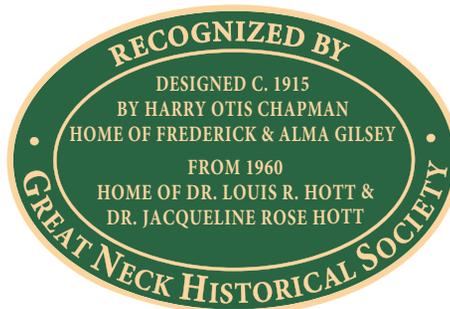


HERITAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

To Identify and Honor Great Neck's Most Notable Homes



15 BEVERLY ROAD, KENSINGTON, NY

The elegant home at 15 Beverly Road was built c. 1915 for Frederick C. and Alma M. Gilsey. The architect of the two and one-half story dwelling, with tile work and marble inside, was Harry Otis Chapman. Chapman later designed a summer home on the Kings Point waterfront for Henri Bendel. It was sold to Walter P. Chrysler and is now Wiley Hall, on the grounds of the Merchant Marine Academy.

Frederick Gilsey was President of First National Bank of Great Neck Station, and he continued in that office after the bank merged with Great Neck Trust Company in 1931. He was also a real estate developer in Great Neck from 1921–1964. An article in *The New York Times* in May 1921 announced that Frederick Gilsey had purchased a large tract of land with 218 feet of frontage on Middle Neck Road, with the intention of constructing an apartment house with stores. The broker for the deal was I.G. Wolf, a member of the first Jewish family in Great Neck. Wolf became the leading real estate broker on the North Shore. Frederick Gilsey also developed part of Kensington.

Living next door to Frederick and Alma was Guy Bolton, the British-American playwright and writer of musical comedies. Bolton is credited with over 50 works including musicals in conjunction with Jerome Kern and P.G. Wodehouse. Further east on Beverly Road, at number 65, is a nearly identical house that was built for Alma Gilsey's sister, Mrs. Swartley.



In 1960 the home was purchased by Louis R. Hott, M.D. and Jacqueline Rose Hott, PhD. In its over 100-year history, 15 Beverly Road has had only two owners