

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: February 1990  
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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

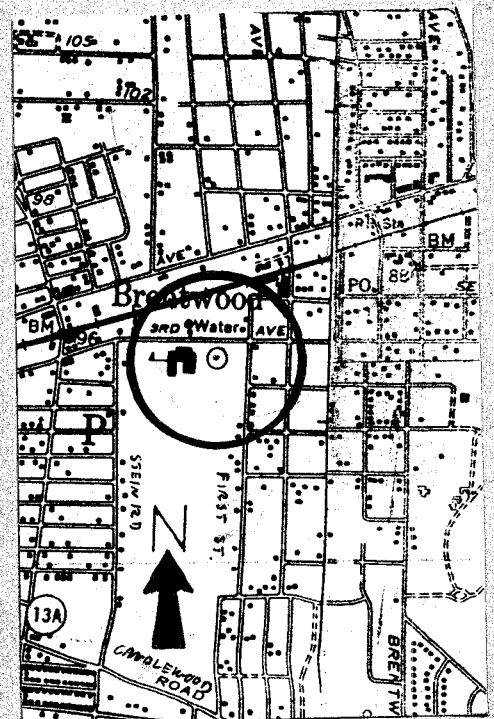
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Octagon School House
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood
3. STREET LOCATION: Third Ave., south side, east of Stein Rd.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  (on Brentwood Board of Education property)
5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
6. USE: Original: school Present: vacant
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain No

**DESCRIPTION**

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten  battens missing  
 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? 1989 from NW corner Second St.  
 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): & Fifth Ave. to above location.

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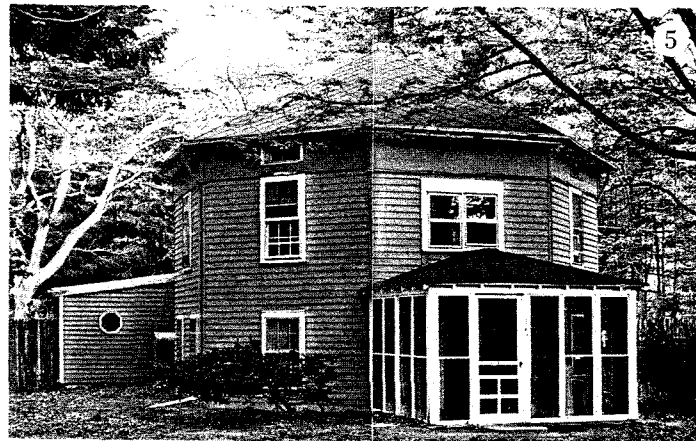
13. MAP: NYS DOT Central Islip Quad





**L.I. OCTAGON SURVEY**

Seen here are photographs from the SPLIA report on Long Island's mid-nineteenth century octagon buildings which was prepared in 1974. From left to right; ① Octagon Hotel, Oyster Bay; ② octagon privy, East Massapequa; ③ Prince-Kabler house, Huntington; ④ octagon schoolhouse, Brentwood; ⑤ Christ Church Rectory, Brentwood; ⑥ octagon carriage house, Stony Brook; ⑦ octagon house, Patchogue; ⑧ octagon house, Mattituck.



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: vandalism

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: temporary location (on skids)

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

The octagon school house is presently located on Brentwood Board of Education property directly east of the Administration Building. The building is visible from Third Avenue.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Refer to 1975 Inventory Form

**SIGNIFICANCE**  
 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1856

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to 1975 Inventory Form

21. SOURCES:  
Refer to 1975 Inventory Form  
Beacon, 3/23/1989.

22. THEME:  
Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK



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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 8/15/75  
 YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall 655 Main St. Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000  
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, & Development

### IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): Old Octagon Schoolhouse
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood
- STREET LOCATION: Nw Corner of Second St. & Fifth Ave.
- OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- USE: Original: Schoolhouse Present: Residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTION

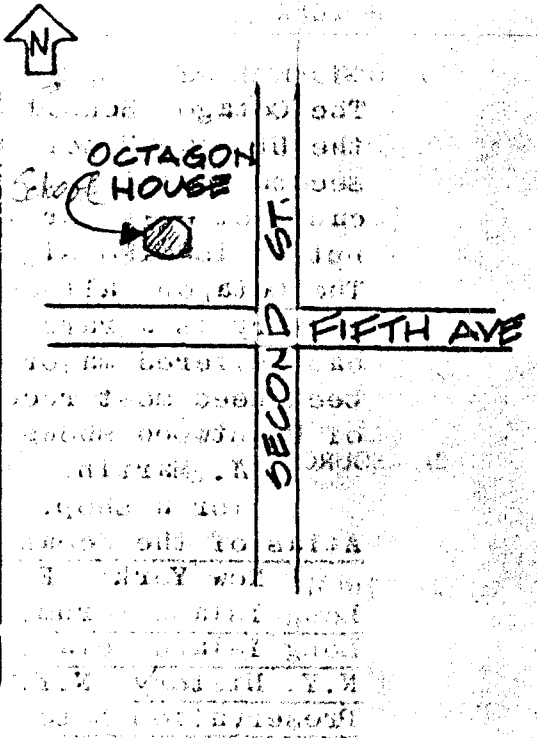
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d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
- CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):  
Exterior remodeled.

12. PHOTO: Negative No. C-16A

13. MAP:



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14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
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Octagonal shaped building. Original windows. Wood portico at entrance. Pointed dormers in alternating walls of the octagon. Extensively remodeled exterior.

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- ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_
- BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Long Island Octagon Survey, N.Y.S. Division for Historic Preservation.  
 N.Y. History, N.Y.S. Historical Assoc. 1952, Vol 33. P. 326.  
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## Brentwood Octogon Schoolhouse To Be Saved

Glen A. Santos  
Approved on Tuesday, by the Town of Islip board, a resolution passed transferring fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), in funds to the

Brentwood School District, solely for relocation the Brentwood octogonal schoolhouse, the first school house in Brentwood, currently located at the northw-

est corner of Fifth Avenue and Second Street, in the hamlet of Brentwood. Its structure now sits on land being considered for development, is exposed to pos-

sible vandalism and destruction. The Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, has noted it as an historic property on the

Official Map of the Town of Islip. Brentwood School District officials have made arrangements to properly relocate the structure next to the Admissions

Building, on the southside of Second Avenue, Union Free School District II grounds. This octogonal structure, is one of two in Brentwood, (Continued on Page 16)

## Schoolhouse

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and only eight of its kind exist as historical landmarks on Long Island. Students initiate restoration, and upkeep of the structure. Pride and a sense of dignity is in the hands of the students, and a landmark is kept in the Brentwood Community.

Construction for a new Pathmark shopping center on 50,000 square feet of commercial property, will not begin until next year. Meanwhile, it's still a residential community, which must relocate at least 20 families from the proposed area. The residents are letting their complaints be heard, though the development seems apparent. The proposal is near the corner of Suffolk Avenue and Fifth Avenue in Brentwood.

On Tuesday, 21st, during Public Hearings at Islip's Town Hall, resident's were heard. One home-owner, Robert Williams, 10 Wicks Road; Brentwood, believes his family isn't getting 'Fair Market Value' of their home. Also, he, as well as other area residents, feel that \$5,000, by commercial developer, Jerry Stolse, isn't enough for moving expenses. Some monies might be assessed for worth, still others may lose out overall. Although, if their cases are brought before a court, they could decide on the best alternative, according to Supervisor Frank R. Jones.

For convenience of patrons, a vote passed, giving banking customers more access to their money. An automatic Banking Machine will be located in the near future, at the southeast corner, on the main floor, of the Long Island Mac Arthur Airport for five years, with a five year option agreement, with the airport.

The rent for the five year lease, \$4,000 per year, an annual increase of the Consumer Price Index Percen-

tage, minimum 3%, and not to exceed 9%, using 1989 as the base rent year. While the CPI increase will prevail during the option period.

Tenants of the Islip Grange, Bernard and Denise Smallwood, have been given an extended stay until January 31, 1989. The Town of Islip, owns the property which is also known as the "Robinson House", located on Broadway Avenue, Sayville, New York. The Town will receive \$600 per month rent, along with services from the Smallwoods.

The tenants have assisted the Town in renovation, and interior design, to its original stake circa 1830. They are highly qualified by education and knowledge in history, and are willing to continue to live on the premise.

A privately owned dock and marina, on the south shore lands of Fire Island, east by the Atlantic Ocean, and west by Ocean Beach, in the confines of Islip township will serve, seasonally, for recreational purposes. It's capable of holding 54 boat slips. Dock space is considered for residents of other counties, by day, but can't keep their boats there at night. The reason: Fire Island citizens have ownership. They pay Fire Island taxes for the marina, on the establishment of Seaview Park and Harbor District, Fire Island.

Youth Development Programs in Bay Shore, Central Islip, and Brentwood have been granted additional funding by the Town of Islip. The \$80,000.00 in Suffolk County funds, will be dispersed, as follows: \$28,000.00 for Bay Shore CCY; \$26,000.00 for Central Islip YDC, and \$26,000.00 for Brentwood YDC.

## Budget

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proposed budget. The "Regular Day Instruction Program" represents approximately 50% of the total budget and details the costs of educating such as teachers, fringe benefits and classroom materials and supplies. The total proposed budget, all parts, currently reflects a 7.29% or \$3.1 million increase over last year with budget talks still in progress for anticipated changes to reflect an overall increase of only 7%. And with this Dr. Bernhard announced that the summer school program for 1989 will be eliminated (as was done in 1988) because it cannot be afforded. The Board and public then voiced their questions, opinions and concerns about the various costs in the budget.

The Board of Education approved the Stipulation of Agreement with the West Islip Administrators' Association for a three year contract commencing July 1, 1989; and approved a resolution to authorize Mr. James Butler, Board President, to execute the contract for the sale of Southgate property (school) and to establish a tax abatement reserve account from the proceeds of the sale. Also approved was a resolution to establish an appropriation in the 1988-89 budget to fund the Oquenock Elementary School asbestos abatement

project. The Board discussed having Fire Island students attend West Islip secondary schools for the 1989-90 school year, and approved Mr. Walter C. Dunham as Chairperson for the school district's Annual Budget Vote and Board of Registration to be held on May 17, 1989.

The various committees gave individual reports. Other items of interest were also reported: Recently a delegation of students from Roosevelt High School visited West Islip High School and a reciprocal visit may be planned. Shamrocks were sold by students for Muscular Distrophy with over \$600 raised so far. Plans are being made to provide after prom activities for students. This year's Leprechaun Run held on March 12th was a great success with over 850 runners finishing. This is sponsored by the Coaches Association and raises funds for the Association dinner where varsity athletes are honored with awards, plaques and scholarships.

### Important Date

\* May 17, 1989 - Annual Vote on proposed budget, election of Trustees to Board of Education and Propositions. Place and time to be announced. Call 422-1560 for voter registration information.

## Babylon Party

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ent tht the residents want a responsive, open government. The election results were a tribute to the residents of our Village, who see and believe what's going on around them and refuse to consider baseless, unfounded accusations." He continued that this was, obviously a mandate to the Better Babylon Party to continue their type of government which has existed for the last two years.

An exultant Diane Gil-

more said, "It sure pays to work hard," while Kevin Muldowney said upon his election that, "As a political novice, I'm thrilled by the support and confidence in my ability and promise to merit that trust."

Co-Campaign Chairpersons, Jackie Bruscia, and Jack Conroy congratulated the over 60 party workers of the Better Babylon Party, who "really did a job in every campaign district."

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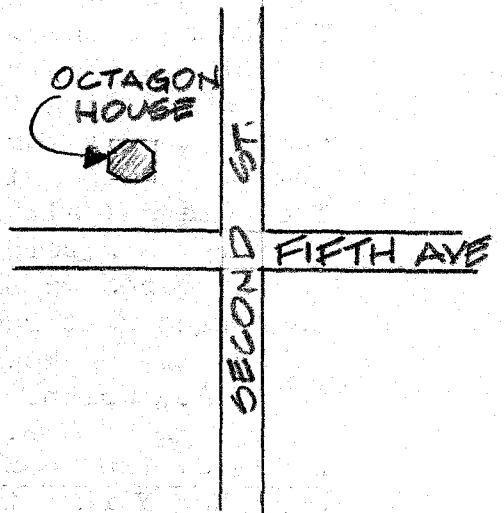
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Exterior remodeled. Entrance porch not original.

12. PHOTO: Negative No. C-16A

13. MAP: 





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Octagonal shaped building. / <sup>Some</sup> Original windows. Wood portico not original. Pointed dormers in alternating walls of the octagon. Extensively remodeled exterior.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1857 (See L.I. Forum, June 1961, p. 142)

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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# Brentwood, In-The-Pines

Paul Bailey

THE VILLAGE of Brentwood (sometimes called Brentwood-in-the-Pines) has an interesting story behind it. It is however, a short story compared to those of many other communities on the island. Little over a century ago, this village in the northerly part of Islip town was an unidentified section of the scruboak belt. It wasn't until 1842, with the main line of the LIRR completed that far out from Jamaica, that a station was erected, not at the site of Brentwood, but some distance to the west. Called Thompson's Station, it served such nearby communities as Smithtown, Hauppauge, Central Islip and several south side villages. It was also the nearest rail stop for city sportsmen who patronized Liff Snedecor's hunting and fishing lodge at Great River and Liff ran his own stage to and from the station over the sandy, and sometimes snowy roads between. The same service was continued, with Liff's son Obie doing the driving, after Liff sold the lodge and its 1100 acres of woodland to the newly organized South Side Club.

A little settlement naturally sprang up around Thompson's Station and in 1849 a

U.S. post office was established there. The following year Josiah Warren and Stephen Pearl Andrews purchased several hundred acres in what was some day to become Brentwood, and within the next few years founded a community of families whose adult members subscribed to the political and social doctrines which Messrs. Warren and Andrews preached. They called the place Modern Times. Warren was the sparkplug of the movement which, far from the teachings of Karl Marx as some writers have reported, emphasized "the sovereignty of the individual."

Warren built an octagonal structure as the center of activities. Here was located the seat of local government which was Warren himself. Also housed in the building were Warren's general store, Warren's printing plant, his community weekly, and a school, of which Warren was the sole instructor. Using the printing plant to good advantage, he circularized the living advantages of Modern Times throughout state and nation and the place grew by leaps and bounds.

Meanwhile, the tract was

subdivided and zoned and a highway system laid out with the main thoroughfares converging upon Warren's eight-sided building. In 1856 when the town established a school district to include the area, a primary school was established with Miss Eleanor Blacker as teacher.

During the early years of the community, homeowners had difficulty in obtaining water. The only available supply had to be toted in buckets from the farm of Dr. Edgar F. Peck which lay outside the area. Warren finally called a public meeting to solve this problem and as a result a community well was sunk conveniently close to most homes. This led to some householders acquiring horses and cows. Thereafter a community manure pile was started and this in turn led to a boom in gardening. Among the inhabitants of the place before 1860 was Charles A. Codman, an experienced farmer. Brothers William and John Metcalf joined in building a home and with them lived two sisters and a Mrs. Hayward. One Henry Edgar turned his home into a meeting place for the Positivist Society which he founded.

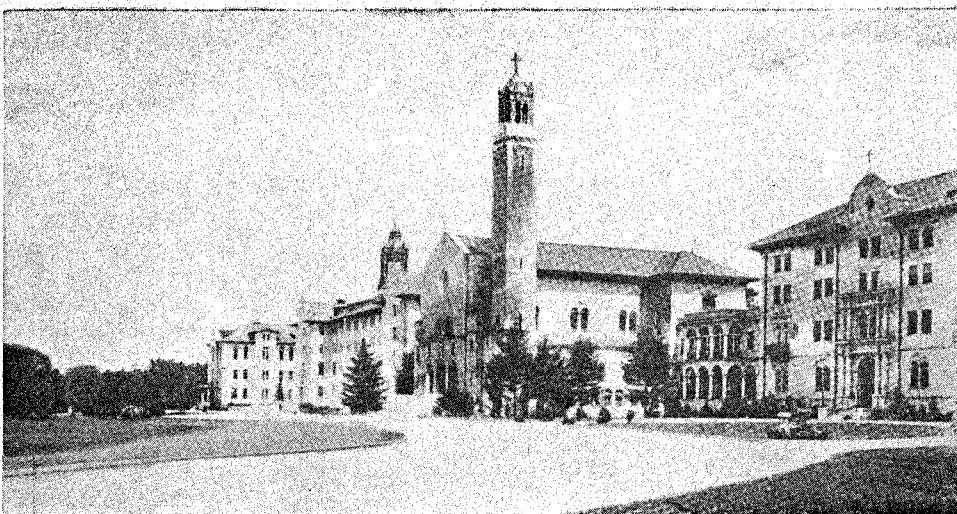
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The Academy of St. Joseph at Brentwood.

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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC TRUST  
STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

1. Name (Common and Historic) OCTAGONAL HOUSE

Location 2. SUFFOLK County 3. ISLIP Town 4. BRENTWOOD Village or City

5. Address or Location N.W. CORNER OF SECOND ST. & 5TH AVE  
IN VILLAGE OF BRENTWOOD

6. Type MID 19TH CENT OCTAGONAL BLDG. 7. Subject or Theme ARCHITECTURE- EDUCATION

8. Date of Construction 1855 9. Architect (If Known) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Builder (If known) WILLIAM UPHAM DAME ?

11. Original Owner SCHOOL DIST #12

12. Original Use SCHOOLHOUSE

13. Present Owner FRANK OLIVER  
Name  
BRENTWOOD, N.Y. 11717  
Address

14. Present Use PRIVATE DWELLING

15. Physical Condition FAIR. WOOD, FRAME ONE-STORY OCTAGON  
BUILDING, NOW INCORPORATED INTO DWELLING QUARTERS  
WITH ADDITIONS

16. Surveys O.P.C. L.I. SURVEY (1967)

17. Future Action IN POOR REPAIR AND NOT <sup>CONSIDERED</sup> HIGHLY HISTORIC LOCALLY.  
PROBABLY NOT WORTHY OF FURTHER ATTENTION BECAUSE OF  
EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS.

18. Surveyed by *Richard S. Allen* Date Surveyed 3/09

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YOUR NAME: Kathleen Cummings DATE: August 22, 1973

YOUR ADDRESS: Box 206-N. Country Rd.  
Setauket, NY TELEPHONE: 516-941-9444

ORGANIZATION (if any): Society for the Preservation of LI Antiquities

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IDENTIFICATION

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2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood

3. STREET LOCATION: 2nd Street between 4th and 5th Avenues

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5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

6. USE: Original: Schoolhouse Present: private residence

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No  barely-hidden mostly  
Interior accessible: Explain with owner's permission by trees; set back

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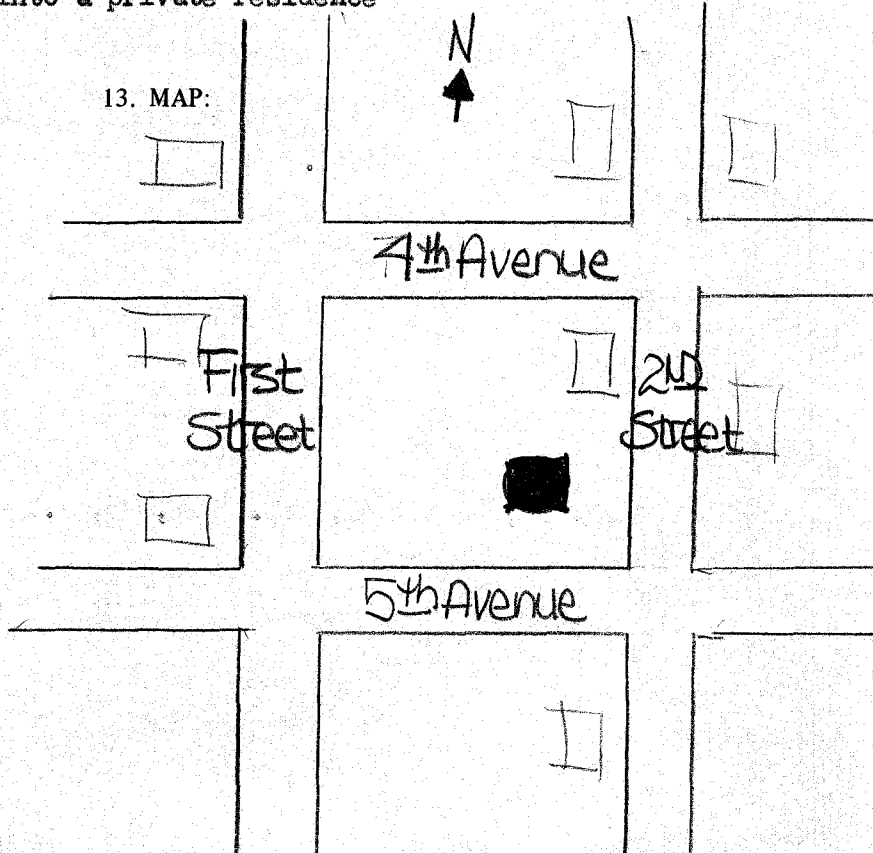
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c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

This building was remodeled into a private residence

12. PHOTO:



13. MAP:







- a. none known
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  - c. roads
  - d. developers
  - e. deterioration
  - f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
- S AND PROPERTY:**
- a. barn
  - b. carriage house
  - c. garage
  - d. privy
  - e. shed
  - f. greenhouse
  - g. shop
  - h. gardens
  - i. landscape features: overgrown woods, trees, bushes
  - j. other: attached back addition
- BUILDING** (check more than one if necessary):
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  - c. scattered buildings  residential
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  - g. residential
  - h. other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
 This house is barely visible from the road and the area it is located in is sparsely settled and very wooded.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 The length of one bay is 12 feet 2 inches.  
 A square 2-story addition has been put on the back.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c.1857

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
 This building was Brentwood's first schoolhouse built by the Modern Times Colony who settled Brentwood.

21. SOURCES:  
 LI Forum, June 1961, Vol. XXIV, #6, p.142; "Brentwood in the Pines," by Paul Bailey.

22. THEME:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: vandalism
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: temporary location (on skids)

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

The octagon school house is presently located on Brentwood Board of Education property directly east of the Administration Building. The building is visible from Third Avenue.

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

Refer to 1975 Inventory Form

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1856

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to 1975 Inventory Form