

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 7/5/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

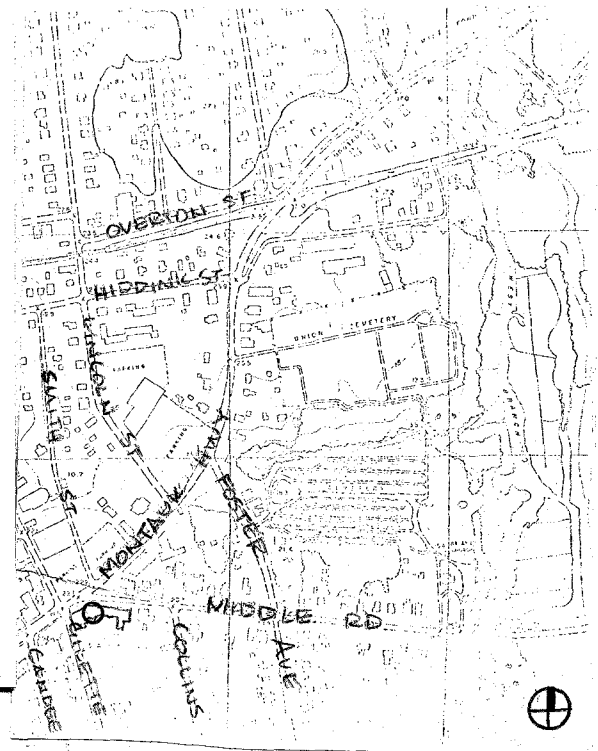
- The Brush Block
 1. BUILDING NAME(S): (Donovan's Liquor Store/ Barber Shop)
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
 3. STREET LOCATION: 14 Middle Road on Village Square S. Main St
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 6. USE: Original: commercial 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 store front

12. PHOTO: neg 29a, NJM-4

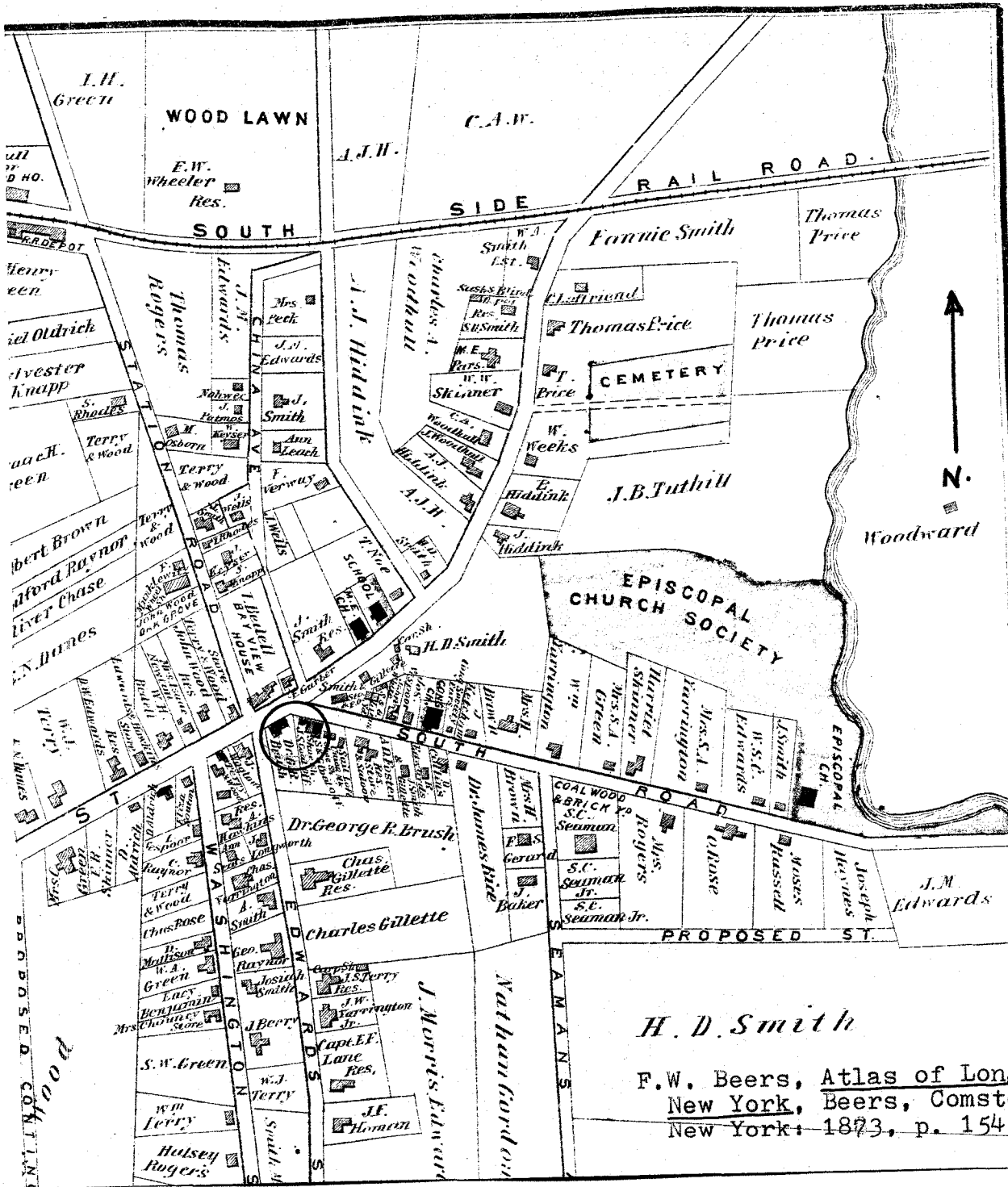
13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



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front (north) facade





F.W. Beers, Atlas of Long Island,
 New York, Beers, Comstock, Cline
 New York: 1873, p. 154.

332 LONG ISLAND—NASSAU AND SUFFOLK

The Sayville Hook and Ladder Company was incorporated in 1878. The first firehouse was built on Main Street in 1906. This was replaced in 1938 by the present handsome building on North Main Street.

The telephone system in Sayville was at first a local affair established by Dr. George H. Robinson. The central office was in what was called the Brush Block. In 1898 the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company purchased the local system and ran lines through the village. The central office was then located in Thornhill's Drug Store and remained there until 1904, when it was moved to Railroad Avenue.

In 1909, Sayville obtained a trolley system when the South Shore Traction Company laid tracks from the railroad station down Railroad Avenue. Four years later the Suffolk Traction Company appeared from the east with a trolley line extending from Patchogue to the railroad station but in a few years the whole system became a mere recollection.

West Sayville was once called Tuckertown and later Greenville. In 1849, a number of Dutch families settled here. They had been followers of the sea and in this country took up clamming, oystering and fishing. Other families followed and soon this was quite a community. They went into the business of planting oysters extensively. Some were so successful that they established large processing plants from which oysters are sent all over the country and to Europe. The village grew up as part of Sayville, but when it obtained a post office, the name of West Sayville was adopted.

The first Reformed Church was started in 1864 and in 1866 its first building was erected on Main Street. The next, built on Cherry Street, was burned down in 1933. A handsome brick building has now taken its place.

In 1911, the Atlantic Communications Company, a German controlled corporation, bought a large tract of land north of West Sayville and erected a wireless station for transatlantic use. During the first World War, the United States took it over and still maintains it.

Oakdale for many years consisted of big estates and the Southside Club of 5000 acres, organized in 1864. The site of "Idle Hour," purchased by William K. Vanderbilt in 1878, consisted of 802 acres. When the first mansion, a wooden building, burned down in 1899, Mr. Vanderbilt built the present one-hundred-room, fireproof structure. This estate has passed into the hands of developers who have retained the name. It was Vanderbilt who gave the railroad depot to the village. The Ludlows, who were related to the original Nicoll family, owned property on the north side of Montauk Highway, opposite the present La Salle Military Academy. In Oakdale, the first exporter of oysters to Europe, Jacob Oekers, lived. Starting with his father in the oyster business, he became one of the country's leading shippers.

Great River is located on the west side of the river that it is named for. In the 1850s Erastus Young had a shipyard here and the place was then called Youngsport. St. Mark's of Islip established

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)

**This building is located on the south side of Middle Road,
 at the fork of Main Street (Montauk HWY) and Middle Rd.**

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
**2 story, 3½ bay flat roof commercial building with heavy dentilled
 cornice that has a medallioned frieze. 3 paired bay windows
 project at 2nd floor level, over shingles applied in arched pattern,
 at 4/2 windows.**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: prior to 1888

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
Formerly owned by Mrs. M. Brush in 1915., and in 1888.

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

22. THEME:
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