

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 8/13/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

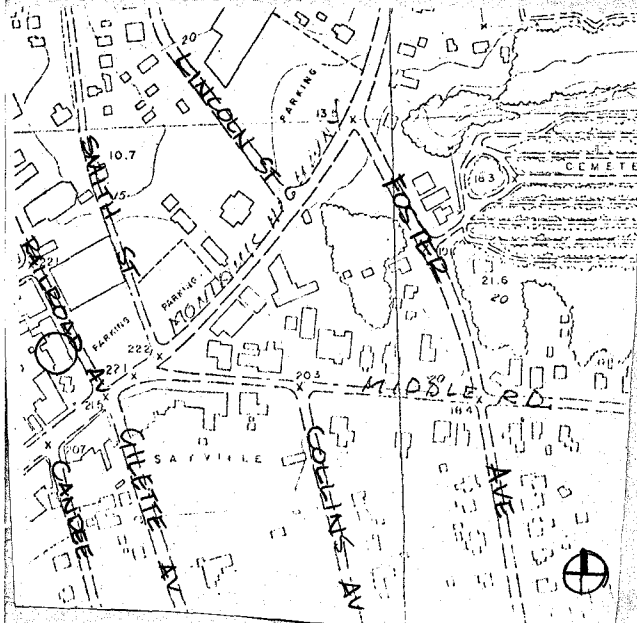
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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): (Fiala's Paint Store)
- 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 22 Railroad Avenue
- 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: 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? 1929  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):  
asbestos siding  
modern storefront  
windows replaced  
cornice altered.
- 12. PHOTO: NJM-5, neg. 23a
- 13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



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)

Fiala's Paint store is on the west side of Railroad Avenue, near Main Street.

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

2½ story commercial building comprised of flat roof annex to gable roof section. This section retains the original roofline of the original Wilson J. Terry Store.

SIGNIFICANCE19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1849

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Wilson J. Terry Store was one of the earliest stores built in the town of Sayville. The General Store operated for nearly a century as Wilson J. Terry and Sons. Purchased by Sewell Thornhill, the druggist, in 1929, it was moved around the corner to face Railroad Avenue and remodeled. Fiala's Paint Store is a Designated Town Landmark.

## 21. SOURCES:

Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, Suffolk County News, 1975.

J. Chace, Maps of Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, Philadelphia, 1858.

22. THEME: \_\_\_\_\_

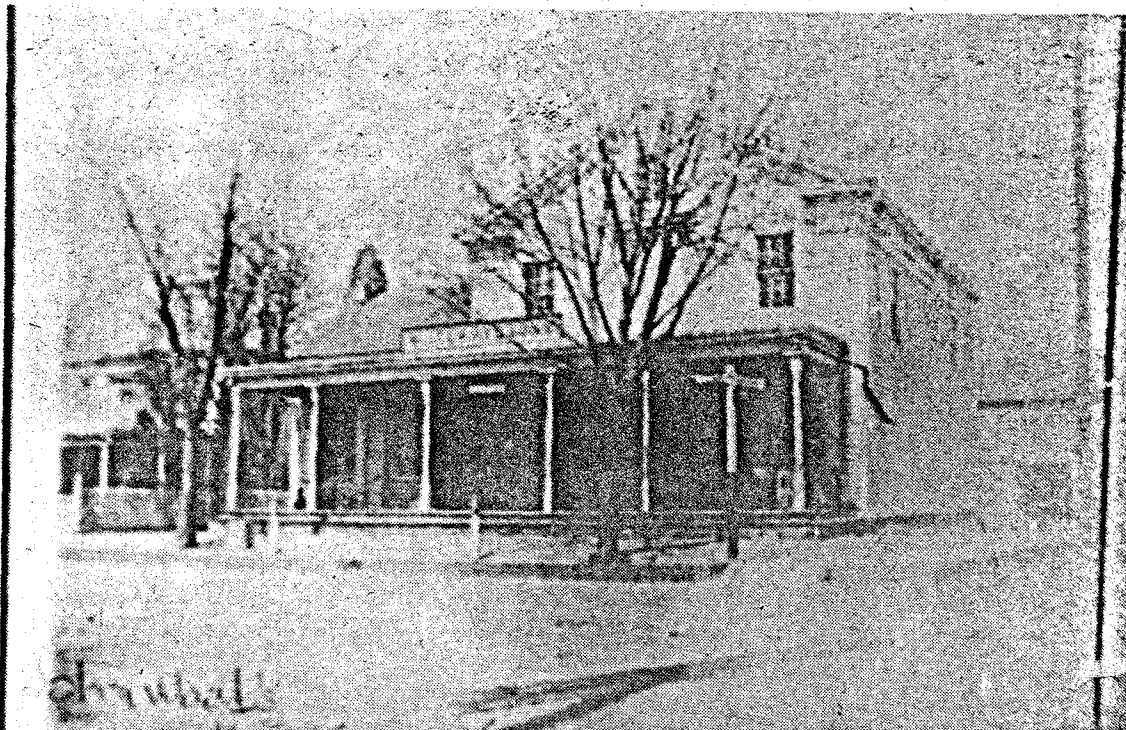
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# Reflections of the Past

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Jelle Sayville*



The northwest corner of Main Street at Railroad Avenue once looked like this, with the Wilson J. Terry General Store, built around 1849. Mr. Terry was married to Sarah Edwards. On Saturday nights West Sayville folks would walk here to shop, then in later years at Gerber's Store, sitting on the high porch to rest and watch the activity. Eventually Mr. Terry's twin sons took over the store. In the 1920's, Mr. Thornhill bought the property. A barber shop was in the west end by then, a poolroom in the larger east portion. In about 1926, the building was moved around the corner onto Railroad Avenue. Remodeled eventually, today it houses Fiala's Paint Store and the offices of Supreme Court Judge John P. Cohalan, Jr. A gas station was built on the Main Street corner, for many years operated by Raymond Smith, Sr. Presently it is a wallpaper shop, converted to this about a year ago by the Fiala store when Mr. Smith retired. Building at far left in photo was the John Woods home, built in 1853, later made into the Herbert L. Terry Jewelry Shop, today Bialer's Men's Shop. Its old-fashioned lines and gingerbread touches are still evident if you look up.

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