

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 6/11/79
655 Main Street
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450
ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

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IDENTIFICATION

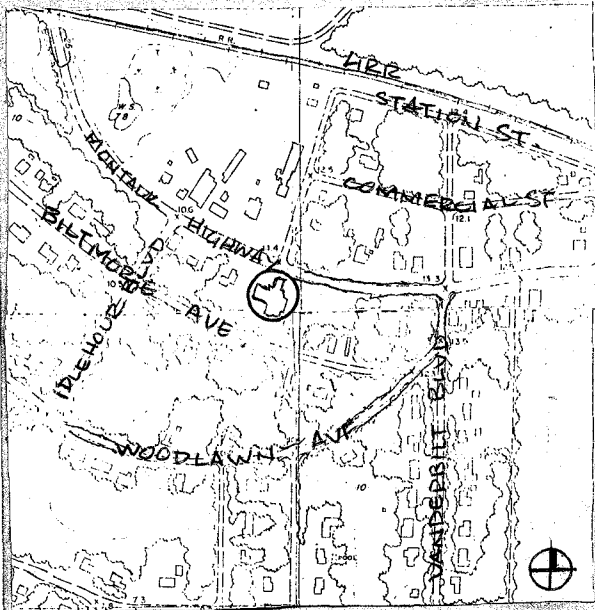
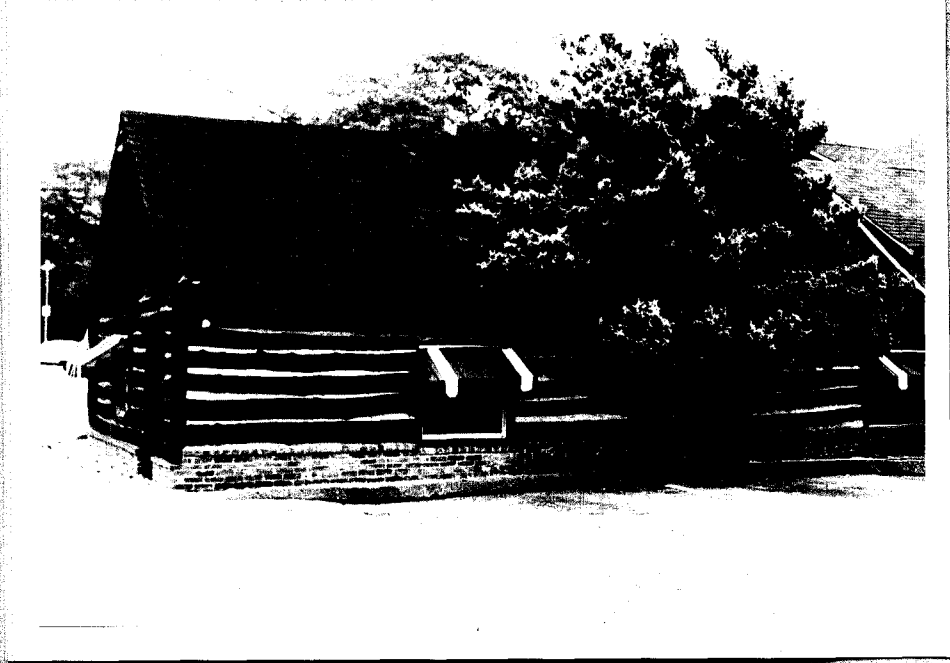
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bronco Charlie's Resturant
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Oakdale
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Montauk Highway; south side; east of Idlehour Blvd.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ralph Shobitz ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: resturant
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain open to public

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: Logs
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members c. masonry load-bearing walls d. metal (explain) logs
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. dist major alterations and dates (if known): _____

Additions made for modern resturant.

12. PHOTO: Neg 23a, NJM-2 view from northwest
13. MAP: Bowe Anderson, Composite A



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)

Bronco Charlie's is on the south side of Montauk Hwy., on land that was purchased from the estate of W.K. Vanderbilt.

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

The original part of the resturant, that is, the wing that reaches closest to the street, is a 1-story log cabin with a brick foundation, gable roof of wood shingles, and low windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1927 or soon thereafter

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: "Bronco" Charlie Miller

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The log cabin, than known as "Our Acres" was the home of Bronco Charlie Miller upon his settlement in the East. Born in 1850, he was a rider on the Pony Express and knew Buffalo Bill and Jesse James. He carved wood figures and had a curio shop in the cabin.

21. SOURCES: Ruth Dougherty, "Reflections of the Past," Suffolk County News, January 23, 1975.
 Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, p. 52, 1975, Suffolk County News.

22. THEME:

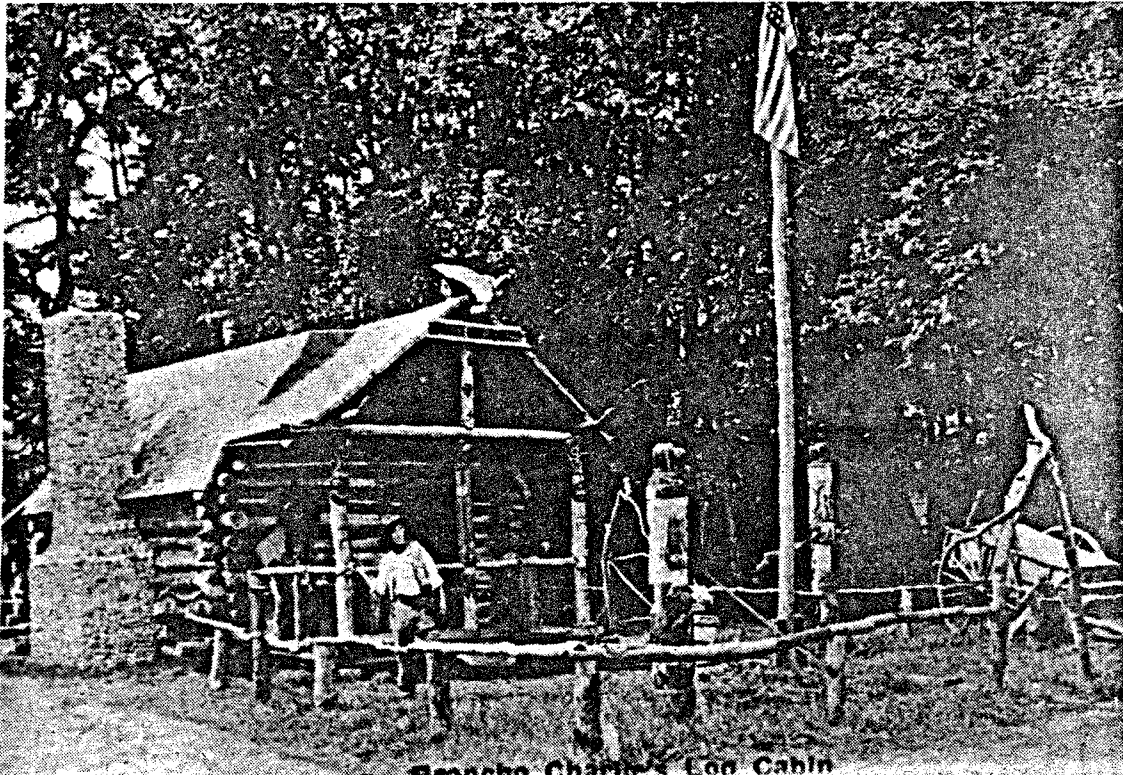
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SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS

Reflections of the Past

By Ruth Dougherty



Bronco Charlie's Log Cabin

Bronco Charlie Miller's log cabin still stands today in Oakdale on Montauk Highway. Look closely at what is now Bronco Charlie's well-known restaurant, now owned by Ralph Schobitz, and the original building is easily recognized, though it has been built onto through the years since becoming a restaurant. That is Bronco Charlie himself in the picture, taken somewhere in the 1920's. He carved wooden figures and had a curio shop here. There doesn't seem to be any word on why he came east to Long Island after riding the Pony Express at age eleven, losing his parents to Indians, tangling with the Nez Perce Indians, knowing Buffalo Bill and Jesse James. As an elderly man he returned west by horseback, then came east again for a visit in 1950 at age 101. He died when 105. The sign beneath the carved wooden eagle in picture reads, "Our Acres."

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