

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0444-228 ^{D29}
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

BA 47



green
cross-hatch

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: Sept. 10, 1979

Town of Islip
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main St., Islip TELEPHONE: 516 224-5450

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

IDENTIFICATION

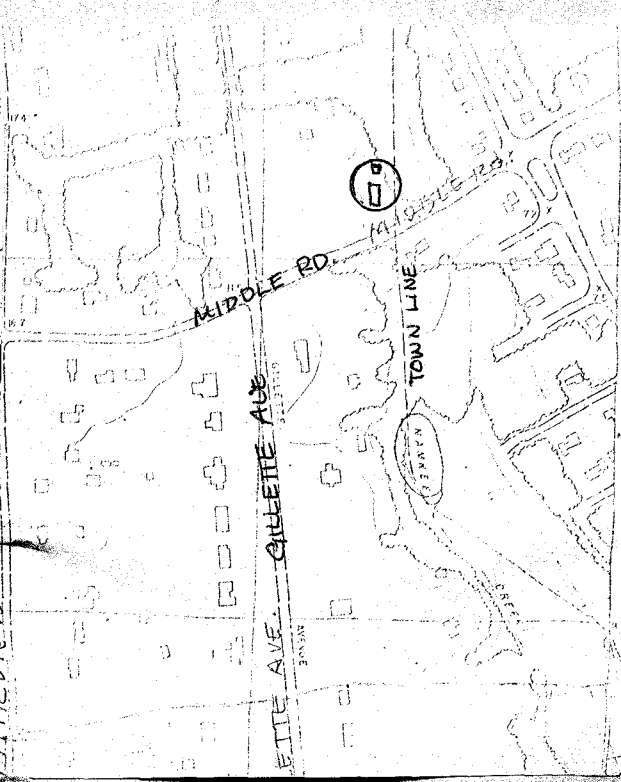
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~Browning house (formerly Gillette homestead)~~
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bayport
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 747 Middle Rd., north side, east of Gillette Ave., at town line
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Terry Browning ADDRESS: 747 Middle Rd., Bayport
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 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: ELW VIII, # 2
from SW, front & W. side

13. MAP: Bowe, Albertson Sewer Maps, Bayport Q16



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: _____
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)

This house is located on Middle Rd., Bayport, where many of the houses date back over one hundred years.

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

Date 1843 on window pane in "newer section".

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: before 1858*

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Two and one-half story, three bay, red-shingled, gable roof house with gable end to street. Queen Anne style alterations include porch with turned posts and sawn spandrels, window in front gable, and 2/2 windows. According to Mrs. Wm. Hillman (BA 46) this was the Gillette homestead. Zebulon Gillette was one of the original buyers of Nicoll property soon after the Revolutionary War. Dickerson indicates the Zebulon Gillette house was built in 1796. Possibly it is incorporated into this house. The owner, Mrs. Browning reports a date scatched on a window pane in the newer section reads 1843.

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