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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	_____
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/17/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

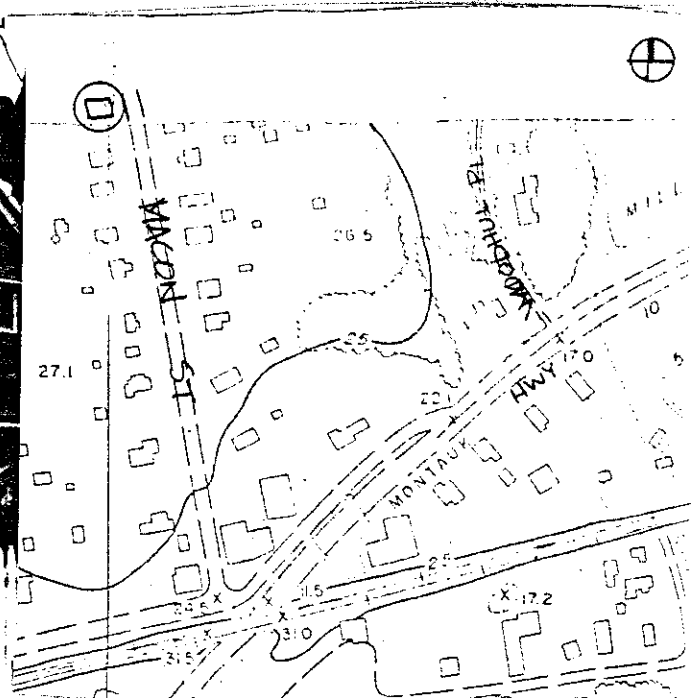
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Father Divine Mission House
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
3. STREET LOCATION: 72 Macon Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Divine ADDRESS: see #3 above
6. USE: Original: mission house Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: ELW VII, # 12
from SE, south side & E. front

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



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 Mission House is on the northeast side of Macon Street, just north of the Long Island Railroad tracks.

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

1½ story rambling side entrance house with cross gable roof
shingles throughout, and 2/2 balcon-fenetre windows. Varigated
 Original picket fence survives in front of property.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: before 1915

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Father Divine Mission House was purchased by the religious leader in 1926. It was used as a headquarters for his religious movement beginning in 1930, which resulted in a reputed membership of 4,000,000. It is still owned by Mrs. M.J. Divine, who carries on his Palace Mission, INC. D. Mertins owned it in 1915.

This house has been designated a town landmark.

21. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975. p. 85.
 Belcher-Hyde, E., Atlas of Suffolk County, Brooklyn: 1915, pl. 29.

22. THEME:

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Christian Brothers and recognized by the U.S. Government as a training center for Reserve officers. Officers of the Regular Army serve as military instructors for the 200 students. Those completing the four-year course in military science are eligible for reserve commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The War Department has designated the academy grounds as a military base in the event of war.

SAYVILLE, 51.2 m. (3,950 pop.), is an oyster center, packing the 'Blue Point' for shipment the world over. It is also a yachting center, with one of the best sailing courses on Great South Bay. Father Divine, the Negro cultist, maintained a 'heaven' in the village in 1929. A ferry, foot of River St., connects with Cherry Grove on Fire Island, as the Outer Barrier is here known.

PATCHOGUE, 56.2 m. (7,147 pop.), has been something of an industrial center for two centuries. Three small streams in the vicinity were dammed for lumber and gristmills probably before 1750. By 1800 the Union Twine Mill, third of its kind in the United States and the first to supply cotton carpet warp, was in operation. Later capital turned to the manufacture of lace, which now provides employment for about 800. The population includes a considerable number of Italians and Poles. LAKEVIEW CEMETERY (L), State 27 near Waverly Ave., embraces the site of the former Hart's Tavern, visited by Washington in 1790, and contains the grave of Seba Smith, who wrote under the pen name of 'Major Jack Downey,' an early philosopher of the Sam Slick and Mr. Dooley fraternity. With him is interred his wife, Elizabeth Oakes Smith, writer of many books and short stories, and a pioneer in the agitation for equal suffrage for women.

East of Patchogue is a dwarf pine and oak country, through which the route hugs the Long Island Railroad.

At 61.1 m. is the junction with a concrete road.

Right on this road to BROOKHAVEN, 1 m. (510 pop.), the home of William Floyd (1743-1821), Revolutionary War soldier, statesman, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. He served as a member of the Continental Congress for several years.

At 65.6 m. is the junction with Mastic Road.

Right on Mastic Road, which bisects Mastic Neck, to the POOSEPATUCK INDIAN RESERVATION, 1.4 m., a little colony of a dozen or so weatherbeaten and run-down clapboard cottages completely surrounded by woods. When the Poosapatuck, coming from the South, claimed affiliation and sought refuge on the Shinnecock Reservation, the Shinnecock disclaimed kinship, asserting that the Poosapatuck were Negroes, and thereby forced the establishment of a separate reservation. That the Poosapatuck have a strong strain of Negro blood is apparent. Mastic Neck is heavily wooded in oak, cedar, and spruce. Of it Dr. Thomas Hearne wrote:

None die except with age
Among the groves of Mastic.

East of Mastic Neck is a row of villages: MORICHES, 66.1 m. (250 pop.); CENTER MORICHES, 68.1 m. (1,000 pop.); and EAST MORICHES, 69.8 m. (847 pop.). The dunes begin to edge in here.

At EASTPORT, 72.8 m. (964 pop.), the Long Island duckling whitens the shores and waters of inlets. From an obscure beginning, the industry

has grown in recent years. Shipment to many during the season are several large ducks from 40,000 to 200,000 of them.
At WESTHAMPTON, street.

Right here to WESTHAMPTON at the point where the Outer and Quantuck Bay. Two roads continue to Southampton, passing and Tiana Beaches. The beach was of September 21, 1938, in

At 78.7 m. is (L) SANCTUARY fowl Association, where many cousins. This section is no many hunters.

At 79.1 m. is the junction:

Right here to QUOGUE, Beach at the western end of S

HAMPTON BAYS, 86. (see *Center Island Tour*), communities near by.

CANOE PLACE (L), 88 m. roofed, weathered, shingle several rambling attached for the elite. At the east which the highway crosses (R) with Great Peconic Bay the western end of the southern tour of the land in this section. National Golf Club of America

At 92.3 m. is (R) the SHINNENCOCK (pop.), which occupies the lands of the Indians are scarce.

Neighbor to this Reservation (3,792 pop.), settled by early therefore one of the oldest growing center and a fast port, and Mt. Desert. Mastic beach were all but destroyed. Several New York City stores

Job's Lane and Gun Lane given name of the man and an enclosure for cattle. Sons—the wealthy summer

The PARRISH MEMORIAL by Samuel L. Parrish, in