

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Swan (Edward H.) House

Name of Property

Nassau County, NY

County and State

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 76001233

Property Name: Edward H. Swan House

County: Nassau County

State: NY

Multiple Name:

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for 

Signature of the Keeper

4/15/14

Date of Action

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Amended Item in Nomination

This SLR is issued to make the following substantive correction:

Section 8

The nomination states that the house was constructed by Edward Swan in 1853 following the destruction by fire of an earlier house (one of two built by the Swan brothers in 1852). Current documentation has established that the house was constructed in 1859 after an 1858 fire, and that it was designed by John W. Ritch, an important early New York architect.

The Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities has in its archives the original specifications for the house. The additional documentation was published in the following: *Long Island Country Houses and Their Architects, 1860-1940*, edited by Robert B. MacKay, Anthony Baker, and Carol A. Traynor (New York and London: W. W. Norton Co., 1997), p.378-379.

John Warren Ritch (1822-1899) was born in Putnam County, New York and worked for a New York architect named William Hurry for eleven years. He established his own practice in 1846 and published a series of designs under *The American Architect* 1847-1849, and republished several times during the 1850s. He was a founding member of the American Institute of Architects when that body was organized in New York in 1857. The Swan House is architecturally significant as a relatively early example of the Second Empire style that later became phenomenally popular throughout the country in the years following the Civil War.

The State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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Distribution

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

PH036073X

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *nr*
Swan (Edward H.) House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Cove Neck Road
CITY, TOWN Oyster Bay VICINITY OF 3rd
STATE New York COUNTY Nassau CODE 059
--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. William Mather / Mrs. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith
STREET & NUMBER (Both) Cove Neck Road
CITY, TOWN Oyster Bay VICINITY OF STATE New York

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Nassau County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Mineola, STATE New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated between the shore of Oyster Bay Cove and a hilly rise to the east on Cove Neck, the Edward H. Swan House was built to face south overlooking a formal lawn leading to a grassy meadow. A bend in Cove Neck Road permits a full frontal view of the house, with its backdrop of towering trees, before the road swings west closer to the shore as it reaches the present entrance drive.

A rectangular structure built of double brick walls separated by an air space of nine inches, the Swan House is a substantial two and one-half story residence covered by a mansard roof of hexagonal-shaped slates. In the central of three bays on the building's south (front) elevation is the main entrance, a double door beneath a cast iron portico. The flanking bays are characterized by three-sided projecting bay windows. Fenestration, like the overall axial design, is symmetrical, characterized by round-arched windows on all stories. The dormer windows are covered with gable roofs.

On the west elevation a balustraded one-story veranda with cast iron elements extends the length of the structure. In 1919 an east wing of two stories was added to the two-story east projection already present. Another modern addition is the square three-bay belvedere built in 1920.

The interior of the Swan House is characterized by amply proportioned rooms paneled and decorated with applied wood moldings. The front (south) entrance to the house opens into a large square vestibule connecting with the wide central hall. The main staircase to the second floor is located in a rear hall. The vestibule and central hall provide access to two parlors on the west side of the house, and to the dining room on the east. In the latter room, classical motifs such as ornate Corinthian columns provide a variation from the more austere design scheme prevailing throughout the remainder of the house. The rooms on both the first and second floors contain marble mantels, some relatively plain, others arched and ornamented with garlands and cartouches.

To the southeast on the grounds of the Swan House stand several large frame barns, located along the base of a ridge. Especially noteworthy among the dependencies is a small, rectangular board-and-batten cottage situated west of the house. Its characteristic features include a roof of steeply-sloped transverse gables, edged with scalloped bargeboards, a round-arched doorway on its north side, and Tudor-arched windows on this and the remaining elevations.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1853 on Oyster Bay's Cove Neck, the Edward H. Swan House expresses architecturally the social aspirations of a wealthy mercantile family at the middle of the nineteenth century. Elegantly simple in its design and substantial in its dimensions, this mansard-roofed brick residence attests to the emergence of Oyster Bay from a rural agricultural settlement to a community of fashionable country seats for the prosperous commercial entrepreneurs of the 1850's. The Swan House is among the finest Second Empire style residences to be erected on Long Island, and remains a fine, typical example of the rural retreats which figure prominently in the history of Oyster Bay and the North Shore.

From the time of its earliest settlement in the seventeenth century through the first half of the nineteenth century, the rural community which grew up around Oyster Bay was dependent upon agricultural produce and the shellfish of nearby waters for its livelihood. By the 1840's, however, Oyster Bay was becoming attractive to a different social element, the newly prosperous merchant families of New York City, who found Oyster Bay eminently well suited as the site for their country estates. Steam vessels provided direct transportation between New York and Oyster Bay, thereby stimulating the influx to this north shore hamlet.

Just to the east of Oyster Bay lies Cove Neck, a large peninsula of land entirely owned by the Youngs family until the middle of the nineteenth century, when Benjamin L. Swan purchased several hundred acres lying between Oyster Bay Cove and Cold Spring Harbor to the east. The Swan family had amassed a considerable fortune from shipbuilding and maritime commerce in New York City, and sought a country seat befitting the family's economic and social position. The Swan tract on Cove Neck was partitioned between the sons of Benjamin L. Swan, Edward H. and Benjamin Swan. In 1852 the Swan brothers erected two nearly identical dwellings on Cove Neck at a convenient distance from the steamboat landing. The Benjamin Swan House was demolished in 1909. The present Edward H. Swan House, situated immediately to the south, is the second dwelling on its site, erected after a fire destroyed the original residence soon after its completion in 1852.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	6,2,6	1,0,0	4,5	2,5	9,9	0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							

B							
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
D							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Raymond W. Smith, Historic Preservation Program Assistant

ORGANIZATION NYS Office of Parks & Recreation
Division for Historic Preservation

DATE
March, 1976

STREET & NUMBER
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building #1

TELEPHONE
474-0479

CITY OR TOWN
Albany,

STATE
New York 12238

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XXXX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Dep. Comm for Hist. Pres.

DATE 4/15/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 8/24/96

ATTEST:

DATE 5-20-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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The Swan House epitomizes Oyster Bay's history as a country retreat. Modestly substantial in size, the structure possesses a certain grandeur stemming from a sense of mass uncluttered by detail. The axial design of the south or front elevation is organized simply around the slightly projecting central pavilion. The structure's height, augmented by its mansard roof, adds to the dignity deriving from ample dimension and bold lines. Within, the high ceilings, large rooms, and judicious use of detail reflect the austere elegance suggested by the exterior.

In 1888 Oyster Bay became a terminus for the Long Island Railroad, and the community grew as a result. "Sagamore Hill", Theodore Roosevelt's home on Cove Neck, made the Oyster Bay area a center of activity during his terms as governor and President. Oyster Bay experienced a substantial increase in its population after the First World War as well. Despite modern pressures upon the land, however, Cove Neck remains a wooded residential area. In its setting of tall shade trees, the Edward H. Swan House remains an architectural landmark attesting to Cove Neck's identity as a rural retreat for the wealthy merchant class of the nineteenth century.

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HISTORIC

Swan (Edward H.) House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Oyster Bay

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Nassau

STATE

New York

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Elizabeth Weekes

DATE OF PHOTO

1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Oyster Bay Bicentennial Commission, Town Hall, Oyster Bay, NY

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

View North - South (front) elevation.

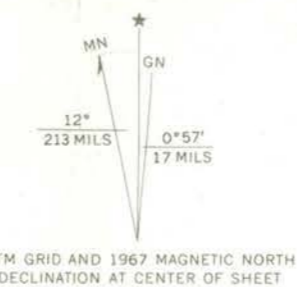
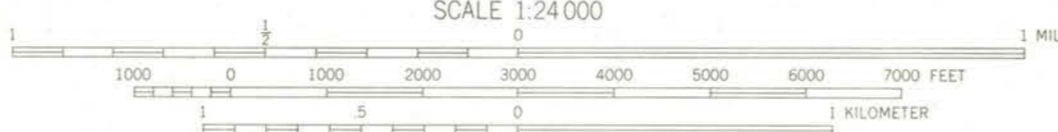
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SWAN HOUSE / OYSTER RA
BAYVILLE QUADRANGLE
NEW YORK-CONNECTICUT
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 OYSTER BAY 15' QUADRANGLE

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Department of Transportation
Control by USGS, USC&GS and Nassau County
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1941. Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised 1967
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 222 (1963)
and 224 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on New York coordinate system, Long Island zone
and Connecticut coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18,
shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 7.4 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt



BAYVILLE, N.Y.—CONN.
NE/4 OYSTER BAY 15' QUADRANGLE
N4052.5—W7330/7.5

1967

AMS 6265 1 NE—SERIES V821

SWAN HOUSE
626100/4121990

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HISTORIC Swan (Edward H.) House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Oyster Bay VICINITY OF COUNTY Nassau STATE New York

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series

SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1967

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered MAY 24 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Walton and Willett Stone Store	Oswego Oswego County
United Traction Company Building	Albany Albany County
Swan (Edward H.) House	Oyster Bay Nassau County
Old Erie County Hall	Buffalo Erie County
Gloversville Free Library	Gloversville Fulton County

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. James L. Buckley	Mr. Orin Lehman
Hon. Robert C. McEwen	Commissioner
Hon. Samuel S. Stratton	Parks and Recreation
Hon. Jerome A. Ambro	Agency Building 1
Hon. Henry J. Nowak	Empire State Plaza
Hon. Donald J. Mitchell	Albany, New York 12238
Regional Director, North Atlantic Region	

MMott/row 5/25/76

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INT: 2950-75

Property

Swan (Edward H.) House

76001233
Nassau Co.

State New York

Working Number 4.27.76.3158

TECHNICAL

Photos /
Maps /

They say its unaltered, then describes the alterations!

CONTROL

pl
OK 4.29.76

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
Livingsood
3 May 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Photo of "small, rectangular board-and-batten cottage ... W of the house." - Will call for this, but won't hold nomenclature for it.

Accept
M J Tuttle
5-7-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory
Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
5-10-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

[Signature]
5-21-76

National Register Write-up

Send-back

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238 Information 518 474-0456
Orin Lehman, Commissioner

April 12, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief of Registration
Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed please find the nomination for:

Swan (Edward H.) House, Cove Neck Road, Oyster Bay,
Nassau County, New York

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers of the State Board for Historic Preservation. The owner of the property, interested parties and governmental officials were notified in writing of the pending review April 2, 1973, and after approval by the State Board for Historic Preservation May 23, 1973.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office. If you have any questions, please contact Raymond W. Smith, Historic Preservation Program Assistant.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Beebe

Lynn A. Beebe
National Register and
Survey Coordinator
Historic Preservation
Field Services

LAB/RWS/jf
Enclosure



NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3 May 76
Reviewer INITIALS: [Signature]
NR DOE MAY 24 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: SWAN, (Edward H.), House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: Cove Neck Rd.

CITY, TOWN: Oyster Bay

STATE: NY

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3

VICINITY OF

COUNTY: Nassau code: 059

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- HOUSE

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
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- RELIGION
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- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Second Empire

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal Benjamin L. Swan

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1853

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1919-1920 wing and belvedere

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 4

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, 2 1/2 stories, ^{L-shaped} rectangular, with ell, mansard roof with gabled dormers, slightly projecting central pavilion; front center double door with cast iron portico and flanking 1st story bay on each side; symmetrical round-arched windows; on all stories belvedere and wing added, 1919-20; interior woodwork and marble mantels; outbuildings include several barns and a small cottage

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) Built for the Swan family, prominent shipbuilders involved in mercantile trade; heralded the development of Oyster Bay as resort area for wealthy 19th c. New Yorkers.

~~at the middle of the nineteenth century. It is significant of the development of Oyster Bay as the country seat for wealthy New Yorkers.~~