

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip - Town Hall DATE: 7/24/79

655 Main Street

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Daughter's Mansion of Jones Estate
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 71 Benson Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Cummings ADDRESS: see # 3
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: - Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

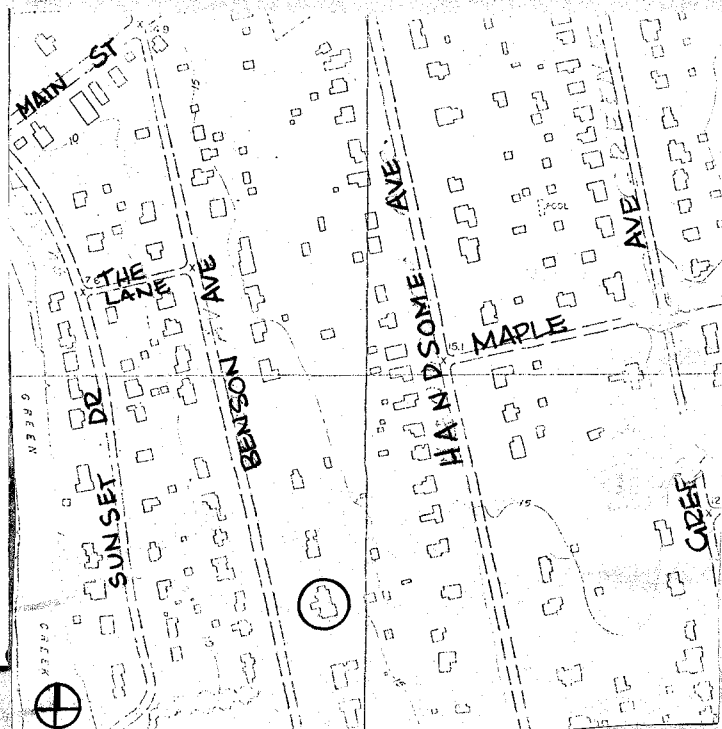
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? after 1915
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: NJM-5, neg. 9

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 front (west) facade



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)

The Jones Mansion is located on the east side of Benson Ave., south of Main Street (Montauk Hwy.).

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2½ story, 5 bay, large stucco mansion with red tile hip roof and 3 original hip roof dormers. Porte-cochere and flanking open porches. Original windows, some of which are leaded; wide modillioned eaves.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION:
- between 1902 and 1915.

ARCHITECT: I.H. Greene Jr.? House is similar to one in the I.H. Greene Jr. photo album. (See attachment)

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was once the home of the daughter of Frank Jones, president of Jewel Tea Company, who in 1902 purchased 75 acres from Main Street to the bay on the east bank of Greene's Creek from E.R. Wilbur. He built a large mansion on the bay that was destroyed by fire in 1960. He also built this large mansion for his daughter, that was later moved up to its present site on Benson Avenue and occupied by Elwell Palmer. Another wing of the large mansion was moved to #48 Benson Avenue, and is a private residence.

21. SOURCES:

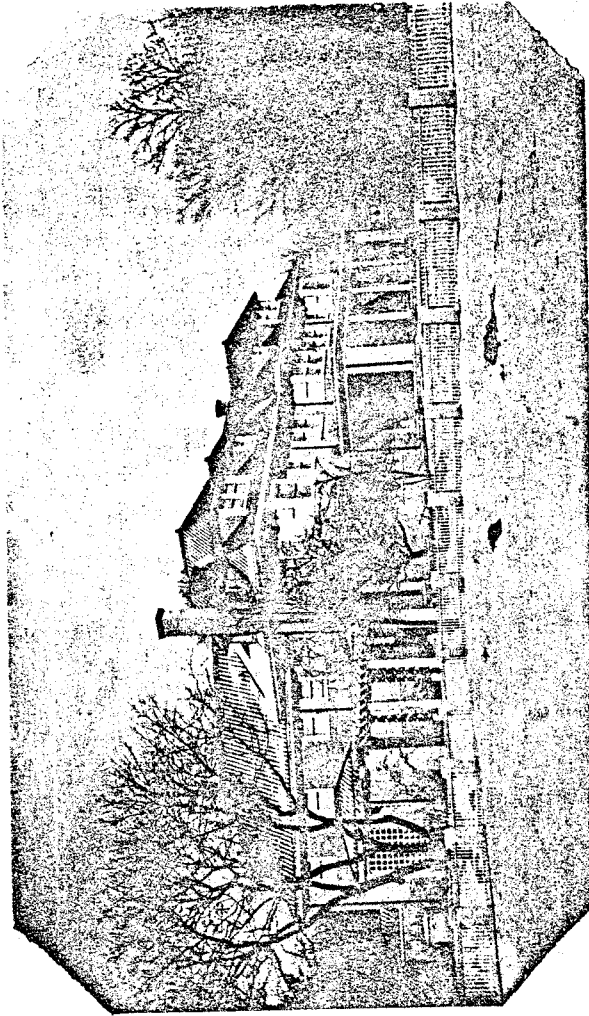
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Jones ?

This may be the Jones Mansion that burned in 1960. Note its similarity to the house Frank Jones built for his daughter,

Mrs. William Morris Simonds (see Southampton form SW4).

Photoburn of D.H. Green Jr.
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driver of a horse and wagon.

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The News said, "Last night the whole street lighting circuit in this village was put out of commission. Fortunately the moon shone brightly and no one was seriously inconvenienced. Careful investigation showed a smashed lamp and a socket on Handsome Avenue, evidently the work of some boys. The company will make some alterations in their plant which will take care of such emergencies without putting the whole line out of business.

Capt. Grenville M. Dodge, the last of the major generals of the Civil War and chief engineer in charge of building the Union Pacific Railroad, had been here visiting his niece, Mrs. Frank E. Hayward. It was he for whom Dodge City, of motion picture fame, was named.

The News said "According to the man around the Westerbeke Bros. oyster house, the opening record has been broken. George Kwaak is the man and his record is 21 gallons between 6:45 a.m. when the shop opened, and 3:30 p.m.

The corner store in the Wood building, formerly occupied by G. G. Morris's grocery and later by the clothing store of B. Cohn, has been rented by Vinton R. Terry and C. Wemyss Owens, of Bayport, who will use it as a grocery store.

A Mrs. H. H. Van Deman, wife of an army officer, had made an aeroplane flight with Wilbur Wright. It was the first time a woman had been up in a heavier than air machine in this country.

I. H. Green had drawn plans for a house for William R. Simonds and the contract for its construction had gone to Ashby and Breckenridge of Bayport. This house is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Mason.

The News was advocating editorially the establishment of a library here.

Sir Thomas Lipton was a guest of Commodore Bourne of Oakdale.

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A memorial service for the late President Theodore Roosevelt had been held in the Opera House. Dr. James W. Maddren was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The village basketball team composed of David Seaman, Lloyd Bohm, Amele Petranek, Anthony Petranek and Pep Ryther had beaten a team from Camp Upton by a score of 76 to 11.

J. P. Gilligan, summer resident, had bought the William Y. Benjamin's cottage on Candee Avenue.

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The annual meeting of Smith Wever Post had been held and the following officers elected: Commander W. C.

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W. R. Simonds was married to Jones' daughter.

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steamer. He had caught 42,000 barrels of
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Benjamin, pilot; August Ramm,
Ellsworth Rogers and Peter Jimlet.

Local friends had heard from Bessie
Bonehill, her husband, William Seeley
and their son, Jack West. They were
playing a theatrical engagement in
Johannesburg, South Africa. They were
residents of Sayville.

The president of the Sag Harbor Board
of Education had resigned because of the
wrath of parents of children who were
arrested for truancy. The compulsory
education law had been in effect only a
short time.

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Herbert Funke of New York met with
an unusual accident while driving out
from the city with W. Purdy Shannon of
Bayport. The car hit a bump in the road.
Mr. Funke was tossed into the air and
landed in the road behind the car, unhurt
except for bruises.

The News said, "A sign at the Steering
Place, corner of Main Street and Gillette
Avenue, announces that the property is
for sale. It is one of the most desirable
places in Sayville for business pur-
poses." That is where Thornhill's
pharmacy now stands.

William Bason and Son, contractors,
had 20 men at work laying foundation for
the Simonds house on Handsome Avenue.
This was the residence which later was
moved and converted into two dwellings
now on Benson Avenue and occupied by
William Maxson and John White.

The News said, "Patchogue is
discussing the propriety of using free
books in its schools."

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An American Legion Post had been
established here and the following of-
ficers elected: George K. Nauert,
commander; Edward Munsell, Maurice
Baker and John E. Johnson, vice com-
manders; Carl Stein, financial
secretary; George W. Walsh, recording
secretary; and Dr. R.E. Strong,
treasurer. There were 32 charter
members.

The News said, "H.C. Bohack, summer
resident of Sayville, has started a new
butcher business under the name of H.C.
Bohack Co., Inc., in Bay Shore."

Adrian Dykstra and his family had
moved to West Sayville from Wakefield,
R.I.

Chautauqua was to return to Sayville
for its second year.

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The Central Islip State Hospital
amusement had been destroyed by fire,
probably of incendiary origin.

Miss Philomena Andrea of Wainscott
had been married to Albert Luce of West
Sayville.

Webster Oliver of New York had
bought the Dr. Le Grand Kerr property in
Bayport.

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