

Fort Hill
Lloyd Neck, 5 miles north of Cold Spring Harbor
Lloyd Harbor Vicinity
Suffolk County
New York

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY SUFFOLK	TOWN OR VICINITY Lloyd HARBOR, VIC.
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT HILL		HABS NO. NY-6108
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Lloyd Neck, 5 miles north of Cold Spring Harbor		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1879-80	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original design.McKim, Meade and Bigelow	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A rambling brick mansion with Gothic details, spacious but intimate in scale. Originally built as a Shingle Style house by the firm McKim, Meade, and Bigelow in 1879-80, later remodeled in brick and east wing added, possibly by Stanford White about 1900 when the house was pur-		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		(cont'd p 2)
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with stone trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) For sketches of floor plans see field records for this site. Ground floor: living hall with linenfold paneling, library, glass-roofed conservatory, arcaded porch which can be		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gabled roof with parapet gables, crenellated conservatory, three elaborate brick chimneys, brick and stone arched windows on the east wing, carved stone porte cochere, circular exterior stairway.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c 1900 -remodeled, possibly by Stanford White		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Auxiliary Buildings: There is a Gardener's cottage, (now privately owned) and a garage with quarters at either end (one half is privately owned). Two other small cottages are also part of the estate. There is a squash court with visitors' gallery on the north side of the court. Grounds and Landscaping: The house has a		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS.		(cont'd p2)
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Significance (Con't)

chased by William J. Matheson, a founder of the Allied Chemical Company. The house is built on the site of Revolutionary-Era British Fort Franklin. Old earthenworks still enclose the courtyard.

Shape and Dimensions of Structure (Con't)

enclosed in winter, dining room with Georgian panelling added in 1931, and service wing. First floor of the east wing is one large room with immense fireplace. There are five bedrooms and a sitting room on second floor of the main house, and two huge bedrooms (now partitioned into four) in the east wing. There are four small bedrooms on the third floor of the main house and a bedroom and dormitory room on the third floor of the east wing. The servants' quarters have been converted into a single apartment for the present caretaker.

Other Information as Appropriate (Con't)

spectacular setting on a bluff overlooking Long Island Sound. There is a pleasant formal garden to the east and large trees scattered about the lawn. The approach is lined with sugar maples which replace original elms. There are 400 feet of private beach at the foot of the bluff. The estate once contained 400 acres. The open fields in front of the estate have been given to the Nature Conservancy.