

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, 655 Main St. TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450
Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

IDENTIFICATION

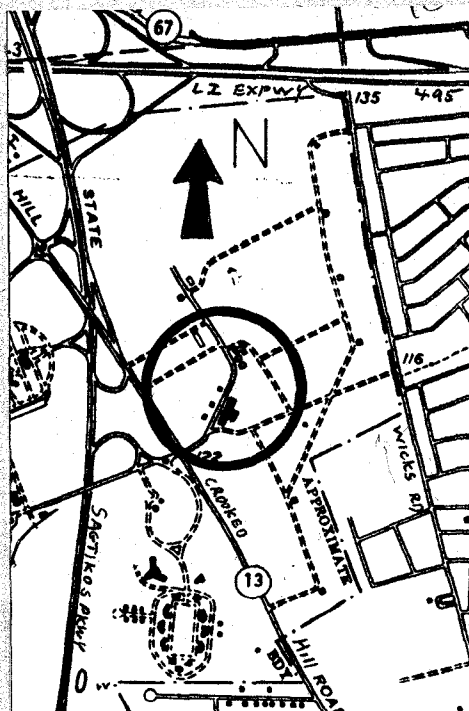
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Suffolk County Comm. College, Brentwood Campus
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Brentwood
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Wicks Rd., west side, S of L.I. Expwy., east of Crooked Hill Rd.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: _____ Present: _____
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

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 XV-22, fm. NW
Beta Building

13. MAP: NYS DOT Central Islip 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: farm outbuildings, administration bldgs.
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: Pilgrim State Hospital to the west

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

The Brentwood Campus is located in a primarily residential area, bordered by highways to the north and west. Predominantly open land surrounds the campus, west of the residential neighborhood.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 The Beta Building is a large, rectangular, 2½ story, gable roof brick building with flanking, nine bay, brick, hip roof wings on a high basement. The building features a corbeled brick cornice in an arch pattern.

Refer to continuation sheets

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1930's 1933

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

These buildings were erected in the 1930's as the farm group for Pilgrim State Hospital, which lies across the Sagtikos Parkway to the west. It was acquired by Suffolk County and converted as the Western Campus of the popular Suffolk Community College.

ALSO SEE ED.1:

21. SOURCES:
 Photographs, Joseph Adams, 1987.
 Dyson, Verne. Anecdotes and Events in Long Island History. Port Washington: I.J. Friedman, Inc., 1969.
22. THEME:
 Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK

October 15, 1929, and for the special visitors' train on Sundays a shelter was built in the sunken garden south of Building 28.

All the buildings were arranged according to a unified plan, symmetrically placed in relation to the main north south axis and to the main cross axis at right angles. The general style of architecture was Lombardy/Tuscan with arcaded cornice, "the buttress strip," and campanile. Gable roofs and parapet copings were of Spanish Mission tile. All buildings were of common brick.

As work progressed a certain number of buildings were completed each year. In 1933 the horse barn, piggery and propagating house were built and the farm was placed in use. This farm was turned over to Suffolk County in the 1970's and is now the Suffolk County Community College. The buildings have been preserved. From 75 to 100 patients were employed on the farm. They were housed in a dormitory on the farm known as building 76.

When opened in 1931 Pilgrim Psychiatric Center housed overflow patients from Kings Park and Central Islip mental hospitals until 1938. Then with new patients - mainly from New York City - Pilgrim became the largest mental hospital in the world. By 1955 it housed 15,500 patients in 155 buildings, covered 1,950 acres of pine barrens, had cost over thirty-six million dollars, and had 2,500 employees. The large size of the hospital was



Neg. KK XV-21, fm. SE. View of cottages opposite Beta Building.



Neg. KK XV-23, fm. S. View of north cottage.

picture) shows for patients are given here. A small balcony at the rear is reserved for employees. Bowling alleys and a barber shop are located on the first floor. The annual sale of articles made by the patients of the Occupational Therapy Department is held in the amusement hall and attracts large crowds. Religious services by the various denominations are conducted in the assembly hall on Sundays. An electric organ was installed there in February, 1943, to provide music for these meetings and various other entertainments for patients and employees. Mrs. George Slight is the organist and has delighted many with her music.

When the hospital was opened, George McGiverson was appointed chief institutional fireman. On January 31, 1944, he retired after twenty-five years in state service. Clarence Pratt, staff attendant, was appointed in his place and still serves. Herman Lindeman is chief of police. Policemen patrol the hospital grounds.

The Hospital Farm



The hospital farm, which now has an area of about two hundred acres, was under the management of Glenn Peterson who came from upstate New York where he began life on his father's farm and learned agriculture under the rigid and careful traditions of that cold region. He drives a very straight row with a team of horses and was out and about the farm early and late in his small run-about. He was ably assisted by Charles H. Thurston and farm production was steadily increased under their management. The farm has a competent staff of trained farm workers. Two of the men—Frank Hahn and Jake Hahn—have been with the hospital since it opened. The former operated a tractor at the time the land clearing started. Jake now has charge of the piggery. Thurston has succeeded Peterson as farm manager. Peterson retired to a small farm of his own in upstate New York.

The farm maintains a drove of about eight hundred swine. The piggery is a steam-heated building with modern equipment for sows and their little ones. The pig pens with shelters are located on the north side of the grounds along the Motor Parkway. Swill from the hospital kitchens is carried daily by truck to troughs and concrete basins in the pens. This operation is interesting to sea gulls which gather in the skies overhead by the thousands in certain seasons of the year. The hospital policemen occasionally shoot at the gulls (under U.S. Government permit) but no effective method has been found for dealing with these pests.

The farm is equipped with up-to-date machinery but still operates two teams of horses which are housed in a modern barn. A new machinery shed was completed recently. The chicken equipment includes two portable brooder houses and two laying houses, each with a capacity of about three hundred hens. Root cellars provide storage space for large quantities of vegetables for winter use. In the greenhouse and cold frames, tomato, cabbage and other plants are raised by the tens of thousands for spring use. In the winter season, tomatoes are grown in the greenhouse.

On the farm is a vineyard of about eight hundred vines. About five acres of strawberries are grown each year. A large acreage of the standard vegetables are planted annually—tomatoes, cabbage, beets, peas, string beans, carrots, and potatoes. Several acres of garden space are irrigated with an overhead water spraying system. In the winter time, the manure, which has accumulated in summer from the chicken houses, the horse barn and the pig pens, is scattered on the fields. Commercial fertilizers also are used on the farm by the carload. In this way the fertility of the originally acid and unproductive soil is built up year by year.

The Occupational Therapy Department

The architectural plans of the hospital provided excellent

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~~FORM 1~~

YOUR NAME: B. Van Liew, Consultant/WHC DATE: 5/12/83

YOUR ADDRESS: Box 416, St. James, L.I. TELEPHONE: 516-584-5600
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ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Pilgrim Psychiatric Center

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

3. DESCRIPTION: Pilgrim Psychiatric Center is a very large mental hospital, laid out on a flat 2000 acres that was part of the Oak Brush Plains. It is (or was) completely surrounded by these pine barrens. It is 51 miles from Times Square. The property lies north of the L.I.R.R. and coal was brought in on a railroad spur. The Edgewood State Hospital buildings are at the edge of this acreage.

4. SIGNIFICANCE: Once this was the world's largest mental hospital with 14,000 or 15,000 patients. The hospital and the layout were designed in its entirety before construction was started in 1929, and the buildings, in the same architectural style. The Edgewood buildings were constructed in ~~the~~ 1941-42 in the Chateausque Style.

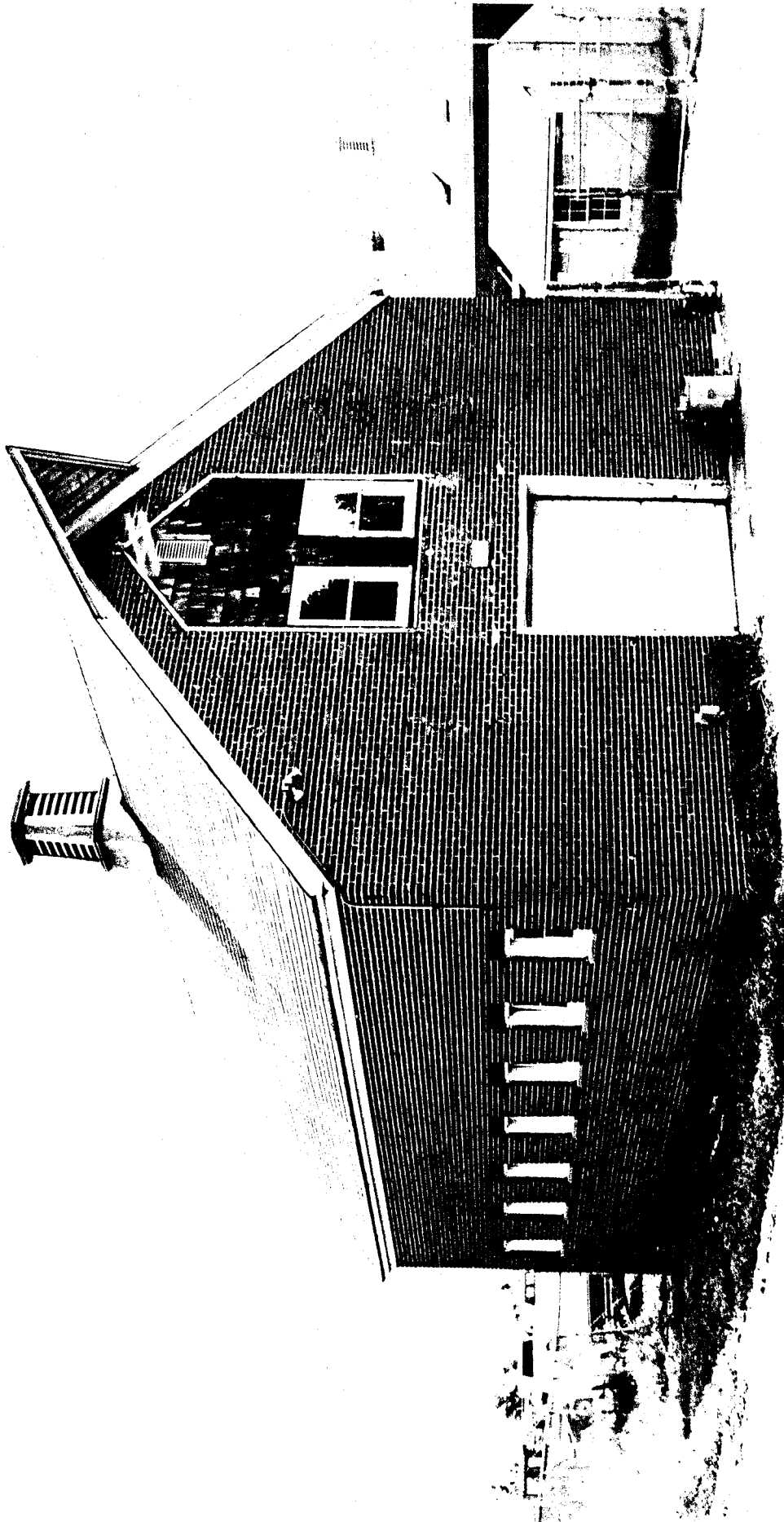
Some of the Pilgrim structures were unusually handsome, in particular, the water tower and the power plant. All are in the Tuscan Style of reddish brown brick with red "spanish" tile roofs. The buildings are laid out in quadrangles in a balanced Beaux-Arts manner with crossed axes. When built this was the largest single brickwork project of its time.

5. MAP: see attached

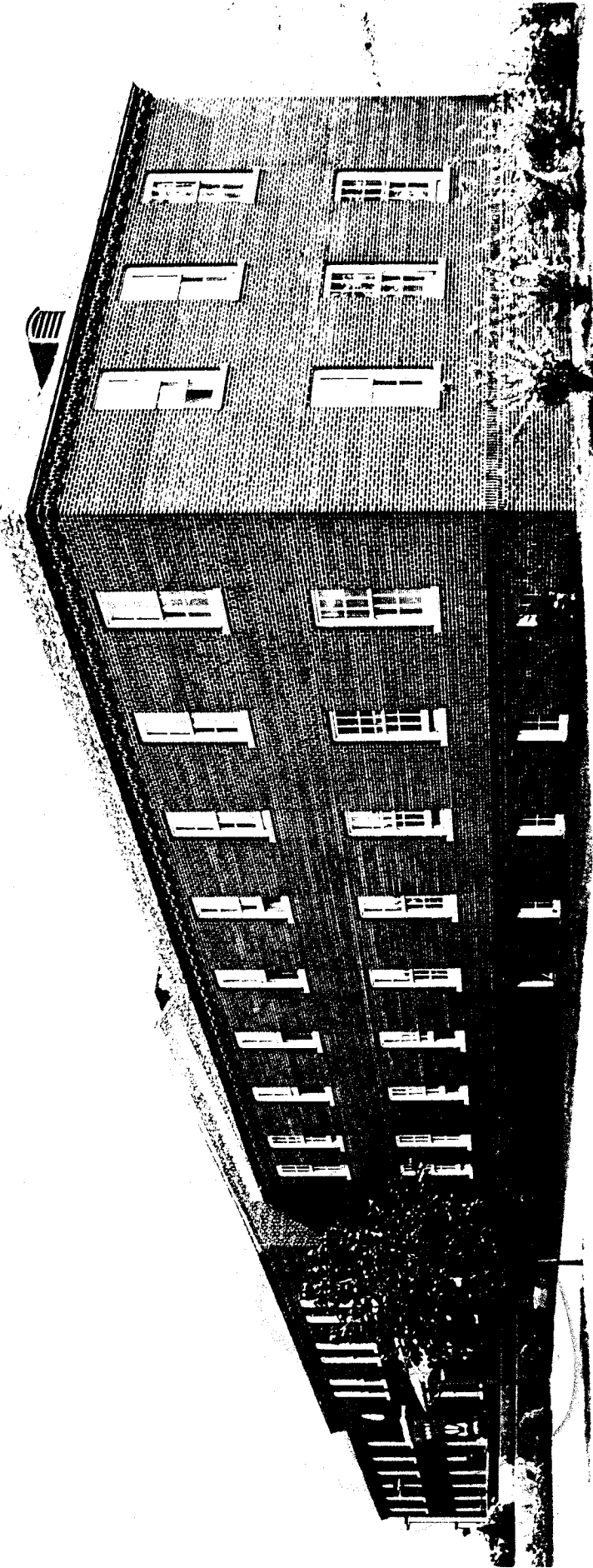


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Beta Building

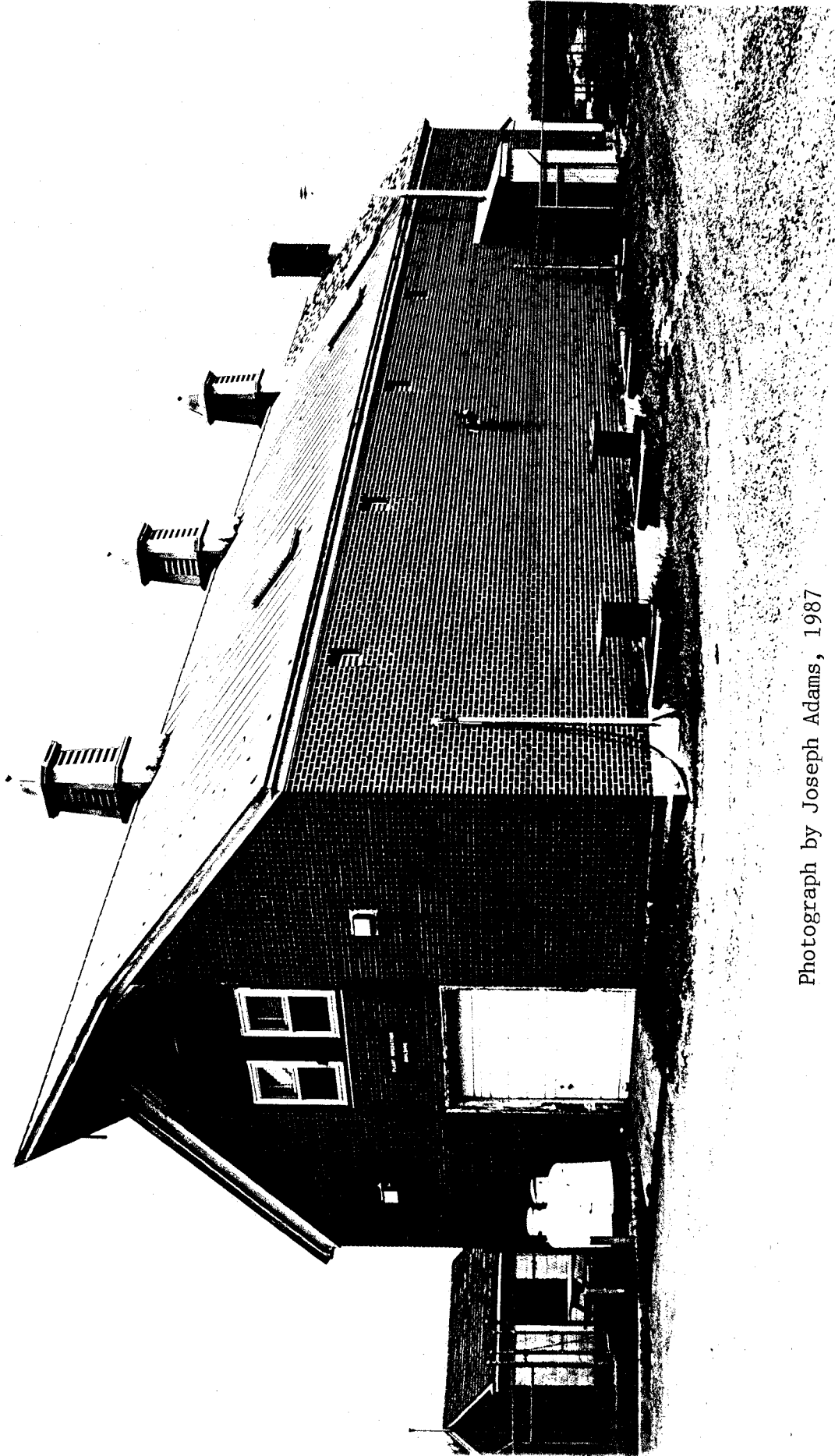


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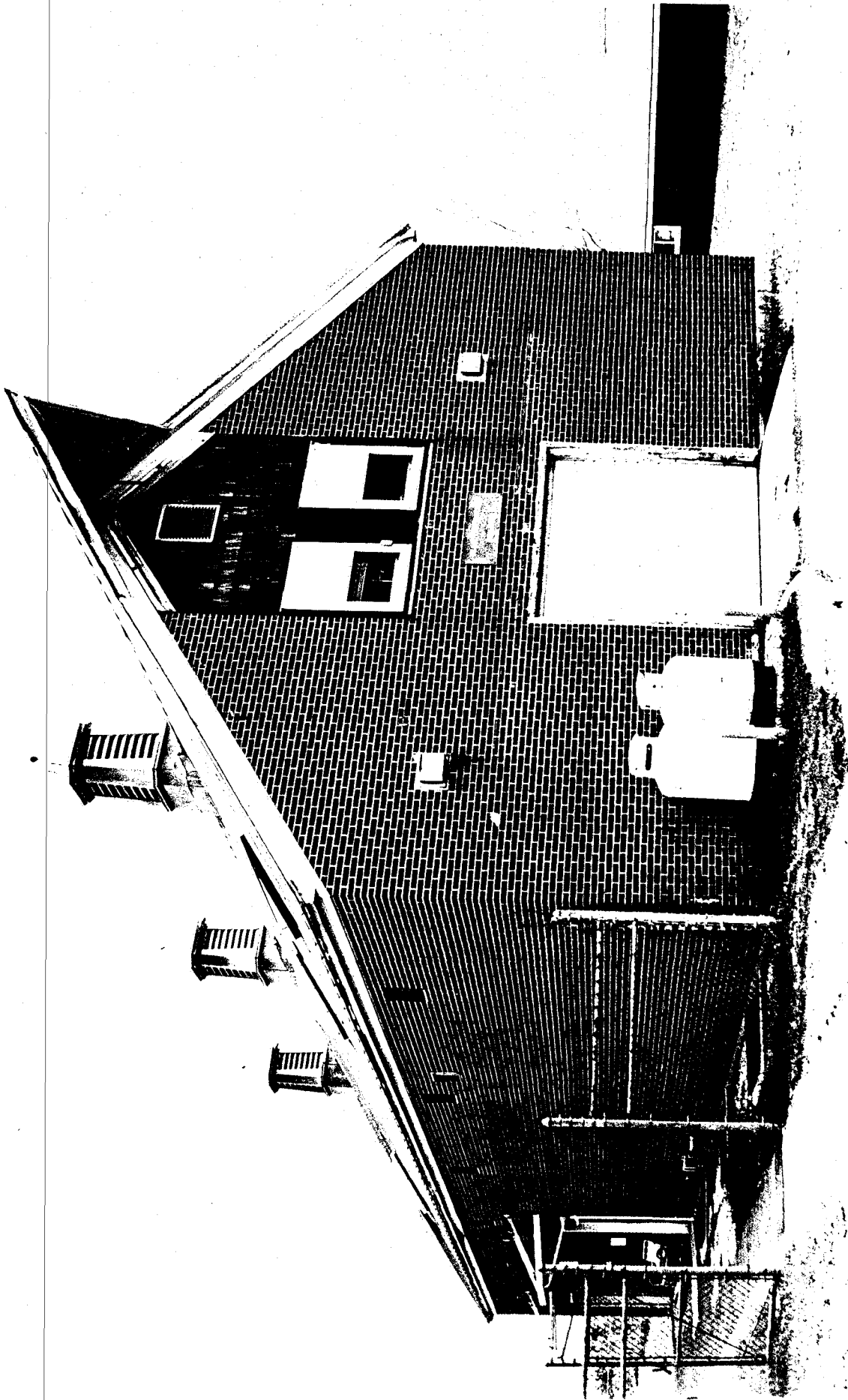
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Continuation Sheet
SCCC, Brentwood



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YOUR NAME: Ellen T. McDougall DATE: 4/5/77

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Setauket, N.Y. 11733 TELEPHONE: (516) 941-9444

ORGANIZATION (if any): Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquit

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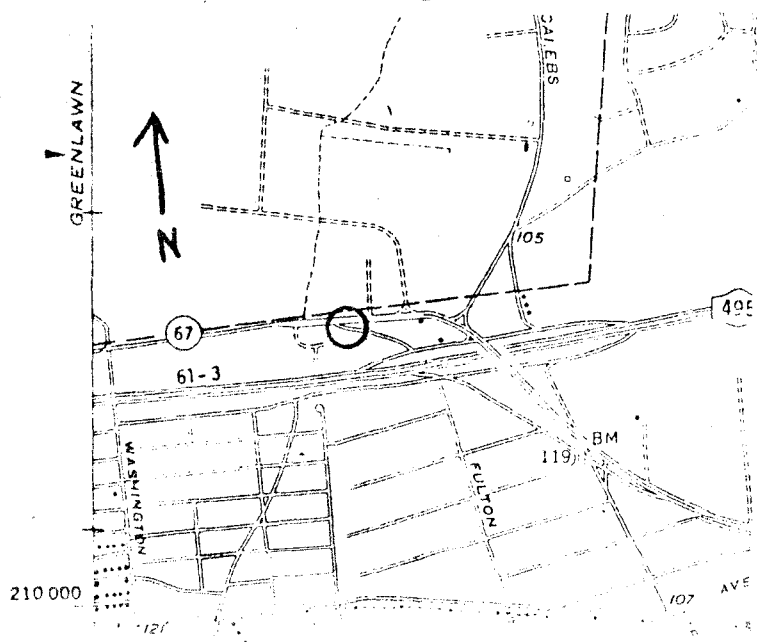
- BUILDING NAME(S): Brentwood Lodge
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: _____ VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: Long Island Motor Parkway & Highland
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- USE: Original: _____ Present: _____
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
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- PHOTO:
Figure 1, ETM-6: Frame # 10A.
Figure 2, ETM-6: Frame # 2.
Figure 3, ETM-6: Frame # 3.
Figure 4, ETM-6: Frame # 5.
Figure 5, ETM-6: Frame # 6.
Figure 6, Etm-6: Frame # 10.

13. MAP: Central Islip Quad.



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning 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: Small, square, hip roof building.

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
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 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: In midst of LIE, LIMP & Highland.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
 Building is located north of the Long Island Expressway, on a triangular plot of land fronting both the Motor Parkway and Highland Rd. Highland Road then proceeds south and is interrupted by the Expressway. Parallel to the southerly portion of Highland Road is a parallel road that is now abandoned. Cont'd. 18 below.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 At the end of this unused road is the post seen in Figure 1. The fact that the post is wooden and painted black and white, as well as the length of unpainted wood with nail or screw holes, indicate that perhaps this is the sort of post that the gates shown in Figure 4, Form 3 were attached to.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____
 ARCHITECT: _____
 BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The location of this house on its triangular plot of land is ideal, for controlling access to the Long Island Motor Parkway. Behind the house are number of the concrete posts seen elsewhere along the parkway.
 Roughly L shaped, this house has a roof that has 2 gable ends and is identical to the roof formation of the Ronkonkoma Lodge. The interior arrangement, 4 rooms, is also identical to the Ronkonkoma Lodge. The fact that there is a well in the basement indicates that the house was built prior to the introduction of water lines.
 Cont'd. on Attachment 1.

21. SOURCES: _____
 22. THEME: _____