

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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SERIES	_____
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 5/22/79

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street
Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450

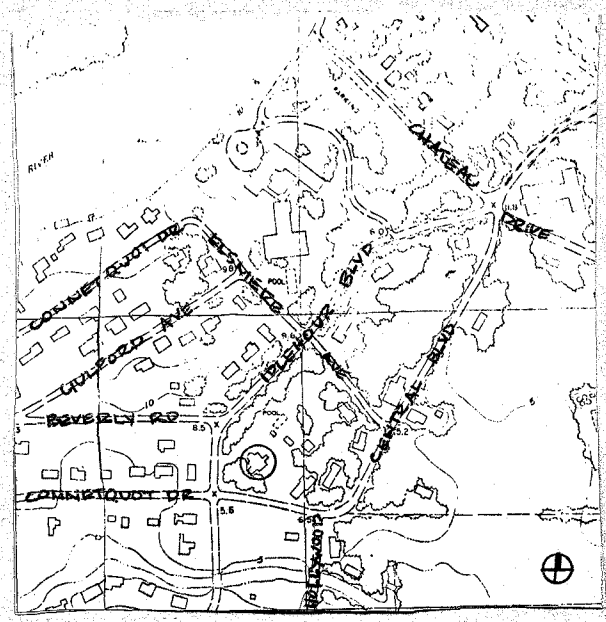
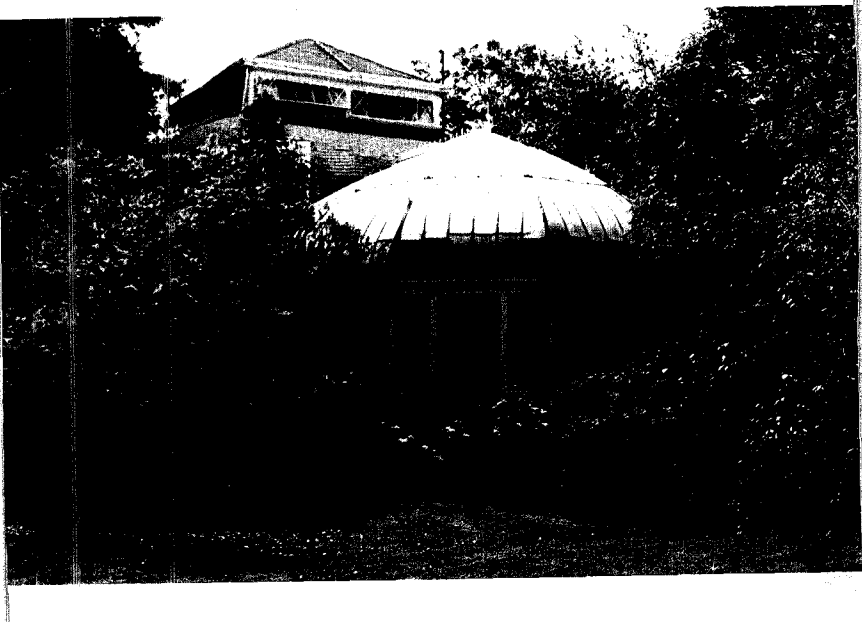
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderbilt Palm House ^{Estate:}
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Oakdale
3. STREET LOCATION: 1 Connetquot Drive
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: Greenhouse Present: Residence
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: steel/glass
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) Greenhouse framing (iron)
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):
The glass and metal structure of the Palm House has been covered with asbestos shingles and roofing for present use.
12. PHOTO: Neg. 10, from north
NJM-1
13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson
Composite



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads green
 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)

Northeast corner of Idlehour Blvd. and Connetquot Drive.

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

2½ story glass house with typical 19th century curved greenhouse roof.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____

1901*

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building was a part of the 900-acre estate of William K. Vanderbilt, built during the latter years of the 19th century. It contains ten tons of circular plate glass for sliding windows and doors.

21. SOURCES: Drawing on Cover of "3rd Annual Antique Auction of the William K. Vanderbilt Historical Society" Program, D. C. Press, 1973, Oakdale.

*William K. Vanderbilt Historical Society.

22. THEME:

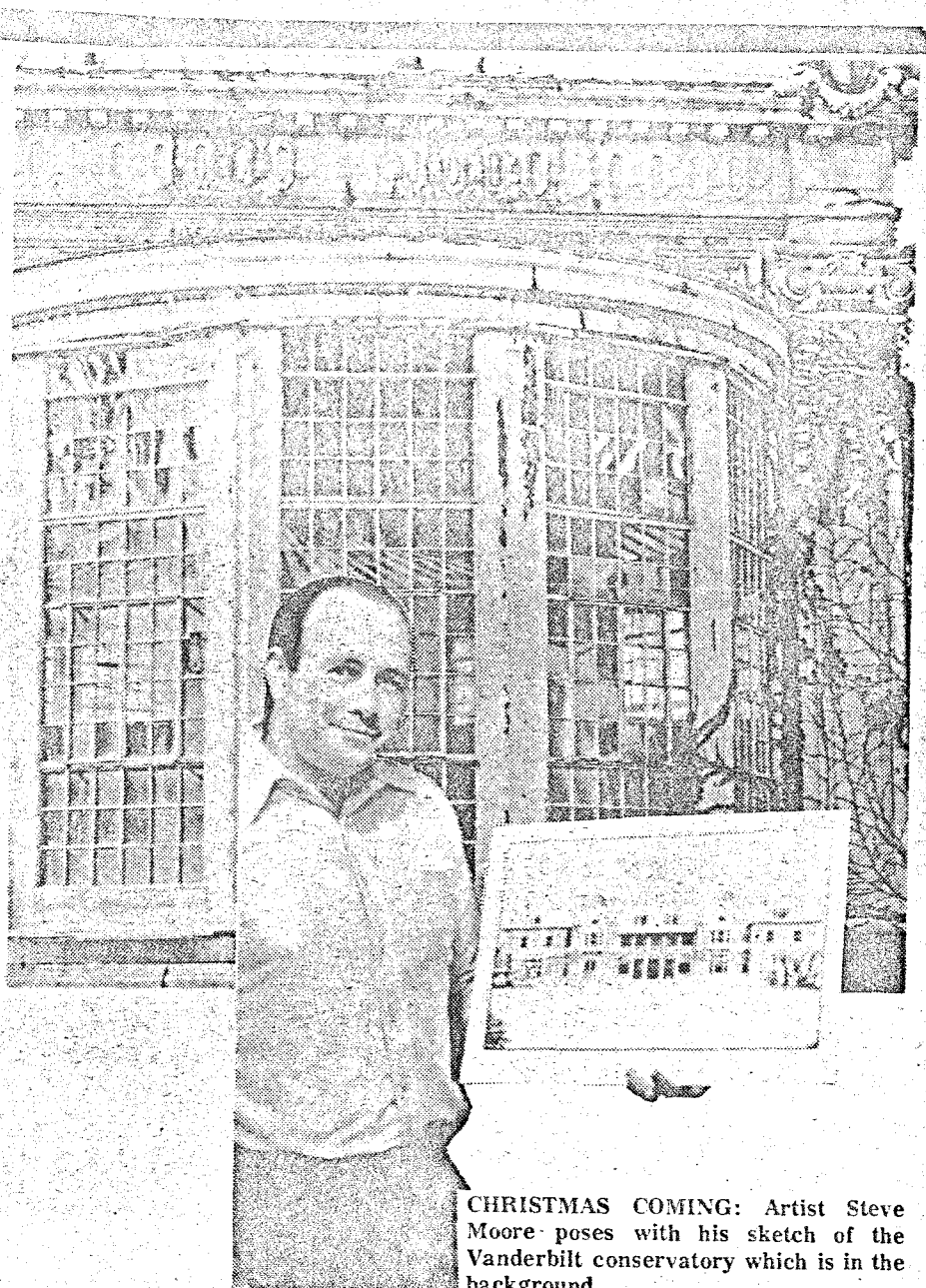
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CHRISTMAS COMING: Artist Steve Moore poses with his sketch of the Vanderbilt conservatory which is in the background.

← Palm House at Main House

took slides of the exquisite interiors, including shots of handcarved stericase sent here from Europe, the magnificent frescos adorning the walls of the Hunt room and staircases large enough to walk into.

Historical Society is organizing a book that will be titled, Old Oakdale History, Volume I, which will include the history of Oakdale and its wealthy residents. It will include pictures and accounts of the old Southside Sportsman Club members and residents of the estates.

The Historical Society was chartered by the Board of Education to work out of Dowling College. Betty Kuss, the director of the Historical Society, says the group will continue to collect and organize materials for the public's use, and

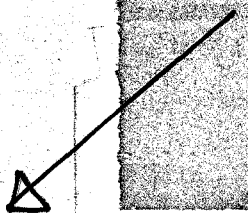
publish other volumes of history in coming years.

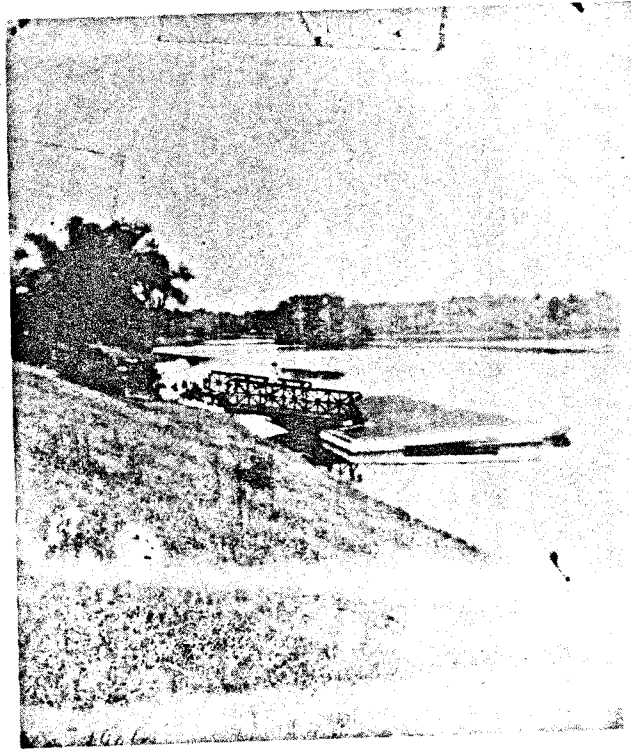
This year's Christmas Card features Steve Moore's drawing of the original Vanderbilt Conservatory, which is located in the midst of what is now known as Dowling College. The Conservatory housed Consuelo Vanderbilt's suitors whenever the 110 room mansion did not provide enough space.

Then in 1903, a second Conservatory was built to store and grow Mr. Vanderbilt's prize winning plants and orchids. The original conservatory has not yet been restored. It connects two sections of Dowling College and is used for storage.

The cards will be sold for \$3.50 for a box of ten.

call Betty Kuss

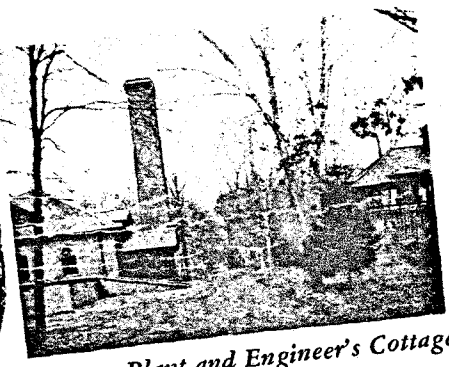




Mahogany Floating Dock at Mansion



The Palm House



Power Plant and Engineer's Cottage

Pamphlet, "The Story of Idle Hour, Oakdale, Long Island,"
Dowling College Press, Alice McGorty, Editor.