

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0112  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*DOJ*  
Quad IV Ext.  
No. 6A

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: September 11, 1975  
Town Hall  
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: (516) 581-2000  
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing & Development

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~Meisner House; formerly one of J.R. Howell's houses~~
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: ~~#66 Shore Lane (west side, south of Gibson Street)~~
- 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 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: (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): \_\_\_\_\_

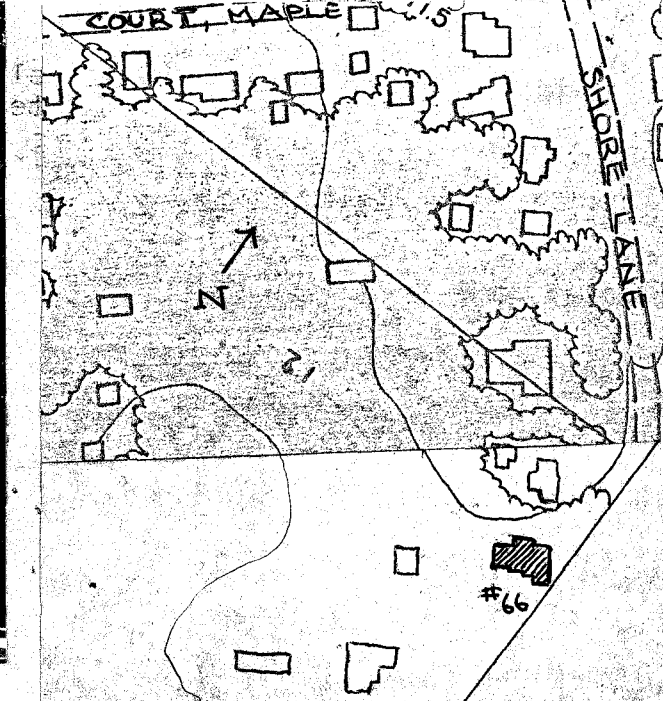
House has undergone extensive remodelling: Removal of cornice & Brackets. New shingles. New entrance porch. Addition of side porch. Rear extensions.

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



HP-1 Bay Shore Roll #Q6; Neg. #14  
Front Facade



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 house is in 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 Greek Revival to Colonial Revival, with Victorian predominating.

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

This two and one-half story house ~~was~~ in the Italianate Style. It has a gable roof, with the gable facing the street. There is a projecting wing on the north side.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: unknown

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Despite extensive remodelling, this house remains a recognizable example of the Italianate Style. There is a pointed window in the front gable, and the rectangular windows have projecting heads. The main section is two and one-half stories, and three bays wide; there is a wing on the north side.

It was one of several houses in the area owned by J.R. Howell, as shown on the 1915 maps.

21. SOURCES:

Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, L.I. (Westerly Section).

Brooklyn & Manhattan: E. Belcher Hyde, 1915. Volume I. Plate 21.

Interview with Mrs. Mooney, Grand-daughter of J.R. Howell, & Long-time

22. THEME: Resident of Bay Shore, 5 West Drive, Bay Shore. Sept., 1975.