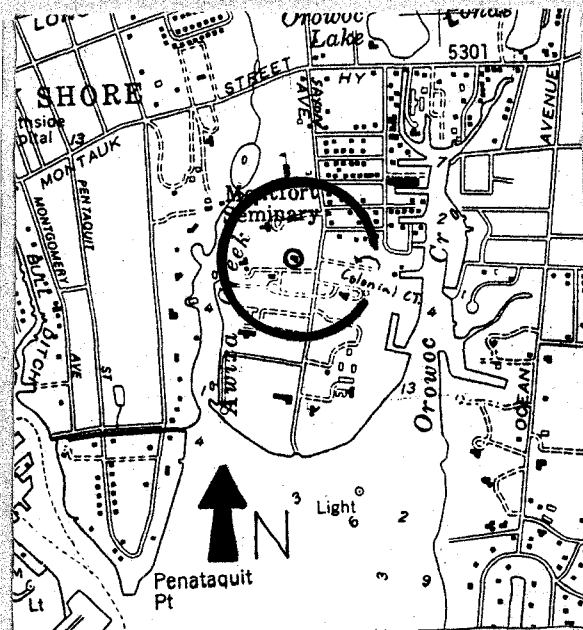
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Mrs. Edward Spring Knapp House
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
3. STREET LOCATION: 52 Saxon Ave.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible 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: _____
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 I-16, fm. NE

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 c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: circular driveway
 j. other: open field to west
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: Awixa Creek to west

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district) In Awixa Creek Area District
 52 Saxon Avenue is set back from the west side of the street on a predominantly open parcel with scattered mature trees and a large open field to the west. The house is south of the large Montfort Seminary parcel in a residential area of large older houses and smaller, recently constructed residences.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 52 Saxon Avenue is a large, 2½ story, five bay, Colonial Revival house with a truncated hip roof and scrolled pedimented dormers with 8/2 windows. The center of the principle facade contains a 2½ story projecting pedimented element with a semi-circular portico, ramped rails, Palladian window, and fanlight. A cornice with block modillions surrounds the house. Enclosed porch on the west and large wing on the south.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1896
- ARCHITECT: _____
- BUILDER: Velsor

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

On the 1902 and 1915 maps there are two houses on the Knapp property. The northernmost, which was the Knapp residence according to local historians, was demolished in 1982.

52 Saxon Avenue is the southernmost house on the Knapp property. The 1915 map shows the same houses but ownership was then August Belmont for both.

Although the I.H. Green Account Book notes alterations on a Knapp House in 1915, it is believed that this building was demolished in 1982.

52 Saxon Avenue retains excellent integrity and is a significant landmark.

21. SOURCES:

Starace, Carl. "Historic Long Island", Islip Bulletin, 1/18/1979.
 "April 1915 - 70 Years Ago", Babylon Leader, 4/7/1955.

I.H. Green Account Book

22. ETH Belcher Hyde. Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I., (west-erly section), 1915.
South Side Signal, 8/29/1896 (research by H. Havemeyer)

Edward Spring Knapp House
52 Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore



Neg. KK I-17, fm. W. West facade undergoing restoration.