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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	<u>103-05-0211</u>
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: 5 Jan. 1977 JUN 21 1977
Town Hall
 YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street TELEPHONE: 516-581-2000
Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning, Housing and Development

IDENTIFICATION Hewlett School / Former Johnson Estate

- BUILDING NAME(S): Hewlett School; Bradish Johnson Estate
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Islip
- STREET LOCATION: 70 Suffolk Lane, west side
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Hewlett School ADDRESS: 70 Suffolk Lane
- USE: Original: residence Present: school
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain permission school authorities

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 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 _____
- 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):
roof balustrade removed.

NEGATIVES DEPOSITED AT
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L. I. ANTIQUITIES

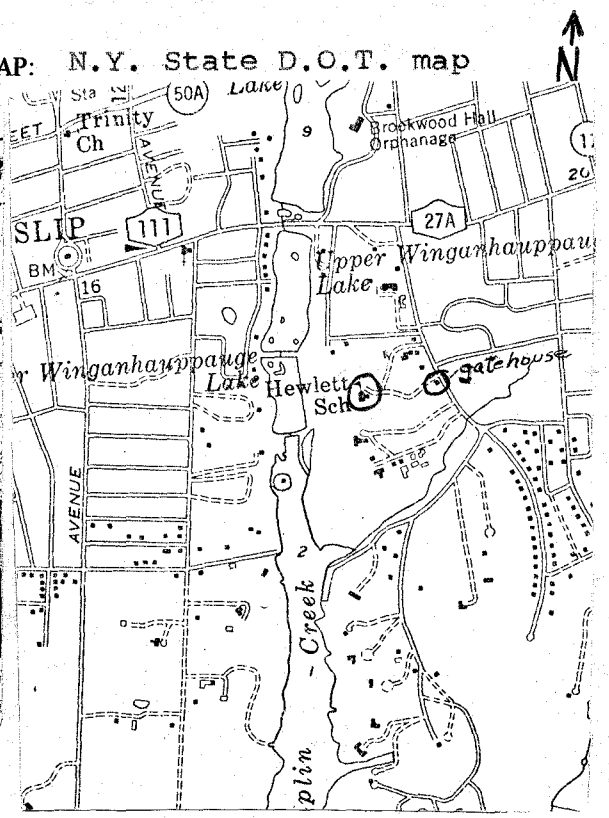
VIEW OF GATE HOUSE

12. PHOTO: neg. roll MFS 2-19

13. MAP: N.Y. State D.O.T. map



HP-1 Looking southwest



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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: gate house
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):

The Bradish Johnson mansion is a 3 story Colonial Revival Style stucco structure with 3 story corner pilasters, original porte cochere with Tuscan columns, wide overhanging cornice, dentil course on frieze, and original chimneys. 2nd story window over front entrance has scrolled broken pediment, 2nd story protruding bay on South side, original turned balustrade on front stoop. Roof balustrade removed.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

21. SOURCES:

Hyde, E. Belcher, Atlas of the Ocean Shore of Suffolk County, .L.I., Westerly Section, Brooklyn-Manhattan, 1915. plate 25.

22. THEME: Thomas F. Schweitzer Postal Collection

Research by: Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities
 Marilyn Sachs, Research Assistant

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: (continued)

Iron fence with rusticated concrete posts.

Iron gates with iron lanterns.

Gatehouse:

Stucco with varigated shingles above
overhanging roof with exposed rafter ends
4/4 windows
original front stoop and entrance

Barn : Large Queen Anne Shingle-Style barn
2 ventilator cupolas
west gable living quarters
12/1, 15/2, 20/2 windows
original shingles
many additions
some windows altered
barn has horse weather vane

East Islip Schools

From a one-room schoolhouse a modern educational complex - that has been the growth story of the East Islip Union Free School District #3. This district's story begins prior to 1857, the first year that it could house all its student body in one room. The need for expansion arose early for this community, located off the Great South Bay on Suffolk County's south shore; and in 1858, a two-story building containing two rooms was constructed.

Today's citizens who complain about increased taxes caused by additions to their schools are probably echoing the voices of their forefathers, for school additions are nothing new, especially to East Islip's residents. When the two-room schoolhouse was destroyed by fire in 1885, a new structure was erected on South Country Road (today's Main Street). Additions to this building over the next twenty years resulted in a nine-room operational plant, not huge by today standards, but quite a structure to grandfather when he entered kindergarten.

The nine-room schoolhouse served service for the next twenty years until sold to Mr. Frank Buchacek, who had the building cut into sections and moved to Laurel Avenue north of New Street, East Islip, where the sections were made into homes. Some of these houses are still situated at this location and show the "gingerbread" effect which was an architectural feature of the building.

This sale to Mr. Buchacek was made possible by the opening in 1927 of a three-story building on Main Street, East Islip, which housed the entire student body of the district, grades K-12. It was with the opening of these facilities that East Islip began to offer a full four-year high school program.

This structure, with necessary additions, was sufficient to meet East Islip's needs until the mid-1950's. But, as the district felt the population explosion of the

1950's and 1960's, new buildings appeared on the scene. In September, 1957, the Islip Terrace Elementary School opened its doors for the first time, quickly followed in December, 1959, by the Timber Point Elementary School. A third elementary school, the Connetquot, was completed and ready for occupancy in September, 1962.

A fourth elementary school? Yes, for the Main Street building, in addition to containing students in grades 7 - 12, also housed an elementary student body, children who eventually would attend the John F. Kennedy Elementary School when it was readied in September of 1964.

It soon became apparent that on a day soon to come the elementary school children would descend upon the old structure on Main Street. Consequently, land was purchased for a new senior high school in Islip Terrace and plans were made to renovate the existing structure as a junior high school.

As students returned from Spring Vacation in April, 1962, they found themselves in completely new surroundings. Instead of the Main Street building, students of grades 7 - 12 were now being taught in the new East Islip Senior High School on Redmen Road, Islip Terrace. This building has a capacity of 1,200 students, but citizen advisory committees late in 1966 studied provisions for additions to be made on the existing structure.

Hewlett School In East Islip Since 1915

The Hewlett School of East Islip formerly owned and operated by Miss Eugenia G. Coope under the name of Hewlett School. Miss Coope established The Hewlett School at Hewlett Park, Long Island, New York, in 1915 and later moved the school to its present location in East Islip.

In 1952, Miss Coope, desiring to place the school on an even firmer basis than had theretofore existed and to assure the continuation of the school in the event of her disability or death, called upon certain prominent members of the community for advice and assistance. After considerable research and discussion, it was decided that incorporation of the school was desirable.

Hewlett School

Accordingly, in 1952, Ann Cutler Whitney, Elizabeth Bacon Macy, Eugenia G. Coope, William T. Gregory, Jr., W. Hunting Howell, Ann C. Thorne, Jeanette M. Sullivan, Gerard Hallock and Robert E. Thornhill, applied to the Regents of the University of the State of New York for a provisional charter under Section 216 of the Education Law, for the present Corporation, The Hewlett School of East Islip.

On October 23, 1952, the Board of Regents granted a provisional charter.

Since the provisional charter was granted, the corporation has conducted a school for the education of children from pre-school through Grade 12. An absolute charter was granted December 18, 1959. The school

is divided into three divisions, Lower School, Middle School and Upper School.

In 1953, the School was incorporated as a non-profit organization and, in 1955, Miss Jeanette M. Sullivan became Headmistress upon the death of Miss Coope. In 1964, James B. Webster, Assistant Headmaster of The Allendale School of Rochester, New York, succeeded Miss Sullivan who retired.

The school property is a fine old estate comprising approximately 18 acres of landscaped grounds on a salt water inlet of Great South Bay. There are four buildings on the campus:

Woodland, familiarly called the Main House, was formerly the private home of one of the community's leading families. It is a spacious building expressing the dignity of the early 19th century. Dana House is a delightful residence for some of the boarders. Frederick Hall is the main classroom building with library, study hall, and classrooms on the first floor.

The Gym, the newest building, provides facilities for indoor basketball, badminton and other sports.

Hewlett, just this past June 9th, held its 52nd commencement program for 16 members of the senior Class.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH EAST ISLIP

St. Mary's Church, East Islip, traces its beginnings back to 1878. The Bay Shore-Islip area was then a mission of St. Patrick's in Huntington and the famous pioneer priest, Rev. J.J. Crawley, used to drive a team of horses down to the south shore from Huntington to say Mass in Bay Shore.

In 1878, the Catholic families in East Islip raised \$500 and bought the old St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Islip. They moved the building to a lot in East Islip donated to the Catholics and this building still stands, renovated and useful, accommodating 300 for Mass.

By 1883, Bishop John Laughlin sent the Rev. James Dohier to Bay Shore as pastor and East Islip became a mission of Bay Shore until 1898 when St. Mary's was assigned a resident pastor, the Rev. Edward A. Duffy.

In the next four years, by 1902, Father Duffy had built the church big enough to hold 550 and the rectory. The Rev. Joseph Sinkmayer succeeded him (1905-1917). He built the school, using much of his own personal funds.

Next came, The Rev. Thomas Connolly, who was pastor from 1918 to 1935. The pastors who followed him were: Rev. Charles A. Rohr (1935-40); Rev. Charles J. Hughes (1940-41); Rev. Andrew J. Heany (1941-51); Rev. Thomas Cody (1951-54); Rev. Joseph Kirk who died in 1961. He was succeeded by Rev. James P. McKelvey (1961-63) and Rev. William H. Govern from 1961 to the present.

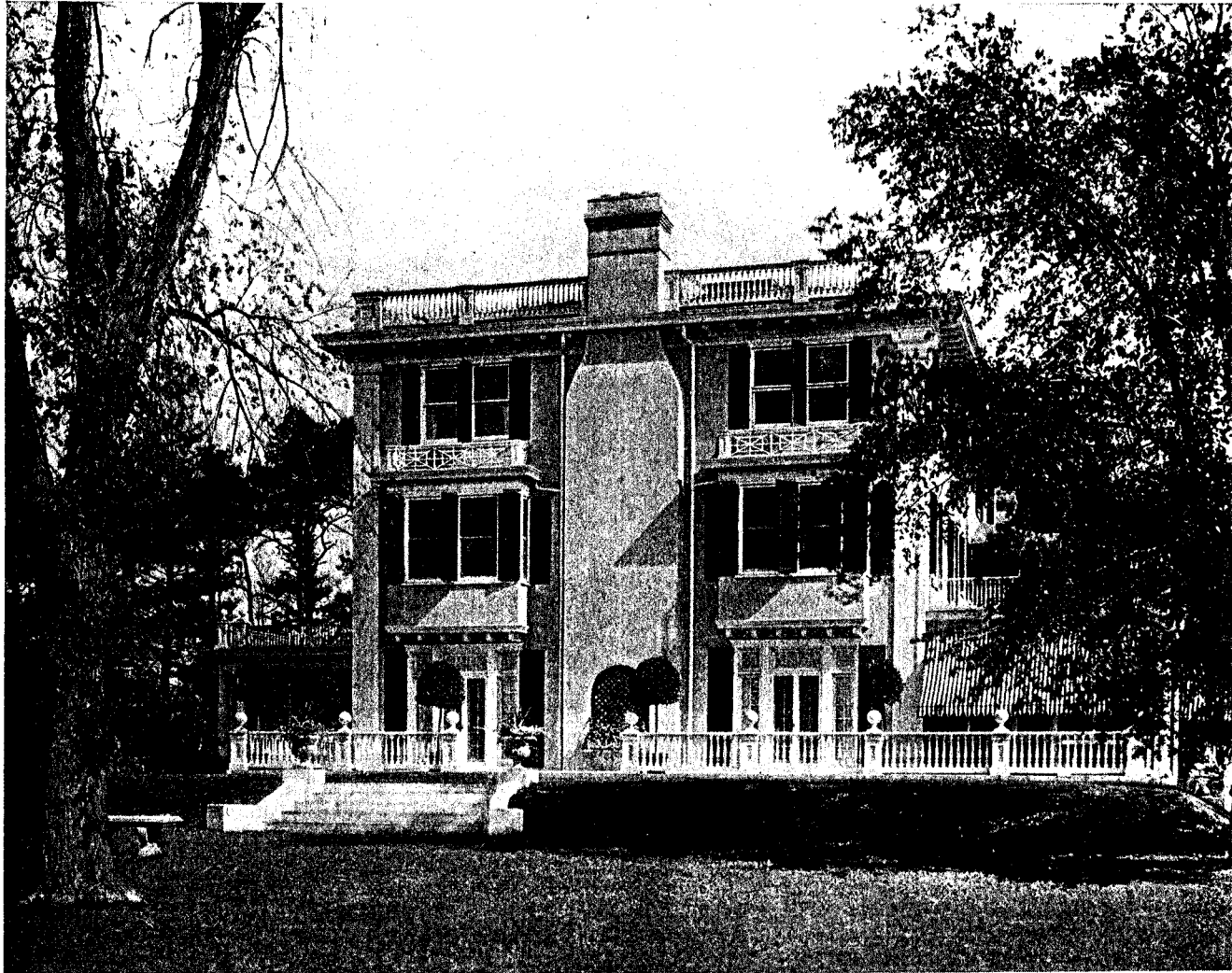
Fr. Govern is somewhat of a pioneer. He started St. Mary's Band of East Islip which has won top trophies in life, drum and bugle. He and his former curate, Rev. Michael F. Guinan organized the Barber Shop Quartet which is gaining fame all over the United States.

The parish publishes a monthly newspaper for its parishioners, The Crusade, which was begun nearly 10 years ago by Lawrence Butler under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Society.

The original school was on the corner of Main Street next to the church and rectory. It was built in 1912 and was originally called St. Mary's Academy. The building was recently cleared to make way for a massive parking lot to accommodate the more than 5,000 parishioners.

The children have been taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame

EAST ISLIP
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3



M. J. Anderson

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THE WESTERLY VIEW DISCLOSES ONE END OF THE HOUSE FRAMED BY THE FOLIAGE

The shadows of the trees soften the slope to the terrace from the meadow. Here is a stately row of bay-trees in tubs and a small bi

THE SUMMER HOME OF MR. BRADISH JOHN

By LEICESTER HOLT

WOODLAND is one of those romantic properties in the neighborhood of Islip, L.I., famous for its fertile meadow land, fragrant woods, rambling water courses and exciting legends. Indeed, it is thought by some that the traditional stories embodying the folk-lore pertaining to the Great South Bay and that ever shifting strip of sand which marks the outer line of Long Island have had much to do with stimulating the wealthy New Yorker to spend his summers in this locality. For many years Woodland has been the summer home of Mr. Bradish Johnson.

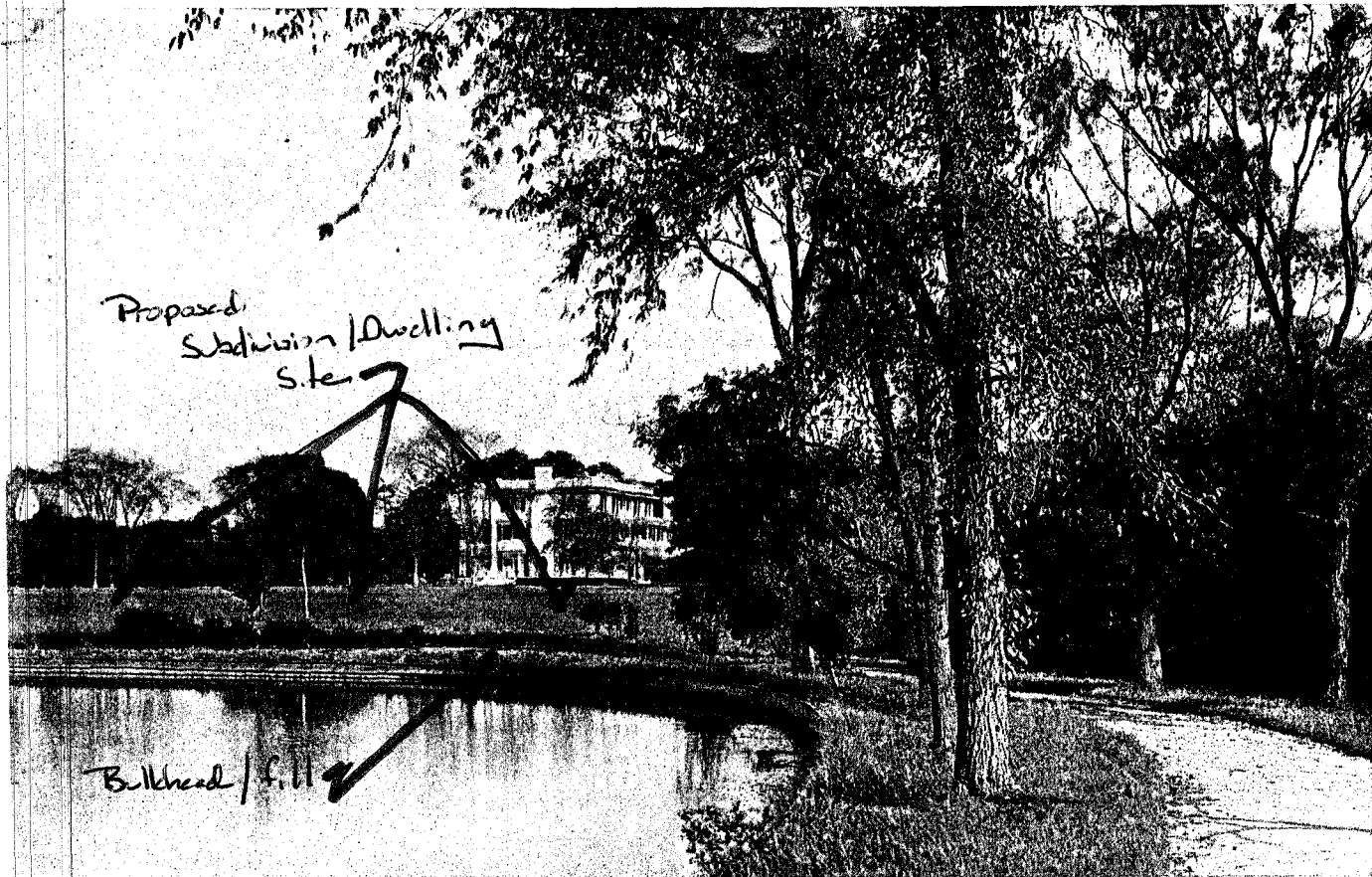
The fortunate visitor is entertained greatly by the ap-

Indeed that serviceable and interesting center of things like so many other country estates of prominence, often picturesque incident in the landscape.

Woodland stands in its park-like pasture about two miles from the station. Although the house has been rebuilt recently



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WOODLAND IS A PICTURE FROM THE LAKE WITH ITS LORDLY MAPLES AND ELMs

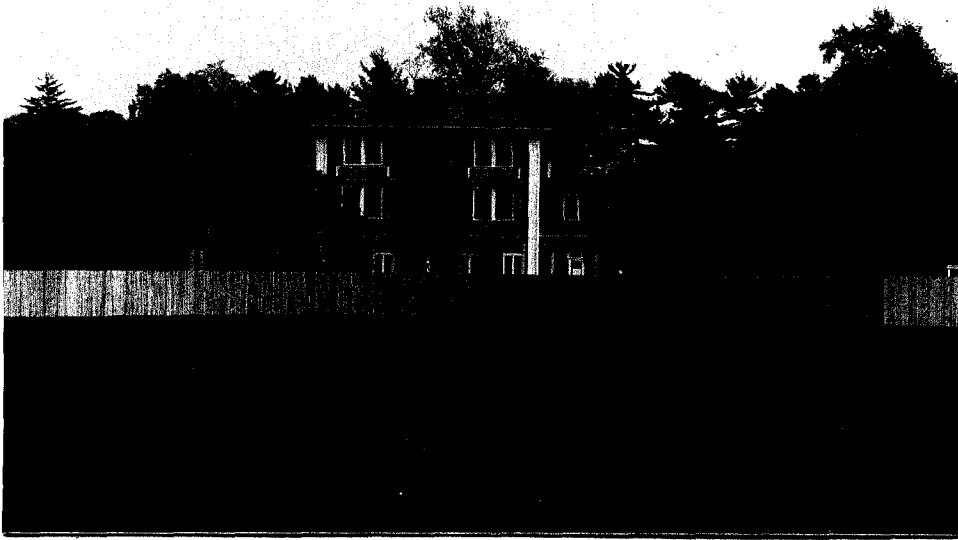
The lake was originally a part of Champlin's Creek fed by many springs extending almost across the island to the northern shore

Before the house a view of the greenhouse is to be enjoyed, reached by a broad archway of roses. Under the tall pine trees on the bank the main avenue are rhododendrons, pink and rich, full of red, frequently outlined with white, their beautiful blossoms further intensified by the glimmer of the leaves against the blue blur of the flowering currant bushes. This bank of flowers is very beautiful. The accompanying perfume of the pine with its like aromatic scent is delightful and refreshing. Straight across is the lake with its graceful coverture of leaves floating gently in the sunlight. To the right, under the eaves of the

veranda, can well be seen over the well-trimmed hedge the rosy-checked apples of the orchard and further along the tennis court and paddock. Throughout this interesting property, which, by the way, has known three generations of the present branch of the Johnson family, the roads curve gracefully between the groves of venerable trees, every few feet seeming to open diagonally an inviting glimpse of the distance or some stimulating detail nearby. There is a wonderful diversity about the roadway of which the visitor never wearies. At whatever season of the year he is entertained by the change of the foliage, the dark rich greens and rus-



WINGAN ESTATES - EAST ISLIP



House/Subdivision looking east towards school
building *toward back of school from lake*



House/Subdivision site looking southeast towards
school

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ELIGIBILITY ATTACHMENT

DEC (Agency)
WINGIN ESTATES (Project Name)
EAST ISLIP, SUFFOLK (Location)

I. Property appears NR/SR eligible. PRE SRB POST SRB

SPECIFIC CRITERIA:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; OR
- B. Associated with lives of persons significant in our past; OR
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; OR represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; OR
- D. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

II. Property appears to be within the boundaries of a potential historic district. PRE SRB POST SRB (map attached)

Property contributes does not contribute (to the historic district).

DISCUSSION: The Bradish Johnson Estate is historically and
architecturally significant as an early twentieth century high-style
mansion designed in the Colonial Revival style. The open and wooded
lands surrounding the house were once part of the original large
estate grounds associated with the mansion and recall the secluded
setting of the original landscape design.

III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: