

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip Town Hall DATE: 6/14/79

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

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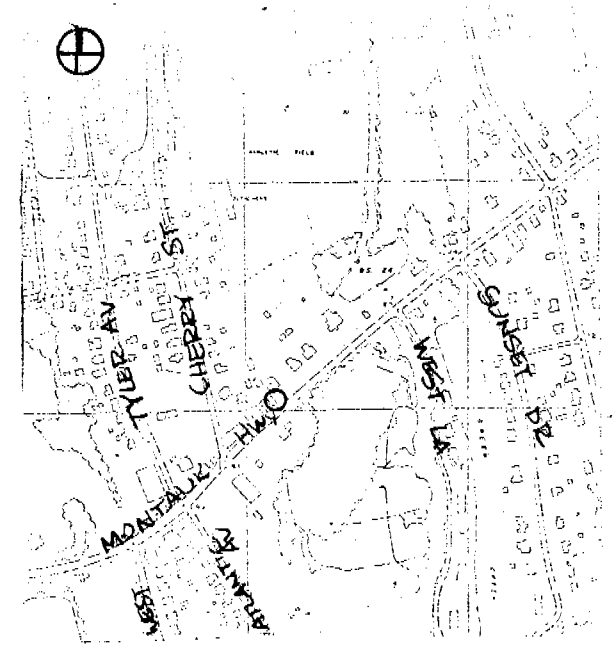
IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Peppard House and Antique Shop
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: West Sayville
3. STREET LOCATION: 55 Main Street (Montauk Highway)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Charles Peppard ADDRESS: see #3
6. USE: Original: Church Present: store/residence
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? 1919 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): Raised on masonry base in 1935, new first story. Asbestos siding Rear addition

12. PHOTO: neg 29a, NJM-3 13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 view looking north

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 present site of the former church, now the Peppard house, is on the north side of Main Street, near Cherry Street.**

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

**2½ story wood frame on brick structure with gable roof, gable end to the street, and 3 gable roof dormers.**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1867

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

**The top half of the Peppard House was originally The Dutch Reformed Church of West Sayville. The congregation used the old church for 41 years before deciding to construct a new building on Cherry St. In 1919, Charles Peppard Sr. purchased the building and moved it to its present location on Montaul Highway. He raised the old Church on cement blocks to accomodate the horse-drawn moving vans of the era. It is now a designated Town Landmark.**

21. SOURCES: Charles P. Dickerson, A History of the Sayville Community, suffolk County News, 1975. p. 40.  
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 Charles G. Stevenson, But as Yesterday: The early Life and Times of
22. THEME: St. Ann's Church, Sayville, New York, Sayville, 1967. p. 134  
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## It's Their Converted Church

The Main Street home of Charles and Dot Peppard was once the first Dutch Reformed Church of West Sayville, built in 1867. And although they have always known that their house has a unique history, the Peppards today are busy boning up on the past because the Town of Islip plans to build a three-quarter scale replica of the old church at Islip Grange.

Planning Commissioner Michael LoGrande explained that the scheduled November 30 completion of the smaller, but no less authentic reproduction of the old church will mark the end of the Town's current plans for its village of historic buildings. Located at Broadway Park in Sayville, Islip Grange has taken two years to complete at a modest cost of \$150,000.

According to Dot Peppard,

the congregation used the old Dutch Reformed Church for 41 years before deciding to construct a new building on Cherry Street. Her father-in-law, Charles Peppard Sr., bought the old building in 1919.

"That leaves us with a nine year gap", Dot laughed, "which we know nothing about. We're right in the middle of trying to fill in these missing years, as the information will be useful for the Town architect who was here last week taking measurements and surveys. Charles' mother is still alive, so we're asking her to remember all she can about the house."

After Charles Sr. acquired the old church building, he moved it to its present location next to Montauk Highway and raised it on a cement block to ac-

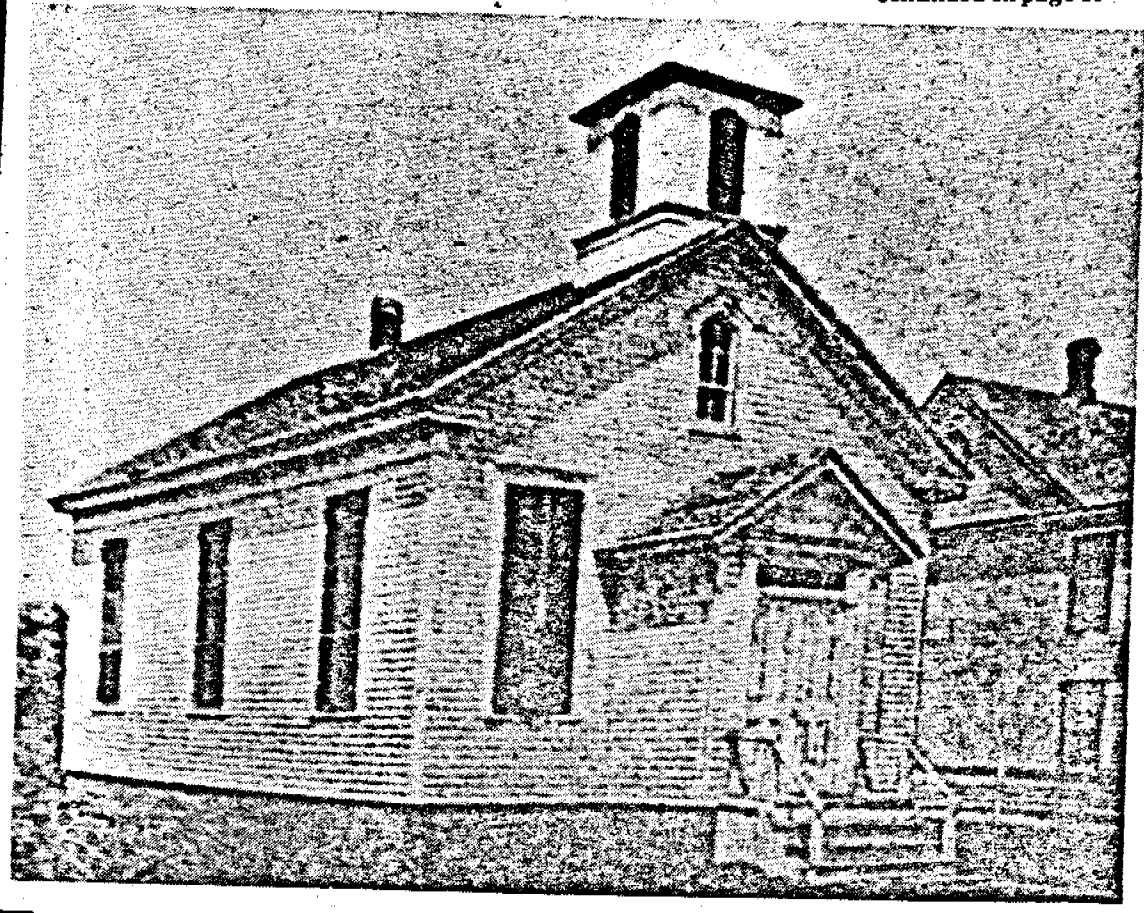
commodate the horse-drawn moving vans of the era. The building had been divided into a two-family house by the time it came into the Peppards' possession.

"Basically, we live in the actual shell of a building constructed in 1867", Dot noted. "The original beams are still in the attic. All the family did was install heating, as the original church had none."

Dot added that the huge church windows were gone when the Peppards bought the building, as was the belfrey. "No one", she said, "knows what happened to the belfrey. It's a real mystery."

According to Commissioner LoGrande, the Town will also omit the heating when it builds the scaled replica. "We'll

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July 16, 2001

To: Joe Licari  
Abstractors information Services

From: Orla M. Smyth, M.Arch 

Re: 55 South Country Road (Main Street / 27A), West Sayville  
0500-407.00-04.00-023.000

Please find attached a copy of the historic information pertaining to the above property, as requested by Lynn of your office this afternoon.

Please note that the Suffolk County tax map number given is for 55 Main Street and not for 55 Olive Street.

OF ISLIP.

at's church at Islip. A Metho-  
 ing erected. The school-house  
 h includes this hamlet together  
 p village, is a respectable two  
 the woods about a mile and a  
 ol numbers over a hundred, and  
 a business of ship-building and  
 a twenty years ago by Erastus  
 e settlement was named. This  
 r other to us unaccountable, has  
 o good reason why a flourishing  
 n built up in this place. The  
 is said to be sufficient to float  
 ay. The river is wide and its  
 -The surface of the neighbor-  
 and the soil good. Nature has  
 ient or desirable village site than  
 of the South Bay. As far as we  
 o its improvement has been the  
 igh the soil has been held in a  
 cessive proprietors of the whole  
 iment has been to some extent re-  
 irit of progress revived here on a  
 ever before. The "Deer Range  
 red acres and a large mansiou,  
 view of the bay and beach hills,  
 of here. This property has re-  
 . Neale Plumb Esq., and is to be  
 try residence. It will no doubt  
 a the island. The farm contain-

ing the residence of Hon. William Nicoll adjoins it on the  
 west.

Oakdale is a name given, two or three years since, to the  
 locality extending along and near the south "country road"  
 from the Conetquot River eastward for a distance of two  
 miles or more. It has a station on the South Side Railroad,  
 and since the completion of that road a post-office has been  
 established here. It contains one church, a store, a district  
 school, and about forty dwellings, mostly scattered along the  
main road and upon a lane which runs down towards the bay.  
 Near the residence of W. H. Ludlow, Esq., stands St. John's  
 Episcopal church, the first house of worship erected within  
 the limits of this town. This was built by the third William  
 Nicolls, about ten years before the Revolution. Historians  
 differ as to the exact date. The church stands in the midst  
 of an ancient burying ground. In 1843 it was re-built, and  
 consecrated by the bishop, July 6th of that year.

The eastern boundary of Oakdale appears indefinite. If  
 we place it at Greene's Brook, which seems to be the only  
 suitable natural line, we must include another church. That  
 is the Dutch Reform church, organized Dec. 19, 1866. The  
building, which stands a little west of Greene's Brook, is  
 neat in appearance, of comfortable size, and was dedicated  
 Nov. 11, 1867.

Sayville is a thriving village of one thousand population,  
 pleasantly situated near the bay, immediately east of Oakdale.  
 The railroad station in the northern part is two and a quar-  
 ter miles east of the latter point, and fifty miles from  
 Brooklyn. There are three large general stores in the place,  
 besides a number of shops. Ship-building and repairing is

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE SKETCHES OF  
SUFFOLK COUNTY

Richard Mather Bayles 1874