

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-DS48
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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

655 Main St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

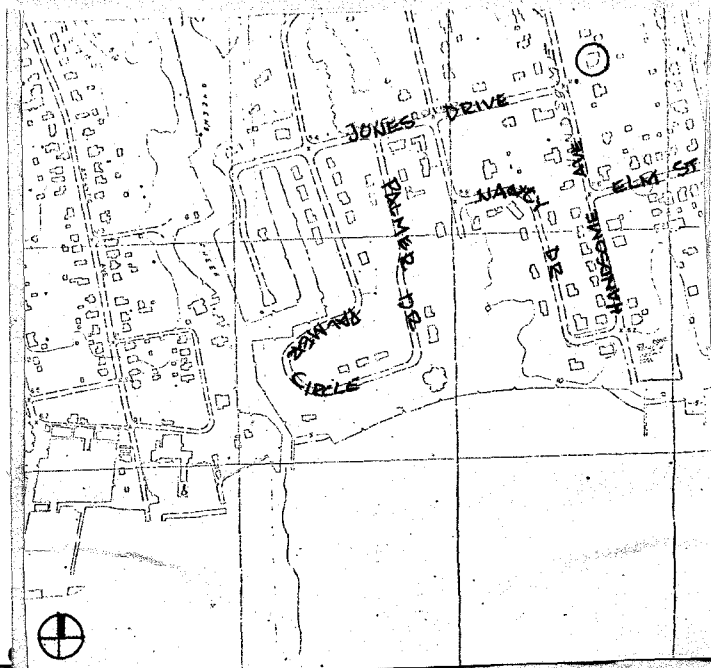
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~Capel House~~
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 211 Handsome Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Earl Capel ADDRESS: see #3
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior 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: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
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? 1895 or between 1902 & 1915
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: Neg. 2, NJM-5

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 house is located on the east side of Handsome Avenue,
 between Jones Drive and Elm Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 2½ story, 5 bay house with mansard roof and clapboard siding.
 Iron cresting on roof. Wraparound porch with sawn spandrels.
 Bracketed cornice with decorative freize. Fine antique iron
 fence surrounds property.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: mid-1800's, prior to 1888

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was once owned by Frank Jones, president of the
 Jewel Tea Company. It was originally located on the bay,
 reportedly at the foot of Benson Avenue, where it may have
 been the former Wilbur Mansion.

The iron fence was brought from Pennsylvania. The cresting
 on the roof is a replacement, matching the remains of the
 original which were found on the property.

21. SOURCES:

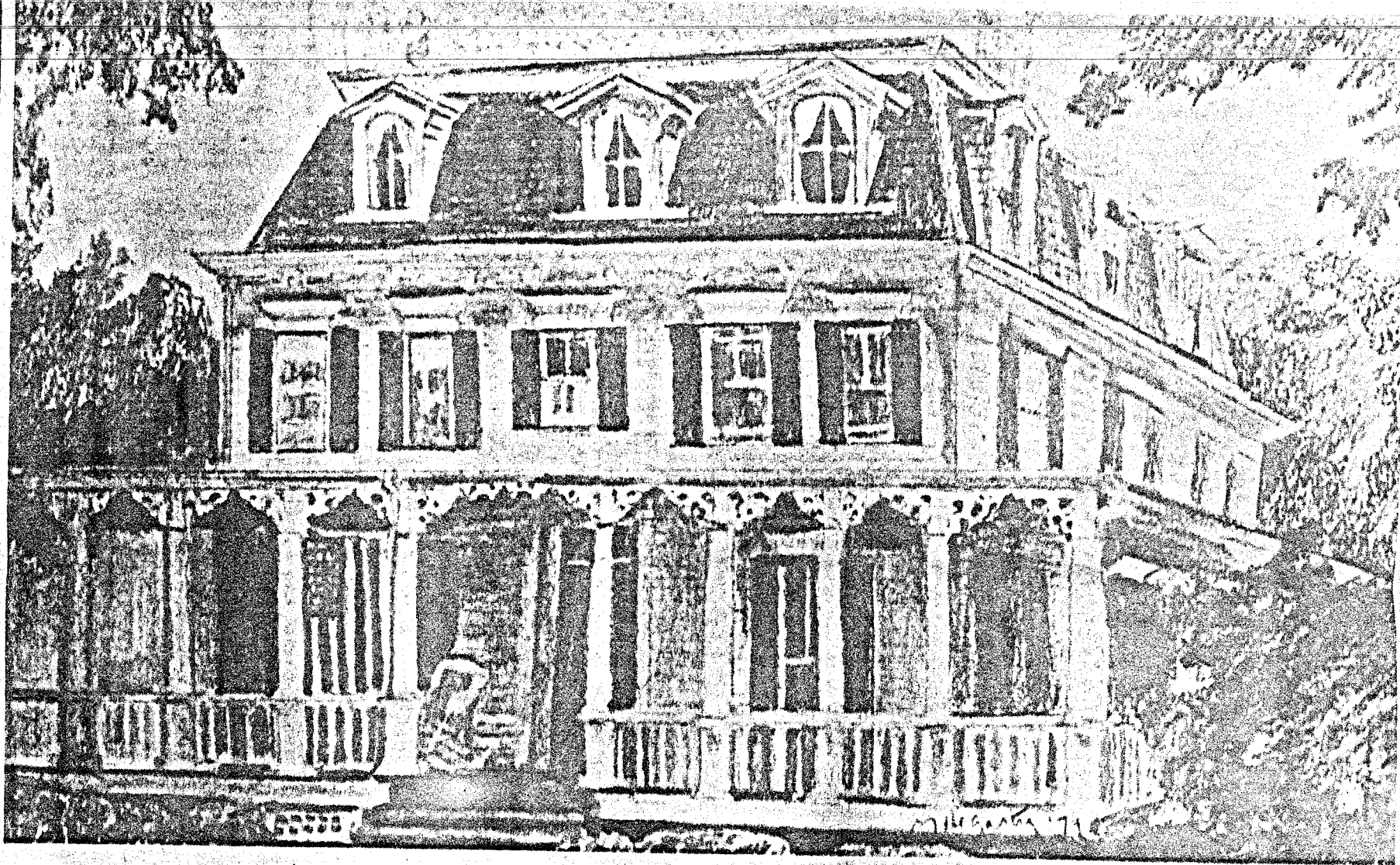
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Above, gingerbread scrolls festoon the Victorian home of Earle and Carol Capel, built in the mid-1800s and moved to Handsome Avenue, Sayville, in 1895. Mary Ann Hegarty captured its majesty with pencil, charcoal and chalk. Right, the east gatehouse to the former William K. Vanderbilt Idle Hour estate had long fascinated Marnie Weiser, an Oakdale neighbor. She used pen and ink to recreate the fine tudor detail. The 19th-Century gatehouse is now a beauty salon, and she did not include its modern commercial trappings in

