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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 7/22/75

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

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IDENTIFICATION

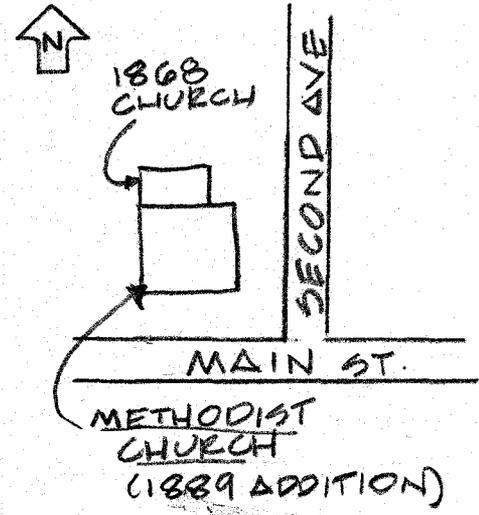
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Methodist Church
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bay Shore
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 107 E. Main St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  ~~107 E. Main~~
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Methodist Church ADDRESS: Same
- 6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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):  
ca. 1889 - Original Church enlarged and new front  
SANCTUARY added.

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13. MAP:



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: Original Iron Fence  
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)  
The Methodist Church is an integral part of Bay Shore's Main Street Streetscape. It serves as a focal point of East Main Street's skyline.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Round tower with belvedere, narrow round headed windows, and shingle course at Second floor level. Square clock tower with steeple, bracketed cornice, small grouped arched windows, flared shingle courses, and original stick portico entrance porch.  
Main body of Church: Cross gable roof, South Facade: bracketed shingle course at second floor level, grouped arched windows, large patterned stained glass windows. Cupola, spirallettes.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1868 and 1889  
ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
The Methodist Church, with its variegated shingles, paired arched windows, and varying shaped towers is an excellent example of Queen Anne design. Behind the Queen Anne Church is an earlier church in the plain Gothic style. The older church was built in 1868 and added to and enlarged with the Queen Anne front in 1889. The Methodist Church was the first in Bay Shore originally called the Penataquit Methodist Church. It stood further East on Saxon Avenue. The Methodist Church's rich detailing makes it picturesque - an important characteristic of good Queen Anne design. The Church grounds still retains its handsome iron fence.

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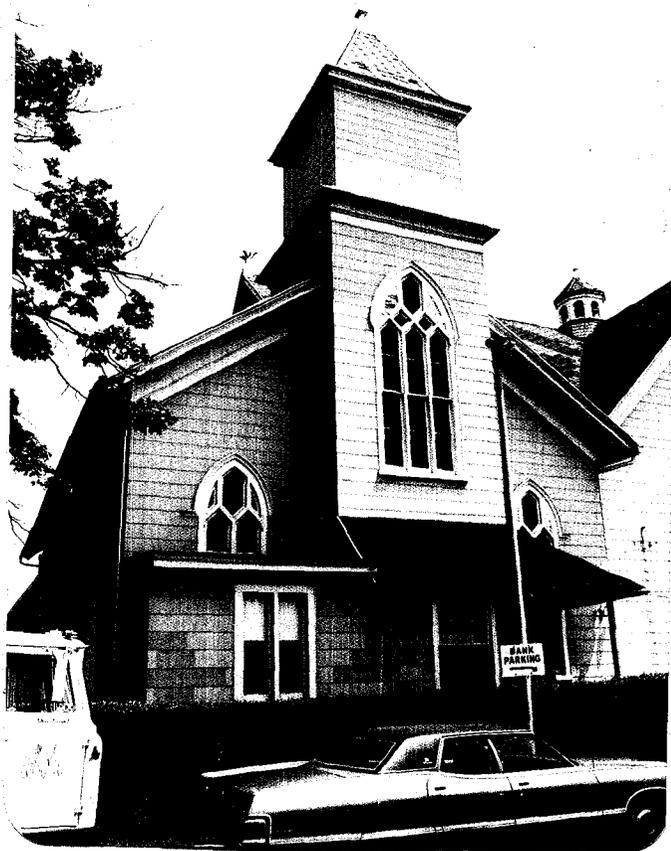
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Photograph of the 1868 section of the Methodist Church.  
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A grist-mill is located on Panothticut River in the eastern part of the village. A little west of this stands the Congregational church, a building of moderate dimensions erected about twenty years ago. A short distance further, on the same road, is the Methodist Episcopal church, a handsome structure erected here in 1867. A small burying ground is connected with this, and lies in the rear of the church. Between here and the railroad and upon the west side of a new street recently opened up between the two churches, stands the new school house, just completed at a cost of \$5,000. This building is a very creditable affair, and a good representative of the enterprise of the place. The school numbers about one hundred and fifty scholars. Bay Shore Division of the Sons of Temperance has fifty members, and meets Wednesday evenings. This village is located nearly central upon the south side of the Moubray Patent of 1708. The main road between here and Islip is inhabited all the way along, which fact renders it rather difficult to determine just where the dividing line should be. This village was formerly called Mechanicsville, then by the corrupted Indian name Penataquit, which since the coming of the South Side Railroad has been changed for its present name. About a mile and a half east of here is a burial plot of about an acre, styled the Clock burying ground, which contains a number of graves, and a family vault. Several other family burying grounds are scattered about the vicinity. Just back of the village of Bay Shore is a small African church.

Islip is a handsome village of about one thousand population, on the south side of the town two miles east of Bay Shore. It has a station on the South Side Railroad, half a

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anywhere else in the world then, was one development that resulted almost immediately from this group of free-thinking Pilgrims. Many schools and well-known colleges had church affiliations, such as Harvard and Yale Universities. Dartmouth was originally a school to teach the Indians about Christianity. Much later it became a college for American youth in general.

Although the church and school of early days were closely linked, today any suggestion of such a combination is anathema. For this reason a time-honored institution, the Baccalaureate, has all but disappeared from the scene in the past twenty-five years.

The oldest church in Islip Town is St. John's Episcopal Church in Oakdale. Erected in 1766 by the Nicoll patentee family, it was built in about the middle of their holding. This charming colonial church was repaired and enlarged in 1843. Services are still held there during the summer.

The Methodist Church was the first one in Bay Shore. Meetings began to be held in the Doxsee and Jarvis homesteads as early as 1810. In that period Bay Shore was named "Penataquit", therefore the name chosen was The Penataquit Methodist Church. By 1828 a church building was constructed on Saxon Avenue directly across from the present Howard Johnson Restaurant. In 1848 this structure was outgrown, so it was moved a few feet to the east and

used as a private home. A new building was erected on the original site. This too became overcrowded, so the present location on Main Street and Second Avenue was selected. The present church was erected there. The old building was moved to Islip where it is now.

The Congregational Church was organized in 1854 at Main Street and Second Avenue where the library now stands. When this building became too small for the congregation's needs, it was moved to Brook Street a little east of Second Avenue and it became The African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Around 1852 a society of Congregational Methodists built a small church near First Avenue on the north side of Main Street. Later it was removed to the present library site. In 1860 this became purely a Congregational Church. June 26, 1891 marked the laying of the cornerstone for the present site on the southwest corner of Union Street and First Avenue.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was originally located on Brook Avenue where Kirkup's Lumber Company is. It was started as early as 1865. Some of its first members were: Mary Elizabeth and Sidney Green, Elizabeth and Frank Conklin, Dolly and Oliver Cuffee, Louisa and Oliver and Peggy Green, Lydia Bunn, Ann Moon, and Lucy Jackson.

The First Baptist Church with D. W. Herrold and Mrs. Luedester Simms as leaders held the first service on September 16, 1921.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAY SHORE

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