

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0522-D33  
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SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/5/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

\*\*\*\*\* Sparrow Dk \*\*\*\*\*

**IDENTIFICATION**

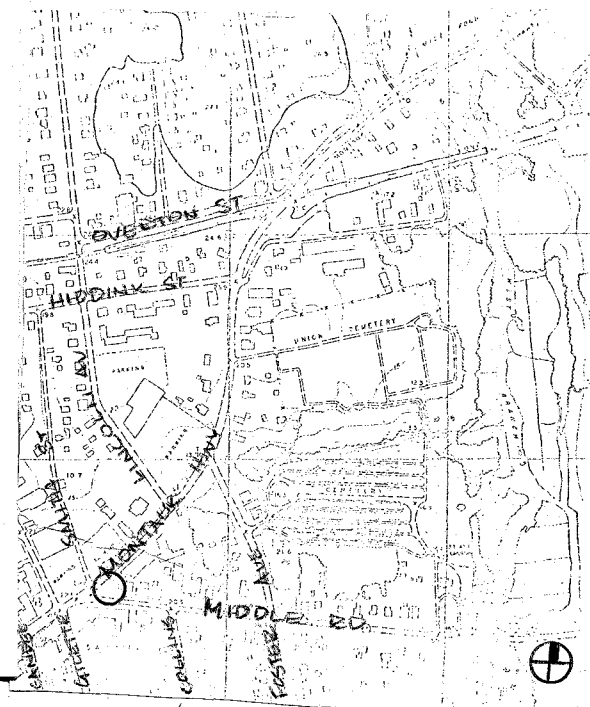
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): (Golden Eagle in Triangle) on Village Square ~~(formerly Sparrow Park)~~
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Middle Rd; north side; at Main St. ~~in former Sparrow Park~~
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Town of Islip ADDRESS: see above
- 6. USE: Original: statue Present: statue
- 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? 1920  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: neg 25a, NJM-4

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: plantings at base  
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 golden eagle sits in the triangle that forms the fork of Main Street (Montauk Hwy) and Middle Road, in a park formerly known as Sparrow Park.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
In Sparrow Park, a memorial to the men who lost their lives in World War I was erected in 1919. The granite monument was surmounted by a golden eagle.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1919

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Eagle that now stands in the triangle and the monument below it were both gifts from Joseph Pulitzer to General Smith of Handsome Avenue after General Smith's son was killed in World War I. The Eagle had stood atop the New York World Newspaper Building on Park Row in New York City, and its picture was the mast head for the newspaper.

21. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975.  
Suffolk County News, April 19, 1979.

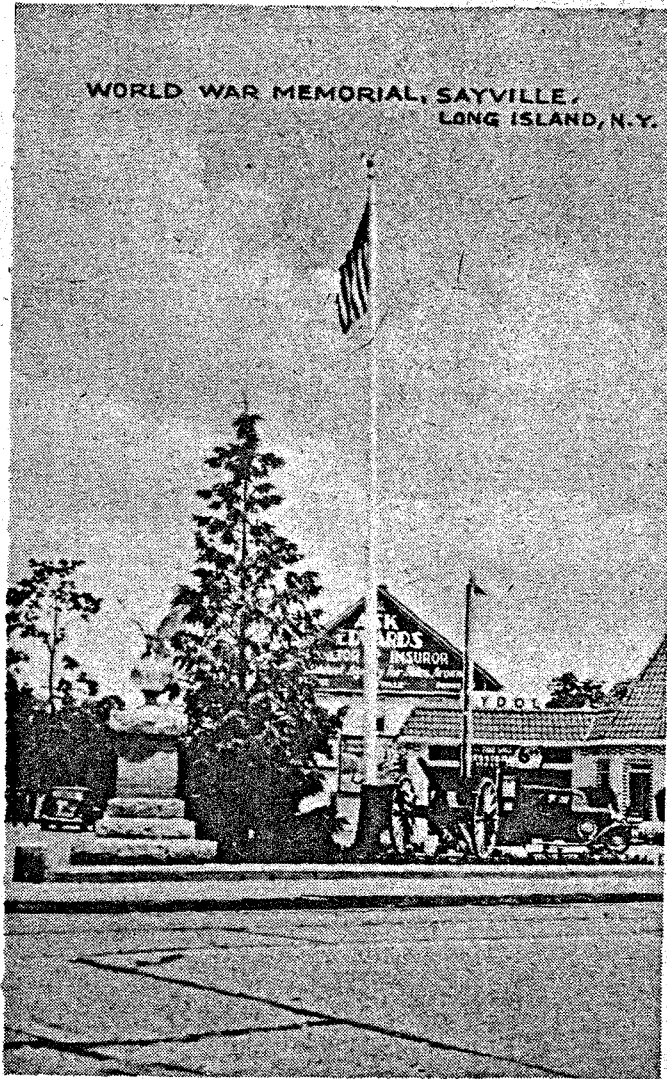
22. THEME:  
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# Sparrow Park

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WORLD WAR MEMORIAL, SAYVILLE,  
LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

SPARROW PARK as it looked in the 1930's, a World War memorial located at the junction of Montauk Highway and Middle Road.

*Dear Folks-*

*Picked out these postcards  
of the nicest place in the world.*

# ISTORY Sparrow Park

The work of laying trolley tracks here had progressed half-way down Candee Avenue that week.

## 60 Years Ago

Mrs. R. G. Smith had made a proposition to the Women's Village Improvement Society suggesting that she cooperate with them in the erection of a permanent memorial to the men who lost their lives in World War I. Miss Ida Gillette was to give a site at the point of Sparrow Park and a granite monument surmounted by a golden eagle would be placed there.

← 1919

The Bohemia Dramatic Club had given a performance of the play "Lighthouse Nan" in the Sayville Opera House for the benefit of the Lady Foresters. The cast included Miss Gussie Huml, Mrs. B. Kruta, Otto Haselbauer, Anton Bartik, Lou Feyk, Joseph Hlavac, Charles Kovanda, Miss Louise Huml and Miss Henrietta Cizek.

Bayport had suffered its only war fatality in the death of Cpl. Joseph Soucke, who had died of septic poisoning at Camp Upton, following a wound sustained at Chateau Thierry.

Sgt. Frank Ohlsen of the Military Police, one of the first National Army men to leave Sayville,

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