

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 10305.000458
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip/SPLIA DATE: April 1990

Town Hall, 655 Main St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, L.I., N.Y. 11751 TELEPHONE: 516.224.5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning, Housing, and Development

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Arthur House (former railroad station)

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bayport

3. STREET LOCATION: 293 Bayport Ave.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private

5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

6. USE: Original: R/R station & house Present: residence and office

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

Interior accessible: Explain partial, by app't.

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) 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

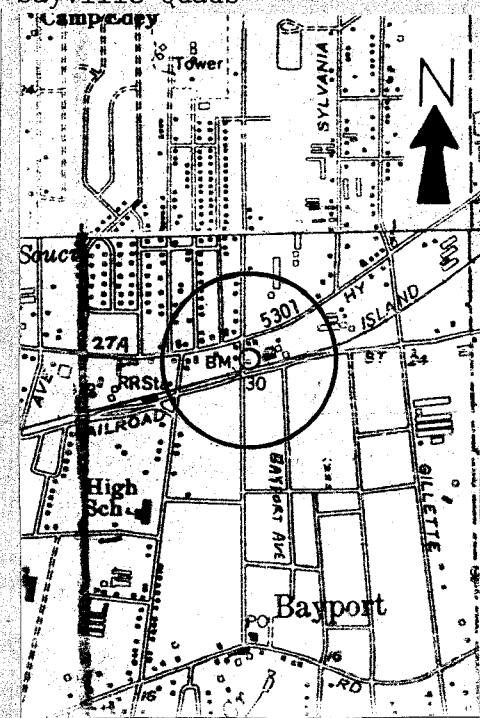
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? 1869
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

WINDOWS AND DOORS ALTERED AFTER 1979.

refer to continuation sheet/1979 Inventory Form

12. PHOTO: Neg. KK XXVII-11, fm. NW

13. MAP: NYS DOT Composite Patchogue and Sayville Quads



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 an historic district)

Refer to 1979 Inventory Form

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

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ Prior to 1858

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Refer to 1979 Inventory Form

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

Research by Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities

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BA 55
green/
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip DATE: November 15, 1979
Town Hall

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main St., Islip TELEPHONE: 516 224-4450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dept. of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

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- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Bayport
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 293 Bayport Avenue, east side, just north of L.I.R.R.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Nathan Schneider ADDRESS: 293 Mayport Avenue, Bayport
- 6. USE: Original: R.R. station & house Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

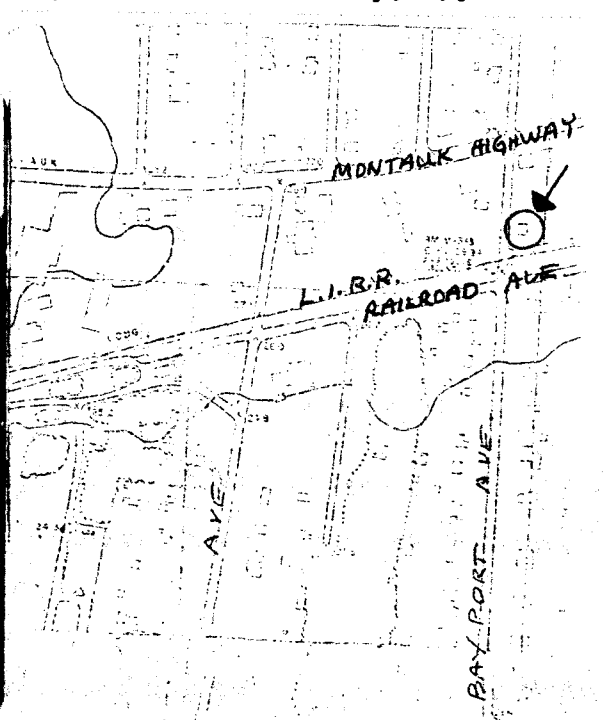
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c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

Windows and entrance facing west changed.
Porch added.

12. PHOTO: ELW IV, # 17A
from SE, S. side & rear (east)

13. MAP: 3cwe, Albertson Sewer Map, Bayport Q16



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This house is located in the north section of Bayport village, where it was moved in 1869 to serve as a railroad station-masters office.

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: pre-1858*

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

One and one-half story, three bay, gable roof house with corner pilasters and wide frieze with frieze windows on front and back. Brick foundation.

This house which belonged to W.B. Arthur at the time is located on the 1858 map in Blue Point on what is now Blue Point Avenue at the corner of Middle Road. In 1869 Arthur moved it to its present location where he used it in his occupation of Post Master and Station Agent. The railroad station was across the tracks (see BA 56).

It is identified at its present site on the 1873 Atlas, as belonging to "W.B. Arthur, P.O. & Store".

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22. THEME: Dickerson, Charles, A Hist. of the Sayville Community, 1975, p. 57.

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CHAPTER XV.
BAYPORT



Bayport, situated on the Great South Bay, was the south easterly part of the William Nicoll grant of 1697. The east line was Namkee Creek, which separated the Nicoll Grant from the Brookhaven Grant. The west line is Brown's River and the Sans Souci Lakes. It was not until 1791 that the first sales from the Nicoll Grant were made, when a commission appointed by the state sold parcels to pay off the Nicoll debts. There seems to have been a few homes in the area but they must have been renters or squatters.

The land was sold in long strips about 500 feet wide and extending for about one mile from the Great South Bay to the South Country Road (Now the Montauk Highway). Farmhouses were built more or less in a row thru the middle of the farms. A large number of these farmhouses still stand today dating back from 1800 to 1860.

In 1834 a road was built thru the middle of the farms from Sayville to Bluepoint connecting the farmhouses, and was called Middle Road. In fact, the community was called Middle Road Village for a while, then came to be called Southport. It turned out that there was another village upstate called Southport, so when the Post Office was set up in 1858, the name was changed to Bayport. The present Post Office was built in 1956.

The railroad came to Bayport in 1869 and a man named William B. Arthur moved a house from Bluepoint Avenue to the east side of Bayport Avenue, across from the Railroad Station, and he became Post Master and Station Agent. The house stands today in the same location. The original station was the building that is now Hans and Katy's Restaurant. In 1904 a new station was erected at Snedecor Avenue, but this station was torn down in 1963 and not replaced.

The first store on Main Street (Middle Road) was opened by Warren Hawkins in 1860. It was bought by Isaac Snedecor in 1867, a retired sea-captain. It was later operated by I. Snedecor and Sons, then by Antos Brothers, then by Mr. Prall, and today the modern supermarket is owned and operated by Arthur Shand and his family, who purchased the store in 1934.

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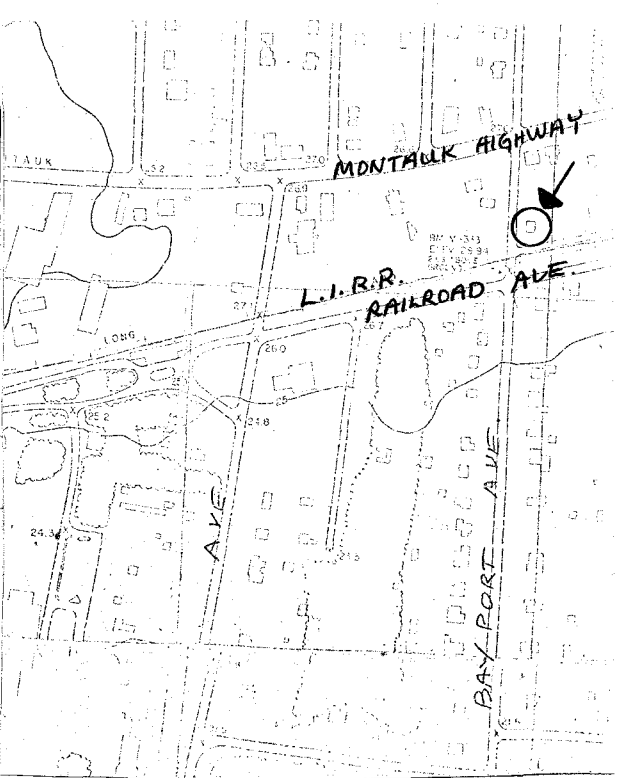
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