

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305000744
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: February 1990

Town Hall, 655 Main St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): St. Peter & St. Paul Ukranian Orthodox Church
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: West Islip
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 64 Higbie Ln.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: barn Present: church
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by app't.

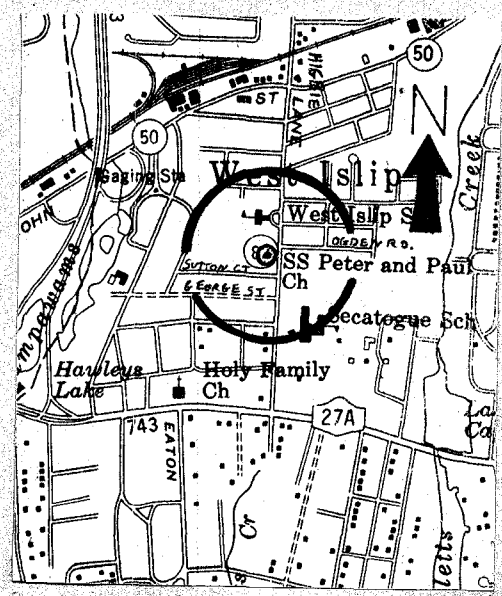
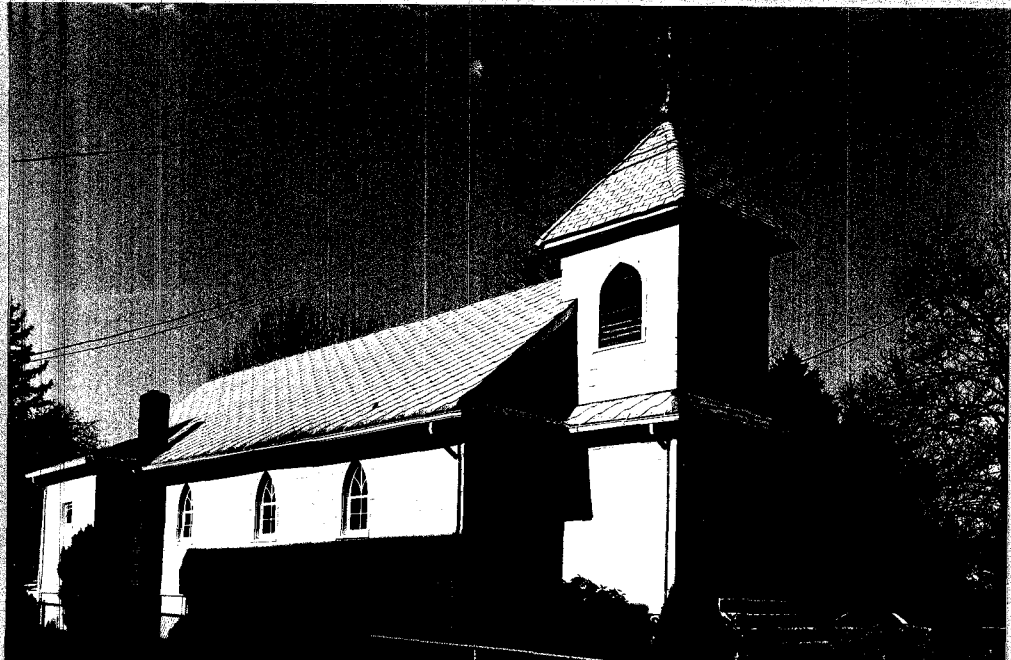
DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: modern cladding
- 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 high stucco covered basement
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? 1925, from West Babylon
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

converted to church 1925

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK X-8, fm. SE

13. MAP: NYS DOT Bay Shore West Quad



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- 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: small lot surrounded by chain link fence
- 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: public buildings to N

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
 The church is located on the west side of Higbie Ln., one of the oldest roads in the area that intersects the South Country Road, south of the church. The building is set close to the sidewalk and is surrounded by a mix of commercial, residential, and public buildings of varying age.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 The church building is a small, 1½ story, rectangular, gable roof building placed perpendicular to the street. The street facade (east) contains a two story, centered narthex/bell tower with a pyramidal roof. The tower is incorporated into the main block by a pent roof hood over the double leaf door. Pointed arch windows are featured throughout.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____
 ARCHITECT: _____
 BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
 This was the first Ukranian church in western Suffolk County. The church building was originally a barn on the Gilmore estate in West Babylon.
 The first parishioners were from western Ukraine (Lvor). They came to West Islip and worked on the numerous estates as gardeners, cattlemen, and laborers. They predominated in West Islip from 1915 to the mid 1930's.

21. SOURCES:
Building-Structure Inventory Form, Carl Starace, 6/15/1973.
Wilcox, gerald and Judith. First History of West Islip, 1976.

22. THEME:
 Research by the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities - KEK

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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC TRUST
OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 457-3753

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

YOUR NAME: Carl A. Starace DATE: June 15, 1973

YOUR ADDRESS: PO Box 215 West Islip TELEPHONE: 516 661-0137

ORGANIZATION (if any): Town of Islip Historical Landmark Preservation Committee

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Sta Peter and Paul Ukranian Orthodox Church
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: West Islip VILLAGE: West Islip
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Higbie House
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: parish ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: barn see below Present: religious worship
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No

Interior accessible: Explain services Sundays and religious holidays

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b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
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- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? 1925
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

originally a barn, moved from the Gilmore estate on South Country Road (Montauk Highway) West Babylon where A&S Shopping center is now. Moved and converted to church building 1925.

12. PHOTO: _____ of exterior herewith.

13. MAP: Higbie Estates

THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____

ADJACENT OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
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NEARINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

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

Altar and Icons of Byzantine Rite.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

First Ukrainian Church in Western Suffolk. First parishioners were Ukrainian settlers from Western Ukraine (Lvov) at the time occupied by Austria-Hungary. They came to West Islip and worked on the numerous estates as gardeners, cattlemen, and laborers. The predominant nationality group in West Islip from 1915 to the mid 1930s was Ukrainian.

Some of the original founders of the Church were: Peter Podleaney, Pekula, Litwin, Petrosky, Hutnicks, Cholewka, Mazur (one of original five and only one now living) Lavick, Glywasky, Skorobahaty, Sosnicki, Ratushny, Osarczuk and Michael ~~xx~~ Turansky.

During the time of Ukrainian predominance, West Islip's only school would be

21. SOURCES: closed on January 6 for the Ukrainian Christmas.

Personal knowledge of Daniel Zawyrucha is the source. Large Zawyrucha family is still active in the church and prominent in West Islip.

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL'S
Ukranian Orthodox Church

St. Peter and St. Paul's Ukranian Orthodox Church was the first Ukranian church in Western Suffolk County. The church building was originally a barn, that was located on the Gilmore estate in West Babylon. It was moved to its present site and converted into a church in 1925.

The first parishioners were Ukranian settlers from the western Ukraine (Lvov) at the time occupied by Austria-Hungary. They came to West Islip and worked on the numerous estates as gardeners, farm-hands and laborers. The predominant nationally group in West Islip from 1915 to the mid 1930's was Ukranian.

Some of the founders of this church were: Podlesney, Pekula, Litwin, Petrosky, Hutnicks, Cholewka, Mazur, Lavick, Glywasky, Shorobahaty, Sosnicki, Ratushny, Osarezuk and Turansky.

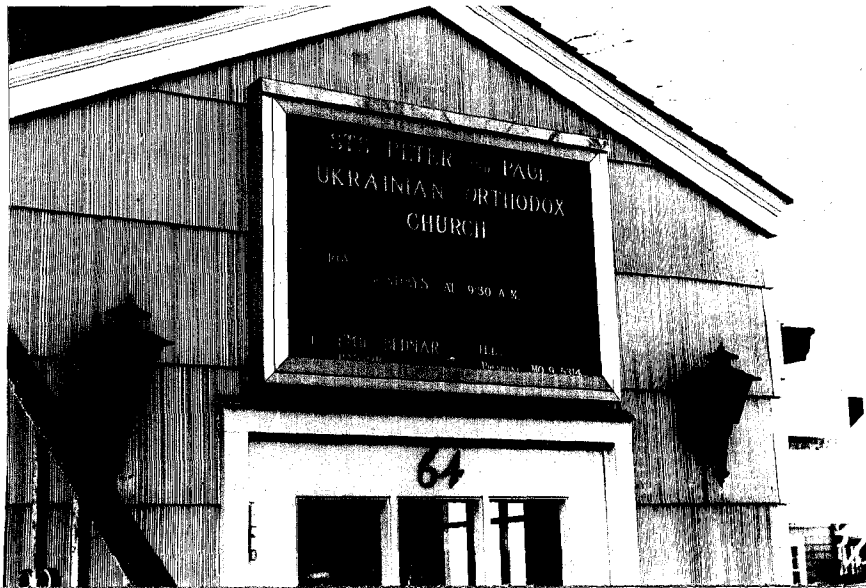
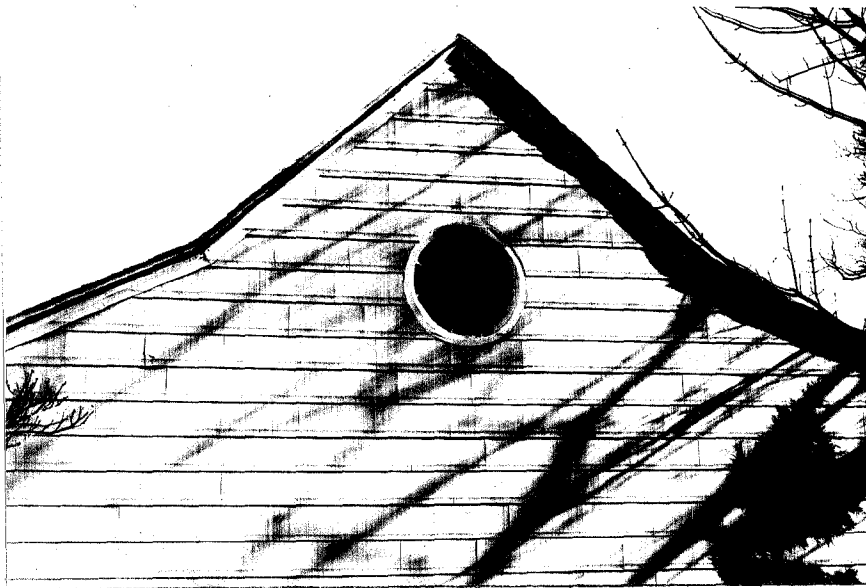
During the time of Ukranian predominance, West Islip's only public school would be closed on January 6th for Ukranian Christmas. The Pastor is the Rev. Emil Bednar.

Wilcox, 1976.

First History of West Islip



1973 photographs by Carl Starace, Islip Town Historian



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