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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

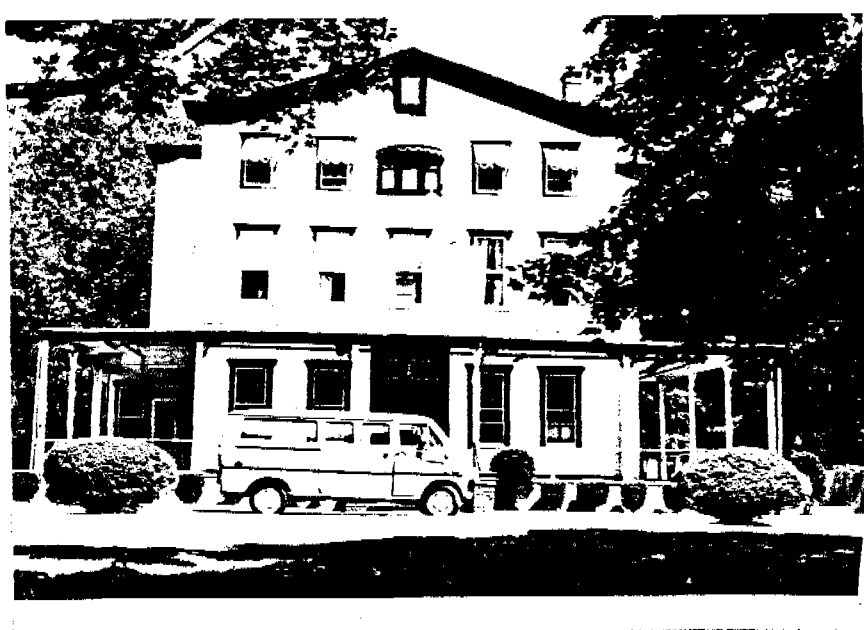
- BUILDING NAME(S): Candee Hotel (Formerly the Lafayette Hotel)
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- STREET LOCATION: 253 Candee Avenue
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- USE: Original: hotel Present: hotel
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

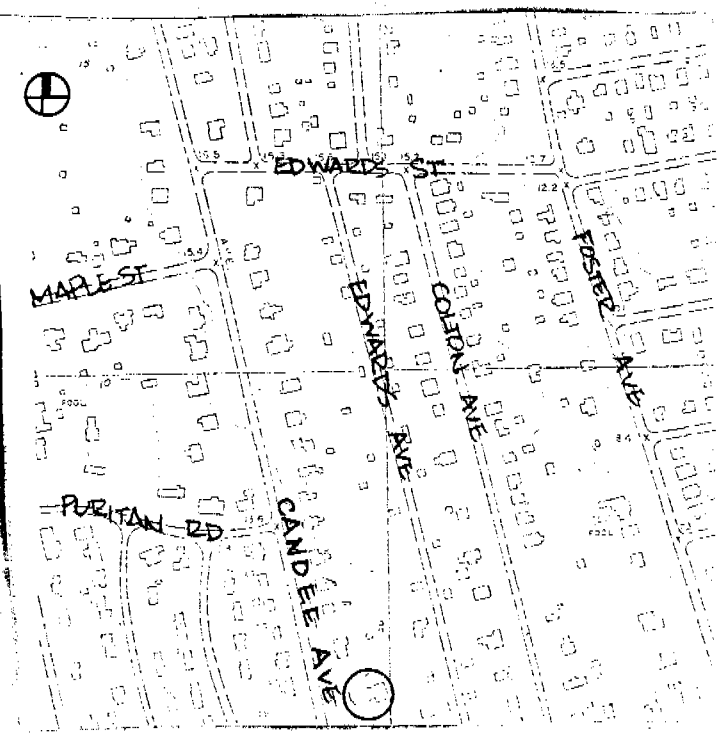
- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- CONDITION: 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): _____

12. PHOTO: NJM-5, neg. 4

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



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 Candee Hotel is situated on the east side of Candee Avenue, between Maple and Elm Streets.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 3½ story, 5 bay clapboard building, with 4 sided, gabled, bracketed roof, original wraparound porch with turned posts and spandrels, and original double-leaf panelled front door with round-headed panels. 2/2 windows throughout. This hotel was known as "Seaside" in 1888.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1885

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Shortly after the Civil War, when the LIRR was extended to Sayville, the town began to prosper as a summer resort. Between 1870 and 1920, there were over 30 large hotels from Sayville to Patchogue, as the area was renowned as the most popular summer resort in the country. Of all these hotels that once stood, only one survives, and that is the Candee Hotel, formerly known as the Lafayette Hotel. It is a Designated Town Landmark, and was formerly owned by S.S. Ackerly in 1902 and 1888.

21. SOURCES:

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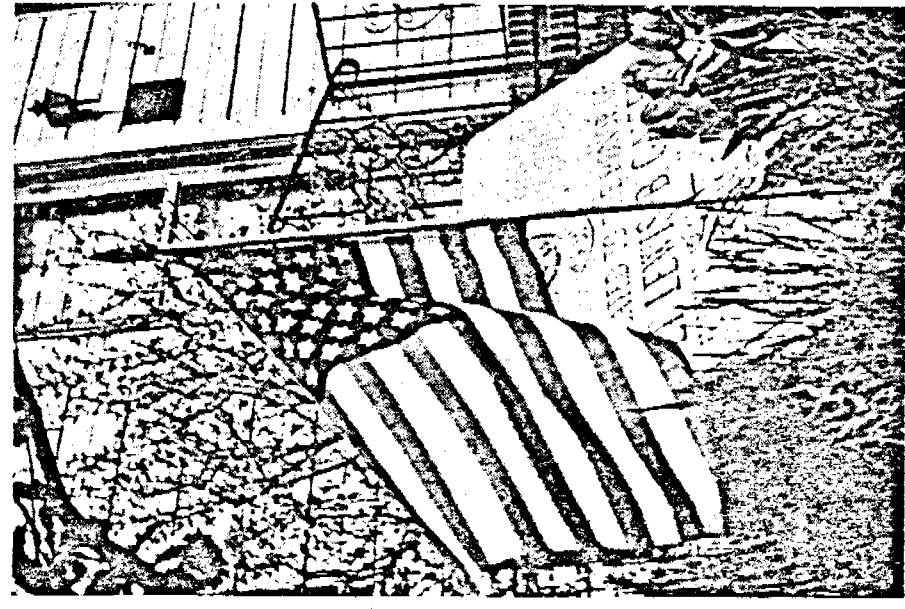
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A Sayville boarding house for derelicts and ex-mental patients has been designated as an historical landmark.

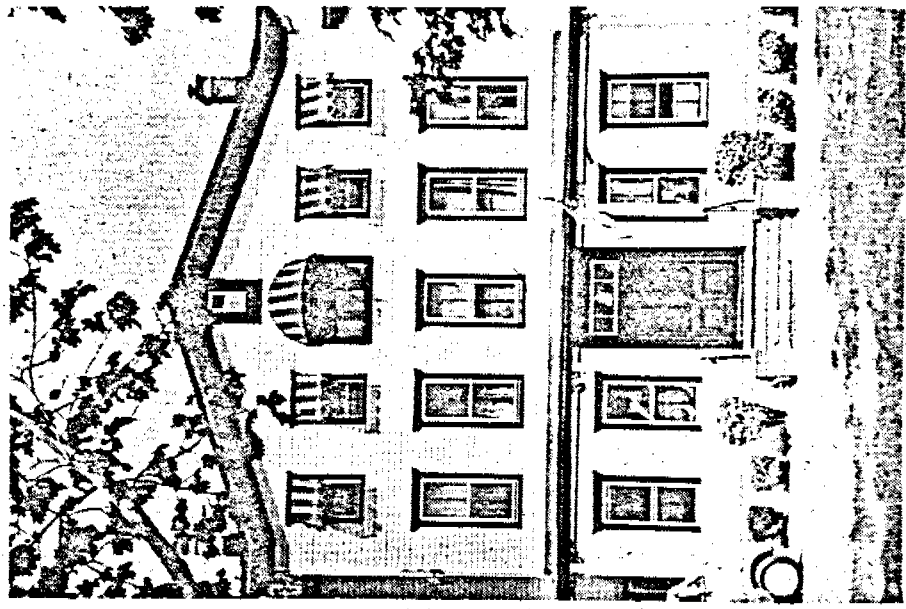
Despite a recent history as the scene of numerous crimes of violence and a 1973 murder, Islip Town Board members said last Tuesday that the Layfayette Hotel on Candee Avenue had "significant historical value". The board voted unanimously to place the building on a Town roster of historic sites.

Islip Town Supervisor Peter F. Cohalan said Monday that the designation was a routine part of the planning department's on-going program to document old buildings before they deteriorated or were bulldozed by developers. The designation means that planners will take a picture of the hotel and keep a file of material pertaining to the building's history. As an official landmark, the owners of the Layfayette (Candee Avenue) Hotel are entitled to a commemorative plaque, Cohalan said.

While acknowledging the "checkered reputation" of the hotel, Cohalan said the Town's designation did not mean the building had to be preserved or that its zoning status as a multi-use residence was frozen in time. "We'd like to see that boarding house phased out of the area. The historical designation is really just a cataloging effort," he said.

Although the Layfayette has become a controversial site in recent years, it was once a resort hotel for wealthy and famous Manhattanites who summered in Sayville. The three story frame building was built in 1880 and is now the last remnant of a lost era, dubbed by historians the "resort generation." Thirty similar hotels, which once dotted Sayville's southshore, have been razed or burned.

In addition, the Town Board designated five other
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CANDEE HOTEL was once a resort for rich.