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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 14 Feb. 1977
Town Hall
YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street, Islip, TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000
L.I., N.Y. 11751
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing and Development

1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Great River Road District

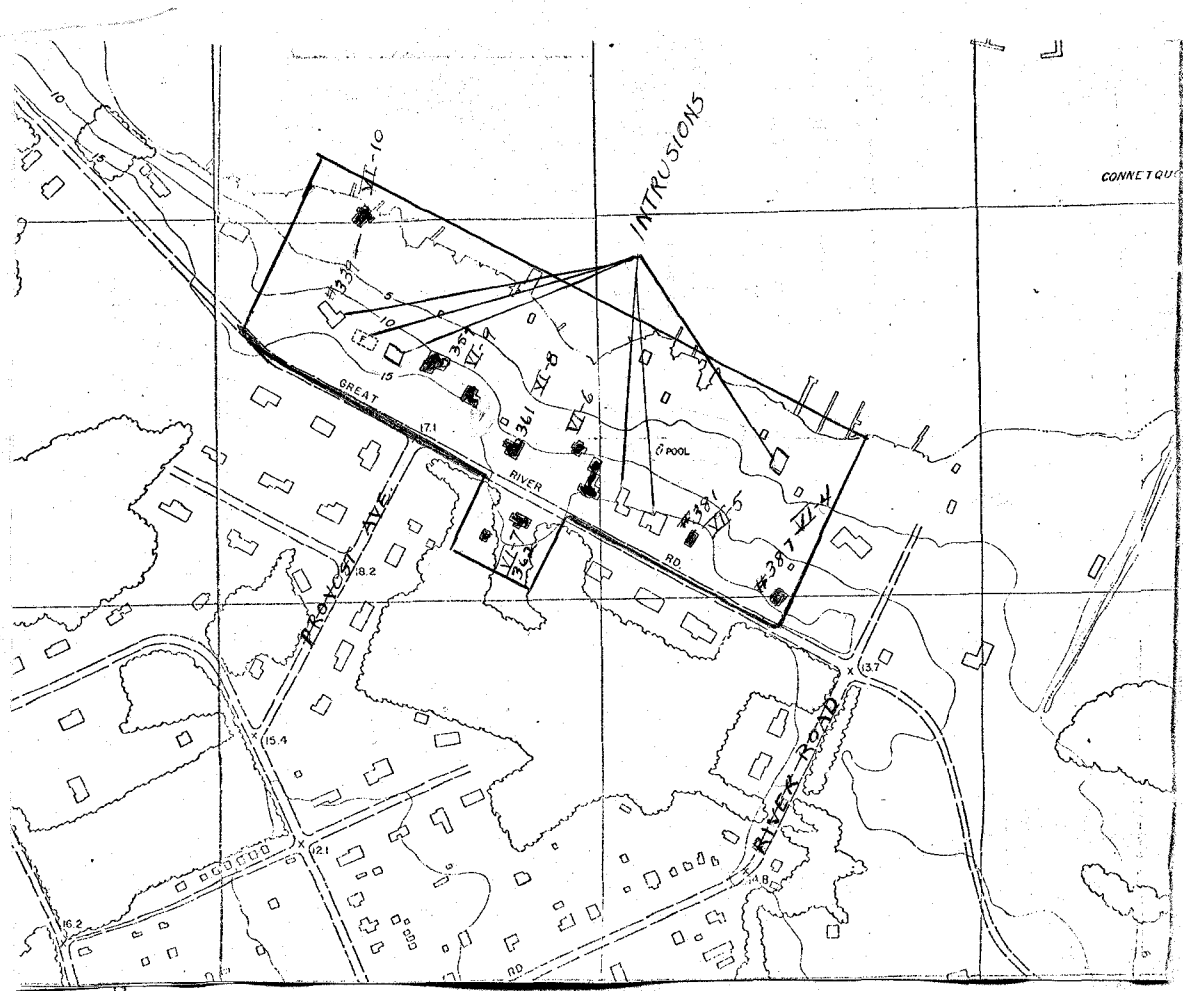
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Great River

3. DESCRIPTION:
A very old road, prior to 1858. Two houses may date from that era and five or six houses may survive from pre-1873 period. District extends on north side of Great River Road from # 387 to and including # 339, and # 362 and barn on south side of road. There are six intrusions, all new houses.

ORIGINALLY CALLED YOUNGS PORT.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:
see page 3.

5. MAP:



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6. SOURCES:

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East of Islip, 1969.p.7.

E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of the Ocean Shore, Suffolk County, Westerly Section, Brooklyn-Manhattan, 1915. plate 5.

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Reprint 1962. p.216.,218.

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION

OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA: ORIGINALLY A COMMUNITY OF BAYMEN, LATER THIS BECAME AN ESTATE AREA.

9 PHOTOS: neg. roll MFS 3-2

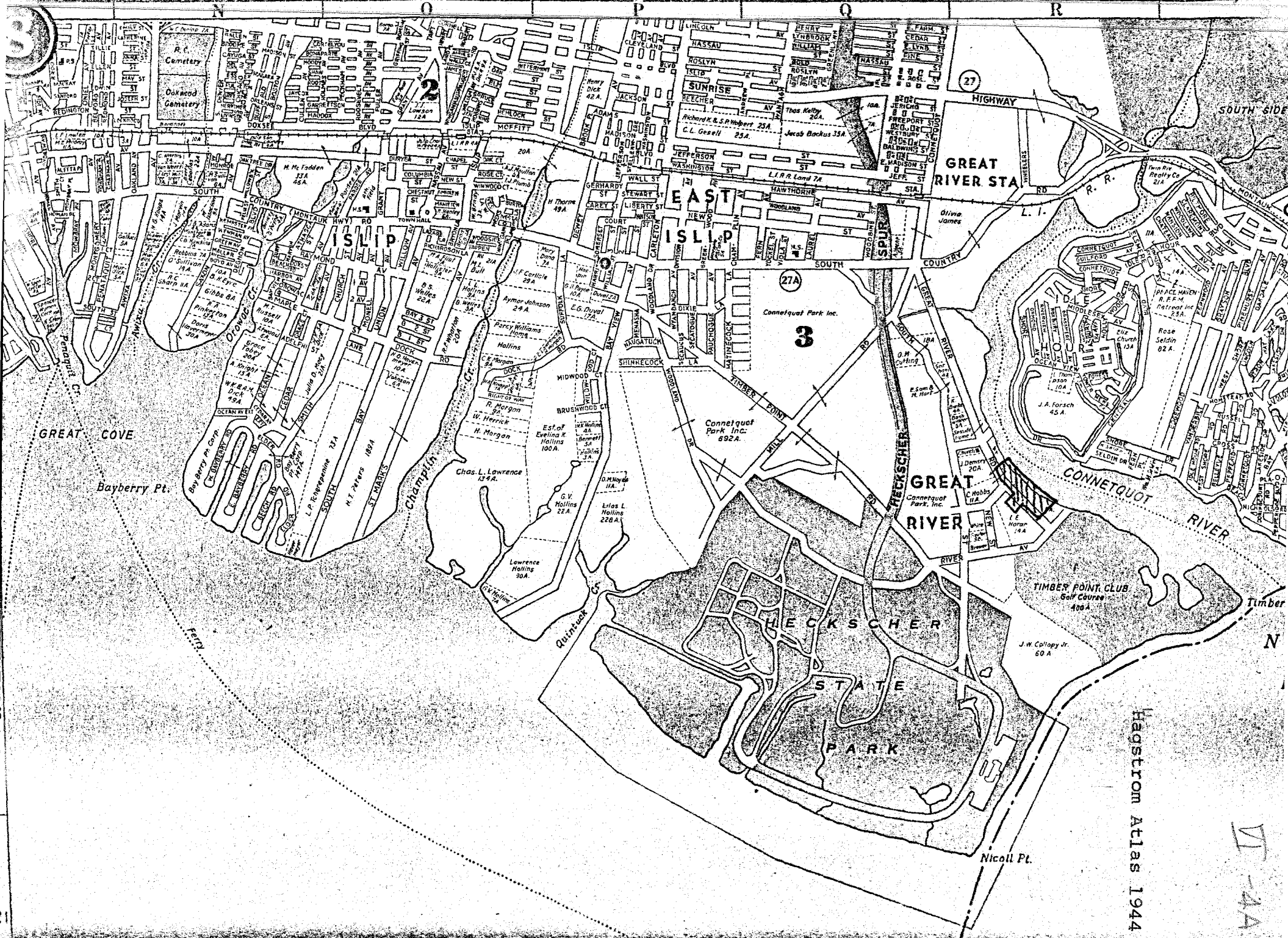


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357 GREAT RIVER ROAD
HOBBS CARRIAGE HOUSE
ON FORMER HOBBS
ESTATE

Looking east
Research by: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities.
Marilyn Sachs, research assistant.

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FOR ADJOINING AREA SEE MAP No. 6



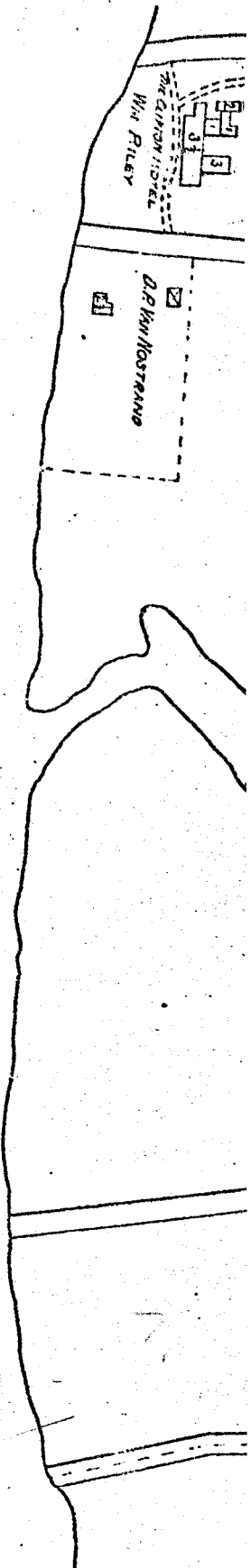
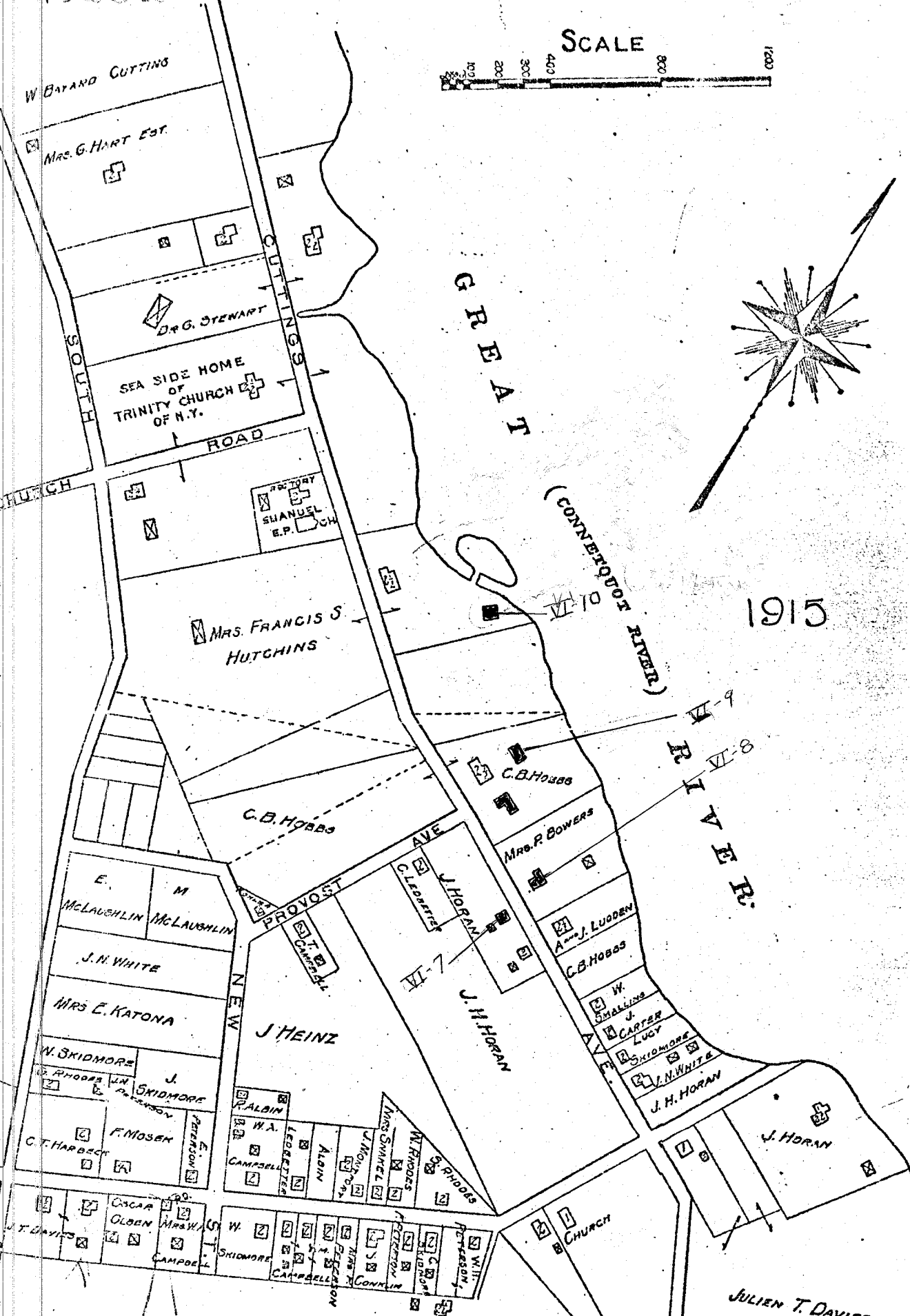
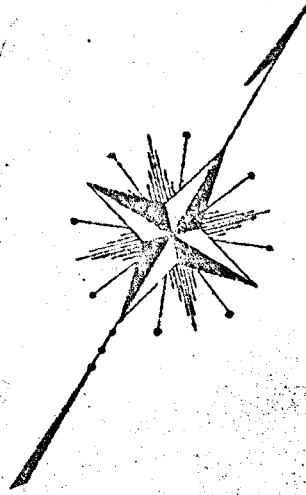
Haagstrom Atlas 1944

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Plate 36

GREAT RIVER



TOWN OF ISLIP.

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Islip Division, S. of T. meets in the same building. This institution reports thirty-four members.

This village has three hotels, depending principally upon the flood of summer visitors from the city for their support. They are all located in that part of the village which lies east of the Wingatthappagh Brook. Of these the "Pavilion, a mammoth establishment, is one of the finest hotels on the island.

Several nice trout ponds have been improved on the brook Wingatthappagh, and the adjoining grounds are tastefully laid out and beautified.

East of the village, occasional farm houses are scattered along the road. About three miles brings us to the head of the Conetquot River, where the South Side Club have a house for their reception, beautifully located on a smooth, well kept lawn by the side of a mill pond, which offers superior facilities for the popular diversion of trout-fishing. A grist-mill is situated on the dam of this pond. The South Side Railroad line runs a little south of here, and a "flag station" for the accommodation of the club is located near by. The country seat of the late Robert L. Maitland, generous benefactor of the Islip Presbyterian church, is a short distance west of the Club House. A brook runs through the premises, joining the Conetquot below, and upon it trout ponds have been established.

Youngsport is a hamlet of twenty-one houses, on the west side of Conetquot River, near its mouth. It has one store, and a freight station on the South Side Railroad two miles north of it. The inhabitants are principally bay-men. An Episcopal chapel was established here two or three years

since, connected with St. Mark's church at Islip. A Methodist chapel is also about being erected. The school-house belonging to the district which includes this hamlet together with the eastern part of Islip village, is a respectable two story building, and stands in the woods about a mile and a half west of here. The school numbers over a hundred, and employs two teachers. The business of ship-building and repairing was carried on here twenty years ago by Erastus Youngs, in whose honor the settlement was named. This enterprise, for some reason or other to us unaccountable, has been abandoned. We see no good reason why a flourishing village should not have been built up in this place. The depth of water up this river is said to be sufficient to float anything that navigates the bay. The river is wide and its bank comparatively abrupt. The surface of the neighboring land is a beautiful plain, and the soil good. Nature has scarcely left a more convenient or desirable village site than here, upon the whole shore of the South Bay. As far as we can see, the great obstacle to its improvement has been the monopolizing grasp with which the soil has been held in a body together, by the successive proprietors of the whole tract. Now that this impediment has been to some extent removed we hope to see the spirit of progress revived here on a more magnificent scale than ever before. The "Deer Range Farm," containing four hundred acres and a large mansion, beautifully situated in full view of the bay and beach hills, lies about half a mile south of here. This property has recently been purchased by J. Neale Plumb Esq., and is to be improved as an elegant country residence. It will no doubt be made one of the finest on the island. The farm contain-

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now part
move it
to
Bayshore

ing the residence west.

Oakdale is a name locality extending from the Connetquot miles or more. It and since the company established here. school, and about main road and up. Near the residence Episcopal church, the limits of this Nicolls, about ten differ as to the extent of an ancient bury consecrated by the. The eastern boundary place it at Great suitable natural limits is the Dutch Reformed building, which neat in appearance Nov. 11, 1867.

Sayville is a town pleasantly situated. The railroad station is ten miles east of Brooklyn. There besides a number

Through the courtesy of Mrs. John J. Fauth IV we have come into possession of a bound volume of Long Island local telephone directories, undated but apparently circa 1913.

There are thirteen subscribers listed for Great River: W.A. Campbell, Connetquot Hotel, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Cornelia M. Davies, Julien T. Davies, Chas. B. Hobbs, Long Island R.R. Co., J.H. Monfort General Store, F.C. Truslow, J.E. Van Orden, Rev. W.N. Webbe Rectory, Westbrook Golf Club and Mrs. Raymond S. White.

Carl A. Starace. "Historic Long Island" Islip Bulletin, 29 July 1976.