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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

YOUR NAME: __Town of Islip__ DATE: __2 September 1976__
Town Hall
YOUR ADDRESS: __655 Main Street__ TELEPHONE: __516 581-2000__
Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751
ORGANIZATION (if any): __Department of Planning, Housing & Development__

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IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): __Islip Town Hall__
2. COUNTY: __Suffolk__ (TOWN) CITY: __Islip__ VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: __655 Main Street__
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☒ b. private ☐
5. PRESENT OWNER: __Town of Islip__ ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: __Town Hall__ Present: __Town Hall__
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:
   (if known)
   a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
   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? _____
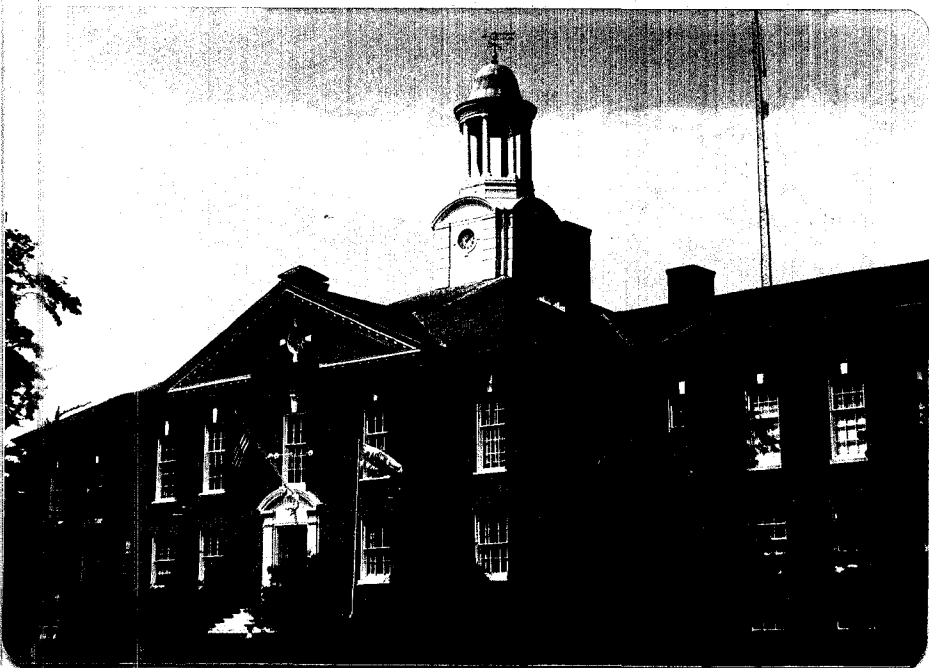   c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
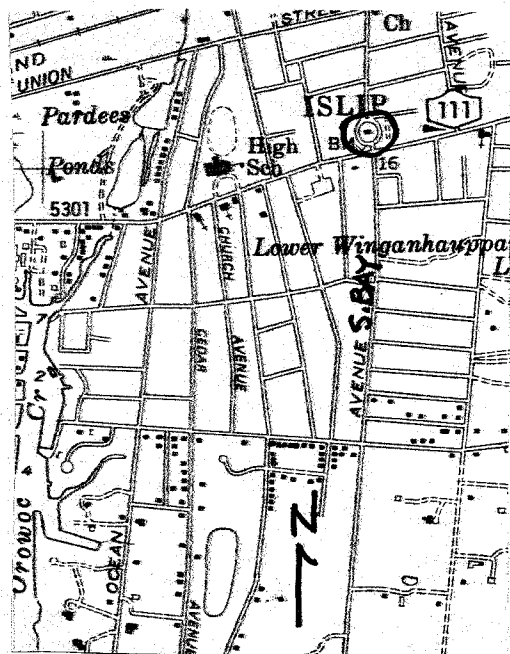East addition built in 1969

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12. PHOTO: LOOKING NW   13. MAP:

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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)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Flemish bond brickwork . Has marble trim and double curving staircase.
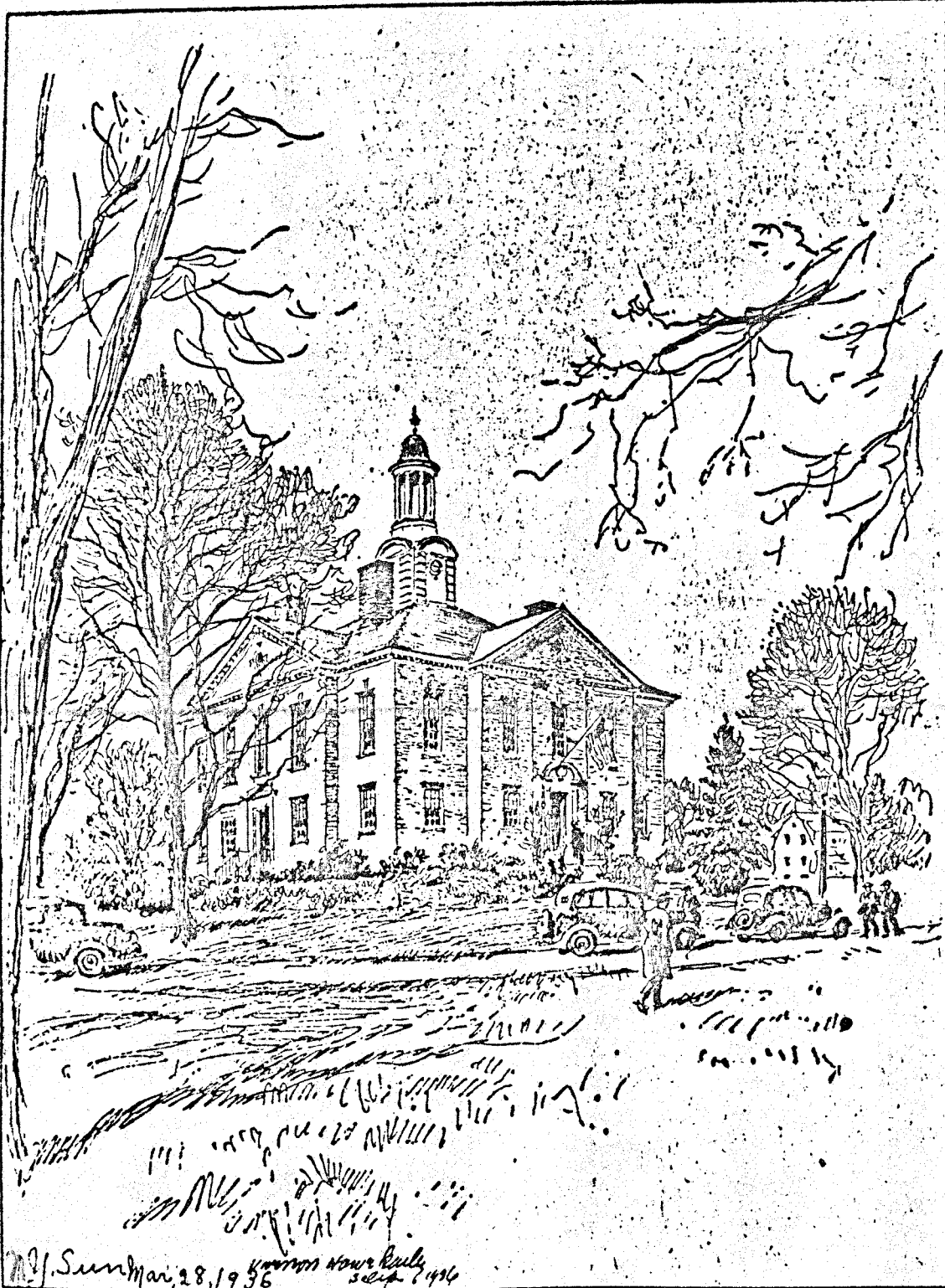
SIGNIFICANCE
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION:____ 1931 , Eugene S. Helbig, architect

     ARCHITECT: (Fuller & Dick, Supervising Architects)

     BUILDER:__John H. Eisele Co., Inc., Builders

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

21. SOURCES: Cornerstones on Main Building and on East Wing
              Bronze Plaque in lobby
Bailey, Vernon Howe. N.Y. Sun, March 28, 1936.

22. THEME:
Research by: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities.
             Barbara Nadel, Research Assistant

SKETCHES OF NEW YORK'S SUBURBS—No. 261
By VERNON HOWE BAILEY

N.Y. Sun Mar. 28, 1936   Vernon Howe Bailey Sept 1936

Islip, L. I.—Town Hall.

The sketch shows the Town Hall, a Georgian style building, which was completed in 1931. The building houses offices of the town officials of Islip, a branch office of the Suffolk County Health Board and the local office of the WPA. The town jail, police headquarters and a large court room also are found in the building.

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the Southside was Richard M. Raven, and of the First National, William H. Robbins.

Bay Shore's first newspaper was the *Journal*, founded in 1886. In 1945 it was combined with the *Sentinel*, established in the 1920s.

The village of Islip had a greater population than Bay Shore before the railroad came through. As far back as 1870, summer residents established many beautiful homes here. By 1880 Clock Brothers' general store was the largest on the south side. Because its navigable water comes to the main road, Orowac Creek has been the source of much shipping. From 1860 to 1880, a great deal of merchandise, coal, lumber and brick was brought up this creek. Along Doxsee's Creek shipyards were early established and it was here that John H. Doxsee, in 1865, started his cannery for seafood He also ran a four hundred acre farm.

Islip's first school in 1835 was on Main Street just east of the present school. The first schoolmaster, Squire Harry Brewster, was followed by Amos Doxsee who served from 1839 to 1859. He also became principal of the Nassau Institute. When in 1849 a new school was built Henry Clock bought the old one for a barn. The new three-room school in 1872 had 112 pupils. The next school, between Union and Monell Avenues, built in 1884 was gradually enlarged to contain seventeen rooms. A Union Free School District was formed in 1893. In 1921 the present building was built and in 1928 an addition was made.
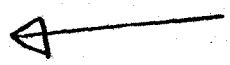
When Bay Shore and Islip Methodists decided to separate, Islip members in 1850 leased the little school until their church was erected in 1866. The present church was built in 1890.

In 1852 a Presbyterian Chapel was erected in Islip. It was connected with the church at Babylon. In 1857 Islip Presbyterians decided to have their own organization and in 1869 built a church, the present one.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church was started as a mission of St. John's Church at Oakdale. It became a parish in 1847 and the first church building was erected the same year. The rectory was built in 1859 in East Islip and is now a part of the East Islip Hotel. In 1880, the present church was completed, the gift of William K. Vanderbilt. The rectory was built the same year and the parish house in 1891.

The Trinity Lutheran Church began to hold meetings in 1927 in a little store on Main Street. The membership grew so fast that it soon had to move to larger quarters in the old Legion Hall. In 1927, a plot of ground was purchased and the next year the present chapel was built and dedicated.

Islip village is the seat of Town government. The first Town Hall was located on the west side of Grant Avenue. It was built by a syndicate in 1869. The upper floor was occupied by the Masonic Lodge. The second Town Hall was built on Main Street in 1907. It is still used as an adjunct to the present one. The Town Hall now in use is one of the most beautiful in Suffolk County and was dedicated in 1932.