

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/3/79

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street
Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516) 224-5450

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~48 Main Street~~ (Edwards Insurance Office)
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 48 Main Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: commercial Present: commercial
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

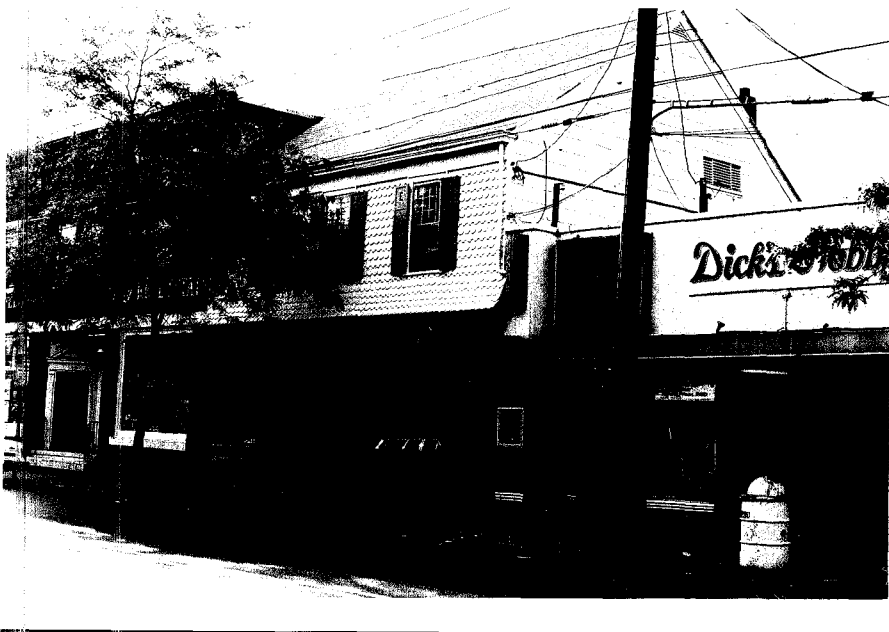
DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
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? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

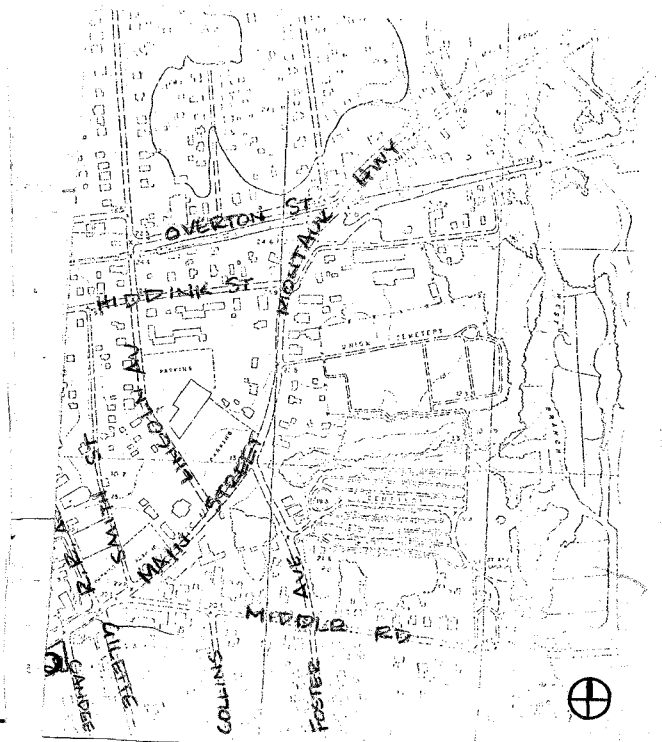
modern shutters,
the western half of the building is gone

12. PHOTO: neg. 32a, NJM-4

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



front (north) Facade



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)

48 Main Street is located on the south side of Main (Montauk Hwy), in the heart of the business district, between Greene and Candee Avenues.

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

2½ story, 3 bay, t building, parallel to the street, with gable roof. shingle style overhang and varigated decorative shingles. panelled storefront.

SIGNIFICANCE19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: prior to 1858 (?)

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building was owned by D. Aldrich in 1858 and 1873, according to the respective maps, and it was owned by Charles N. Aldrich in 1915. It is a well-preserved example of the typical Main Street Storefront commercial building of a town such as Sayville. This building has been occupied by the A.C. Edwards Inc. Insurance Agency since 1899. C.N. Aldrich on 1888 Map.

21. SOURCES:

J. Chace Jr., Map of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, Philadelphia: 1858.

F.W. Beers, Atlas of Long Island, New York, Beers, Comstock, Cline, N.Y.: 1873.

E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of A Part of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, South Shore, Brooklyn: 1915.

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History is to be found framed and hanging on the walls of the second floor offices of the ~~A. C. Edwards, Inc., insurance agency.~~

Recently Jack Danes, owner and president of this progressive insurance agency, pointed out, with considerable pride, the six hand-written, slightly faded policies he discovered in an attic corner of the building at 48 Main Street, Sayville, which has been ~~occupied by the agency since 1899.~~

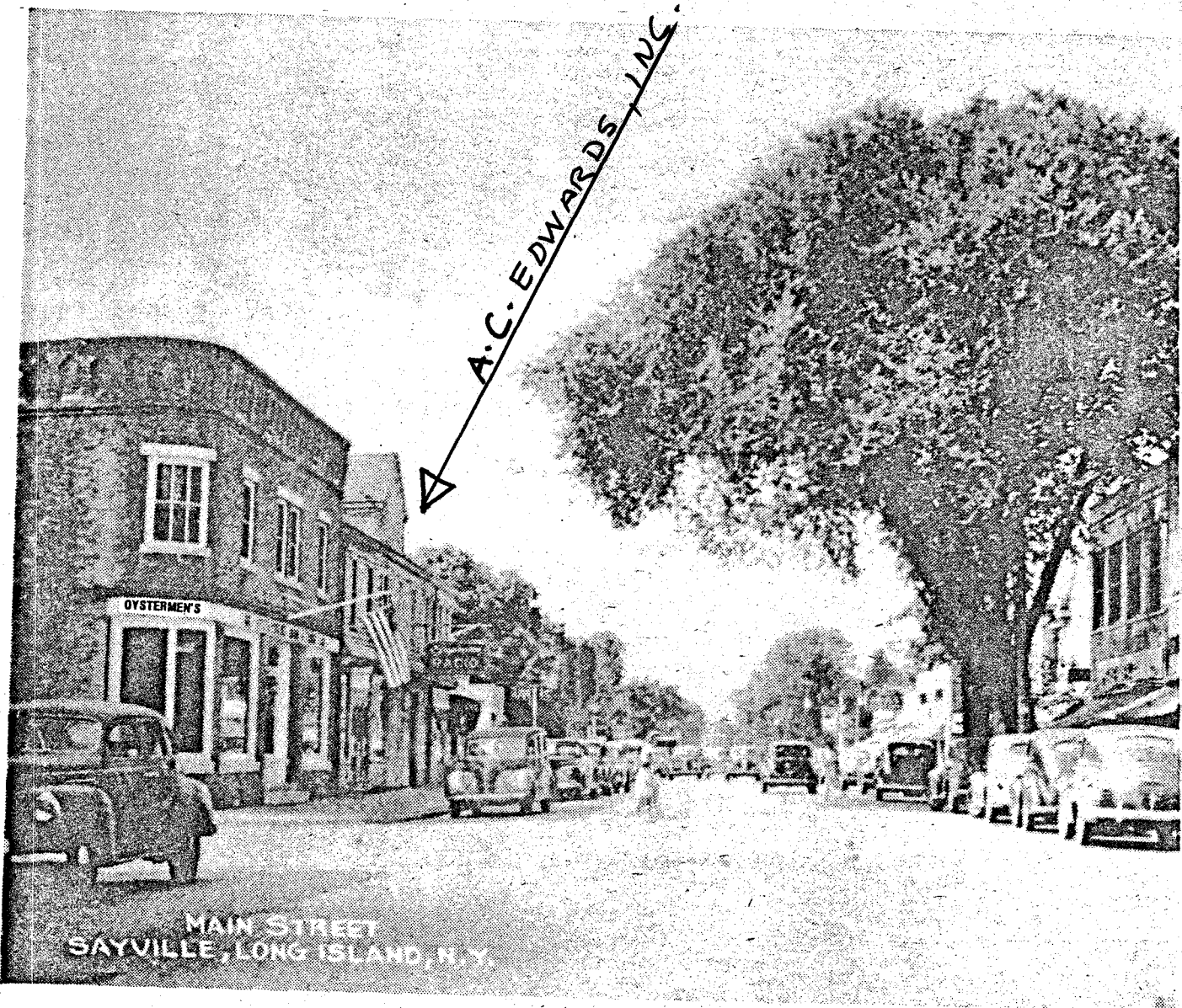
The policies reflect another era and another time, which was both different and similar to the 1970's. The oldest policy dated ~~from 1872~~ and was written for ~~Herman S. Bedell~~ of Sayville. Another is dated 1895, for Issac H. Greene, Sr. Both men were the wealthiest gentlemen in Sayville and both valued their worldly goods at less than \$2,000.

~~Jack Danes~~ clearly possesses a sense of history and is obviously proud of his agency's longevity. In their advertising the Edwards firm boasts, "The Oldest Agency for Miles Around". It is more than that. The firm's one hundred and fourteen years make it the oldest existing business in the area and an important part of this community's heritage and history.

The beginning was April 27, ~~1865~~. At that time Wilson J. Terry, a partner in the firm of Terry and Wood (Wood was to become Islip Town Supervisor for many years) conducted a general store on Main Street, Sayville, and was an agent for the Home Insurance Company in Sayville. Terry, who was connected to the Edwards family by marriage, operated the business from his home.

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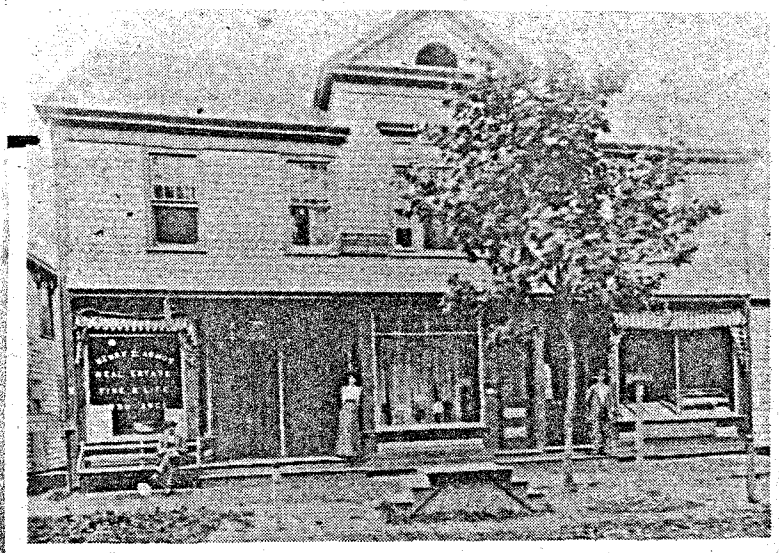
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Sayville. The year was 1761 when John Edwards and his wife, Sarah, built their home on what would now be the northwest corner of Foster Avenue and Edwards Street.

It was the beginning of a new century. For the next fifty years, as the horse and buggy was replaced by the automobile and Detroit spewed forth its, "Tin Lizzies" and "Olds", "A.C.", as



THE A. C. EDWARDS OFFICE in the 1890's.