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TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON, STATE OF NEW YORK HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION APPLICATION FORM

A. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:

Date: December 3, 2001

1. *Suffolk County Tax Map:* Section: 60 Block: 2 Lot(s): 7
2. *Property Name(s):* Conscience Point Park
3. *Street Location:* North Sea Rd., Southampton, North Sea Harbor
4. *Property Use:* Original: open land
5. *Accessibility to the Public:* Exterior visible from public road? Yes: X No:
Interior Accessible? Yes: X No:
6. *Representation in other registers or survey?* National: State: Other: N/A

B. OWNERSHIP:

1. *Private:* Non-profit Organization *Public:*
2. *Present Owner:* Name: Southampton Colonial Society
Address: PO Box 303, Southampton, NY 11968
Telephone: (631) 283-2494 fax (631) 283-4540

C. NOMINATION:

1. *Nomination:* by owner: _____ by interested party: _____
by non-profit/community group: X
2. *If nomination by group:* Name: Town of Southampton Landmarks & Historic Districts Board, c/o Charles Bellows, Chair.
Address: 52 Lewis St., Southampton, NY 11968
Telephone: (631) 283-2282 Contact: Charles Bellows, Chair.
3. *Form prepared by:* Name: Town of Southampton Landmarks & Historic Districts Board, c/o Charles Bellows, Chair.
Address: 52 Lewis St., Southampton, NY 11968
Telephone: (631) 283-2282

D. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

1. *Acreage:* 4.4 acr. *Road Frontage:* 18 feet
2. *Overall condition:* X a. *Excellent* b. *Good* c. *Fair* d. *Deteriorated*
3. *Date Constructed:* 1910 *Date of Additions, alterations:* 1999 Renovation
4. *Style:* N/A
5. *Architect/Builder:* N/A
6. *Building materials:* a. *clapboard* b. *stone* c. *brick* d. *board and batten*
 e. *cobblestone* f. *shingles* g. *stucco* N/A h. *other*
7. *Structural System:* a. *wood frame with interior interlocking joints*
(if known) b. *wood frame with light members*
 c. *masonry load bearing walls*
 d. *metal (explain):*
N/A e. *other:*
8. *Changes to Building:* N/A a. *original site* b. *moved* *if so when?*
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):



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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: (continued)

9. *Threats to Building:* N/A a. none b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
- 10 *Related Outbuildings and Property:* a. barn b. carriage house c. garage d. privy
 e. shed f. greenhouse g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: Large boulder with bronze plaque
j. other Park benches, oyster shell path.
- 11 *Surroundings of the Building/Site: (check more than one if necessary):*
 X a. open land b. woodland c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up X e. commercial f. industrial
 X g. residential X h. other: water
- 12 *Photograph(s):* Attach photograph(s) of the exterior view and site to the Application.
- 13 *Map(s)* Attach Tax Map and Historic Map(s) with the property identified to the Application.

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

Boulder at the northern point of the park has a bronze plaque stating: "Near this spot in June, 1640, landed colonists from Lynn, Massachusetts who founded Southampton, the first English Settlement in New York State."

F. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

To the northwest and the north of the park is North Sea Harbor. Beyond the harbor to the northwest is the 108 acre Conscience Point Wildlife Refuge owned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

G. SIGNIFICANCE: in one or two paragraphs summarize the historic and architectural importance of this property. A longer narrative may be attached to this form. Please directly address the criteria outlined in the cover sheet and describe the extent which original architectural features remain intact or have been changed. (see attachment on page 5)

H. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

(see attachment on page 5)



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G. SIGNIFICANCE: (attachment)

Conscience Point Park is a small peninsular of land jutting out into North Sea Harbor. Its location suggests that it would have been used by the Shinnecocks, the first settlers of this area, for canoe launching and shell and fin fishing.

In 1640 English colonists landed on the South Fork at this location. Oral history relates that after sailing from New England and landing in Peconic Bay they took a smaller boat to North Sea Harbor. One of the women colonists was reported to remark on landing, "For conscience sake, we're on dry land once more."

North Sea Harbor was the major port and economic base for the Southampton colony clustered around Old Towne in what is now Southampton Village. During the first 100 years of the colony major paths and roads went from Old Towne, Mecox, and Water Mill to this thriving harbor.

In 1910 the Southampton Colonial Society purchased the four acres of land for \$175. Shortly afterwards the society placed a boulder with a plaque on it with the following inscription: "Near this spot in June, 1640, landed colonists from Lynn, Massachusetts who founded Southampton, the first English settlement in New York State." The site is periodically used for the reenactment of the first colonial landing.

The area has recently been rehabilitated by the Colonial Society. The asphalt road was removed and a pedestrian path installed in its place. The property was landscaped with native materials and plants more nearly reflective of its original character.

This park, pristine in appearance today, is a reminder of the settlement of the town of Southampton and the importance of North Sea Harbor to the development of the town. Looking west from the park across the harbor a viewer gets a sense of the original character of the harbor.

H. SOURCES OF INFORMATION: (attachment)

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Oral report to Marlene Haresign from Southampton Colonial Society Director Richard Barons. May, 2001.
2. Adams, T. *History of the Town of Southampton*. 1918.
3. Southampton Centennial Celebration Book. 1994.

SURVEYS AND NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS:

1. GAI Survey No.-8. Conscience Point Historical Marker. *Cultural Resources Survey of the Town of Southampton, NY*. Prepared by GAI Consultants, Inc. and Fanning, Phillips & Molnar.

MAPS

1. *County of Suffolk Tax Map (District #0900, Section #060)*, Real Property Tax Service Agency, County Center, Riverhead, NY. 11901
2. *Atlas of Suffolk Co., N.Y.* New York: F. W. Beers. 1894.
3. *Atlas of Suffolk County, Long Island. Volume I. Ocean Shore*. Brooklyn. E. Belcher Hyde. 1902.
4. *Atlas of a Part of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, South Side - Ocean Shore*. Brooklyn. E. Belcher Hyde. 1916.

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
(518) 474-0479

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

YOUR NAME: Geoffrey Henry/Bonny Jean Forte DATE: July 1999

YOUR ADDRESS: 570 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA TELEPHONE: 412-856-6400

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): GAI Consultants, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

GAI SURVEY NO. 8

HAMLET SURVEY NO. NO-8

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Conscience Point Historical Marker

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Southampton VILLAGE: North Sea /Noyac

3. STREET LOCATION: Conscience Point Road

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public: b. private:

5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

6. USE: Original: Historical Marker Present: Historical Marker

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No

Interior accessible: Explain: Not accessed

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? _____

c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: Roll 12; Frame 11

13. MAP: USGS Quad Map

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: _____

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 a historic district)

Stone stands at end of Conscience Point overlooking North Sea Harbor.

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

Stone has a bronze plaque stating: "Near this spot in June 1640 landed the colonists from Lynn Massachusetts who founded Southampton, the first English settlement in the State of New York."

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____

ARCHITECT: Unknown

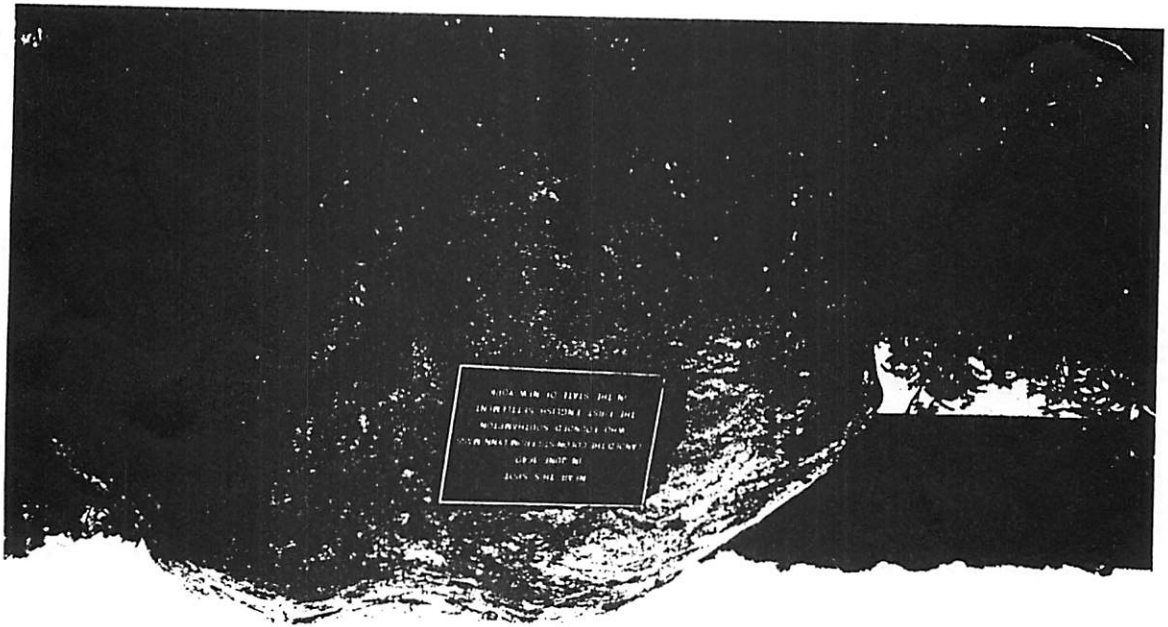
BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Sometimes known as Southampton's "Plymouth Rock", this stone commemorates the landing of the original English settlers who arrived in Southampton from Lynn, Massachusetts. They soon moved their settlement to Southampton Village, although North Sea remained the harbor and port for Southampton. Source: *Southampton Tomorrow--Comprehensive Plan Update* (1997).

21. SOURCES: J. Chace, *Map of Suffolk County, NY* (1858); F.W. Beers, *Atlas of Long Island* (1873); E. Belcher Hyde, *Atlas of Suffolk County* (1902 and 1916)

22. THEME: Settlement



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM
CONTINUATION SHEET

8-01



(SAG HARBOR)
6565 IV NE

Towd Pt

North Sea Harbor
Point

Fish Cove

North Sea

North Sea Cem

Fresh Pond

callop Pond

Fadgett Camps

Hampton Pond

4536

4534

4533

55'

4532