

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000635
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

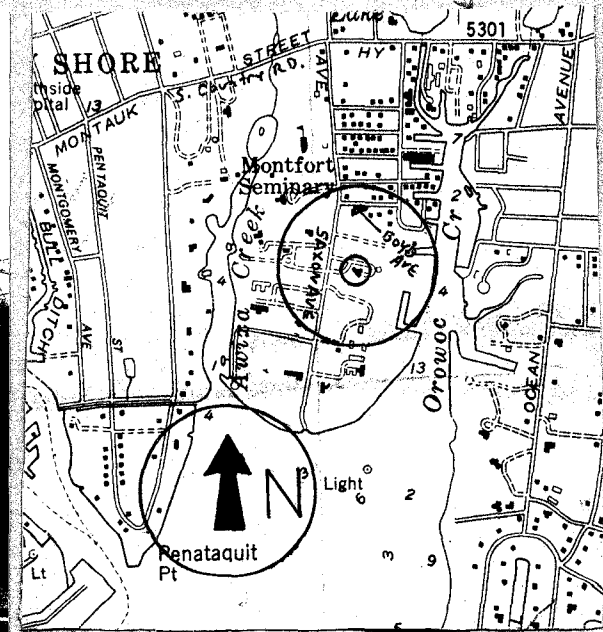
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Mrs. L. Gibb House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Saxon Ave., east side, corner Dover Ct.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY 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: (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-19, fm. S

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: _____
 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: Orowoc Creek to the east

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

Now situated on approximately one acre, the Gibb House is surrounded by a mix of historic and recently constructed residences along Saxon Avenue. The front portion of the property facing Saxon Avenue now contains an older house moved to the site c. 1980. The Gibb house is set diagonally.

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

The Gibb House is a large, 2½ story, shingle-style mansion with a subsumed porch and a porte cochere. A large rear wing extends diagonally to the east. Two 2½ story gambrel roof facade bays flank the three shed roof double dormers. Above these are three round-topped 3rd story dormer windows. The exposed brick of the chimney on the east is flush with the shingle surface.

Eaves and soffits are shingled.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1903

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Gibb House is a magnificent survivor, representative of a turn-of-the-century mansion in a shorefront area. Its large entrance hall with fireplace and open balconied staircase is typical. In 1944 the house was identified as Mrs. L. Gibb. Today the house is situated on one acre. After the Gibbs, it was owned by Charles H. Tenney.

There is a John Gibb house across Orowoc Creek, entrance on South Ocean Avenue, Islip.

21. SOURCES:

E. Belcher Hyde. Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I., (western section), 1915.

South Side Signal, 9/12/1903. Coll. Harry Havemeyer.

22. THEME:

Mrs. L. Gibb House
Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore



Neg. KK I-21, fm. SE. East chimney and angled wing.



Neg. KK I-20, fm. W. The west chimney rises from the 2nd floor level over the subsumed porch. This is a characteristic chimney treatment of the architect I.H. Green. It is possible that perhaps he designed this house.