

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: March 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

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Wheeler/Wills House

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

3. STREET LOCATION: Kings Hwy., NW corner Harrison St.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒

5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

6. USE: Original: residence Present: office

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐

Interior accessible: Explain by app't.

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☒ g. stucco ☐ other: modern cladding

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 ☐

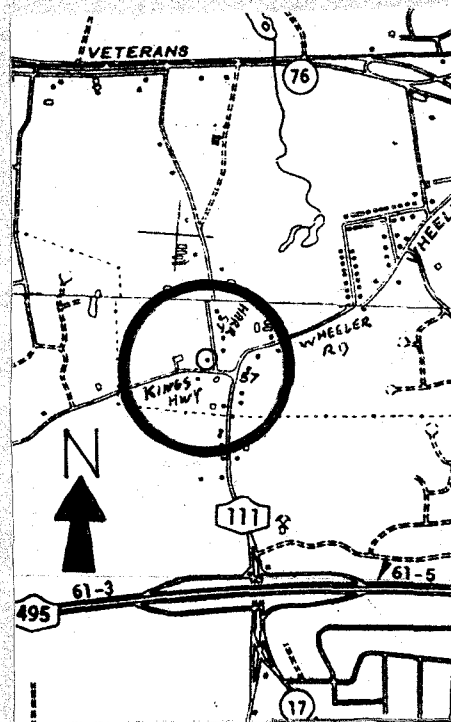
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

Remodelled by William J. Wheeler.

Cladding replaced, windows replaced, bay window added, entrance porch enclosed.

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK XVI-23, fm. E

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: large lawn
 j. other: pond to south
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☒ light
 c. scattered buildings ☐
 d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
 f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
 h. other: cemetery (HA 15) across road near pond

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The Wheeler/Willis house is located on the north side of the historic Kings Highway, west of Wheeler Road. It is opposite a pond (partially filled) and historic cemetery on a large open parcel.

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

The Wheeler/Willis house is a 2½ story, three bay, steep gable roof house with a smaller, 1½ story wing on the west.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 18th century, remodelled 19th century

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was built by Timothy Wheeler (1713-1784). The Wheelers were the first family to settle Hauppauge. For that reason, it was then called the Wheeler Settlement or Wheeler's.

Kings Highway (Kings Road) was the first public road, laid out in 1704. This road was also called Old Country Road and Conkling Road.

In spite of the alterations, this house is significant as an example of a typical house type on Long Island of the Colonial and Federal periods.

21. SOURCES:

Marr, Jack. History of Hauppauge, Long Island, 1981 (edited edition).
Town of Islip Tricentennial Cookbook, 1983.

22. Weeks, George. Some of Town of Islip's Early History. Bay Shore: Consolidated Press, 1955.

Wheeler/Wills House



Timothy Wheeler's home on Kings Highway and Harrison. This photo was taken in 1979.



The Richard "Judge" Wheeler home, photographed in 1910, was the meeting house in Hauppauge before the church was built. The home is there no longer: if standing it would be on the westbound lane of Veterans Highway, by the country club. (Photo by Simeon Wood).

Marr, Jack. History of Hauppauge, Long Island (edited edition), 1981.

Richard "Judge" Wheeler was born in 1791 and died in 1871, one years. He was the first judge of the town. (Photo from the original)

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