

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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QUAD _____	C.I. #56
SERIES _____	
NEG. NO. _____	

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: September 24, 1975

Town Hall
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: (516) 581-2000

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing & Development

***** Bldg. 137-147

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): Central Islip State Hospital's MacGregor & Smith Groups
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Central Islip (M & S)
- STREET LOCATION: East of Carleton Avenue, on access roads
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- USE: Original: Housing for patients Present: Abandoned
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain Hazardous

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
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): _____

One building in Smith Group burned; one knocked down.

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

See attached map.



HP-1 Roll #Q7; Neg. #2
Building in M Group

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)

Central Islip State Hospital is located on a 1000 acre wooded property. The grounds contain buildings from various periods and in various architectural styles. These two clusters of buildings are in the Tudor Revival style, as are several other hospital structures.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 These Tudor Revival Buildings are primarily two and one-half stories, with brick first stories, and stucco second stories. Each group contains a one and one-half story building which was used as kitchen and dining room.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Smith - 1911; MacGregor - 1913
 ARCHITECT: Franklin B. Ware, State Architect
 BUILDER: _____

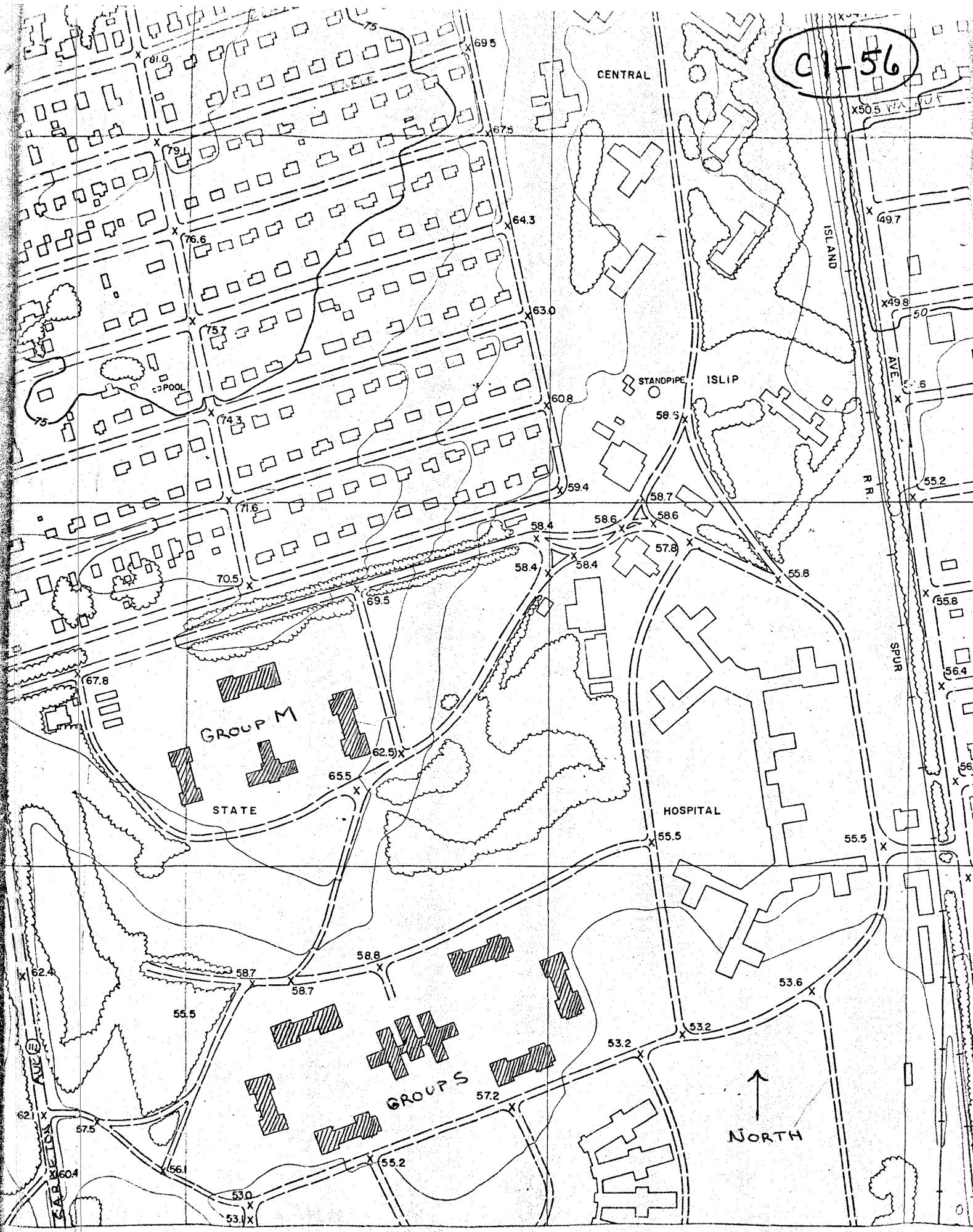
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

These structures were originally built for the patients of Central Islip State Hospital. The Smith Group, built in 1911, originally consisted of seven buildings, one of which is now knocked down, and one of which is burnt. The MacGregor Group, built in 1913, has four buildings. The one and one-half story structures were used as kitchen and dining rooms. The two and one-half story buildings had day-rooms on the first floors and sleeping quarters on the second. These Tudor Revival buildings have porches with Tudor arches, brackets at the dormers, window heads, and eaves. The Tudor style windows have diamond-paned transoms. The buildings have slate gabled roofs and gabled dormers. The wide brick chimneys are supported with iron braces and four leaf anchors.

21. SOURCES: _____
Bellsmith, Ethel. History of Central Islip State Hospital: 1887-1946.
 (Unpublished material by Supervisor of Social Work)

22. THEME:

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SCALE 1"=200'

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3rd Vacant Hospital Building Burns

By Mitchell Freedman

Central Islip — A suspicious fire has gutted another vacant building at the state mental hospital, the third building destroyed by fire since September.

About 180 volunteer fire fighters from Central Islip and four other communities were called out for the first alarm at 9:30 PM Thursday and when the rubble re-kindled at 4:20 AM yesterday.

"We had a bad water problem," said Central Islip Chief Richard Johnson. "They had shut off some of the water lines where they're demolishing buildings." He has asked the Suffolk Police arson squad to investigate the cause of the fire.

Islip Supervisor Michael LoGrande said he was upset by the fire, the third that has gutted an empty hospital building since September. The facility was owned by the Town of Islip; the other two were owned by the state. "It's a shame what is happening," he said. "A multi-million-dollar complex is burning to the ground."

The state has abandoned 50 to 60 buildings on a 500-acre site that it plans to sell to Islip. The town, in turn, is to sell the land to the New York Institute of Technology, which plans to open a new campus here. Delays in transferring the land, however, have twice put off the opening of the campus. The facility was originally set to hold classes last fall, but college officials are now planning to start up the campus in the autumn of 1984.

Officials from Islip and the college said that until the abandoned buildings are put back into use, it would be difficult to prevent more fires. "As long as they're empty, we'll have problems," LoGrande said.

The gutted three-story building was

scheduled for demolition. An engineering survey had found that renovating the old hospital ward would cost more than putting up a new building.

The mix of ownership makes it difficult for either the town or the state to provide security for the sprawling hospital complex. LoGrande said yesterday he will seek a temporary lease for the sur-

plus property so Islip may legally begin security patrols.

The fire has also prompted town officials to try to clear the technical details that are still holding up the land sale. Earlier delays, caused by a disagreement on the price of the land, forced the college to abandon plans to open its campus last fall.

Even with an agreed upon \$4-million sale price, there is still disagreement over issues such as how much to charge for utility service on common lines connecting state, town and proposed college buildings. Islip town attorney William Bennett plans to go to Albany next week to try to clear up the remaining details with state officials.



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Remains of vacant state mental hospital building gutted by fire in Central Islip

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