

Councilman Panico preserves a piece of the William Floyd Estate

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Obtaining Historic Landmark Designation on the William Floyd Estates Floyd-Murray Home (aka the Petty House)

Farmingville, NY - At the July 17 Town of Brookhaven Town Board meeting, Councilman Dan Panico obtained a unanimous decision to give a Historic Landmark Designation on the William Floyd Estates Floyd-Murray Home (aka the Petty House) on Montauk Highway in Shirley.

"As a student of history, I have a great appreciation for our past and for such a significant piece of local history," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I thank all those in the community who have toiled for decades to see this day come true. A special thanks to Rita Rech, who recently celebrated her 100 plus birthday and worked on this for decades."

The original home on this site, (c. 1830s) served as housing for Charles Murray and his wife, Charity Petty Havens Murray. Charles worked for the William Floyd Estate, as mentioned in the papers owned by the National Park Service. The house was owned by six generations of Floyd family male heirs, ending in 1881 when it was sold to Ann Murray, the only child of Charles and Charity. Following the death of Ann in 1923, the house was sold by the Suffolk County Treasurer in 1929.

The present (2012) one and one-half story structure sits on the original site, and contains approximately 60% of the original timber framing. The remainder of the structure is a re-creation of the exterior of the former home, without the chimneys. The historic integrity is the site location and its connection to the once vast William Floyd Estate.

It would serve the community well to utilize this building to exhibit historic/cultural/community information on the Mastic area and acknowledge this site with appropriate signage.

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