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Fortescue, Granville Roland (1875-1952)

Occupation(s): military - member, Rough Riders – wounded at San Juan Hill;
 saw action in Philippines, 1898-1901;
 served as President Theodore Roosevelt’s military attaché
 in Japan;
 special agent, Cuban Rural Guard;
 active duty in France, 314 Field Artillery, during World
 War I
 journalist - war correspondent, *London Standard*, during Riff War in
 Spanish Morocco;
 war correspondent, *London Daily Telegraph* during
 World War I;
 editor, *Liberty Magazine* (fiction)
 writer - *At the Front with Three Allies: My Adventures in the Great War*,
 1914; *Russia, the Balkans and the Dardanelles*, 1915; *What of the*
 Dardanelles? An Analysis, 1915; *Forearmed: How to Build a*
 Citizen Army, 1916; *France Bears the Burden*, 1917; *Delor*, 1915
 (a play); *Love and Live*, 1921 (a play); *The Unbeliever*, 1925
 (a play); *Frontline and Dead Line: The Experiences of a War*
 Correspondent, 1937

Marriage(s): 1910-1952 – Grace Hubbard Bell (1883-1979)

Address: McConnell Avenue, Bayport
Name of estate: *Wildholme*
Year of construction: c. 1873
Style of architecture: Eclectic with Italianate elements
Architect(s):
Landscape architect(s):
House extant: no; destroyed by fire in 1958*
Historical notes:

In 1873, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, Sr. purchased the two-hundred-acre farm of Daniel Lane and remodeled its farm house into his country residence *Lotos Lake*. It was subsequently owned by Granville Roland Fortescue, who called *Wildholme*.

Granville Roland Fortescue was the only Roosevelt to be buried in Arlington Cemetery. He was the illegitimate son of Robert Barnwell and Marion Theresa O’Shea Roosevelt, Sr., who resided at *Lotos Lake* in Bayport. His brother Kenyon, a bachelor, resided in Sayville. His sister Maude married Ernest W. S. Pickhardt and resided in London, England.

Grace Hubbard Bell was the daughter of Charles John and Roberta Wolcott Hubbard Bell of *Twin Oaks* in Washington, DC. Grace’s sister Helen married Julian Ashton Ripley, Sr. and resided at *Three Corner Farm* in Muttontown.

Granville Roland and Grace Hubbard Bell Fortescue’s daughter Marion married Daulton Gillespie Viskniskki, the son of journalist Guy Thomas and Virginia Gillespie Viskniskki of Montclair, NJ, and resided in Canterbury, OH. Their daughter Helen married Julian Louis Reynolds, heir to the Reynolds aluminum and tobacco fortune. In 1966, the Reynoldses’ twenty-nine-year-old son Richard accidentally walked into the moving propeller of a plane that he was inspecting for possible purchase.

The Fortescue’s sixteen-year-old daughter Grace (Thalia) married naval lieutenant Thomas Hedges Massie, the son of a Winchester, KY, shoe store proprietor, and, subsequently, Robert Uptigrove. [For a detailed account of the murder trial of Grace Fortescue and her son-in-law Thomas Hedges Massie see Harry W. Havemeyer, *East on the Great South Bay: Sayville and Bellport 1860-1960* (Mattituck, NY: Amereon House, 2001), pp. 37-46, 207-225; *The New York Times* April 30, 1932, pp. 1, 16.] [For a discussion of the Fortescue family see Raymond E. Spinzia, “Those Other Roosevelts: The Fortescues” *The Freeholder*, 11(Summer 2006), pp. 8-9, 16-22.]

*In 1953, the house and its furnishings were severely vandalized. In 1954, it was sold to real estate developer Maurice Babash. While he was demolishing it, the house was destroyed by fire.

Guggenheim, Meyer Robert, Sr. (1885-1959)

Occupation(s): industrialist - member, executive committee, American Smelting & Refining Co.;
secretary and vice president, U. S. Zinc Co.;
director, Guggenheim & Sons;
director, Guggenheim Exploration Co.

diplomat - United States Ambassador to Portugal, 1953-1954*
financier - director, American Smelting Securities Co.

Civic Activism: trustee, National Symphony Orchestra, Washington, DC;
trustee, Guggenheim Foundation

Marriage(s): M/1 – 1905-div. 1915 – Grace L. Bernheimer
M/2 – 1915-1928 – Margaret Gibbs Miller Weyher (b. 1896)
M/3 – 1928- 1937 – Elizabeth Bross Eaton (b. 1903)
M/4 – 1938-1959 – Rebecca Pollard (1904-1994)

Address: Deer Park Avenue, North Babylon
Name of estate: *Firenze Farm***
Year of construction:
Style of architecture: Colonial Revival
Architect(s):
Landscape architect(s):
House extant: unconfirmed***
Historical notes:



front facade

The *Long Island Society Register, 1929* lists Colonel and Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim as residing on Deer Park Avenue in Babylon.

He was the son of Daniel and Florence Shloss Guggenheim, who resided at *Hempstead House* in Sands Point. His brother Harry, who resided at *Falaise* in Sands Point, married Helen Rosenberg, Caroline Morton, and, subsequently, Alicia Patterson. His sister Gladys married Roger W. Straus and resided in Manhattan.

*Guggenheim's diplomatic career was a disaster; his ambassadorship lasted barely a year. Known within State Department circles for "not having anything above his shoulders," he was also generally known for his indifferent work habits, gambling, habitual womanizing, and social *faux pas*. In his first ambassadorial speech he insulted his Portuguese guests by saying that his preference for an ambassadorial posting would have been for Great Britain but Portugal would do. A few months later, at a state banquet, he began flipping utensils at the dinner table. When a piece of silverware landed in the cleavage of an elderly guest, Guggenheim reached over and retrieved it from the between the dignitary's breasts. [Irwin and Debi Unger, *The Guggenheims* (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2005), pp. 186-89.]

Grace L. Bernheimer Guggenheim was the daughter of Jacob Bernheimer of Manhattan. She subsequently married Martin E. Snellenberg of Philadelphia, PA.

Meyer Robert and Grace L. Bernheimer Guggenheim, Sr.'s son Daniel Guggenheim II suffered from heart disease, as did most of the male line of the Guggenheim family, and died at the age of eighteen while a student at Phillips Exeter Academy. Their son Meyer Robert Guggenheim, Jr. married four times. His first wife Helen Claire Allyn was the daughter of Alfred Warren Allyn of Montreal, Canada. His second wife was his secretary and his fourth wife was Shirlee McMullen.

Guggenheim's conversion to Catholicism and his Roman Catholic ceremony marriage to Margaret Gibbs Miller Weyher, the daughter of Casper F. Weyher of Scranton, PA, stunned the Jewish community as did his subsequent marriage to Elizabeth Bross Eaton, the daughter of James Waterbury and Elizabeth Bross Eaton, Sr. of West Islip. Their Lutheran church wedding was devoid of guests. Elizabeth Guggenheim's brother James Waterbury Eaton, Jr. married Matilda Brown and resided in Cold Spring Harbor.

Rebecca Pollard Guggenheim was the daughter of Andrew W. Pollard. She had previously been married to William Van Lennep, Jr. After Guggenheim's death she married John A. Logan.

**Guggenheim's Babylon and Washington, DC, houses and his four yachts were all named after his mother, as was his parents' estate in New Jersey.

***In 1933, the house, which was located on 531 acres, was damaged by fire.

Gulden, Frank, Sr. (1879-1961)

Occupation(s): industrialist - chairman of board, Charles Gulden, Inc. (manufacturer of mustard)

Civic Activism: president, board of trustees, Southside Hospital, Bay Shore; trustee, St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn; chairman, executive committee, Episcopal Church Charity Foundation; trustee, Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, CT; vice-president, Boys Club of New York; trustee, Hofstra University, Hempstead; chairman, local chapter, New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Committee during the Depression; member, Emergency Committee of the Red Cross during World War II

Marriage(s): 1902-1961 – Augusta Henes (d. 1969)

Address: 137 West Bayberry Road, Islip

Name of estate:

Year of construction: 1899-1900

Style of architecture: Moorish*

Architect(s): Grosvenor Atterbury designed the house (for H. O. Havemeyer)

Landscape architect(s): Nathan F. Barrett (for H. O. Havemeyer)**

House extant: yes; but substantially altered

Historical notes:

The house, originally named *Bayberry Point*, was built by Henry Osborne Havemeyer as his own residence in his “Modern Venice” development.

It was owned by Gulden from the late 1920s to the late 1940s, at which time he relocated to 117 West Bayberry Road.

He was the son of Charles and Mary C. Kellers Gulden, Sr., who resided at *Netherbay* in Bay Shore.

Augusta Henes Gulden was the daughter of Julia Henes.

Frank and Augusta Henes Gulden, Sr.'s daughter Augusta married Carrick F. Cochran, the son of Dr. Robert W. Cochran of Sarasota, FL. Their son Frank Gulden, Jr. married Louise Guastavino and resided in Islip and Bay Shore. Their daughter Julia married Eric Gordon Ramsay, Sr. and resided in Brightwaters. Their son Charles Gulden II, who married Samantha Gaynor Isham, Faith Hollins, and, subsequently, Mary Faran Bulkley, resided in Islip and, later, in Cold Spring Harbor.

[See other Gulden entries for additional family information.]

*The sales brochure for “Modern Venice” states that the Moorish-style architecture was suggested by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

**The sale brochure also states that “Modern Venice” would be devoid of trees and vegetation and that Nathan F. Barrett was the landscape architect.

The house was subsequently owned by Dr. David Dodge Moore.



front facade, 2006

Roosevelt, Robert Barnwell, Sr. (1829-1906)

Occupation(s):	attorney publisher - owner and editor, <i>New York Citizen</i> (a political newspaper) capitalist - trustee, Brooklyn Bridge politician - congressman from Manhattan, 1871-1873; a founder and president, New York Fisheries (which became New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) diplomat - United States Ambassador to The Netherlands writer - <i>Game Fish of the Northern States of America</i> , 1862; <i>The Game Birds of the Coast and Lakes of the Northern States of America</i> ; <i>The Striped Bass, Trout, and Black Bass of the Northern States</i> , 1866; <i>Superior Fishing</i> , 1865; <i>The South Bay of Long Island</i> ; <i>Game Fish of the Northern States of America and the British Provinces</i> ; <i>Love and Luck: The Story of a Summer's Loitering On The Great South Bay</i> , 1887
Civic Activism:	president, New York Association for the Protection of Game; advocate, organic gardening; advocate, protection of wildlife; president, Founders and Patriots; president, Holland Society
Marriage(s):	M/1 – 1850-1887 – Elizabeth Thorn Ellis (1830-1887) M/2 – 1888-1902 – Marion Theresa O'Shea (1849-1902) (aka Mrs. Marion T. Fortescue)*

Address:	McConnell Avenue, Bayport
Name of estate:	<i>Lotos Lake</i>
Year of construction:	c. 1873
Style of architecture:	Eclectic with Italianate elements

Architect(s):

Landscape architect(s):

House extant: no destroyed by fire in 1958**

Historical notes:



Lotos Lake, sketch by Henry N. Betemann, 1958

In 1873, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, Sr. purchased the two-hundred-acre farm of Daniel Lane and remodeled the farmhouse into his country residence *Lotos Lake*.

He was the son of Cornelius Van Shaach and Margaret Barnhill Roosevelt, Sr. of Manhattan. His brother Theodore, the father of President Theodore Roosevelt, married Martha Bullock and resided at *Tranquility* in Oyster Bay Cove. His brother Silas married Mary West. His brother James married Elizabeth Norris Emlen. His brother Cornelius Van Shaach Roosevelt, Jr. married Laura Horton Porter.

Elizabeth Thorn Ellis Roosevelt was the daughter of John French and Elizabeth Glen Thorn Ellis of Manhattan.

Robert Barnwell and Elizabeth Thorn Ellis Roosevelt, Sr.'s son Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, Jr., who resided at *The Lilacs* in Sayville, married Grace Guernsey Woodhouse and, subsequently, Lilie Hamersly. Their son John Ellis Roosevelt, who married Nannie Mitchell Vance and, subsequently, Edith Hamersly, resided at *Meadow Croft* in Sayville. Their daughter Margaret married August Van Horne Kimberly and resided in Chicago, IL.

[See Fortescue entry for information about Roosevelt's concurrent family.]

Roosevelt purchased garish green gloves for his numerous mistresses at A. T. Stewart Department Store in Manhattan. His friends made a point of looking for the gloves while strolling Fifth Avenue and Central Park.

*The estate was subsequently owned by Roosevelt's illegitimate son Granville Roland Fortescue, who called it *Wildholme*.

In 1953, the house and its furnishings were severely vandalized.

**In 1954, it was sold to real estate developer Maurice Babash. While Babash was demolishing the house, it was destroyed by fire.

Stanchfield, John Barry, Sr. (1855-1921)

Occupation(s): attorney* - partner, Stanchfield and Levy;
partner, Reynolds, Stanchfield, and Collins;
partner, Hill and Stanchfield;
district attorney, Chemung County, NY, 1880-1885
politician** - mayor, Elmira, NY, 1886-1888;
member, New York State Assembly, 1895-1896;
New York State Assembly Minority Leader, 1896

Marriage(s): 1886-1921 – Clara Spaulding (1860-1935)

Address: Ocean Avenue, Islip

Name of estate: *Afterglow*

Year of construction: c. 1890

Style of architecture: Shingle

Architect(s):

Landscape architect(s):

House extant: no; demolished in c. 1950

Historical notes:

The house, originally named *Afterglow*, was built by John Gibb.

In 1909, it was purchased by Stanchfield.

He was the son of Dr. John K. and Mrs. Glovina S. Barry Stanchfield of Elmira, NY.

Clara Spaulding Stanchfield was the daughter of Henry C. and Clara W. Spaulding of Elmira, NY.

John Barry and Clara Spaulding Stanchfield, Sr.'s son Dr. John Barry Stanchfield, Jr., an endocrinologist, resided in Salt Lake City, UT. Their daughter Alice, who inherited the Islip house, married Dr. Arthur Mullen Wright.

Both the Stanchfields and Wrights continued to call the estate *Afterglow*.

*Stanchfield established the right of non-incrimination based on the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution in the case of Forbes vs. Taylor. The 1894 case involved Cornell University sophomores who attempted to disrupt a freshman banquet by releasing chlorine gas. The gas caused the death of a college employee in the next room. Stanchfield advised his client Taylor not to answer any incriminating questions at the Grand Jury hearing which resulted in Taylor being charged with contempt of court. Stanchfield's position was upheld by the United States Supreme Court thus establishing a defendant's right to "Plead the Fifth." [*The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* (Clifton, NJ: James T. White & Co., 1984), vol. 14, pp. 360-361.] In another famous court case, Stanchfield succeeded in having Harry K. Thaw, the murderer of architect Stanford White, released after Thaw had spent nine years as an inmate in the Matteawan Asylum. [*The New York Times* June 26, 1921, p. 23.]

**In the 1900 election for Governor of New York, Stanchfield, who was the Democratic candidate, lost. In 1901, he lost in the election for United States Senator from New York State.



Afterglow

Thorne, Landon Ketchum, Jr. (1913-1980)

Occupation(s): publisher - *The Rome Daily American*, Rome, Italy
financier - vice-president, Bankers Trust Co.;
director, United Corp. (closed-ended investment firm);
managing director, Bankers International Corp.;
managing director, Bankers International Financing Co, Inc.
industrialist - president, Vorac Co. (chemical coating manufacturer)
diplomat - United States Economic Minister, Office of Foreign Operations,
to Italy;
United States Economic Minister, Office of Foreign Operations,
to Belgium

Civic Activism: chairman of board, American University, Cairo, Egypt;
chairman of board, YMCA–YWCA Camping Services of Greater New York;
trustee, New York Zoological Society;
trustee, Pierpont Morgan Library, NYC;
trustee, American Academy, Rome, Italy;
assistant treasurer, New York Young Republican Club

Marriage(s): M/1 – 1936-1941 – Veronica Boswell Elliot
M/2 – 1942 – Alice Hoadley Barry
M/3 – 1969-1980 – Miriam A. Rose

Address: Admiral’s Drive East, West Bay Shore
Name of estate: *The Lodge*
Year of construction:
Style of architecture: Ranch
Architect(s):
Landscape architect(s):
House extant: yes
Historical notes:



living room

Landon Ketchum Thorne, Jr. was the son of Landon Ketchum and Julia Atterbury Loomis Thorne, Sr., who resided at *Thorneham* in West Bay Shore. Before moving to West Bay Shore, he had resided on Split Rock Road in Syosset and on Lake Avenue in Greenwich, CT.

Veronica Boswell Elliot Thorne was the daughter of Sir Gilbert and Lady Flournoy Hopkins Elliot of *Wolfelee* in Rorburghshire, Scotland, and a descendant of Samuel Johnson’s biographer James Boswell.

Alice Hoadley Barry Thorne was the daughter of David S. and Alice Hoadley Smith Barry of Washington, DC. Her sister Frances married B. Gordon Dickey, the son of Robert B. Dickey of Tuxedo, NY.

Landon Ketchum and Alice Hoadley Barry Thorne, Jr.’s daughter Julia married John Forbes Kerry at the Thorne’s ancestral home *Thorneham* in West Bay Shore. Kerry is the United States Senator from Massachusetts and was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States in 2004. Julia subsequently married Richard J. Charlesworth, with whom she resided in Bozeman, MT, until her death in 2006. The Thornes’ son Landon Ketchum Thorne III married Sarah Ashton Nuese, the daughter of Robert E. Nuese of *Indian Lane Farm* in Cornwall, CT. Their son David married Rose O’Neil Geer, the daughter of Garrow Throop Geer of Manhattan.

The *Social Register*, *Summer 1974* lists Landon K. and Miriam A. Rose Thorne [Jr.] as residing at *The Lodge* on South Country Road in Bay Shore [Admiral’s Drive East, West Bay Shore].

Miriam A. Rose Thorne had previously been married to Fulton H. Cahners.



west facade

Vanderbilt, William Kissam, Sr. (1849-1920)

Occupation(s): capitalist - president, New York Central Railroad and its subsidiaries
Civic Activism: built and endowed St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Islip

Marriage(s): M/1 – 1875-div. 1895 – Alva Erskine Smith (1853-1933)
- writer - *Melinda and Her Sisters* (suffragist opera/with Elsa Maxwell);
One Month's Log of the Seminole, 1916;
two unpublished autobiographies, 1917, 1933
journalist - numerous newspaper and magazine articles*
Civic Activism: woman's suffrage -
founder and president, Political Equality Assoc.;
first president, National Woman's Party**;
purchased building in Washington, DC, for
National Woman's Party Headquarters [now,
known as Sewall-Belmont House];
primary benefactor and president of board,
Hempstead Hospital, Hempstead [not the
present-day hospital also named Hempstead
Hospital];
established, Brookholt School of Agriculture for
Women at East Meadow estate;
built and supported, Sea Side Hospital for Sick
Children, a 200-bed hospital in Great River
(later, Trinity Sea Side Home)

M/2 – 1903-1920 – Anne Harriman (1860-1940)
- Civic Activism: a founder, Franco-American War Museum;
donated \$1 million for the establishment of the
East River Home and Hospital, NYC;
a founder and director, American Woman's
Association, NYC;

Address: South County Road, Oakdale
Name of estate: *Idlehour*****
Year of construction: 1878
Style of architecture: Shingle
Architect(s): Richard Morris Hunt
designed the 1878 house
(for W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr.)

Landscape architect(s):
House extant: no; 1878 house destroyed by fire in 1899*****
Historical notes:



Idlehour, c. 1895

The one-hundred-room house, originally named *Idlehour*, was built by William Kissam Vanderbilt, Sr. He was the son of William Henry and Maria Kissam Vanderbilt of Staten Island, NY.

Alva Erskine Smith Vanderbilt was the daughter of Murray Forbes and Phoebe Desha Smith of Mobile, AL, and Manhattan. Alva subsequently married Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont, with whom she resided at *Marble House* and *Belcourt* in Newport, RI, and *Brookholt* in East Meadow. After Belmont's death in 1908, Alva relocated to *Beacon Towers* in Sands Point and, subsequently, to France, where she was living at the time of her death.

William Kissam Vanderbilt and Alva Erskine Smith Vanderbilt Sr.'s daughter Consuelo married Charles Richard John Spencer-Churchill, the Ninth Duke of Marlborough and, subsequently, Louis Jacques Balsan, with whom she resided at *Old Fields* in East Norwich, in Southampton, and in Palm Beach, FL. Their son William Kissam Vanderbilt, Jr. married Virginia Graham Fair and, subsequently, Rosamund Lancaster and resided at

Deepdale in Lake Success and at *Eagle's Nest* in Centerport. Their son Harold, who inherited the second *Idlehour* house, married Gertrude Lewis Conaway.

Anne Harriman Vanderbilt was the daughter of Oliver and Laura Low Harriman. She had previously been married to Samuel Stevens Sands, Jr. and Lewis Morris Rutherford. Samuel Stevens and Anne Harriman Sands, Jr.'s son Samuel Stevens Sands III married Gertrude Sheldon, the daughter of George R. Sheldon of Manhattan. Their son George married Anne Aldridge Gibson, the daughter of John Aldridge Gibson of Leesburg, VA. Both George and his brother Samuel were killed in automobile accidents. Lewis Morris and Anne Harriman Rutherford's daughter Barbara married Cyril Hatch and, subsequently, Winfield J. Nichols. Their daughter Margaret married Frederick Leybourne Sprague.

*Mrs. Belmont donated the proceeds from her newspaper and magazine articles to the suffrage movement.

**Alva Belmont's Sands Point estate was the site of the 1920 National Woman's Party Conference.

***Anne Harriman Vanderbilt was the first woman to receive a gold medal from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for her service to France.

****According to Vanderbilt's own stationery and the name painted on his private railroad car, *Idlehour* was one word.

*****In 1899, while William Kissam Vanderbilt, Jr. and his wife Virginia Graham Fair were spending their honeymoon at the estate, the 1879 house was destroyed by fire.

[See following entry for history of 1900 house.]

Vanderbilt, William Kissam, Sr. (1849-1920)

Occupation(s): [See previous entry.]

Marriage(s): [See previous entry.]

Address: South Country Road, Oakdale

Name of estate: *Idlehour*

Year of construction: 1900

Style of architecture: Beaux Arts with Flemish elements

Architect(s): Richard Howland Hunt designed the 1900 house (for W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr.) Warren and Wetmore designed the 1903 bachelor annex and indoor tennis court (for W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr.)

Landscape architect(s):

House extant: yes

Historical notes:



Idlehour, 1900 house, 1990

With the destruction of the first *Idlehour* by fire, William Kissam Vanderbilt, Sr. built a second house on the site which he also called *Idlehour*.

The estate, which was inherited by his son Harold, had several subsequent owners including the firm of Edmund G. and Charles F. Burke, Inc., which, in the 1920s, was unsuccessful in its attempt to subdivide the estate's property for a housing development. In 1937, the main residence and the carriage house were acquired by the Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians. In 1947, National Dairy Research Labs, Inc. purchased the main residence, carriage house, and twenty-three acres. In 1963, the National Dairy holdings were acquired by Adelphi University of Garden City for use as its Adelphi Suffolk campus. In 1968, the Oakdale campus became Dowling College.

In 1974, the main residence was the site of a devastating fire. The smoking lounge, main staircase, plaster friezes in the dining room [Hunt Room], woodwork and the ornate ceiling in the living room, and velvet tapestry wallcovering throughout the house were destroyed. Repairs were made to the fire-damaged main residence by the Fortunoff family; historic elements were not restored. Karl Bitter's sculpture, "Diana, the Huntress," in the dining room, was restored by a member of the college's art department.

[See previous entry for family information and a history of the 1878 house.]

William Kissam Vanderbilt Sr. Estate, *Idlehour* [1900]



living room, c. 1903



living room, 1990



section of friezes in Hunt Room (dining room)



front entrance foyer and main staircase, c. 1903



men's smoking lounge, c. 1903

William Kissam Vanderbilt Sr. Estate, *Idlehour* [1900]



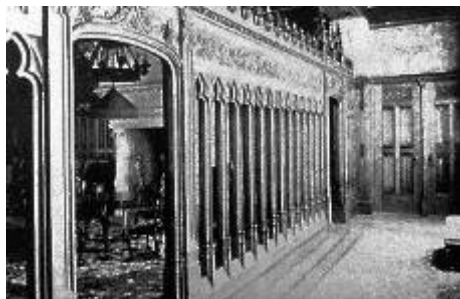
main staircase, c. 1903



main staircase, 1990



*wallpaper replacement of Hunt Room friezes,
1990*



*hallway outside men's smoking lounge,
c. 1903*



*hallway outside men's smoking lounge,
1990*

Statesmen and Diplomats

Listed are only those statesmen and diplomats who resided in the Towns of Babylon and Islip.

Statesmen

Department of Navy (became part of Department of Defense in 1947)

Whitney, William Collins
– Secretary of Navy (Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison administrations)
Islip

Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Deputy Secretaries of State –

Welles, Benjamin Sumner, III
– Assistant Secretary of State (Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration)
– Under Secretary of State (Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration)
Welles House, Islip

Diplomats

Belmont, August, Sr.
– United States Charge d' affairs, The Netherlands
– United States Minister to The Netherlands
– Austrian Council General to the United States
Nursery Stud Farm, North Babylon

Belmont, Perry
– Minister to Spain, 1887-1888
Nursery Stud Farm, North Babylon

Guggenheim, Meyer Robert, Sr.
– Ambassador to Portugal, 1953-1954
Firenze Farm, North Babylon

Page, Walter Hines, Sr.
– Ambassador to Court of St. James (Wilson administration)
Bay Shore

Post, Regis Henri, Sr.
– Governor, Territory of Puerto Rico, 1907
Littlewood, Bayport

Roosevelt, Robert Barnwell, Sr.
– Ambassador to The Netherlands
Lotos Lake, Bayport

Statesmen and Diplomats

Diplomats (cont'd)

Taylor, George Campbell

- Member, United States Embassy at Court of St. James (Lincoln administration)
- East Islip

Thorne, Landon Ketchum, Jr.

- Economic Minister, Office of Foreign Operations, Italy
 - Economic Minister, Office of Foreign Operations, Belgium
- The Lodge*, West Bay Shore

Welles, Benjamin Sumner, III

- Chief, Latin American Affairs Division, Department of State, 1920
 - Ambassador to Cuba, 1933
- Welles House*, Islip

Advisors and Personal Secretaries

Post, Regis Henri, Sr.

- Auditor, Territory of Puerto Rico, 1903
 - Secretary to the Governor of Puerto Rico, 1904
- Littlewood*, Bayport

Welles, Benjamin Sumner, III

- Secretary, United States Embassy in Japan, 1917
- Welles House*, Islip