

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 103-05-0521-033
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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/3/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bedell Block
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 55 Main Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Umile Decorators ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: commercial Present: commercial
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

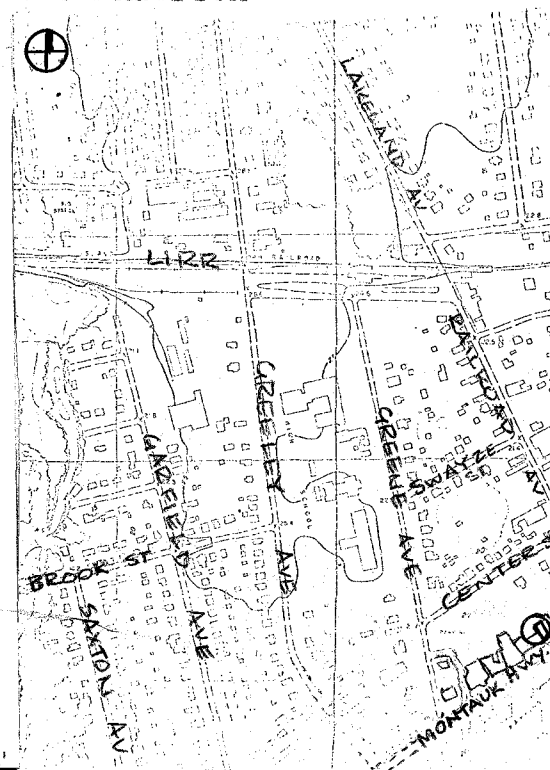
DESCRIPTION

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

12. PHOTO: neg 18a, NJM-4

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson

front (south) 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)

The William Bason Building is situated on the Northwest side of Main Street (Montauk Hwy) in the heart of the Sayville business district, between Greene and Candee Avenues.

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

2½ story, 3 bay brick commercial building with gable roof, gable end to the street. Brick and stone arched segmental lintels and stone sills. Roof has parapet gable embellished at parapet line with decorative, apparently pressed metal, detailing.

SIGNIFICANCE19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1896

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: William Bason and Sons of Sayville*

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

William Bason was the foremost builder in the town of Islip during the late 19th and early 20th century. The Bedell* Block was owned in 1915 by A.C. Edwards, and was formerly the old Sayville Post Office.

21. SOURCES: Cornerstone.

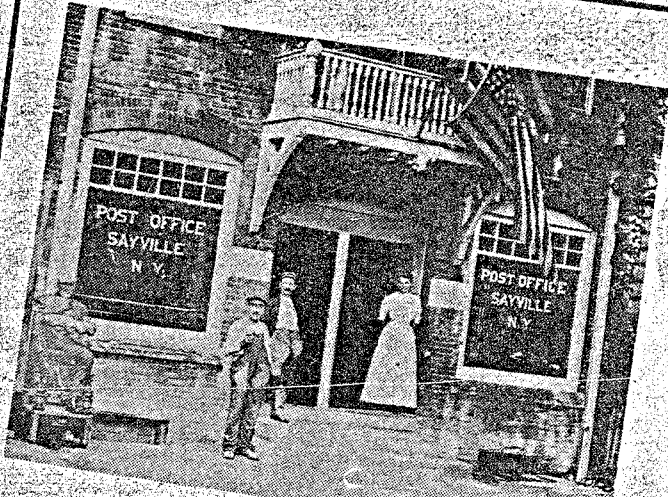
E. Belcher Hyde, Atlas of a Part of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, South Shore, Brooklyn: 1915.

*Cornerstone

22. THEME:

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THE SAYVILLE POST OFFICE, built in 1895 by Wm. Bason and Sons still stands, now Umile Decorators and law offices of Fallon and Fallon.



Brother and sister, Clarence and Helen Morris of Pine Street, back around 1910 when he was 21 and she 17, from a Woodward glassplate. Helen Morris Grayson presently lives in West Sayville.

Suffolk County News, July 1, 1976.
ONE OF BENJAMIN WOODWARD'S glassplate photos of early 1900's shows a family of that day.