

SURROGATE'S COURT  
County of ~~New York~~ RICHMOND

~~New York~~ May 17, 1974

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FILE NUMBER	In the Matter of the Estate of	<del>DEPOSIT</del>
3052	Nicholas Killmeyer	please use gloves thank you

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Your Signature Sturley Gavin  
Firm Name Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Address 225 Broadway  
NY. NY. 10007  
NAME OF PERSON YOU REPRESENT AND THEIR STATUS.

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NICHOLAS KILLMEYER STORE AND RESIDENCE, 4321 Arthur Kill Road,  
Charleston, Staten Island

This two-and-one-half-story building, originally designed to serve both residential and commercial purposes, was constructed c. 1873 for Nicholas Killmeyer, provisioner to the factory village of Kreischerville for more than thirty years. Located at the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Winant Place, the building is set close to the street, its facade-wide porch serving the practical function of providing access to the store. The building is designed in a vernacular version of the Second Empire style and features a characteristic mansard roof clad in slate ornamented by rosettes composed of red and yellow slate. The steep slope of the site allows for a tall basement at the rear of the house. The elevated rear porch, with its scrolled brackets and jigsaw trim, is somewhat more ornate than the street-side porch. Projecting window lintels, a bracketed cornice, segmentally-arched dormers, and chimneys of Kreischer brick are other notable features.

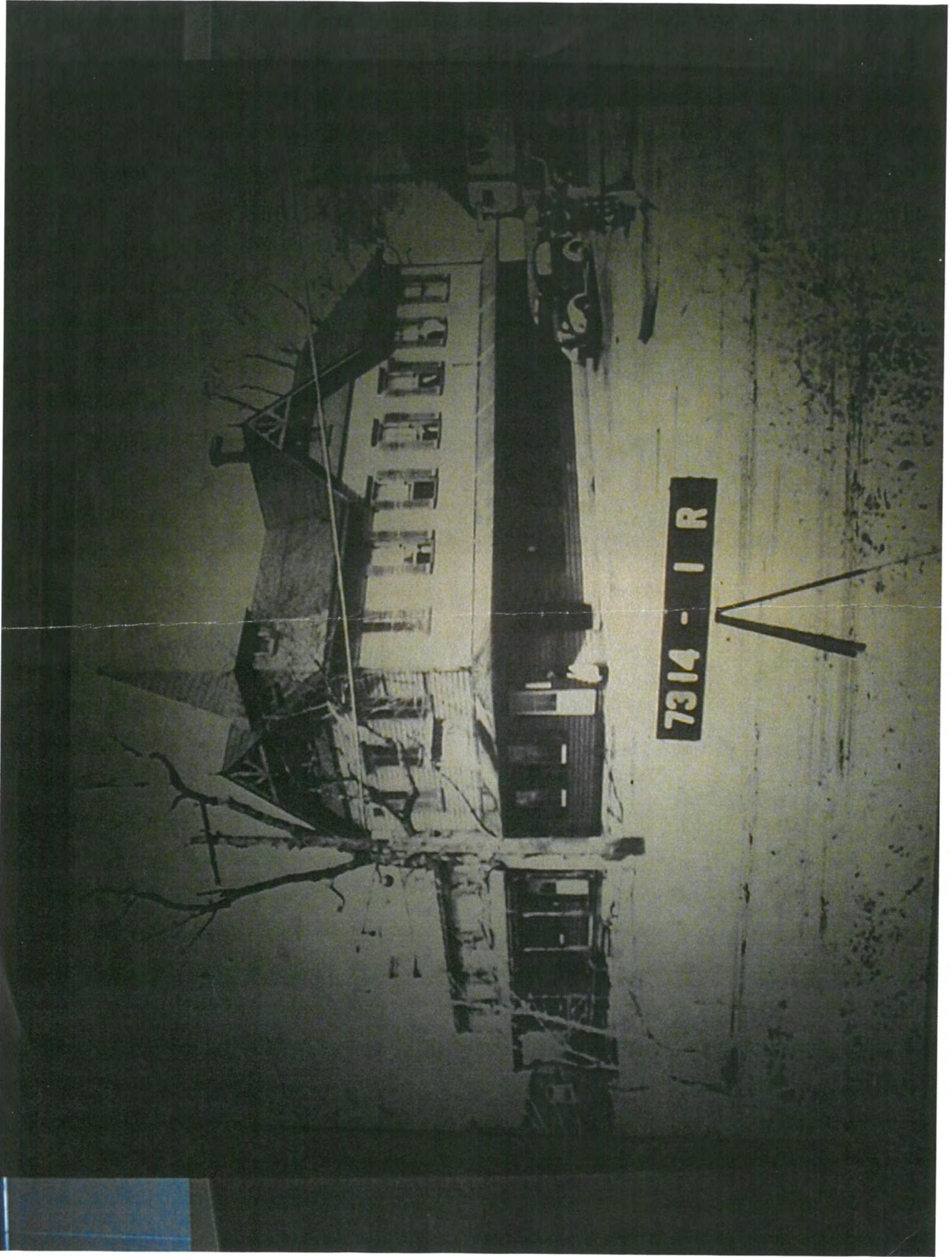
Born in Prussia, Killmeyer arrived in New York City in 1850 and soon found employment with Manhattan fire brick manufacturer Balthazar Kreischer who dispatched him to Woodbridge, New Jersey, where a Kreischer company clay mining operation had been established. Albert Killmeyer noted in an interview, obtained by the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences in the 1940s, that his father, Nicholas, had informed Kreischer that similar clay deposits were to be found on Staten Island. Killmeyer arrived on Staten Island with his employer in 1853 and immediately became the proprietor of a boarding house for the relocated Kreischer Company's first workers. Albert Killmeyer also recorded that his father was set up in the grocery business by Kreischer in 1859. That store, a building of c. 1845, still stands at the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Sharrotts Road; in about 1884-85, the imposing Killmeyer Union Hotel and Saloon were added to it. The Killmeyer enterprises, including the store at 4321 Arthur Kill Road, reflect aspects of the history and development of the factory village of Kreischerville and the consequently increasing prosperity enjoyed by their owner.

 **4321 Arthur Kill Rd**  
Staten Island, NY 10309



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# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Shirley Zavin DATE: March, 1982  
165 St. Mark's Pl. 7-E  
YOUR ADDRESS: Staten Island, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 212-981-7840  
ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation League of Staten Island

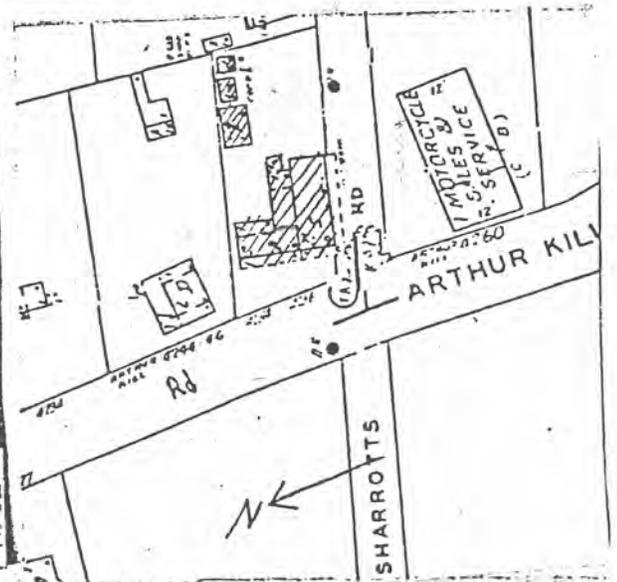
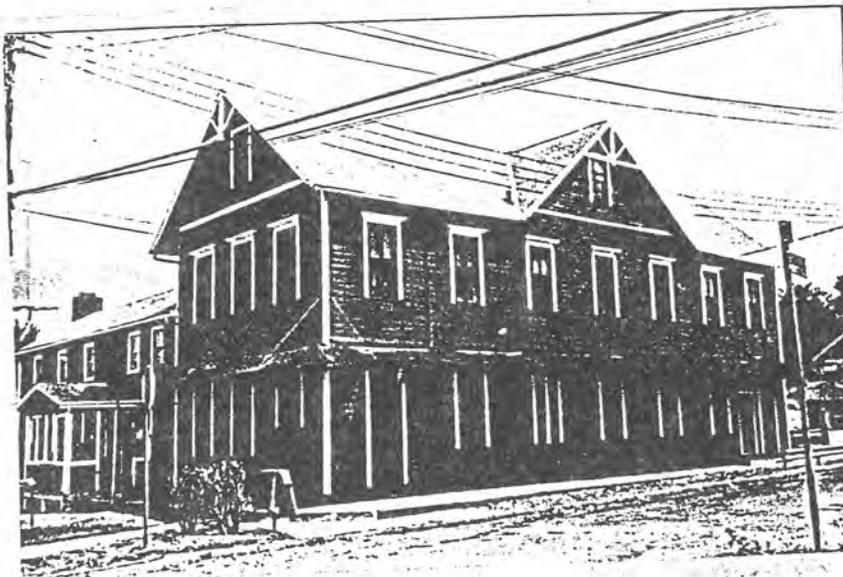
## IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Batchellor/Killmeyer Store/Inn; Union Hotel; Century Inn  
2. COUNTY: Richmond TOWN/CITY: N.Y.C. AREA Charleston/Kreischerville  
3. STREET LOCATION: 4256 Arthur Kill Road  
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private   
5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. USE: Original: Store/Inn/Hotel Present: Tavern  
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain During regular hours

## 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   
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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: Landmarks 4-24 SIIAS 1978 13. MAP: Sanborn 537



SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1845; by 1885

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building stands at the intersection of important north/south and east/west thoroughfares; here the village known first as Androvetteville, later Kreischerville, began to develop in the 1840's. The earlier Asher Androvette store was located on the corner diagonally opposite the Century Inn. In 1845 this corner plot was acquired by John Batchellor, a grocer, and construction of the older portion of the present structure probably followed soon thereafter. A small commercial center was thus established at this intersection; in 1847 the village's first church was built just a short distance to its north.

In 1853 the German-born mason Balthazar Kreischer, co-founder of the Kreischer and Mumpeton fire-brick company in 1845, began his extensive purchases of land on Staten Island, following discovery here of the clays required to produce those heat resistant bricks. It is interesting to note that Kreischer's second purchase (the first was at the foot of Ellis Avenue to the north) was land which abutted the east side of this corner plot. Clay was found there, as it was on all the lands bounded by this intersection. In 1855 Kreischer purchased the corner lot and building.

The name most intimately associated with this building, however, is that of Nicholas Killmeyer. His history is intertwined with that of Kreischer and Kreischerville. Oral histories provided by his son Albert, who continued his father's business at this corner, state that Nicholas arrived from Germany in 1850, met Balthazar Kreischer in N.Y. and was sent by him to Woodbridge, N.J. where Kreischer had earlier acquired.

(See continuation sheet.)

21. SOURCES:

22. THEME:

CONTINUATION SHEET

11. INTEGRITY

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

clay pits. Albert's history attributes the discovery of the Staten Island clays to his father. The 1855 census confirms much of this account; in it Nicholas is listed as a two-year resident of Staten Island, has two children born in New Jersey, is employed in "fire bricks" and has living with him nine German and Irish boarders, all two-year residents here and all probably similarly employed. The enumeration order in the same census suggests the possibility that this was the building he then occupied. It would then be Kreischerville's first "company housing." (See also 71-87 Kreischer Street.) Perhaps the two-bay extension on the south side of the older portion is related to this use.

Albert Killmeyer's oral history recalls that Kreischer set up his father in the grocery business in 1859. In 1860 Killmeyer purchased this lot and building from Kreischer and began his thirty-year career as chief provisioner to both Kreischerville and the Kreischer Family. (See also 4321 Arthur Kill Road.) The availability of spirits as well at this corner could well antedate construction of the new portion of this building. Built in the 1880's (the first mention of "Killmeyer's Hotel" occurs in an 1885 newspaper) it reflects the growth of Kreischerville following transfer of the entire brick-making operation from N.Y.C. to Staten Island in 1876. It is identified as the "Union Hotel" on an 1887 atlas. The present owner of the Century Inn is the son of Rueben Simonson who purchased the business from the son of Nicholas Killmeyer. Rueben also once owned the extant Charles Kreischer House, one of two built for Balthazar Kreischer's sons in the 1880's. (1907 atlas.) (Application for National Register listing submitted by N.Y. Landmarks Preservation Commission.) The history of Kreischerville lives on at the Century Inn.

Alterations of the c. 1845 portion of the structure include the following:

The ~~original~~ earliest portion of this structure ~~appear~~ to be the three north bays of the straight gabled section; the ~~two~~ <sup>south</sup> bays ~~in~~ seem to ~~have~~ to be an extension added not long after the ~~original~~ date of the original construction. What was probably the center ~~entranceway~~ in the threebay wide house has been shortened and converted to a wide modern window. A ~~modern~~ <sup>post 1878</sup> gabled projecting porch of cinderblock and shingles has been placed at what now serves as ~~an~~ an entrance into ~~the~~ this portion of the building. There may well have been a doorway at this location when the original building was extended. ~~The~~ ~~brick~~ used in the large north end chimney seems fairly modern. Modern roofing on this section as well as on the larger crossed gabled portion to its south. Alterations ~~of~~ of this portion include the following: Loss of small tower topped by a pyramidal tower at the southwest corner, of chimney at gable on south ~~face~~ face of building finials. On the first floor of the south face the west most window has been converted to a door; on the second floor of west end, the north window has been filled in with clapboards. At the rear of the building in the ell area created by the ~~addition~~ <sup>one story</sup> of this to the older portion of the building there have been added fairly modern porch extensions ~~and~~ and service areas and extensions of place on the first floor of both buildings. Modern wall facings, remove walls in all first floor areas except the original bar described in Item 20.

The south face of the Century Inn abuts Sharrots Road, a ~~narrow~~ narrow thoroughfare that leads up ~~from~~ from the ~~intersection~~ reach a fairly substantial elevation at its intersection with Arthur Kill Road. Land on either side of it to the west of Arthur Kill is largely vacant; some storage yard facilities are to be found in the vicinity of the shoreline. Opposite the Inn on the south east corner is a ~~one story~~ <sup>large</sup> cement block building now used for an indoor pistol range. To the south and east of that a large open terrain <sup>with cliffs</sup> is in the process of being bulldozed and ~~illegally~~ <sup>illegally</sup> tunneled; the enormous cinderblock warehouse and garage associated with this operation lies further south on A.K. Road. These vacant areas were the locations of some of the claypits utilized by the Kreisler brick making industry. Fronting Arthur Kill Road to the north of the Inn are residences on substantial lots 19th century and a ~~modern~~ modern house immediately adjacent to the Inn; the herein nominated P.S. 4 is some feet north of the Inn; directly opposite lies the cemetery surround the now-demolished West Baptist Church. to the east of the house land drops off; a commercial enterprise here; this too was a clay pit. Residences front on Sharrots Rd.

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NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Shirley Zavin DATE: March, 1982

165 St. Mark's Pl. 7-E  
YOUR ADDRESS: Staten Island, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 212-981-7840

ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation League of Staten Island

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Nicholas Killmeyer Store and dwelling unit
- 2. COUNTY: Richmond TOWN/CITY: N.Y.C. VILLAGE: Charleston/Kreischerville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 4321 Arthur Kill Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: Commercial/residence Present: Residential
- 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: composition shingles
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: Landmarks 4-23 SIIAS 1978 13. MAP: Sanborn



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other: Incompatible construction and land use.
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: warehouse; parking lot
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

Several older dwellings are located on the west side of Arthur Kill Road in the vicinity of #4321, both north and south of Winant Place. Fronting on Winant Place, approximately 150' west of #4321 is St. Peter's Evangelical Reformed Church, a building donated by Balthazar Kreischer to the inhabitants of Kreischerville in 1883. (Today it is the Free Hungarian Reformed Church; aluminum siding precludes Register listing.) #4321 shares the threats posed to other historic structures here. A large cinderblock one-story warehouse occupies the southwest corner of the Arthur Kill Road/Winant Place intersection; to its rear a large chain-link fenced parking lot houses trucks and heavy equipment. This lot is directly opposite the church. On the east side of Arthur Kill Road not far from #4321 is the enormous warehouse and illegally altered terrain described elsewhere; see 4256 Arthur Kill Road.

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

The combination of a store with a residential unit in a Second Empire style building is a rare occurrence on Staten Island. Here the facade-wide porch serves as both a utilitarian and picturesque element. Dormers in the slope of the mansard roof are accentuated by segmentally-arched lintels supported by scrollwork brackets. Rosettes composed of red and yellow slate enliven the fishscale gray slate roof. Yellow Kreischer brick chimneys are prominent roof elements as well. Paired brackets, the lower ends of which rest on a wide molding, support the projecting eaves. Second story windows are also emphasized by prominent lintels on small brackets. In contrast, the ornamentation of the porch, storefront and first floor windows is relatively simple, perhaps a response to the commercial role of this building at that level.

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

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4256 Arthur Kill Road is on the northeast corner of its intersection with Sharrotts Road. The south flank of the building and brick pavement abut that road, a thoroughfare that leads up gradually from the shoreline to reach a fairly substantial elevation at Arthur Kill Road. On the west side of Arthur Kill large vacant lots lie on both side of Sharrott. One of these was recently purchased by a local bus company; zoning here permits both light and heavy commercial and manufacturing use. Opposite #4256 is a large cinderblock one-story warehouse; formerly a garage, it now houses a rifle range. Not far south of that is another large warehouse that serves as a garage for trucks and heavy equipment. Land behind the warehouse, including a clay cliff to its north, has been illegally bulldozed and tunnelled. Thirty-foot high piles of dirt create a new landscape. Although there is a wooded strip running along Sharrotts Road just east of the #4256 parking lot, to the north of that earth-moving equipment is presently active in another former clay pit area. The view out over the Arthur Kill and beyond can still be enjoyed from #4256; however, recent and threatened events in its immediate vicinity are cause for grave concern. The area along Arthur Kill Road to the north of #4256 is more intact and less immediately threatened; see 4210 Arthur Kill Road for description.

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

Both portions of the Century Inn are relatively simple structures; the scale and dimensions provide, however, a decided contrast. The older two-story straight-gabled section is characteristic of Staten Island's earlier 19th-century modest vernacular domestic architecture. The cross-gabled long rectangular section is more unique and clearly a response to a specific use. Its height (second floor window sills are at approximately the same level as second floor window lintels in the older section) and prominent end and center gables, as well as its length yield a building of impressive and unusual proportions. There appears to be no other surviving Staten Island building of this date quite like it. Fishscale shingles and crossbar bracing in the gable peaks and projecting lintels above windows are the most prominent exterior decorative elements. Although not original, the curved metal awning above the first floor windows appears in early 20th-century photographs. The sidewalk area below the awning is paved with yellow Kreisler bricks.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1873

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Construction of this store and residence c. 1873 - an unusual combination in a Second Empire building on Staten Island - reflects the growth of Kreischerville and the resulting prosperity of its owner, Nicholas Killmeyer. ( See 4265 Arthur Kill Road for further information concerning Killmeyer whose association with this village began with Balthazar Kreisler's in 1853.) It was but a few years later that all Kreisler brick-making operations were re-located here. Village growth was further promoted as was Killmeyer's business, enabling him to construct the Union Hotel in the early 1880's. (4265 Arthur Kill Road.) Although this store was owned by Killmeyer, his relationship to Kreisler (he was the major supplier to the family) and the services he provided the inhabitants of this village, make it Kreischerville's equivalent of a company store.

21. SOURCES:

Richmond County, Deeds, Kreisler to Killmeyer, Sept., 1873 104/106.  
S.I.I.A.S.: Kreisler Collection: Accounts of Kreisler Family.

22. THEME:

LP 1874

Nicholas Killmeyer Store and Residence, 4321  
Arthur Kill Road, Charleston  
Tax Map Block/Lot: 7400/1



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 20, 1991

Guy V. Molinari  
Borough President of Staten Island  
Staten Island Borough Hall  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Re: see attached list

Dear Borough President Molinari:

On Tuesday, October 1, 1991, beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the 23rd Conference Room of the offices of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, 225 Broadway, Manhattan, the Landmarks Preservation Commission will consider the proposed designations of the above listed properties as New York City Landmarks.

You or your representative are cordially invited to attend the proceedings and offer any testimony concerning the proposed designations.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan R. Olshansky, Chief of Staff, at (212) 553-1128. Please call Ms. Marion Cleaver at (212) 553-1136 before September 30, 1991, to arrange for speaking time. Or if you prefer, you may send us a statement which will be read into the record on October 1, 1991. If you desire to FAX your comments, the Commission's FAX number is (212) 964-2409.

Sincerely yours,

Merin Elizabeth Urban  
Executive Director

MEU:MGC:hpc  
Enc.

List for Borough President of Staten Island Guy V. Molinari

St. George Historic District

Horton's Row: 411, 413, 415, 417 Westervelt Avenue, St. George  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lots: 25/5, 4, 3, 1

August Schoverling House, 344 Westervelt Avenue, St. George  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 38/35

Middletown Township District School 2 (later Public School 15)  
98 Grant Street, Tompkinsville  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 506/81

Westfield Township District School 7 (later Public School 4)  
4210 Arthur Kill Road, Charleston  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7315/14

Nicholas Killmeyer Store and Residence, 4321 Arthur Kill Road, Charleston  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7400/1

St. Peter's German Evangelical Church at Kreischerville  
(now Free Magyar Reformed Church), Parish Hall and Rectory,  
19-23 Winant Place and 25 Winant Place, Charleston  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lots: 7400/171 & 166

Kreischerville Workers' Houses: 71 & 73, 75 & 77, 81 & 83, 85 & 87 Kreischer Street,  
Charleston  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lots: 7590/131, 134, 136, 137 & 138 and the portions of  
sidewalk and tree lawn immediately adjacent to these buildings, extending to the roadbed of  
Kreischer Street.

122 Androvette Street House, Charleston  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7596/70

Westfield Township District School 5 (now Public School 1 Annex)  
58 Summit Street, Tottenville  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7898/1

New York Public Library: Tottenville Branch, 7448 Amboy Road, Tottenville  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7899/1

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, 7558 Amboy Road, Tottenville  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 7915/1

Drake-Dehart House, 134 Main Street, Tottenville  
Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 8020/63

Rutan-Journeay House, 7647 Amboy Road, Tottenville Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot:  
8050/13



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 20, 1991

Alfred Brumme, Chair  
Staten Island Community Board 3  
277 Nelson Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10308

Re: See enclosed list

Dear Chairman Brumme:

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Merin Elizabeth Urban  
Executive Director

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List for Staten Island Community Board 3, Alfred Brumme, Chair

Westfield Township District School 7 (later Public School 4)  
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Landmark Site: Tax Map Block/Lot: 8050/13



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 20, 1991

Hon. Alfred C. Cervillo, III  
88 New Dorp Plaza  
Staten Island, NY 10306

Re: See enclosed list

Dear Council Member Cervillo:

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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

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August 20, 1991

Hon. John J. Marchi  
358 St. Marks Place  
Staten Island, NY 10301

Re: See enclosed list

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Executive Director

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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 20, 1991

Hon. Susan Molinari  
1305 73rd Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11228

Re: See enclosed list

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225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 20, 1991

Hon. Robert A. Straniere  
182 Rose Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10306

Re: See enclosed list

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August 15, 1991

Joseph P. Trivisonno, R.A.,  
Staten Island Borough Superintendent  
Department of Buildings  
Borough Hall  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Dear Superintendent Trivisonno:

Attached is a list of the items in the Borough of Staten Island that have been calendared for consideration as New York City Landmarks at a public hearing on October 1, 1991. The BIS computer has been updated to reflect the calendared nature of these items.

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August 15, 1991

Ms. Lenore Norman,  
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs  
N.Y.C. Department of Buildings  
60 Hudson Street, 14th Floor  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Norman:

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Commissioner, Dept. of Buildings  
60 Hudson Street, 14th Floor  
New York, NY 10013

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Richard L. Schaffer, Chair  
City Planning Commission  
22 Reade Street  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Schaffer:

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If you wish to speak, please complete and return to the person at the Speaker's Information Desk

Item # 11 LP# 1074

Item Name NICHOLAS KILLMEYER STORE + RESIDENCE, 4321 ARTHUR KILL ROAD

In favor of Designation  Against Designation  Unsure of Position

(Print) Name NED KAUFMAN

Mailing Address 457 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Representing MUNICIPAL ART SOCIETY.

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If you would rather leave a statement, complete and return to the person at the Speaker's Information Desk, or mail the form to the Commission at the above address

Lined area for providing a statement or additional information.

For LPC use only: testified? y\_/ n\_



LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

225 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

(212) 553-1100

August 15, 1991

Anastasia M. Williams  
4321 Arthur Kill Road  
Staten Island, New York 10309

Re: Nicholas Killmeyer Store and Residence  
4321 Arthur Kill Road, Charleston  
Landmark Site: Staten Island Tax Map Block 7400, Lot 1

Dear Ms. Williams:

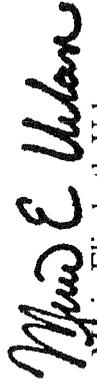
The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the New York City agency mandated to designate and preserve individual buildings, historic districts, interiors, and scenic sites that have special historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic significance.

In accordance with Section 25-313 (formerly Section 207-12.0 of Chapter 8-A) of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 1991, beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the 23rd Floor Conference Room of the offices of the Landmarks Preservation Commission at 225 Broadway, Manhattan, with respect to the proposed designation of the above listed property. You or your representative are invited to attend the hearing and present any information or testimony relating to the proposed designation. Public hearings are intended to provide a forum for opinions to be voiced regarding proposed designations by interested parties such as owners of potential Landmarks, affected community boards, public officials, community groups and members of the general public. We hope you will participate in these proceedings.

Public notice of the hearing identifying the proposed Landmark and its site will appear in the City Record of September 17, 1991, and each day (other than Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) thereafter until and including October 1, 1991.

Contact Joan R. Olshansky, Chief of Staff, at (212) 553-1128 if you have any questions about the hearing or if you are planning to carry out any work on the above-listed property so that your plans may be reviewed by our staff to assess their impact on the proposed Landmark. To arrange for speaking time for yourself or for your representative at the public hearing, please call Ms. Marion Cleaver (212) 553-1136 by Monday, September 30, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

  
Marion Elizabeth Urban  
Executive Director

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George Street View 12/2008

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Shirley Zavin DATE: March, 1982  
165 St. Mark's Pl. 7-E  
YOUR ADDRESS: Staten Island, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 212-981-7840  
ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation League of Staten Island

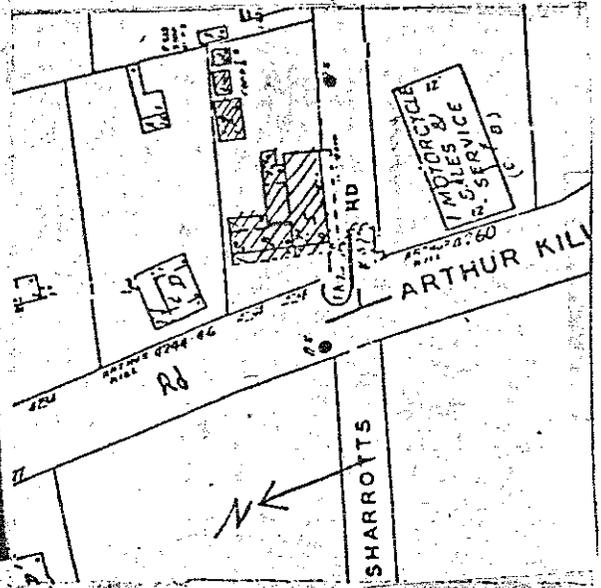
**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Batchellor/Killmeyer Store/Inn; Union Hotel; Century Inn
- 2. COUNTY: Richmond TOWN/CITY: N.Y.C. AREA Charleston/Kreischerville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 4256 Arthur Kill Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: Store/Inn/Hotel Present: Tavern
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain During regular hours

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: Landmarks 4-24 SIIAS 1978 13. MAP: Sanborn 537



SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1845; by 1885

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building stands at the intersection of important north/south and east/west thoroughfares; here the village known first as Androvetteville, later Kreischerville, began to develop in the 1840's. The earlier Asher Androvette store was located on the corner diagonally opposite the Century Inn. In 1845 this corner plot was acquired by John Batchellor, a grocer, and construction of the older portion of the present structure probably followed soon thereafter. A small commercial center was thus established at this intersection; in 1847 the village's first church was built just a short distance to its north.

In 1853 the German-born mason Balthazar Kreisler, co-founder of the Kreisler and Mumpeton fire-brick company in 1845, began his extensive purchases of land on Staten Island, following discovery here of the clays required to produce those heat resistant bricks. It is interesting to note that Kreisler's second purchase (the first was at the foot of Ellis Avenue to the north) was land which abutted the east side of this corner plot. Clay was found there, as it was on all the lands bounded by this intersection. In 1855 Kreisler purchased the corner lot and building.

The name most intimately associated with this building, however, is that of Nicholas Killmeyer. His history is intertwined with that of Kreisler and Kreischerville. Oral histories provided by his son Albert, who continued his father's business at this corner, state that Nicholas arrived from Germany in 1850, met Balthazar Kreisler in N.Y. and was sent by him to Woodbridge, N.J. where Kreisler had earlier acquired.

(See continuation sheet.)

21. SOURCES:

22. THEME:

## 11. INTEGRITY

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## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

clay pits. Albert's history attributes the discovery of the Staten Island clays to his father. The 1855 census confirms much of this account; in it Nicholas is listed as a two-year resident of Staten Island, has two children born in New Jersey, is employed in "fire bricks" and has living with him nine German and Irish boarders, all two-year residents here and all probably similarly employed. The enumeration order in the same census suggests the possibility that this was the building he then occupied. It would then be Kreischerville's first "company housing." (See also 71-87 Kreischer Street.) Perhaps the two-bay extension on the south side of the older portion is related to this use.

Albert Killmeyer's oral history recalls that Kreischer set up his father in the grocery business in 1859. In 1860 Killmeyer purchased this lot and building from Kreischer and began his thirty-year career as chief provisioner to both Kreischerville and the Kreischer Family. (See also 4321 Arthur Kill Road.) The availability of spirits as well at this corner could well antedate construction of the new portion of this building. Built in the 1880's (the first mention of "Killmeyer's Hotel" occurs in an 1885 newspaper) it reflects the growth of Kreischerville following transfer of the entire brick-making operation from N.Y.C. to Staten Island in 1876. It is identified as the "Union Hotel" on an 1887 atlas. The present owner of the Century Inn is the son of Rueben Simonson who purchased the business from the son of Nicholas Killmeyer. Rueben also once owned the extant Charles Kreischer House, one of two built for Balthazar Kreischer's sons in the 1880's. (1907 atlas.) (Application for National Register listing submitted by N.Y. Landmarks Preservation Commission.) The history of Kreischerville lives on at the Century Inn.

Alterations of the c. 1845 portion of the structure include the following:

The ~~original~~ earliest portion of this structure ~~which~~ appear to be the three north bays of the <sup>lower</sup> straight gabled section; the <sup>south</sup> two bays ~~in~~ seem to ~~have~~ been an extension added not long after the ~~original~~ date of the original construction. What was probably the center ~~entranceway~~ entranceway in the threebay wide house has been shortened and converted to a wide modern window. A ~~projecting~~ <sup>post</sup> gabled projecting porch of cinderblock and shingles has been placed at what now serves as ~~an~~ an entrance into ~~the~~ this portion of the building. There may well have been a doorway at this location when the original building was extended. ~~The~~ ~~brick~~ used in the large north end chimney seems fairly modern. Modern roofing on this section as well as on the larger crossed gabled portion to its south. Alterations ~~of~~ of this portion include the following: Loss of small tower topped by a pyramidal tower at the southwest corner, of chimney at gable on south ~~face~~ face of building finials. On the first floor of the south face the west most window has been converted to a door; on the second floor of west end, the north window has been filled in with clapboards. At the rear of the building in the ell area created by the ~~addition~~ the addition of this to the older portion of the building there have been added <sup>one story</sup> fairly modern porch extensions ~~and~~ and service areas and extensions of place on the first floor of both buildings. Modern wall facings, remove walls in all first floor areas except the original bar described in Item 20.

The south face of the Century Inn abuts Sharrots Road, a ~~narrow~~ narrow thoroughfare that leads up ~~from~~ from ~~the~~ <sup>Arthur Kill</sup> reach a fairly substantial elevation at its intersection with Arthur Kill Road. Land on either side of it to the west of Arthur Kill is largely vacant; some storage yard facilities are to be found in the vicinity of the shoreline. Opposite the Inn on the south east corner is a <sup>large</sup> one story cement block building now used for an indoor pistol range. To the south and east of that a large open terrain is in the process of being bulldozed and ~~is~~ <sup>with cliffs</sup> illegally tunneled; the enormous cinderblock warehouse and garage associated with this operation lies further south on A.K. Road. These vacant areas were the locations of some of the claypits utilized by the Kreisler brick making industry. Fronting Arthur Kill Road to the north of the Inn are residences on substantial lots 19th century and a modern house immediately adjacent to the Inn; the herein nominated P.S. 4 is some feet north of the Inn; directly opposite lies the cemetery surround the now-demolished West Baptist Church. to the east of the house land drops off; a commercial enterprise here; this too was a clay pit. Residences front on Sharrots Rd.

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Shirley Zavin DATE: March, 1982

165 St. Mark's Pl. 7-E

YOUR ADDRESS: Staten Island, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 212-981-7840

ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation League of Staten Island

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Nicholas Killmeyer Store and dwelling unit
- 2. COUNTY: Richmond TOWN/CITY: N.Y.C. VILLAGE: Charleston/Kreischerville
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 4321 Arthur Kill Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: Commercial/residence Present: Residential
- 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: composition shingles
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: Landmarks 4-23 SIIAS 1978 13. MAP: Sanborn



SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1873

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Construction of this store and residence c. 1873 - an unusual combination in a Second Empire building on Staten Island - reflects the growth of Kreischerville and the resulting prosperity of its owner, Nicholas Killmeyer. ( See 4265 Arthur Kill Road for further information concerning Killmeyer whose association with this village began with Balthazar Kreisler's in 1853.) It was but a few years later that all Kreisler brick-making operations were re-located here. Village growth was further promoted as was Killmeyer's business, enabling him to construct the Union Hotel in the early 1880's. (4265 Arthur Kill Road.) Although this store was owned by Killmeyer, his relationship to Kreisler (he was the major supplier to the family) and the services he provided the inhabitants of this village, make it Kreischerville's equivalent of a company store.

21. SOURCES:

Richmond County, Deeds , Kreisler to Killmeyer, Sept., 1873 104/106.  
S.I.I.A.S.: Kreisler Collection: Accounts of Kreisler Family.

22. THEME:

NICHOLAS KILLMEYER STORE AND RESIDENCE, 4321 Arthur Kill Road,  
Charleston, Staten Island

This two-and-one-half-story building, originally designed to serve both residential and commercial purposes, was constructed c. 1873 for Nicholas Killmeyer, provisioner to the factory village of Kreischerville for more than thirty years. Located at the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Winant Place, the building is set close to the street, its facade-wide porch serving the practical function of providing access to the store. The building is designed in a vernacular version of the Second Empire style and features a characteristic mansard roof clad in slate ornamented by rosettes composed of red and yellow slate. The steep slope of the site allows for a tall basement at the rear of the house. The elevated rear porch, with its scrolled brackets and jigsaw trim, is somewhat more ornate than the street-side porch. Projecting window lintels, a bracketed cornice, segmentally-arched dormers, and chimneys of Kreisler brick are other notable features.

Born in Prussia, Killmeyer arrived in New York City in 1850 and soon found employment with Manhattan fire brick manufacturer Balthazar Kreisler who dispatched him to Woodbridge, New Jersey, where a Kreisler company clay mining operation had been established. Albert Killmeyer noted in an interview, obtained by the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences in the 1940s, that his father, Nicholas, had informed Kreisler that similar clay deposits were to be found on Staten Island. Killmeyer arrived on Staten Island with his employer in 1853 and immediately became the proprietor of a boarding house for the relocated Kreisler Company's first workers. Albert Killmeyer also recorded that his father was set up in the grocery business by Kreisler in 1859. That store, a building of c. 1845, still stands at the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Sharrotts Road; in about 1884-85, the imposing Killmeyer Union Hotel and Saloon were added to it. The Killmeyer enterprises, including the store at 4321 Arthur Kill Road, reflect aspects of the history and development of the factory village of Kreischerville and the consequently increasing prosperity enjoyed by their owner.



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Form 47

**SURROGATE'S COURT**  
**County of ~~New York~~ RICHMOND**

**New York** May 17, 1914

**DEED** Please furnish the undersigned with the following papers:

**FILE NUMBER**

3052

In the Matter of the Estate of

Nicholas Killmeyer

**DEPOSIT**

please also  
gloves  
thank you

**Papers must not be taken  
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Your Signature Sturley Gavin  
Firm Name Candmark's Reorganization Commission  
Address 225 Broadway 10007  
NY N.Y.

**NAME OF PERSON YOU REPRESENT AND THEIR STATUS.**  
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