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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
UNIQUE SITE NO.	_____
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

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green/yellow

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/10/79  
655 Main Street

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): W. Jeremiah Terry House
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 8 Pine Street, Southeast corner of Foster Avenue
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: J. Hart ADDRESS: see #3 above
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION**

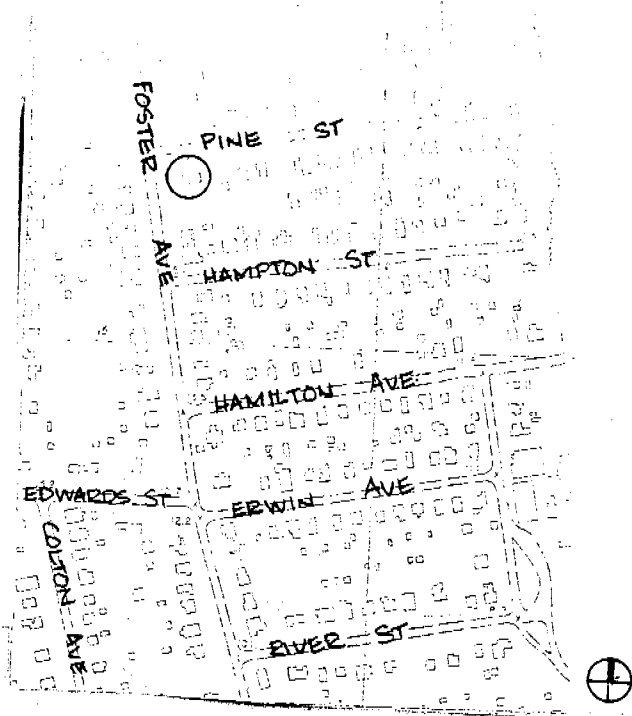
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? 1917 or c. 1910  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):  
movwd from Gillette Avenue

12. PHOTO: NJM-6, neg. 10a

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 view from northwest



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  garage of 1910 has  
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse  flat, pergola-  
 g. shop  h. gardens  effect roof  
 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 Terry House is located on a treed corner plot of land at the southeast corner of Pine Street and Foster Avenue. This house was the Woglum House on the 1873 Atlas, and as the Candee House on the 1858 Map.

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

2½ story, 3 bay gable-roof shingled house with 6/6 windows. Late federal entrance with sidelights and bosses at corners of entrance surround. Classic Long Island Farmhouse style. Front stoop and side porch added in 1910 or 1917.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1790

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Jeremiah Terry was one of the early settlers of Sayville who purchased land from the Edwards family and built a home in 1790 on the corner of Main Street and Edwards Lane (now Gillette Ave.) He was tax collector for the Town of Islip, in the latter part of the 18th century, and also acted as Post Master. This house is a Town Designated Landmark. According to a letter to the Editor of the Suffolk County News, 5/13/76, "the Woglum House on the SW corner of Gillette Ave. and Main Street was moved by Mrs. Theiss several years before 1916 to the lot on Foster Ave. and Pine St. where the house now stands."

21. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975.  
 Suffolk County News, May 13, 1976.

22. THEME:

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*W. R. Noe*  
**Some Ancient History**

Dear Editor, *Suff. Co. News*

In the "60 Years Ago" column of your April 29th issue, you refer to the moving of the Woglum House which had taken place several years before that time. It occurs to me that a little history regarding the moving may be of interest. *1916 5/13/76*

Before the present building could be built on the corner of Main Street and Gillette Avenue,

it was necessary to remove the Woglum House and it was therefore put up for bids. My sister, Mrs. Theiss, owned the lot on Foster Avenue and Pine Street where the house now stands. She

bid \$606.00 and got the house. She then went to the Town Supervisor, Milton Rogers, and asked for a permit to move the house through the streets. He told her that he could not give her that kind of a permit. But he said, "If you get your house out on the street and start to move and anyone complains, I will serve notice on you to get your house out of the street. You will be getting it out as fast as you can."

Carpenters detached the side wing and the house was moved in two parts. It was put together again on its present location. Charles Edwards did the moving.

In those days the moving process was to place two long beams under the house. These beams were about a foot square. The whole set-up was pulled over iron rollers on the street. The moving power was a team of horses going around in a circle winding a cable on a drum.

I believe that the Woglum House was the local station for the Pony Post before the Railroad was built.

Incidentally, the Williams sale did not go through.

Sincerely,  
 Walter R. Noe

