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YOUR NAME: TOWN OF ISLIP DATE: October 1975

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751  
Department of Planning, Housing & Development

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1. NAME OF DISTRICT: (Shore Lane District)

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore

3. DESCRIPTION:

This is a large district with some of the houses believed to have been built before 1873. Shore Lane apparently was opened prior to 1865.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

Typical of the summer resort era in Bay Shore.

5. MAP:

New York State D.O.T. attached

Shore Lane District

6. SOURCES:

Beers Comstock, Atlas of Long Island, 1873

E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of the Ocean Shore ..., 1915

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

9. PHOTOS: See forms (IV-16) (IV-17) (IV-18) (IV-19) (IV-20)  
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Sound. Above the main highway this thoroughfare was later called Telegraph Road, leading to Thompson's Station on the railroad.

When Nathaniel Smith died on February 27, 1787, he left his farm to two sons, Philip and Walter, who divided the property by making Bay Avenue the boundary--Walter took the east portion, Philip the west. Deeds covering such transactions are amusing today, because the ancient markers mentioned are gone--for example: pear trees, fences, bars in the fence, and a walnut bush in the hedge.

Walter was the father of Treadwell, Ezra, Benjamin, and Edgar Smith, all of whom were heirs. Treadwell bought some property from his brothers and began developing it into lots for cranberries, orchards, etc. He ran a general store on Main Street. In 1865 he developed Ocean Avenue from alongside his store down to the Bay.

Meanwhile South Bay Shore Avenue (Shore Lane) had been opened down to a public dock on Penataquit Creek near the bay, where Selah Howell, a well-known boat builder, had his place of business. Aldrich Court was not laid out until many years later when it seemed advisable for the township to construct a link between South Bay Shore and Maple Avenues.

In the central section Joshua Wicks owned a vast tract of woodland, covered with tall trees. Upon his death he left property to several sons, among whom was Selah Wicks,

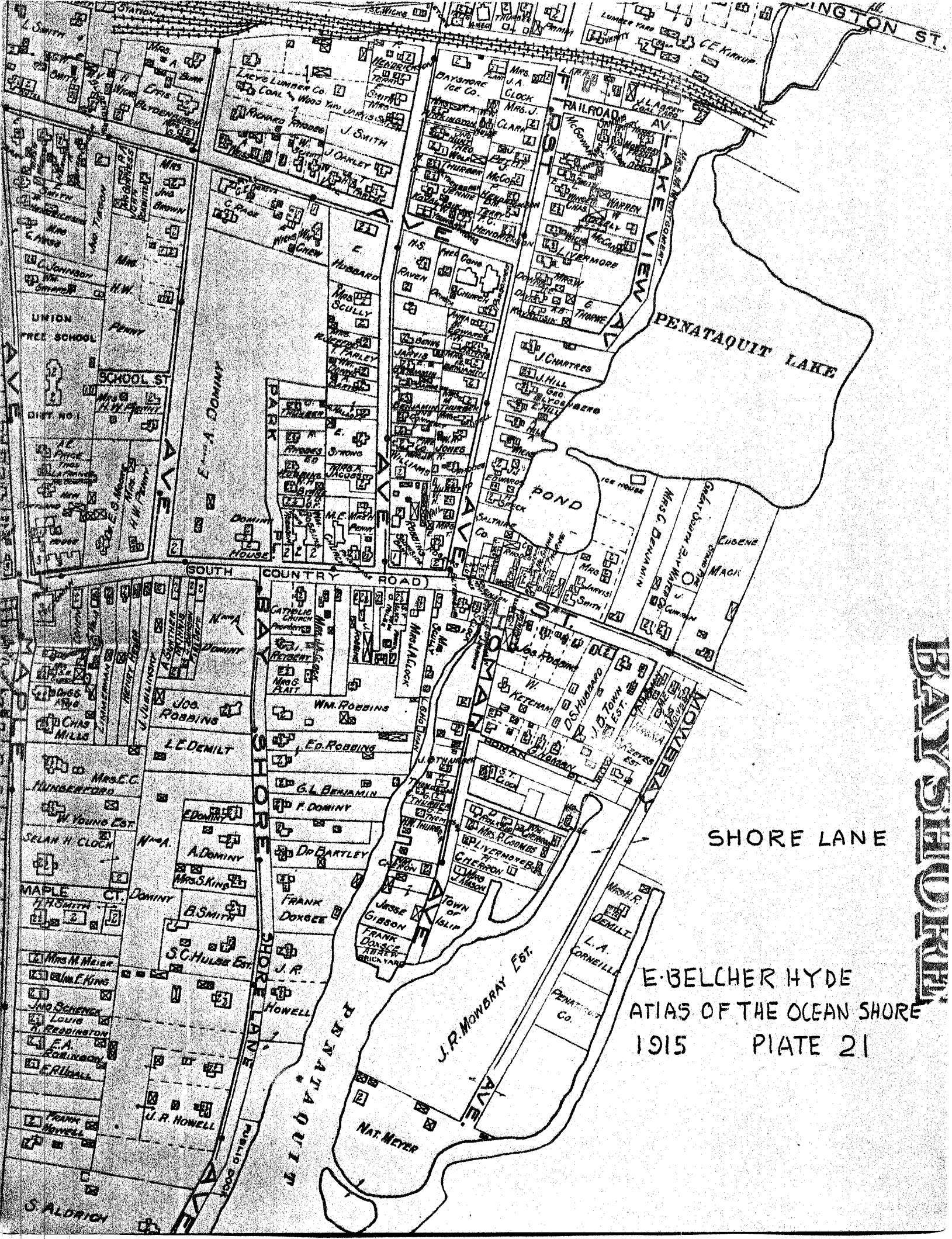
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ATLAS OF THE OCEAN SHORE  
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