

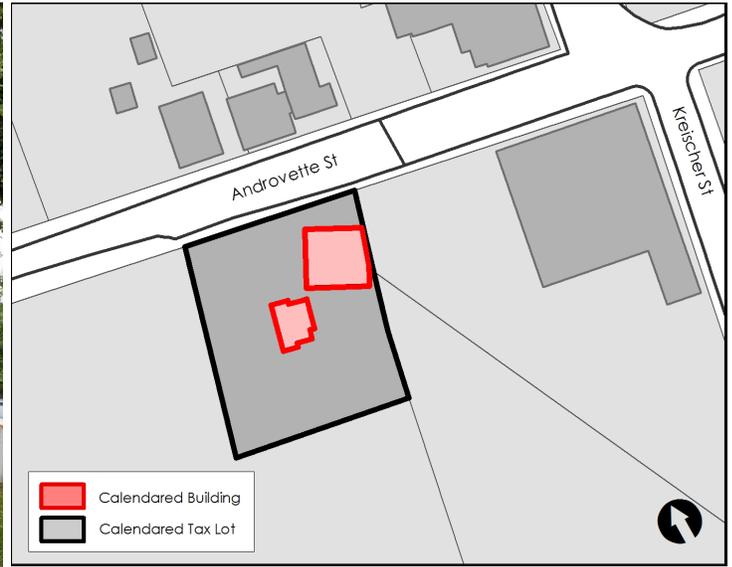


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**Backlog Initiative: Addressing 95 Properties**  
Staten Island Group 3 Items

**122 Androvette Street House**  
122 Androvette Street, Staten Island  
Staten Island Block: 07596; Lot: 0070

Staten Island Community Board 3  
Public Hearing Date(s): 10/01/1991



Photos 2014

**Special Public Hearings**

The Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the backlog of buildings in the Borough of Staten Island on **October 22, 2015** and encourages interested parties to submit written testimony in advance of that hearing. Each speaker will be given three minutes total to speak, and in that time may address all of the items within Staten Island Group 2, just particular items, or add comments to support written testimony. In order to conduct efficient hearings, we ask speakers to register in advance, and submit their written statements and materials that will be read at the hearing by **October 15, 2015** to [backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov](mailto:backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov).

If you have questions about this property or the hearing process please contact [backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov](mailto:backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov) or call (212) 669-7817. If you would like more information about this property, please see the research file summary (over) and go to our website (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/html/backlog95>) and click on the link for this building's research file.



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**122 Androvette Street House Description**

Landmark Type: Individual

Built: c. 1790

Architect: Not determined

Style: Vernacular

**Research Staff Hearing Statement (1991)**

122 ANDROVETTE STREET HOUSE, 122 Androvette Street, Charleston, Staten Island

While the identity of the original owner of the house at 122 Androvette Street and its earliest history have not been definitively determined, the building does appear to be the oldest surviving structure in Charleston. The 122 Androvette Street House may be the dwelling indicated on a 1797 map as belonging to landowner "P. Androvet" [sic]; it is shown to be one of only two houses located in the then sparsely populated area. The late Staten Island borough historian, Loring McMillen, undertook an extensive investigation of the framing and other interior features of the house, leading him to postulate a construction date of c. 1790. His investigations also indicated that the present rear or southern elevation was the original facade, a siting which oriented the house toward the inlet identified as "Toppers Creek" on the early map.

The size and shape of the house, the tall gabled roof, and the placement of the windows are characteristic of the house's date. Distinctive features of the house, which further identify its late eighteenth-century vernacular character, include the short second-story windows and the large chimney (obscured by later siding) located on the western side of the building. Later additions have been added at the rear and at the east side.

The 122 Androvette Street House and the acreage originally associated with it (the current lot is roughly seventy-five feet by 100 feet) were later acquired by Balthazar Kreischer, founder of the B. Kreischer & Sons brick manufacturing company. It was one of the many parcels he purchased in the village, then known as Androvetville, beginning in 1853. The location Kreischer selected for the fire brick factory was a short distance south of Toppers Creek, while the area on the north side of the creek was, over a period of time, developed as a large complex of workers' housing encompassing some large multi-unit structures and simple double houses. It is possible that the 122 Androvette Street House was one of several early dwellings utilized for the factory's first workers. The 122 Androvette Street House is a rare survivor recalling the early history of the area prior to its transformation into the factory-related village of Kreischerville.