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Erected on flat meadowland, the Bayard Cutting residence looks out across a substantial lawn to the Connetquot River, the River's mouth, and beyond to Nicoll Bay. The two-and-a-half story structure consists of four rectangular blocks. these are set end to end, but are angled so as to provide variety of massing and to take full advantage of the unbounded vistas of the broad expanse of horizon provided by the river to the east and the ocean to the south. As seen from the south, the structure is therefore long and rather rambling, measuring approximately The fourth block, known as the Annex, was constructed on the north side at right angles to the westernmost block, thereby partially enclosing an entrance forecourt. The wing is separated from the westernmost block at the ground floor level by an arched passageway of sufficient dimension to permit the driveway to pass between the main house and the Annex.

Transverse gables on each of the gable-roofed blocks (except the Annex) relieve the horizontal emphasis created by the struc ture's length. The pair of transverse gables on the westernmost z block are especially prominent, thereby focusing the design on this, the main section of the house. The dwelling's silhouette is further enlivened by the strong vertical thrust of the five brick chimneys, composed of clustered shafts bound together near 7 the top by moulded bands.

0 The architect rendered the elevations picturesque by the rhythm and variety of projections such as rectangular and semicircular porches, a two-story semi-circular tower topped by a bell cast roof, transverse gables extended to simulate pavillions, the slightly flared overhang of the second story, and bay windows? In addition variety is achieved in texture and pattern of wall surface: sheathed for the most part in shingles, the wood frame structural system is adorned by half timbering in the gable fields of the three main sections and in larger expanses of the Annex.

The interior had been little altered by the adaptation of the structure to public use. Throughout the house ornamentation has been executed in a style evocative of the character of English Jacobean or Tudor design. The paneling and the dark, intricately Carved woodwork of the main entrance hall, the stairwell, the Library,

the Billiard Room in the Annex, and the Dining Room deserve particular mention both for profusion and craftsmanship.

The grounds of the estate still contain a variety of dependencies dating from the residency of Bayard Cutting. Northeast of the main dwelling, the rectangular, gable-roofed gatehouse has survived in excellent condition. One-and-a-half stories high, the small, half-timbered cottage is stylistically harmonious with the main residence. Standing directly east of the main house is the shingled, wood-frame Carriage House. Erected around a courtyard, the two-story structure is dominated by an imposing See continuation sheet

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wood-frame cupola which lends the design a strong vertical emphasis.

Northeast of the main house lies the section of the estate known as Westbrook Farm. A variety of farm structures remain including: two simple, gable-roofed shingled cottages; a mansard-roofed Superintendents House which may date from the Lorillard estate; a brick and frame ice house; a gambrel-roofed brick cottage; and a wood frame corn crib. The major feature of the farm is a cluster of structures which comprises the Cow Barn, Carpenter Shop, Horse Stable, and Animal Hospital. This complex in plan roughly outlines a courtyard. The main section, visually dominating the complex due to the presence of its three-story tower, is the Cow Barn. Although the buttressed brick walls stand only one story in height, the Barn is rendered massive by the considerable expanse of its high hipped roof. 1 As is the case with the other sections of the farm complex, the roof of the Cow Barn is interrupted by large dormers sheltered by gabled, hipped, or conical roofs. three-story square tower, itself covered by a pyramidal roof, is especially picturesque owing to features such as a turret and the half-timbering of the third story. Large brick arches provide entry to the structures and usually occur beneath a prominent dormer which has been formed by carrying up the main brick wall to serve as the vertical face of the feature.

The Horse Stable and Animal Hospital, serving as the western boundary of the courtyard, repeat the general proportions, outline, and style of the Cow Barn, but terminate at the northernmost end with a transverse-gabled, one-and-a-half story, brick and half-timbered wing. The northern side of the courtyard is comprised of a one-and-a-half story Carpenter Shop which acts as a transverse gable to the long, gable-roofed, one-story structure which extends to the Cow Barn's rear wing, distinguished by two silos original to the complex.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A one-story storage structure has been added at the west end of the Cow Barn.

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vide. "Westbrook", the summer estate of entrepreneur W. Bayard Cutting, attests to the 19th century history of Islip. Through

the remarkable survival of house, grounds, and farm--each element significant individually as well as collectively--it also illus-

trates late 19th century design concepts.

Snedicor's Inn, established during the 1820's, lured prosperous gentlemen to Islip for the fine hunting and fishing available in this undeveloped area. With Snedicor's retirement, his wealthy clientele acquired his property and formed the Southside Sportsmens Club which flourished until recently as a hunting lodge and rural retreat for its distinguished membership. I Involvement in club activities and attachment to the area led a number of members to acquire property in the neighborhood and erect country establishments. Contiguous to each other, these estates formed a distinct community and secured an even larger expanse of open and wooded land as a game preserve for the enjoyment of the Southside élite.

One of the men who participated in this trend was Robert L. Maitland. Prior to the middle of the 19th century, Maitland acquired a tract of land southwest of the club from William Nicoll, original grantee of Islip. Like the club itself as well as the individual members, Maitland was keenly interested in the management and conservation of natural resouces and dabbled in experimental methods of land and wildlife management. The only definitively identified evidence of Maitland's occupancy or activities which remains today is Westbrook Pond, valued in 1874 at \$50,000.

By the 1870's and 1880's the south shore community was well entrenched. According to the New York Herald:

From Babylon to Islip and a little beyond, there is a row of county seats as fine as can be found in Newport.

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For example, there is one group of seven estates in Islip which comprises nearly thirteen thousand acres. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt has over 2,000 acres, Mr. Christopher Robert has 1,400, Mr. George Lorillard has 1,000, Gen. William Ludlow has 800, Mr. Frederick Neilson has 450 and Mr. William Nicoll has 6,000.<sup>2</sup>

In 1873 George and Pierre Lorillard, entrepreneurs of the tobacco dynasty, had purchased four tracts (635 acres) at a cost of \$42,500 from Maitland's widow. During the next thirteen years the Lorillards made "extensive improvements" to the property:

About three miles from Islip, Long Island, is the summer residence and farm of George L. Lorillard. Eight hundred acres comprise the extent of the place and a very large portion of the ground is laid out in such a picturesque manner as to suggest fairyland itself. What was at one time only a barren waste, has been made, thanks to the expenditure of a vast sum of money and the employment of the highest skilled labor, to blossom like a rose. It is here that the famous horses of Mr. Lorillard are kept during the greater portion of the year. The stable is a large low wooden building, octagonal in shape and capable of accommodating about fifty horses.

In 1886 the Lorillard estate was acquired by W. Bayard Cutting, a wealthy entrepreneur whose varied and extensive business activities included railroads, insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions. Cutting enjoyed a reputation, too, for his participation in civic, educational, and philanthropic enterprises. The same year Cutting secured the services of New York architect Charles Haight (1841-1917) to design a summer residence. Haight had studied law at Columbia before training as an architect in the firm of Emlyn T. Little. Haight established his own practice in New York City where he developed a reputation as one of that city's leading architects. Among his best known designs are the First Cancer Hospital (1890-1895), the Downtown Club (1886), Ear and Eye Hospital, General Theological Seminary, St. Stephens College (1890's), Hobart College, and Phelps and Vanderbilt Hall (Yale University).

For the Cuttings' summer establishment Haight designed a large dwelling with an air of sophistocated, composed and picturesque informality and domesticity, remarkable in so vast a structure. The relatively simple configuration is subtly enriched by variety in wall surface, while the style of ornamentation, exuding the character

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of English Tudor design, gives the structure the appearance of one long established.

Cutting is believed to have spent \$150,000 on the construction of his dwelling and \$40,000 in erecting the Carriage House and Barn. An amateur devotee of arboriculture, Cutting indulged in his hobby by hiring Frederick Law Olmstead to landscape the grounds and by amassing an extensive collection of trees and shrubs. In addition, he included among his improvements a golf course one and a half miles long and serviced by an elaborate watering system which required the digging of three wells and the laying of 12,000 feet of pipe.

In 1889 at a cost of \$30,000 Cutting erected a new Cow Barn, designed by architect T. J. Green of Sayville and described as "one of the finest cow stables on Long Island." In 1892 he constructed in addition an extensive Horse Stable. Three years later fire destroyed several of Cutting's farm buildings including the Stock Barn, Daily Building, Engine and Power House, and two cottages. In 1896 the local papers reported that the "farm and dairy building" were to be rebuilt.

Charles H. Hulse has the contract which calls for a building very similar to the one which was destroyed, and which is said to have cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Hulse will give employment to a good number of local mechanics.<sup>5</sup>

According to family and friends, Cutting's widow indicated that the drawings from which Hulse worked were provided by Stanford White. However, to date no documentation has been located. Regardless of authorship, the Westbrook Farm Complex is a monument to the achievements of the Southside elite in turning a "barren waste" to agricultural production. Remarkable for its uncomprised survival, the Complex is a fine illustration of late 19th century design lavishly expressed in an agricultural unit.

Donated in trust to the State of New York in 1936 by Cutting's granddaughter, Mrs. Bayard James, and endowed by Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, the house and the majority of the grounds are open to the lic as the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, especially notable for its extensive collection of coniferous evergreens. Passing from the Cutting family to Thomas Mordacai who had long managed the farm for Mrs. Cutting, Westbrook Farm, too, was acquired by the State and until August 1973 was leased to a private dairy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See National Register Nomination Form for Southside Sportsmens Club, Islip, Suffolk County, New York.

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<sup>3</sup>South Side Signal, February 11, 1882, Babylon Library. Babylon, Long Island, New York. Best known from Lorillard's Westbrook Farm is Iroquois, first American horse to win the English Derby (1881, 102nd running).

Little remains as evidence of the Lorillard period at West-brook: The main house was demolished sometime after the Spanish-American War and the Octagonal Stable during the 1930's. The present district includes the site of the house, the stables, and part of the Lorillard race track.

<sup>4</sup>South Side Signal, April 2, 1892, Babylon Library, Babylon, Long Island, New York.

<sup>5</sup>South Side Signal, February 21, 1896, Babylon Library, Babylon, Long Island, New York.



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View of south and west elevations - Westernmost (main) block of b. Cutting House.

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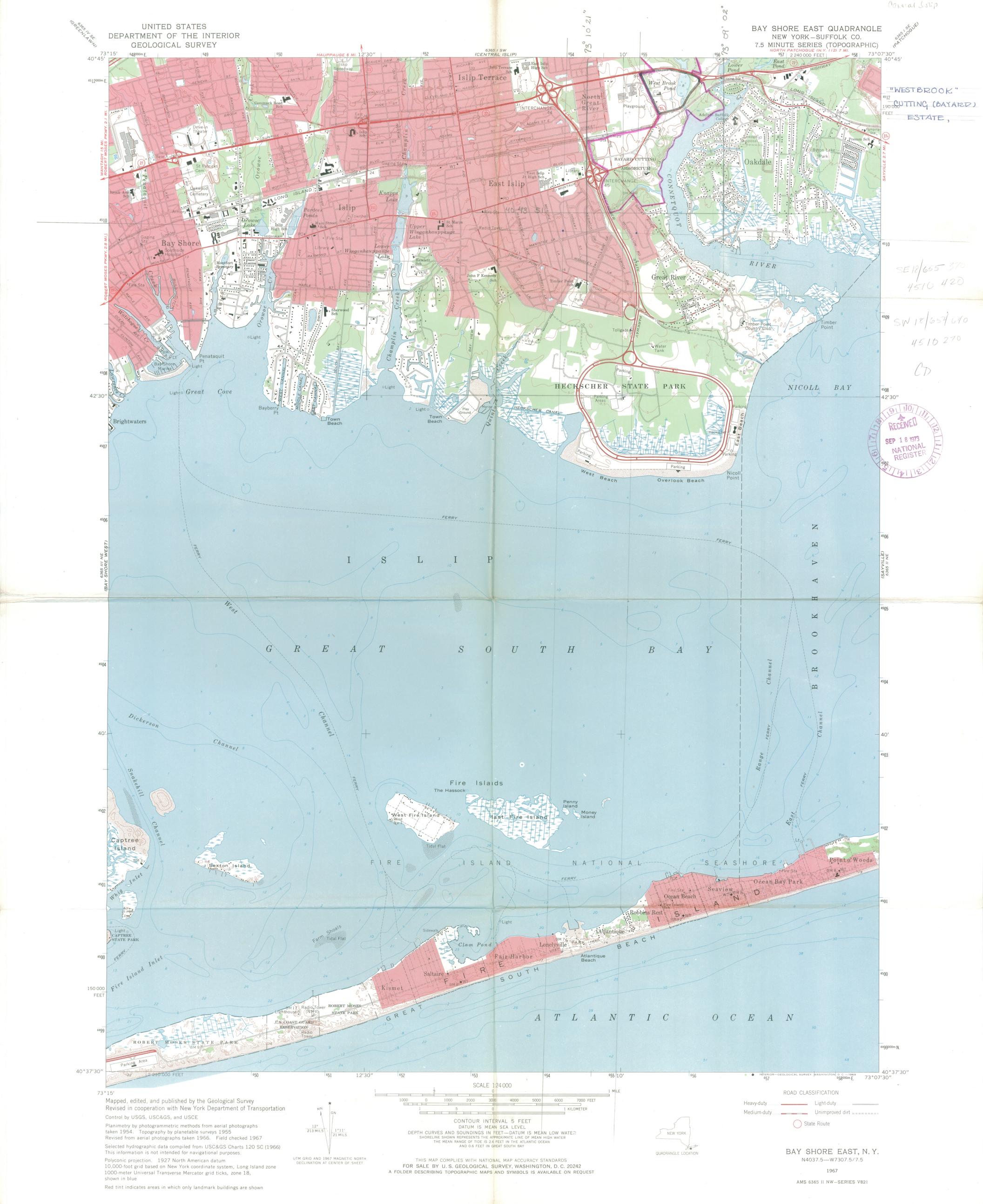
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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456 Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

September 13, 1973

Dr. William Murtagh Keeper of the National Register National Park Service Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Historic Preservation Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Cutting (Bayard) Estate, Great River, New York, Suffolk County

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH State Historic Preservation Officer

By:

F. L. RATH, JR. Deputy Commissioner

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