



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05184.01

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 551 Boyds Corner Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic dwelling current dwelling
3. YEAR BUILT: 1800 CIRCA?: X ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: vernacular; side gable with ell

5. INTEGRITY: original site X moved
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>other location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | | N/A |
| N/A | | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. Brick addition to the east | | ca.1840 |
| b. Flounder rear ell | | ca.1860 |
| c. Front porch enclosed | | ca.1990 |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair X poor
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: rectangular Stories: 2
Additions: side frame addition to west
- b. Structural system (if known): timber frame core; brick addition
- c. Foundation: materials: stone and concrete block (rebuilt)
basement: full partial not visible X no basement
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): stucco over brick addition; vinyl on timber frame core
- e. Roof: shape: side gable
materials: standing seam metal
cornice: metal
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): both ends (east & west), interior; Western chimney mostly gone

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: South
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1) Bays | 4 plus small side ell = 5 total |
| 2) Windows | 4 |
| fenestration | Irregular |
| type | 1/1 and 6/6 on house; continuous band on mud room |
| trim | vinyl |
| shutters | N/A |

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** **1**
 location **off center**
 type **screen door**
 trim **vinyl**
- 4) **Porch(es)** **enclosed front porch**
- b. Side: Direction: West**
- 1) **Bays** **3**
- 2) **Windows** **3 1st floor; 2 on 2nd floor & 2nd half story**
 fenestration **Irregular**
 type **fixed 6-pane window; 1st floor mudroom; 6/6 on house; replaced window 2nd floor**
 trim **vinyl**
 shutters **N/A**
- 3) **Door(s)** **1**
 location **off center on mudroom**
 type **fixed 6-pane window; 1st floor mudroom; 6/6 on house; replaced window 2nd floor**
 trim **vinyl**
- 4) **Porch(es)** **enclosed mudroom/porch**
- c. Side: Direction: East**
- 1) **Bays** **5**
- 2) **Windows** **one on main block; ribbon panel on enclosed porch**
 fenestration **Irregular**
 type **continuous ribbon windows on enclosed porch**
 trim **vinyl**
 shutters **N/A**
- 3) **Door(s)** **0**
 location **N/A**
 type **N/A**
 trim **N/A**
- 4) **Porch(es)** **N/A**
- d. Rear: Direction: North**
- 1) **Bays** **3**
- 2) **Windows** **4 - 1st floor; 3 on 2nd floor**
 fenestration **Irregular**
 type **1st floor - ribbon windows on porch plus 1/1; 1/1 ell; 2nd floor: 3 windows 6/6 on main core; filled in window on ell**
 trim **wood; vinyl**
 shutters **n/a**
- 3) **Door(s)** **1**
 location **off center in screened porch**
 type **single; pedestrian**
 trim **vinyl**
- 4) **Porch(es)** **enclosed rear porch**

9. **INTERIOR:** not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** N/A

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** N/A



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05184.02

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 551 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic barn current vacant

3. YEAR BUILT: 1920 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where original location's CRS # year
N/A N/A

N/A N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year

a. N/A N/A

b. N/A N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system wood frame with pole barn wagon shed

b. Number of stories 2

c. Wall coverings corrugated metal

d. Foundation none

e. Roof

structural system front gable with side gable wagon shed, frame

coverings corrugated metal

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E

1) bays: 2 on barn with 6 on wagon shed

2) windows: 1

3) door(s): 2 pedestrian doors on each N and S ends of barn, horizontal wood

4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: S

- 1) bays: 1 and 2 bays on shed roof wing
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: N

- 1) bays: 1 overall main barn plus smaller stone granary walls remaining on E side
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: most of this side boarded up

d. Rear: direction: W

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: open wagon shed area on this elevation

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan open wagon shed areas, granary abuts east wall of horse/cow barn

b) Partition/walls upper story/second floor loft

c) Finishes N/A

d) Furnishings/machinery N/A



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05184.03

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 551 Boyds Corner Rd

2. FUNCTION(S): historic wagon/machinery shed current storage for equipment

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

| <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | | N/A |
| N/A | | N/A |

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

| | <u>year</u> |
|--------|-------------|
| a. N/A | N/A |
| b. N/A | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings corrugated metal

d. Foundation none

e. Roof

structural system gable, frame

coverings corrugated metal

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E

1) bays: 1 overall plus 3 on wagon shed

2) windows: 0

3) door(s): one door opening (hay, etc.) on 2nd floor

4) other: boarded up barn; 3 evenly spaced open bays divided by rounded wooden posts

b. Side: direction: S

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: blind wall

c. Side: direction: N

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

d. Rear: direction: W

- 1) bays: 2 (1 on barn and 1 overall wagon shed)
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 1
- 4) other: blind wall

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan **open shed storage for equipment, trucks, etc.**

b) Partition/walls **none**

c) Finishes **none**

d) Furnishings/machinery **building supported on west side with legs**



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05184.04

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 551 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic outhouse current vacant

3. YEAR BUILT: 1920 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: vernacular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

original location's CRS #

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

year

a. N/A

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings metal

d. Foundation concrete block

e. Roof

structural system gable, frame

coverings metal

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: W

1) bays: 1

2) windows: 0

3) door(s): 1 door hinged

4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: S

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: N

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

d. Rear: direction: E

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan not accessible

b) Partition/walls not accessible

c) Finishes not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery not accessible

b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: wire kennel enclosure

c. Side: direction: E

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: wire kennel enclosure

d. Rear: direction: S

- 1) bays: 2 with wire kennel enclosures E and W sides
- 2) windows: 2 sets paired jalousie windows
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan wire kennel enclosures added on each side

b) Partition/walls N/A

c) Finishes N/A

d) Furnishings/machinery N/A



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURE (BUILDING-LIKE) FORM

CRS # N05184.06

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 551 Boyds Corner Road

2. FUNCTION: Silo IN USE?

3. YEAR BUILT: 1950 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/PLAN: circular silo

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

year

N/A

List major alterations and additions with dates (if known)

year

a. N/A

b. N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION (describe the structure as completely as possible):

a) Overall shape circular
 height 30 ft
 length n/a
 width 15 feet diameter

b) Structural system: cement stave with metal rings

c) Foundation: concrete

d) Exterior covering: cement

7. DESCRIPTION (cont'd):

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e) Openings Feed chute at southern side

f) Other features Round roof



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MAP FORM

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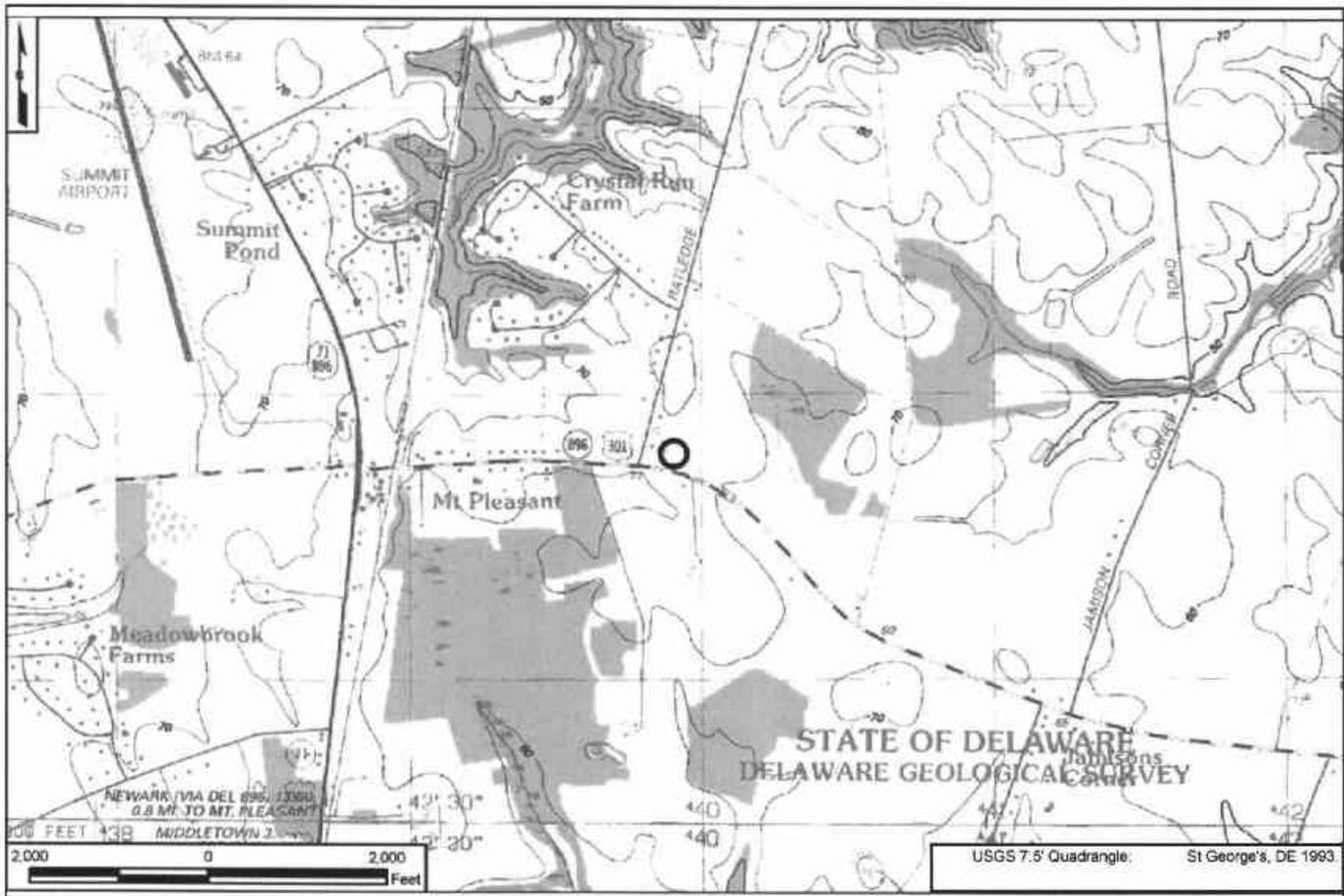
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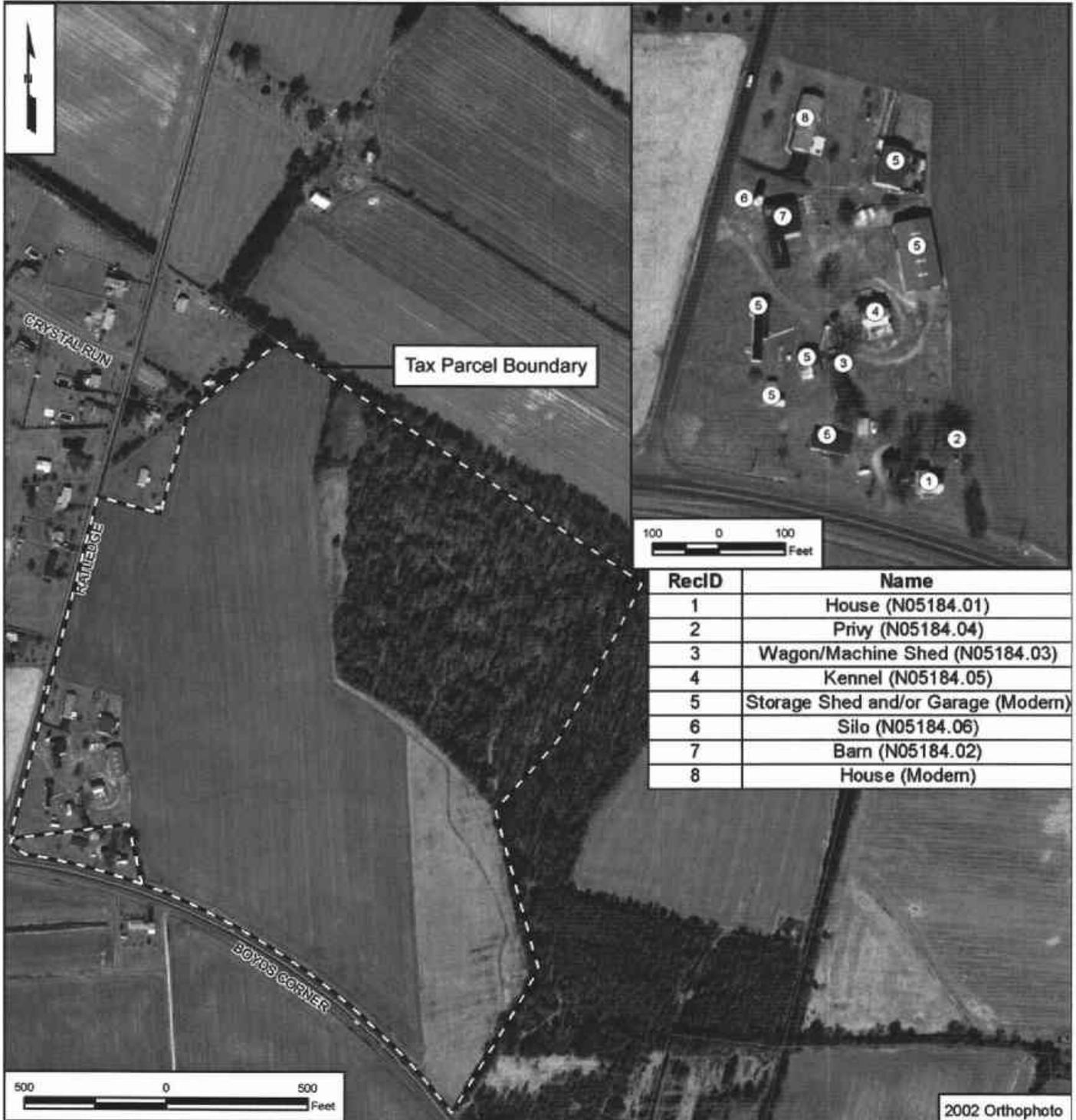
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N05185

Name: Robinson House

Address: 562 Boyds Corner Road

Tax Parcel: 1301200043

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1860; ca. 1920

Time Period: 1830-1880±, Industrialization and Early Urbanization; 1880-1940±, Urbanization and Early Suburbanization; 1940-1960± Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

Description

The Robinson House is located on the south side of Boyds Corner Road, west of Ratledge Road and east of Cedar Lane Road. The property consists of a *circa*-1860 two-and-one-half-story frame dwelling, a *circa*-1960 garage, a *circa*-1940 milkhouse, a *circa*-1950 concrete-stave silo, and a 1954 equipment shed/cow barn. The dwelling is clad in aluminum siding and had one-over-one double hung replacement windows. Behind the dwelling is a *circa*-1960 concrete block garage. A modern prefabricated shed is located between the garage and dwelling. Across from the garage, on the other side of the gravel farm lane, are the agricultural outbuildings, all of which are now used for storage. The buildings are arranged around a central courtyard, although the structure located on the courtyard's southern side has been removed. The outbuildings are mostly constructed of concrete block, although the partially collapsed cow barn is frame sided in wood.

The dwelling and outbuildings are accessed via a gravel drive. Beyond the complex, a dirt path leads southward toward a tree line boundary. The complex is surrounded by cultivated land (cornfields). A wood post and rail fence separates the yard and cultivated fields on the eastern side of the house.

Historical Narrative

In December 1853, Parnell J. Lynch and his wife, Sarah, sold approximately 74 acres to James Money and his wife, Sarah, for \$2,000 (New Castle County Deed Book O6:421). The Money's built the frame dwelling on the farm thereafter (ca. 1860). The 1868 Pomeroy and Beers atlas confirms Money's ownership of the property he named "Fairview." Following a suit against the Moneys, the approximately 74.0-acre farm was sold to David M. McFarland at a Sheriff's sale. McFarland paid \$5,000 for the property on August 5, 1872 (New Castle County Deed Book D10:69). A little more than four months later, David and Mary M. McFarland conveyed the approximately 76.0-acre farm to William Lore for \$4,500 (New Castle County Deed Book D10:58). The 1881 Hopkins map confirms Lore's ownership of the property. Subsequently, Lore defaulted on his mortgage to the McFarland's and the farm was again sold at public sale. Mary E. Jester was the highest bidder at the November 1882 sale, submitting a winning bid of \$5,125, although the property was not formally conveyed until February 27, 1883 (New Castle County Deed Book O12:281). On that same date, Mary E. Jester and her husband, John A. Jester, sold the farm to Charles B. Lore for \$6,000 (New Castle County Deed Book O12:284). In September 1885, Charles B. and Rebecca M. Lore sold the more than 76.0-acre farm to Harriet Houston for \$4,750 (New Castle County Deed Book K13:166). Although the Houston owned the property in 1893, the Baist map curiously attributed the farm to "W[illiam] Lore." Harriet Houston died

unmarried and without issue in January 1907 and her farm was passed on to her numerous nieces and nephews (New Castle County Deed Book K22:563).

The heirs of Harriet Houston sold the farm at a public auction thereafter. Fred S. Robinson purchased an approximately 76.0-acre parcel (Tract No. 1) and an approximately 44.0-acre parcel (Tract No. 2), which constituted the great majority of the farm, from the heirs of Harriet Houston at a public auction in the summer of 1909 (New Castle County Deed Books K22:563 and K22:572). Robinson paid a total of \$4243.04 for these two parcels. The third parcel (Tract No. 3), a one-acre plot that is not specifically relevant to the farm complex, was purchased by Robinson in August 1916 from the St. Joseph's African Union Methodist Protestant Church (New Castle County Deed Book H48:161).

Aerial photographs taken of the farm in 1932 reveal extant structures include the dwelling and numerous outbuildings arranged around a central courtyard (USDA 1932). The aerial photograph also reveals a farm lane towards the southern boundary of the property, which connects the farm with a neighboring farm to the southeast (T.J. Houston House; CRS No. N05131).

Fred S. Robinson died in April 1936, and his will devised the property to his wife, Sadie Culp Robinson (New Castle County Register of Wills A6:304). Sadie Robinson died in April 1948. Her will devised the farm to her children: Julian P. Robinson, James F. Robinson, and Nora R. Cleaver (New Castle County Register of Wills P7:382). In May 1948, Julian P. Robinson and James F. Robinson conveyed their shares of the farm to their sister, Nora R. and their brother-in-law, Isaac G. Cleaver, in consideration of \$10 (New Castle County Deed Book H48:161). The current owners, Frank Rausch Jr., and Margaret A. Rausch, the present-day owners, purchased the approximately 121.0-acre farm from the Cleavers in June 1951 (New Castle County Deed Book Z51:236). The 1962 aerial photographs reveal that the courtyard farm plan was still intact although the farm was no longer linked to the neighboring farm on the southeast. At least two outbuildings, one located south of the milkhouse and one immediately west of the equipment shed, depicted on the 1962 aerials were demolished by 1988 (N05185 documentation, KKFS, Inc., January 1988). The 1962 aerials also depict a small lot at the base of the farm lane and Boyds Corner Road that had been previously parceled off. Joseph and Edith Chas erected a ca. 1961 ranch dwelling on the lot (CRS No. N14347; New Castle County Deed S54:246).

In March 1991, the Rauschs transferred ownership to an irrevocable trust in which they are equal co-owners (New Castle County Deed Book 1159:116). Their farmstead encompasses 91.57 acres.

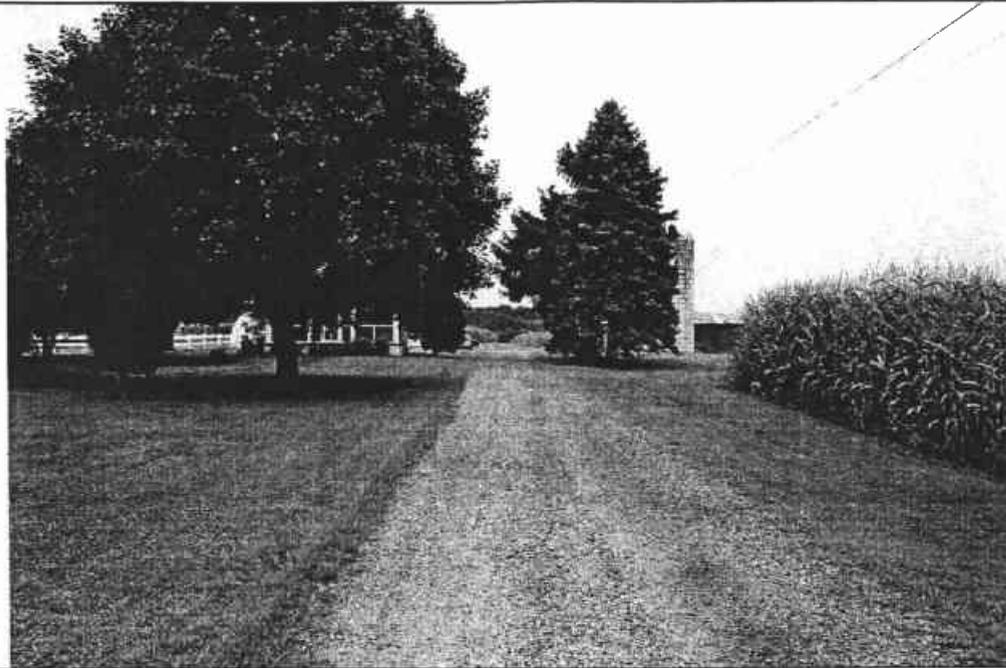
National Register Evaluation

The property located at 562 Boyds Corner Road was previously documented by KKFS, Inc. in 1988 and was not previously evaluated for listing in the National Register. No major changes to the dwelling and related outbuildings since the 1988 survey were noted. The property was also documented by the DESHPO in 1992. The main building form completed in 1988 was sufficient; therefore a CRS 2 form was not completed for the ca. 1860 dwelling (N05185 documentation, KKFS, Inc., January 1988).

The property at 562 Boyds Corner Road was evaluated as an Agricultural Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). An eligible farm should have historic significance and possess specific features (house, barn, two outbuildings, small scale features, plan, feeling of a farm complex, and circulation) as well as integrity from the period of agricultural significance. The farmstead is an example of an early-twentieth-century dairy farm that retains buildings reflective of its historic agricultural use, including a silo, cow barn, and milk house. The property retains the setting of a farm complex; it is located adjacent to the farmland with which it was historically associated, which enhances integrity of association. The farm also retains a historic house, a milk house, a silo with attached feed house, and a cow barn/ equipment shed. However, the property no longer includes the dairy barn, which was a critical component of any early-twentieth-century dairy farm complex. The loss of the dairy barn detracts from integrity of association and feeling. The integrity of materials of the buildings, more specifically the house, has been compromised by the replacement of windows, original roofing materials, and original wall cladding. An examination of historic aerials also reveals the presence of additional outbuildings south of the milkhouse that no longer exist. The removal of these outbuildings has somewhat compromised the historic courtyard farm plan as there is no southern courtyard boundary.

As a complex, the farm lacks sufficient integrity to convey its historic agricultural use due to lack of integrity of design and association. The loss of the dairy barn and other outbuildings has compromised the integrity of feeling, association, and design of the farm complex. Better preserved examples of dairy farms are located in the study area, including Mt. Pleasant Farm (CRS No. N05242), which retains its dairy barn with attached silo, milk house, and cow shed. Due to loss of integrity, the Robinson House is not eligible under Criterion A in the area of agriculture as an example of an early-twentieth-century dairy farm. The buildings that make up the complex also lack sufficient integrity of materials and workmanship to be eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture. To be individually eligible under the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report*, a farm building must be a rare, unique, or well-preserved example of a barn, house, or outbuilding. The dwelling is not an outstanding example of a vernacular form or method of construction. Additionally, it lacks integrity of materials as the fenestration, form, most of the windows, the roof, and wall cladding are modern replacements. The extant outbuildings are examples of a common outbuilding type and would not be considered individually eligible. The property is not eligible under Criterion B as it has no known association with individuals of local historical import. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on building practices or methods of construction; therefore the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion D.

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N05185. Photograph 1: Robinson House, view looking south. Note that the dwelling and house lie on the east side of the farm lane, while the agricultural outbuildings are located on the west side. Also note that the farm lane continues south towards the tree line in the far distance and once accessed a farmstead to the southeast.

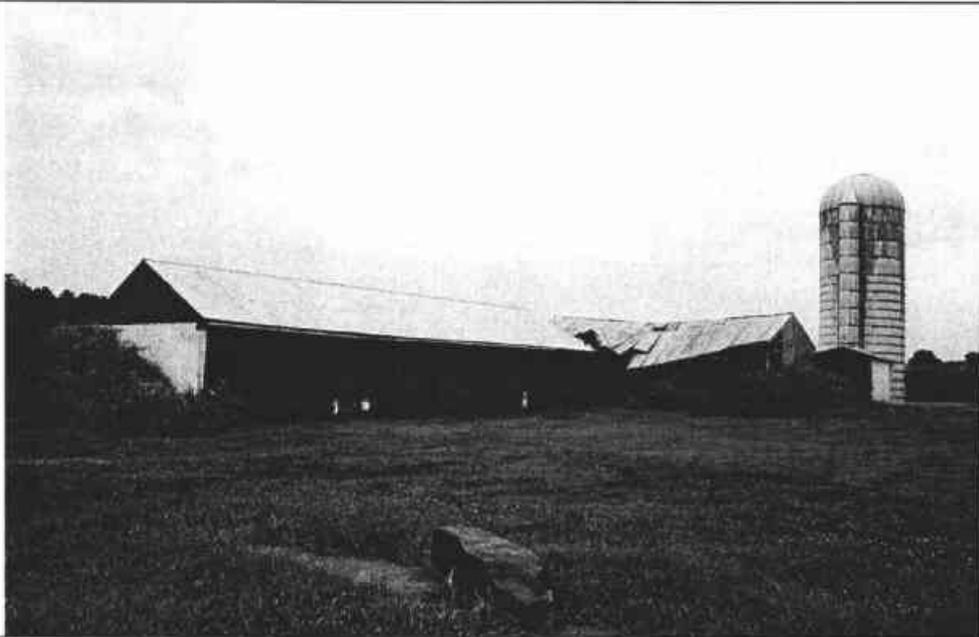


N05185. Photograph 2: Dwelling, north elevation, view looking south. Note the dwelling's three bays, the simple fenestration pattern and the ca. 1920 porch. The post-1962 shed is visible to the left of the dwelling.

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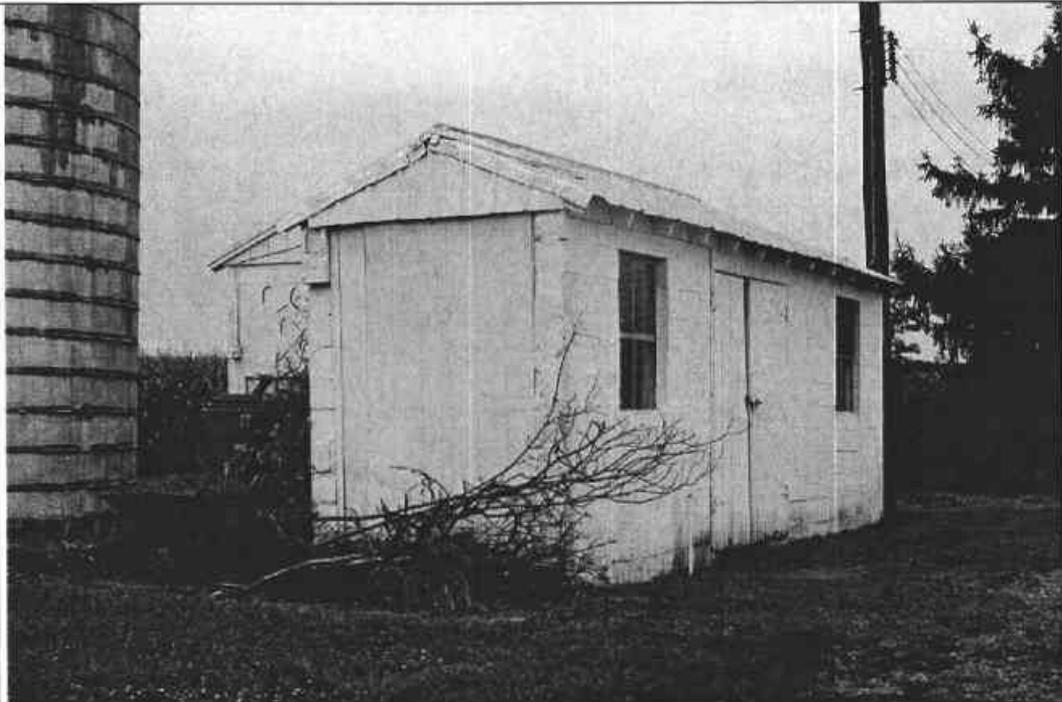


N05185. Photograph 3: Garage, north and west elevations, view looking southeast. Note the modern, overhead garage doors on the west elevation and the pedestrian entry on the north elevation.



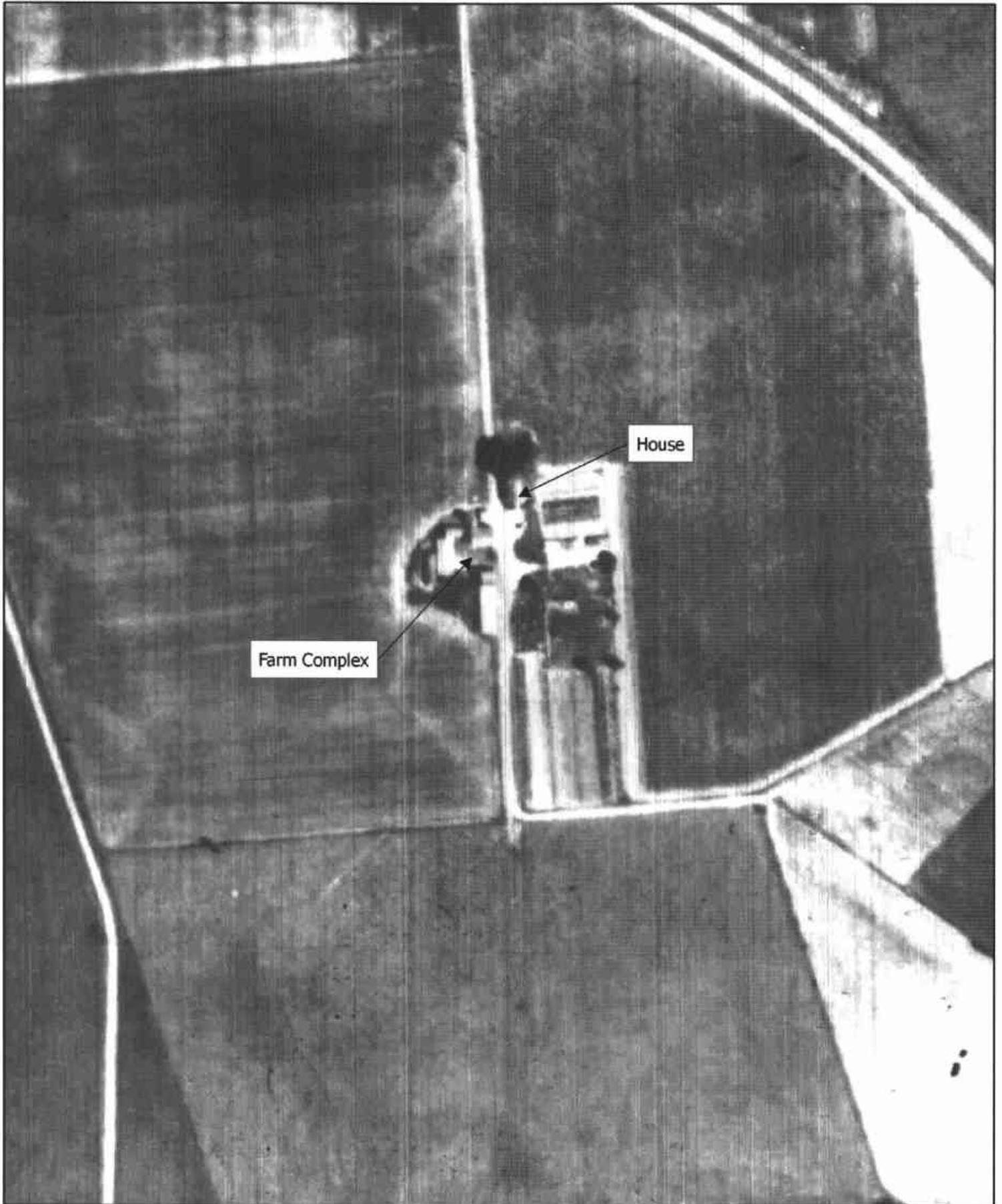
N05185. Photograph 4: Equipment shed/cow barn, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. The cow barn is partially collapsed. Note the silo and attached feed house in the background.

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N05185. Photograph 5: Milkhouse, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. Note batten double doors on the east elevation and the closed entry on the south elevation.

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Farm Complex

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1962 Aerial
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SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS

N05185.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Robinson House
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 562 Boyds Corner Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished
4. INTEGRITY: No major changes noted since 1988 survey.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Dwelling and buildings sit back from Boyds Corner Rd and are accessed by a long gravel drive. Cornfields surround the buildings. A dirt lane extends beyond the buildings through the cornfields towards a tree line to the south.

6. FORMS ADDED:

| #: | Form: | List Property Types: |
|----|-------|------------------------------------|
| 3 | CRS03 | Equipment Shed, Garage, Milk House |
| 1 | CRS05 | Silo |
| 1 | CRS09 | N/A |

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/16/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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CRS 2 form prepared in 1988 sufficient.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- Pre-European Contact
- Paleo-Indian
- Archaic
- Woodland I
- Woodland II
- 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- Piedmont
- Upper Peninsula
- Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- Coastal
- Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Trapping/Hunting
- Mining/Quarrying
- Fishing/Oystering
- Manufacturing
- Retailing/Wholesaling
- Finance
- Professional Services
- Other
- Transportation and Communication
- Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes
- Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
- Government
- Religion
- Education
- Community Organizations
- Occupational Organizations
- Major Families, Individuals and Events
- Unknown



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SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05185.02

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 562 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic garage current garage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1960 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system concrete block

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings concrete block

d. Foundation concrete block

e. Roof

structural system front gable, frame with boxed cornice

coverings asphalt shingles

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: W

1) bays: 2

2) windows: N/A

3) door(s): 2 overhead aluminum paneled garage doors with five lights

4) other: N/A

- b. Side: direction: N
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: 1 fixed-sash, 4 light aluminum
 - 3) door(s): 1, single-leaf, four-light over two wooden panel
 - 4) other: N/A

- c. Side: direction: S
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: 2 fixed-sash, 4 light aluminum
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: E
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: 2 fixed-sash, 4 light aluminum
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan open

b) Partition/walls not accessible

c) Finishes not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery not accessible



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CRS # N05185.03

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 562 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic milkhouse current storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: square with projecting gable entry

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system concrete block

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings concrete block

d. Foundation concrete block

e. Roof

structural system gable, frame

coverings standing seam metal

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E

1) bays: 3

2) windows: (2) 4 light fixed aluminum

3) door(s): 1 double-leaf, wood batten hinged

4) other: N/A

- b. Side: direction: S
- 1) bays: 1
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): (1) door-like opening, boarded up
 - 4) other: N/A

- c. Side: direction: N
- 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: (2) 4 light fixed aluminum
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: W
- 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: 2 4 light fixed aluminum
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan not accessible

b) Partition/walls not accessible

c) Finishes not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery not accessible



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURE (BUILDING-LIKE) FORM

CRS # N05185.04

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 562 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION: silo with attached feed house IN USE?

3. YEAR BUILT: 1950 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

4. STYLE/PLAN: circular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with dates (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION (describe the structure as completely as possible):

a) Overall shape

height 30 feet
length N/A
width 15 feet

b) Structural system: concrete stave with metal rings

c) Foundation: N/A

d) Exterior covering: concrete stave

7. DESCRIPTION (cont'd):

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e) Openings N/A

f) Other features attached concrete block feed house with corrugated metal roof



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05185.05

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 562 Boyds Corner Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic equipment shed/cow barn current storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1954 CIRCA?: _____ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: T-shaped

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system concrete block, frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings concrete block, vertical wood planks, standing seam metal

d. Foundation N/A

e. Roof

structural system cross-gabled, frame

coverings corrugated metal

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E

1) bays: 4

2) windows: 0

3) door(s): 4 open bays

4) other: N/A

- b. Side: direction: S
 - 1) bays: 1 bay on T
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): (1) batten
 - 4) other: N/A

- c. Side: direction: N
 - 1) bays: 0
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: W
 - 1) bays: 0
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan not accessible

b) Partition/walls not accessible

c) Finishes not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery not accessible



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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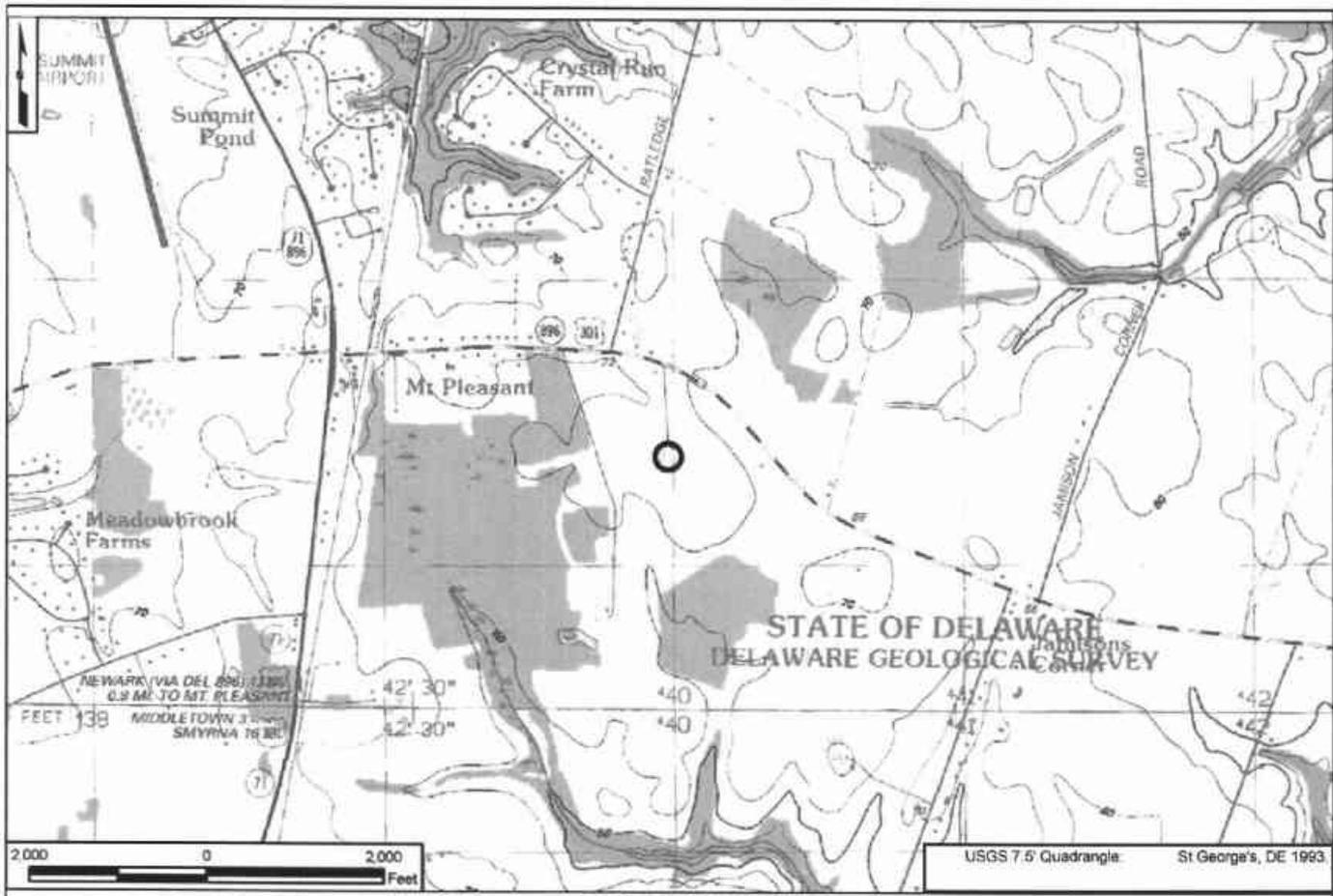
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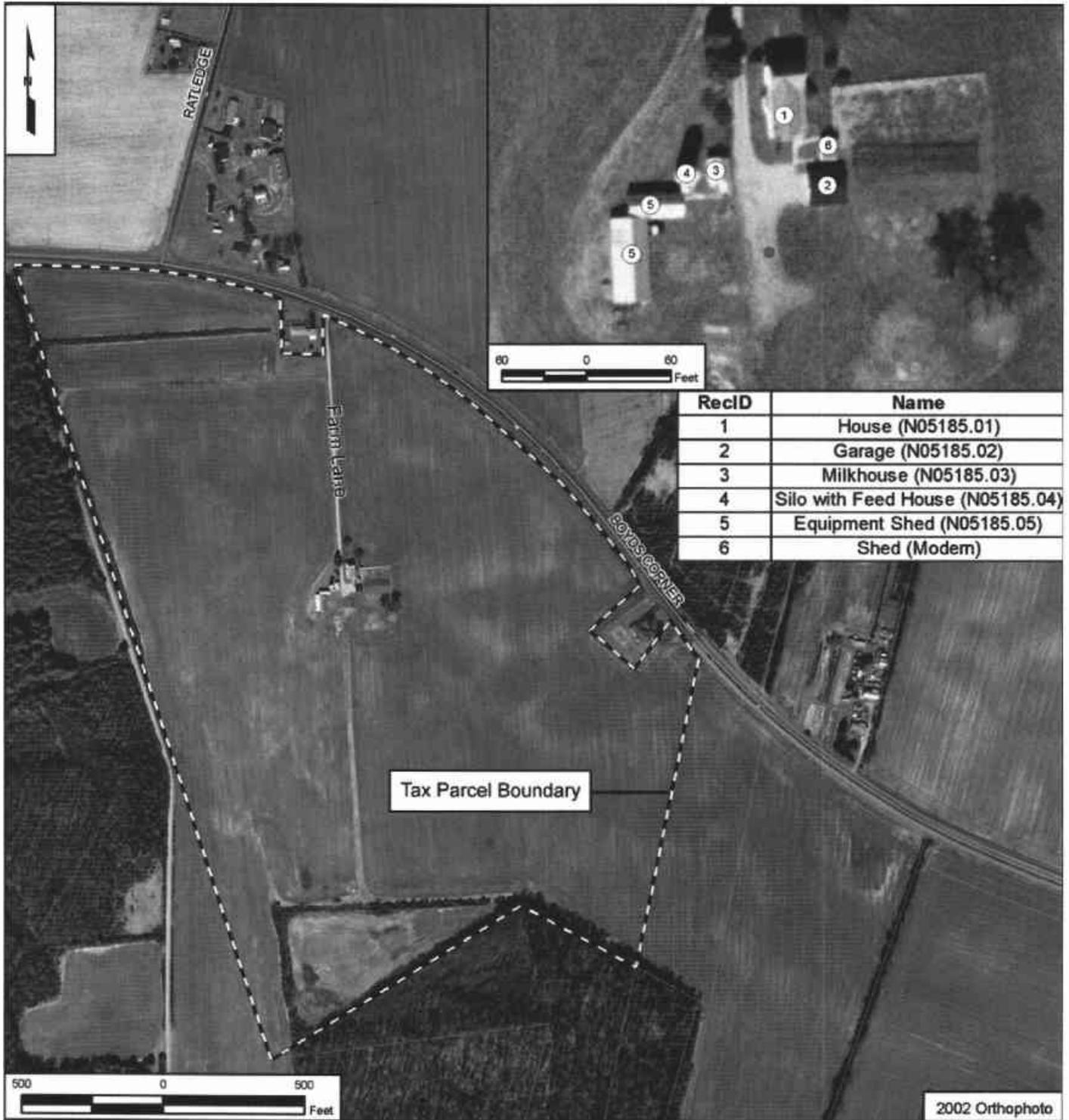
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4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N05186

Name: Cleaver Farm/Biddle Mansion Farm

Address: 915 Boyds Corner Road

Tax Parcel: 1301300066; 1301300067

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1836; ca. 1940; post 1988

Time Period: 1830-1880, Industrialization and Early Urbanization; 1880-1940± Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

Summary Description

The Biddle Mansion Farm/Cleaver Farm includes a frame farmhouse at 915 Boyds Corner Road with origins in the early nineteenth century (located on Parcel ID 1301300066) and a number of surrounding outbuildings and structures and associated farmland (located on Parcel ID 1301300067). The farm is located at the end of a gravel driveway on the north side of Boyds Corner Road.

The house, which appears to have been constructed in the early nineteenth century and updated in the mid-nineteenth and twentieth centuries, is sheathed in vinyl siding and has vinyl replacement windows. A garage addition and large deck have been added to the west and east sides of the rear ell of the dwelling, greatly affecting its overall massing. Photographs of the dwelling included in this documentation were received from the New Castle County Department of Land Use or were taken from the roadway, as the property owner denied access to the dwelling.

The complex is surrounded by cultivated fields and is located to the rear of the associated dwelling, at the end of a gravel drive, along the north side of Boyds Corner Road. Except for the piggery and the machine shed, the remainder of the buildings associated with the farm complex are in a state of ruin. The mid-nineteenth-century barn associated with the farm complex was recently removed. A corncrib/granary was removed from the complex in 1975. The agricultural complex now includes a concrete block machine shed, a former machine shed in ruins (machine shed 3), the ruins of a machine shed and cowshed with silos and milkhouses that were attached to the former barn, and a concrete block piggery.

Historical Narrative

According to the determination of eligibility form prepared for the property in 1988, the dwelling appears to date back to the early nineteenth century, although any character defining features from this period have been lost to alterations associated with the Greek Revival and Colonial Revival improvements. The Greek Revival remodeling, typical of area farms dating to the mid-nineteenth century, is attributed to Joseph Cleaver. The property was referred to as the Mansion Farm of Samuel Biddle, farmer and stock breeder, in an 1836 deed that transferred ownership of the 150-acre tract to Joseph Cleaver, Biddle's son-in-law. Joseph Cleaver, born on a nearby family farm in Port Penn, lived in Port Penn where he operated a store: he did not occupy the Biddle property, although it was farmed under his direction. Joseph Cleaver owned the farm until his death in 1859. He erected the large barn that occupied the property until its recent removal. The dwelling was separated from the agricultural buildings in a sale that occurred in 1993 (New Castle County Deed Book 1565:63). Baker Farms, Inc. retains the surrounding 144 acres of

farmland and agricultural buildings, which are slated for removal to make way for planned residential development. According to an interview conducted by the New Castle County Department of Land Use with the current owner, former owners of this property reported that at least one interior wall has been moved or removed, and extensive renovations have been carried out on the dwelling.

National Register Evaluation

The property was previously determined eligible for listing in the National Register in 1988 under Criteria A in the area of agriculture and under Criterion C in the area architecture with a given period of significance of ca. 1810 to 1920. The property was also previously documented by students at the University of Delaware in 1979. As part of the U.S. 301 Project Development intensive-level survey, CRS forms were prepared for all of the outbuildings on the property since they were not previously recorded individually (CRS 3: Machine Sheds 1 and 3; Barn complex; Piggery). As permission was not granted by the property owner, an updated CRS form was not prepared for the dwelling. In May 2003 and 2004, in association with the proposed Bayberry Town Center, the staff of the New Castle County Department of Land Use visited the property and found that it lacked sufficient integrity to be determined eligible or listed in the National Register due to significant alterations to the dwelling and loss of historic outbuildings.

On November 20, 2005, the staff of the New Castle County Department of Land Use, DelDOT, DESHPO, RK&K, and A.D. Marble & Company visited the property. After an examination of the dwelling, it was determined that the dwelling no longer retained sufficient integrity to convey its architectural significance, either as a vernacular or high-style farm house. Additionally, it was agreed that due to the significant loss and decline of the associated outbuildings, the farmstead on the adjacent tax parcel no longer appeared to retain sufficient integrity of design, feeling, and association to be considered eligible in the area of agriculture.

The National Register nomination for the property clearly delineates a boundary that includes 44.1 acres of land including the farm lane, the dwelling, agricultural outbuildings, and sufficient land to provide a buffer around the farm complex. At the time of the 1988 nomination, the farm was located on one tax parcel. Today, the dwelling and farm complex occupy separate tax parcels. An examination of the previous documentation and existing conditions reveals a significant loss of integrity in the past 20 years. Due to a loss of integrity of materials, design, workmanship, association, and feeling, neither the dwelling nor the farm complex of the Cleaver Farm/Biddle Mansion Farm retain sufficient integrity to be considered eligible for listing in the National Register.

At the time the dwelling was determined eligible in 1988, it retained its six-over-six double hung sash, which has been replaced with vinyl sash. Additionally, the large two-car garage and deck additions to the rear ell were not present in 1985. Thus, due to the encasement of the walls, cornice, and roof in synthetic siding, the replacement of the original windows, addition of vinyl shutters, and the construction of two post-1985 additions on the rear ell of the house, the dwelling does not appear to retain sufficient integrity of design, materials, and workmanship to be considered eligible. These changes to the physical features of the dwelling have also affected the building's ability to present the feeling of a historic farmhouse.

While the farm retains a setting amidst agrarian fields and integrity of location, the buildings that make up the agricultural complex to the rear of the dwelling are now located on a separate tax parcel and have sustained a significant amount of loss of physical integrity in the past 20 years. The former frame barn has been removed and the remainder of the barn complex (silos, cattle shed, machine shed, and milk houses) and the northeast machine shed are in ruins. The only outbuildings that retain integrity of materials and design are a concrete block piggery and machine shed, which are not rare or remarkable examples of their types. None of the outbuildings, except for the machine shed at the northwest corner of the complex, appear to continue under agricultural use, resulting in a loss of integrity of association. Thus, due to loss of the barn as well as the ruinous state of the barn complex and machine shed, the farm no longer conveys the feeling of an 1810 to 1920 farming complex.

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N05186. Photograph 1: Dwelling, south elevation, view looking north (May 2003). Source: New Castle County Department of Land Use.

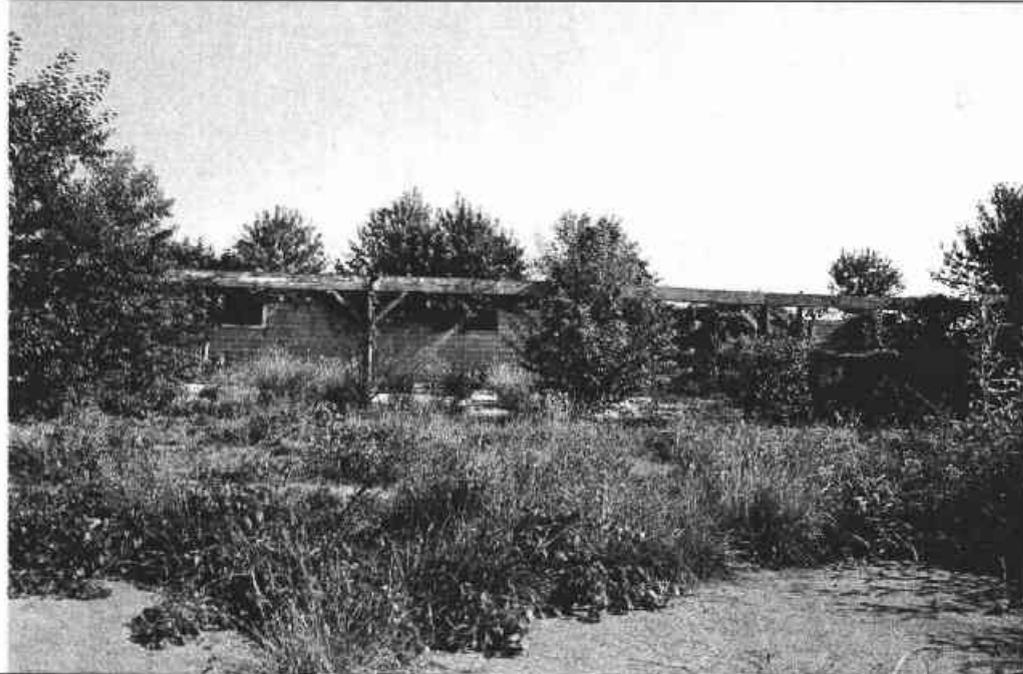


N05186. Photograph 2: Dwelling, west elevation, view looking east. Note large two-car garage addition to rear ell (May 2003). Source: New Castle County Department of Land Use.

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N05186. Photograph 3: Cowshed addition to barn, view looking east. Note only extant wall.



N05186. Photograph 4: Ruins of machine shed 3, view looking north.

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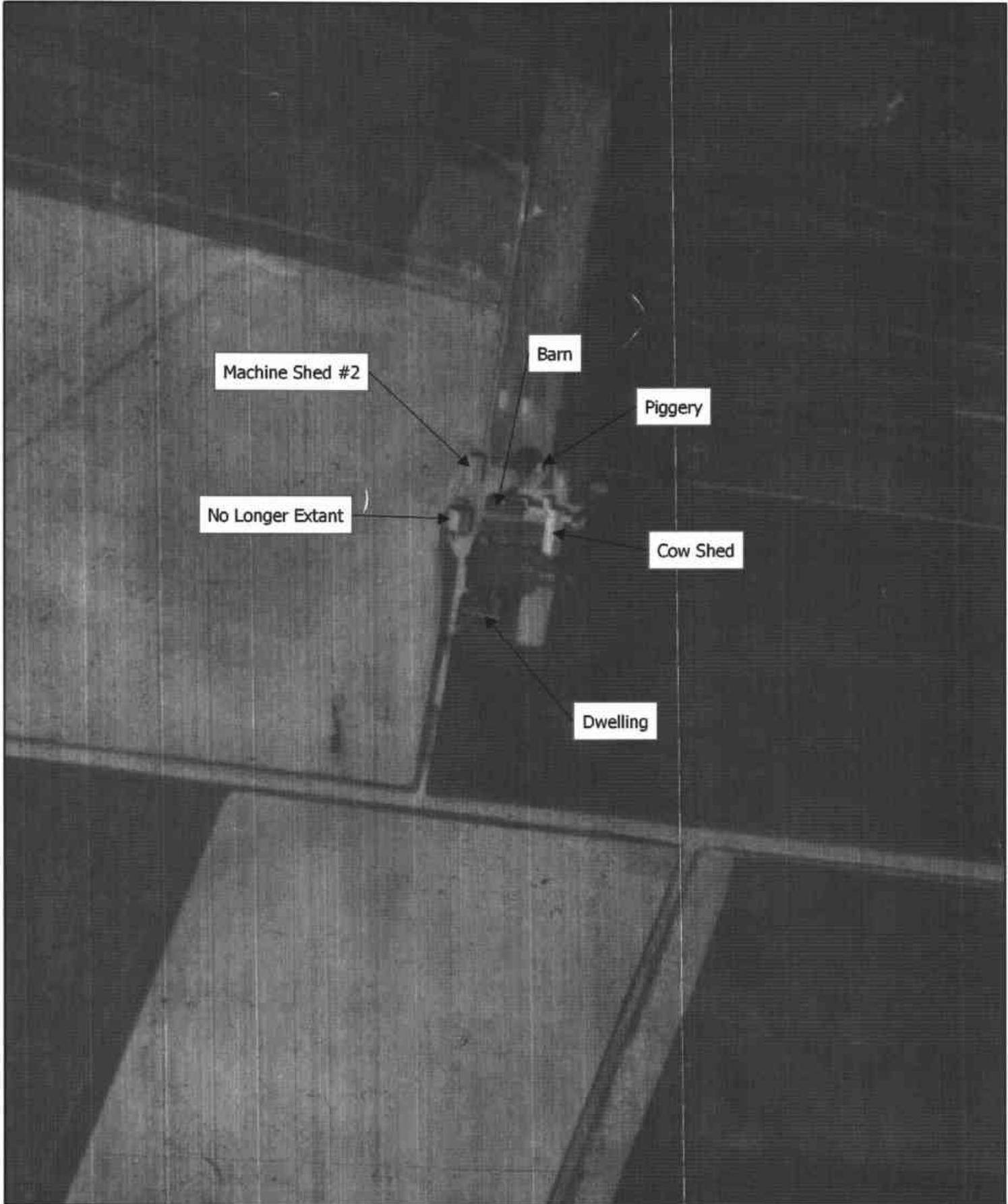


N05186. Photograph 5: Piggery, south elevation, view looking north.



N05186. Photograph 6: Machine shed 2, south and east elevations, view looking northwest.

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Cleaver Farm/Biddle Mansion Farm - CRS No. N05186





CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS

N05186.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Cleaver Farm/Biddle Mansion Farm

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 915 Boyds Corner Rd

3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished

4. INTEGRITY: The barn has been demolished and many of the outbuildings are in a state of neglect since the determination of National Register eligibility (1988). Retains sufficient integrity to convey historic agricultural use. Barn has been removed since 1988 survey.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Retains location at end of gravel driveway, north of and facing Boyds Corner Road. Surrounding agricultural lands are in area of planned residential development. Agricultural buildings no longer continue under agricultural use.

6. FORMS ADDED:

| #: | Form: | List Property Types: |
|----|-------|--|
| 3 | CRS03 | Machine shed, Machine shed/Cow shed, Piggery |
| 1 | CRS09 | N/A |

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/24/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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Determined eligible in late 1980s as part of the CR 15/SR 896 study. Dwelling was not accessible during field survey—property owner denied access. Only agricultural outbuildings were documented. The dwelling and farm complex are on separate tax parcels.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- Pre-European Contact
- Paleo-Indian
- Archaic
- Woodland I
- Woodland II
- 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- Piedmont
- Upper Peninsula
- Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- Coastal
- Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05186.02

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 915 Boyds Corner

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Machine shed/cow shed current Vacant/not in use

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Irregular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

| <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. Original barn has been removed (current location of straw stack), rest in ruins | | unk. |
| b. N/A | | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system **Concrete block**
- b. Number of stories **1 story: machinery shed, milkhouse**
- c. Wall coverings **Concrete block, painted white**
- d. Foundation **Concrete block**
- e. Roof
 - structural system **Gable, common rafter at machinery shed; not visible at milkhouse**
 - coverings **Corrugated metal**
 - openings **None visible**

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: **S**
 - 1) bays: **3 (machinery shed only)**
 - 2) windows: **0**
 - 3) door(s): **Open bays divided by tree posts with bracing**
 - 4) other: **N/A**

- b. Side: direction: E
- 1) bays: 2 (milkhouse)
 - 2) windows: 4-light, hinged at bottom
 - 3) door(s): Sliding, battened wood
 - 4) other: 2 concrete stave silos with metal rings at E elevation of former cow shed; third silo has been removed
- c. Side: direction: W
- 1) bays: 1 (machinery shed); 7 (cow shed)
 - 2) windows: 4-light fixed metal sash
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A
- d. Rear: direction: N
- 1) bays: 2 (milkhouse)
 - 2) windows: 1, 8-light metal casement
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: 1 concrete stave silo with metal rings at location of N wall of former barn

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

- a) Floor plan Overgrown
- b) Partition/walls Removed/not accessible
- c) Finishes Cow shed and milkhouse have poured concrete floor
- d) Furnishings/machinery N/A



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05186.03

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 915 Boyds Corner Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Machine shed 2 current Vacant/not in use
3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular, regular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

| <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. N/A | | N/A |
| b. N/A | | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system **Concrete block**
- b. Number of stories **1**
- c. Wall coverings **Concrete block**
- d. Foundation **Concrete block**
- e. Roof
 structural system **Low pitched gable with ridge perpendicular to road**
 coverings **Corrugated metal with board under eaves on N & S elevations**
 openings **None**

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: **E**
- 1) bays: **2**
- 2) windows: **1, 2/2 fixed with metal muntins**
- 3) door(s): **1, double sliding door; solid vertical batten boards with traces of whitewash**
- 4) other: **None**

- b. Side: direction: N
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

- c. Side: direction: S
 - 1) bays: no openings
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): Evidence of track for sliding doors, most of elevation concealed by hay bales, so details or presence of doors unknown
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: W
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

- a) Floor plan Not accessible

- b) Partition/walls Not accessible

- c) Finishes Not accessible

- d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05186.04

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 915 Boyds Corner Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Piggery current Vacant/not in use

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular, regular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Concrete block

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Concrete block and horizontal boards; small traces of whitewash

d. Foundation Concrete block

e. Roof

structural system Shed roof; slopes downward from S to N

coverings Corrugated metal; framing and eaves visible

openings None

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: S

1) bays: 5

2) windows: 4, 1x1 square openings; wooden surround and trim

3) door(s): 1 opening; details not visible; wooden surround and trim

4) other: None

- b. Side: direction: E
 - 1) bays: 0 (no opening)
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- c. Side: direction: W
 - 1) bays: 0 (no openings)
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: N
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Not accessible

b) Partition/walls Not accessible

c) Finishes Not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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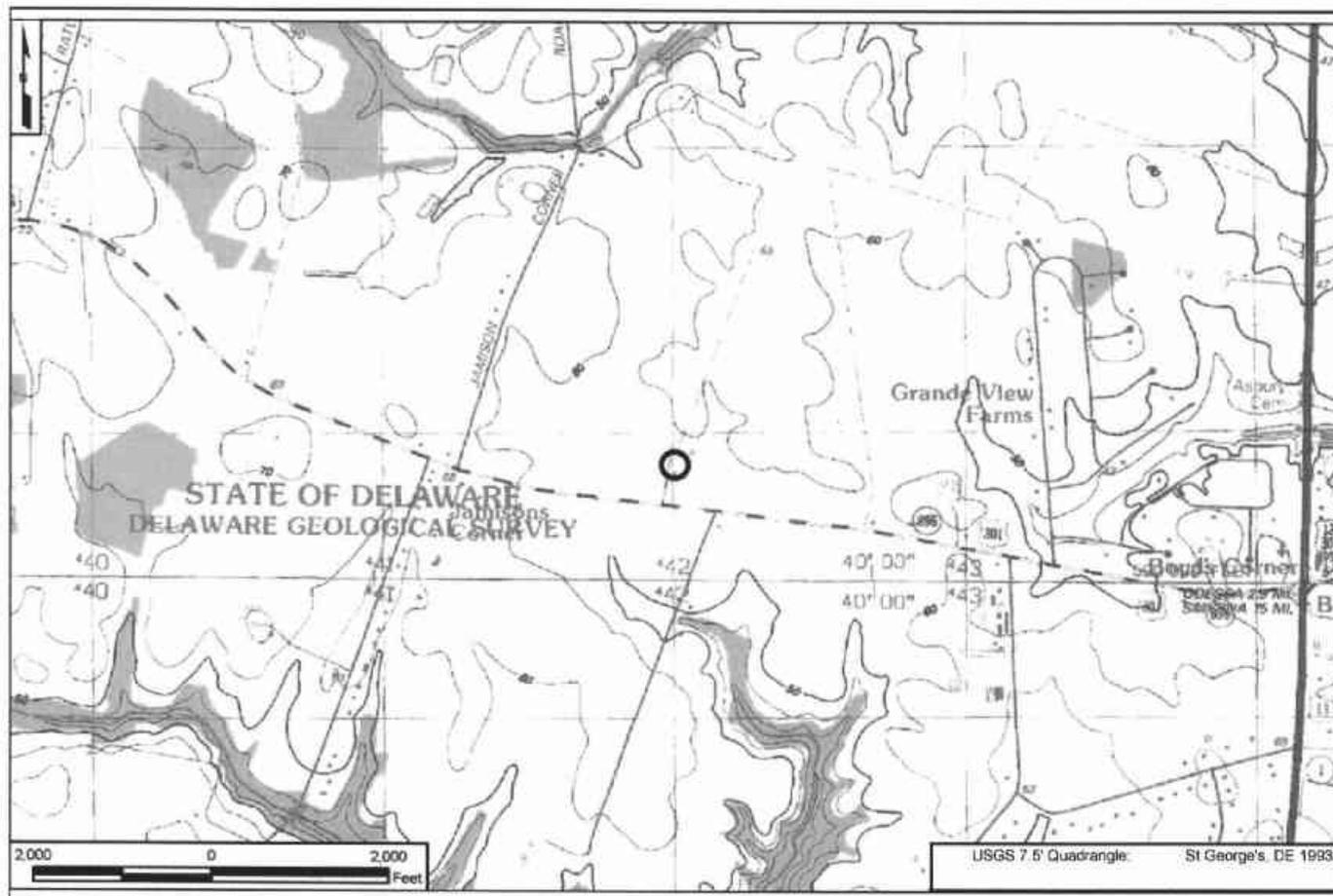
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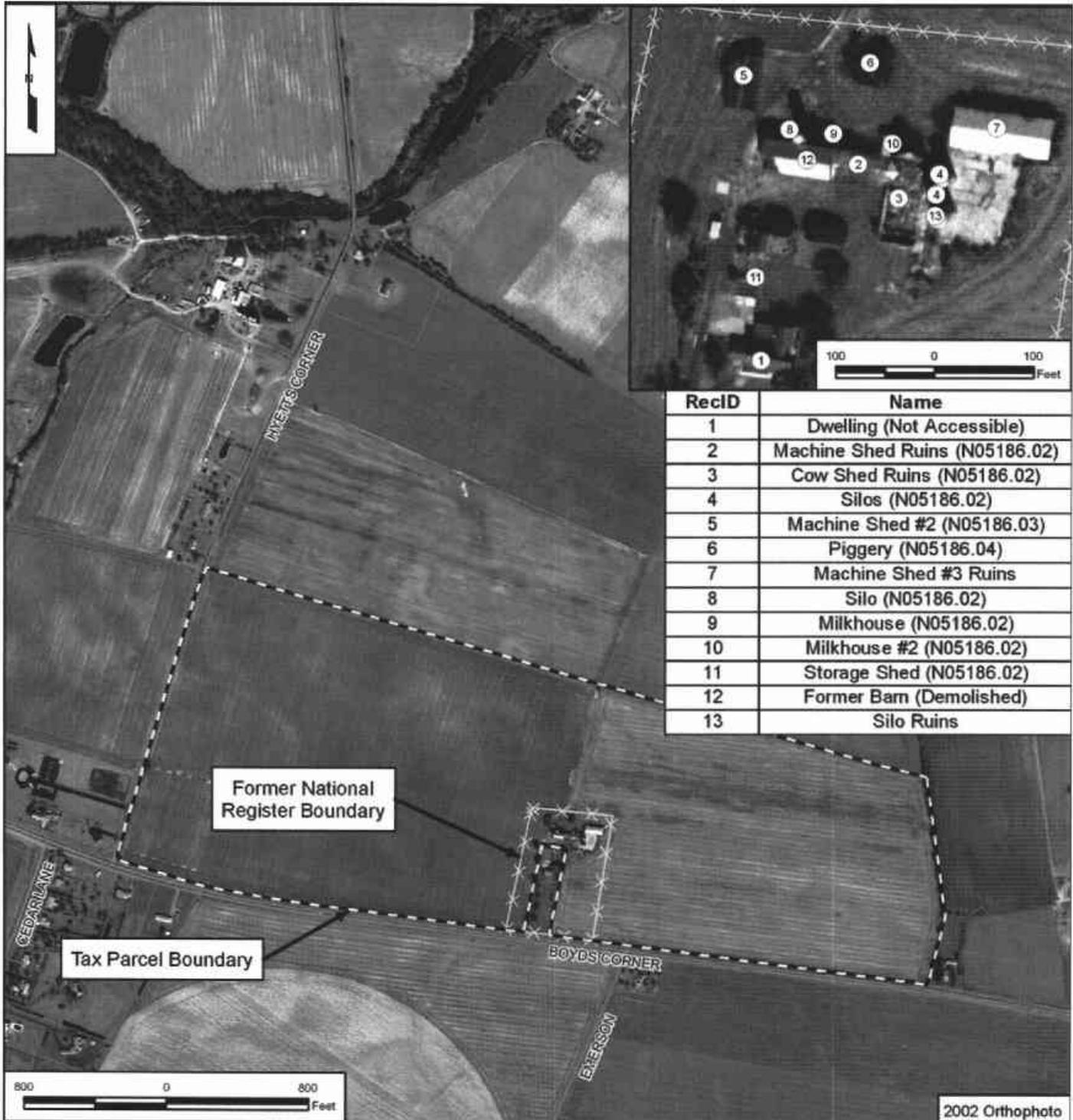
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



| RecID | Name |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Dwelling (Not Accessible) |
| 2 | Machine Shed Ruins (N05186.02) |
| 3 | Cow Shed Ruins (N05186.02) |
| 4 | Silos (N05186.02) |
| 5 | Machine Shed #2 (N05186.03) |
| 6 | Piggery (N05186.04) |
| 7 | Machine Shed #3 Ruins |
| 8 | Silo (N05186.02) |
| 9 | Milkhouse (N05186.02) |
| 10 | Milkhouse #2 (N05186.02) |
| 11 | Storage Shed (N05186.02) |
| 12 | Former Barn (Demolished) |
| 13 | Silo Ruins |

CRS No. N05189

Address: East side of Ratledge Road
South of Lorewood Grove Road

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1880

Time Period: 1880-1940± Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Name: S. Boggs House

Tax Parcel: 1300700020

Description

The remnants of the S. Boggs House farmstead are located on the east side of Ratledge Road along the north side of a dirt lane that once provided access to the farmstead. The ca. 1860 farmhouse once sat at the end of this lane in a small group of trees. The house has been torn down in recent years, along with portions of some outbuildings. The remaining outbuildings have fallen into disrepair and are heavily overgrown at this point. The property contains a concrete block milkhouse, the remains of a wood frame collapsed barn with a concrete silo, a small wood frame powerhouse with attached steel windmill, a partially collapsed wood frame carriage house and wood frame equipment shed. These outbuildings retain much of their original fabric including cladding, windows and doors although most of the buildings are collapsed, and most of the windows and doors are broken or missing.

Historical Narrative

The S. Boggs House is not present on the 1849 Rea & Price historic atlas of the area. There are a number of other properties demarcated on this atlas, but none fall into the approximate area of the S. Boggs House. The 1868 Pomeroy & Beers and 1881 Hopkins atlas show a dwelling in the approximate location with the name 'S. Boggs.' The 1881 Hopkins also states that the property is 182 acres. The 1893 Baist atlas shows the name 'Eliason' with 182a. (acres) as well. Both the 1932 and 1962 aerial photographs of the farmstead show it much the same as the 1979 survey that was conducted on the property. It was between 1979 and 2005 that the dwelling was razed. Over that same time period the farmstead was no longer used for agricultural purposes and fell into its current state of disrepair.

National Register Evaluation

The remnants of the S. Boggs House were previously evaluated for eligibility in 1979 and were recommended not eligible as a Farm Complex. As part of this study, the property is being evaluated as an agricultural resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). The farm complex is the most historically persistent feature of the built environment within the APE, often with origins that begin as early as the eighteenth century. The farm consists of the farm complex (residence(s), barn(s), domestic and agricultural outbuildings and surrounding yard space, and gardens) located within a setting of land under agrarian use, including fields and meadows. Farm complexes in the study area would most likely be associated with field crop cultivation, dairy farming, horse breeding, and vegetable farming, and would have been constructed in the 1830-1880± and 1880-1940± time periods. The S. Boggs House has lost all integrity as a farm complex. The farmhouse and barn have been razed, and the remainder of the outbuildings are overgrown with vegetation and have fallen into a state of disrepair. The complex is no longer a working farm and the agricultural fields are no longer associated with this complex.

Due to a lack of historic significance and loss of integrity, the property is not eligible under National Register Criterion A in the area of agriculture and Criterion C in the area of architecture. The property has no known association with individuals of historical importance based on the research conducted for the U.S. 301 project; therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion B. The property does not appear to have the potential to yield information on farming practices or construction techniques and is not eligible under Criterion D. Due to the presence of ruins in the vicinity, should the U.S. 301 project have the potential to directly impact this property, it should be examined to confirm presence or absence of a historic archeological site.

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N05189. Photograph 1: View looking north. Photograph of the concrete silo with the remains of the original barn in the foreground. The barn remnants are heavily overgrown.



N05189. Photograph 2: View looking northwest. Photograph of the extant milkhouse. This concrete block structure was once connected to the barn which is no longer extant. The building is heavily overgrown with vegetation.

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N05189. Photograph 3: View looking north. Photograph showing the remains of the collapsed carriage house. The building is heavily overgrown and is in a state of disrepair.



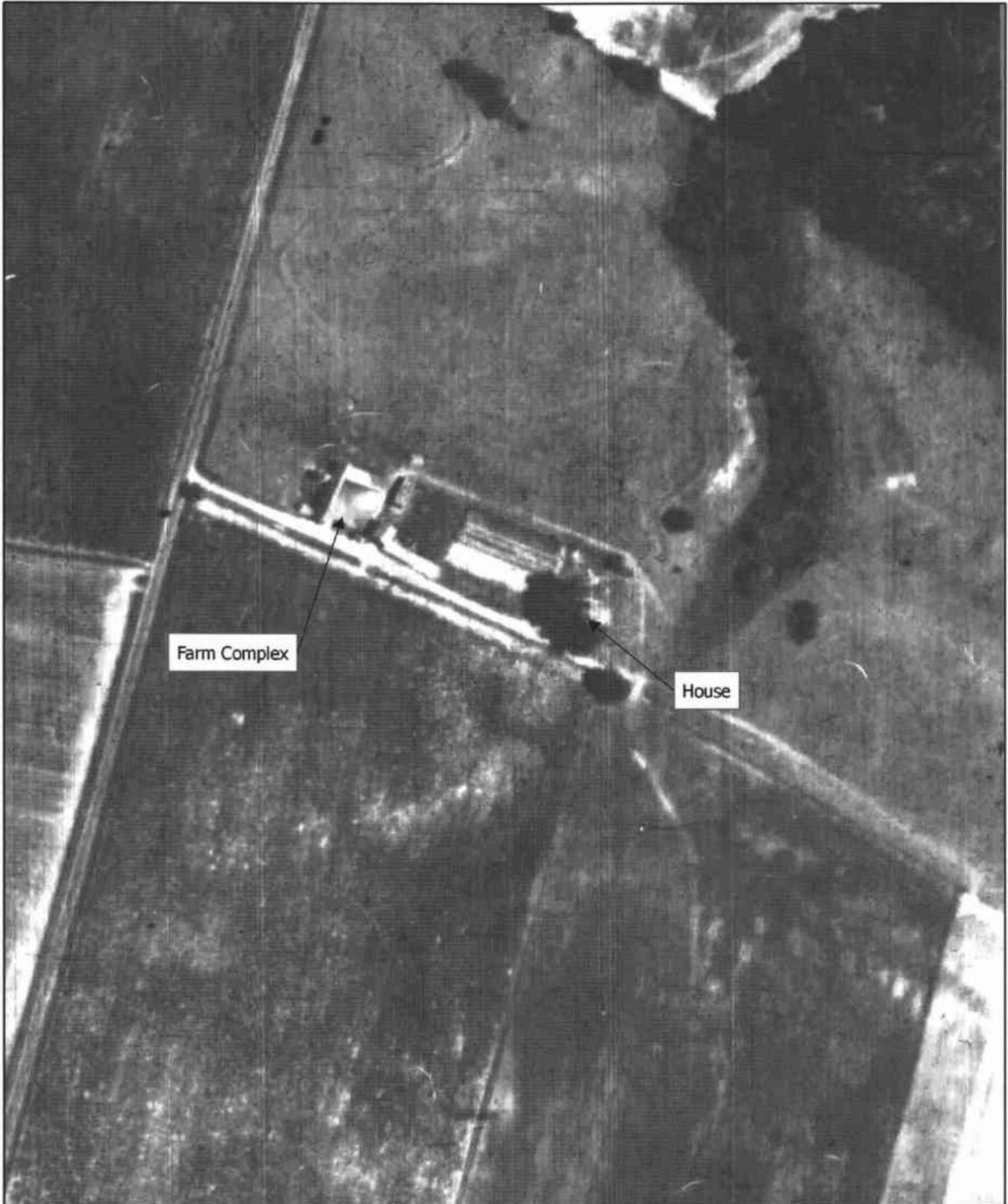
N05189. Photograph 4: View looking northeast. Photograph showing the remnants of the powerhouse/windmill. The windmill is no longer in working order and the powerhouse has fallen into disrepair. The building is heavily overgrown with vegetation.

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N05189. Photograph 5: View looking northwest. Photograph showing the remains of the equipment shed. This building is heavily overgrown with vegetation and has fallen into a state of disrepair.

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Farm Complex

House



U.S. 301 Project Development
1962 Aerial
S. Boggs House - CRS No. N05189





CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS

N05189.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: S. Boggs House (Beers 1868)
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: East Side of Ratledge Rd. 0.50 Miles South of Lorewood Grove Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished
4. INTEGRITY: Extant buildings are vacant/not in use. Two barns documented in previous survey are in ruins. Carriage house is partially collapsed.
5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Located along the north side of a dirt path. Site is overgrown. Surrounding agricultural fields are still under agricultural use.

6. FORMS ADDED:

| #: | Form: | List Property Types: |
|----|-------|---|
| 4 | CRS03 | Carriage house, Equipment shed, Milkhouse, Windmill |
| 1 | CRS05 | Silo |
| 1 | CRS09 | N/A |

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/17/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- Pre-European Contact
- Paleo-Indian
- Archaic
- Woodland I
- Woodland II
- 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- Piedmont
- Upper Peninsula
- Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- Coastal
- Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05189.01

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: East side Ratledge Road, 0.50 miles South of Lorewood Grove Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Equipment shed current Vacant/not in use

3. YEAR BUILT: 1930 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

| <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | | N/A |
| N/A | | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. N/A | | N/A |
| b. N/A | | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system **Frame**
- b. Number of stories **1**
- c. Wall coverings **Not visible**
- d. Foundation **Not visible**
- e. Roof
 - structural system **Gable, frame**
 - coverings **Corrugated metal**
 - openings **N/A**

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: **S**
 - 1) bays: **1**
 - 2) windows: **0**
 - 3) door(s): **Open**
 - 4) other: **N/A**

- b. Side: direction: W
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

- c. Side: direction: E
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

- d. Rear: direction: N
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Not accessible

b) Partition/walls Not accessible

c) Finishes Not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05189.02

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: E side Ratledge Rd., 0.50 miles S of Lorewood Grove Rd.
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Carriage house current Vacant/not in use
3. YEAR BUILT: 1880 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Open
5. INTEGRITY: original site moved
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | | N/A |
| N/A | | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. N/A | | N/A |
| b. N/A | | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system Frame
- b. Number of stories 2 - partially collapsed
- c. Wall coverings Wood planks
- d. Foundation Not visible
- e. Roof
structural system Gable front, frame
coverings Not visible
openings Not visible

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: S
- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): Sliding batten wood
- 4) other: N/A

- b. Side: direction: W
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

- c. Side: direction: E
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

- d. Rear: direction: N
 - 1) bays: Not visible
 - 2) windows: Not visible
 - 3) door(s): Not visible
 - 4) other: Not visible

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

- a) Floor plan Not accessible

- b) Partition/walls Not accessible

- c) Finishes Not accessible

- d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURE (BUILDING-LIKE) FORM

CRS # N05189.03

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: E side Ratledge Rd., 0.50 miles S of Lorewood Grove R.

2. FUNCTION: Power House w/ Windmill IN USE?

3. YEAR BUILT: 1900 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/PLAN: Square/side gabled

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with dates (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION (describe the structure as completely as possible):

a) Overall shape

height 6 feet; windmill = 30 feet

length N/A

width 5 feet; windmill = 4 feet

b) Structural system: Wood frame

c) Foundation: Concrete with dirt floors

d) Exterior covering: Wood clapboard

7. DESCRIPTION (cont'd):

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e) Openings (1) door-like opening on south elevation; door is missing; (1) window-like opening on east, west, and north elevations; sashes are missing

f) Other features: Metal windmill located to side of east elevation; windmill is in disrepair and partially overgrown



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N05189.04

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: E side Ratledge Rd., 0.50 miles S of Lorewood Grove Rd.

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Milkhouse current Vacant/not in use

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectilinear

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

| <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| N/A | | N/A |
| N/A | | N/A |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| a. N/A | | N/A |
| b. N/A | | N/A |

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system Side gabled with overhang on E elevation, concrete block
- b. Number of stories 1
- c. Wall coverings Concrete block
- d. Foundation Concrete block
- e. Roof
 - structural system Corrugated metal, side gabled, wood frame
 - coverings Corrugated metal
 - openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: S
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: 2, 2/2 hinged casement
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: E

- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 1, wood hinged
- 4) other: One bay overhang located on E elevation

d. Rear: direction: N

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: 2, 2/2 hinged casement
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Open

b) Partition/walls None

c) Finishes None

d) Furnishings/machinery Removed



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURE (BUILDING-LIKE) FORM

CRS # N05189.05

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: E side Ratledge Rd., 0.50 miles S of Lorewood Grove Rd.

2. FUNCTION: Silo with feed house IN USE?

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/PLAN: Open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

year

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with dates (if known)

year

a. cow barn attached to feed house

unk.

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION (describe the structure as completely as possible):

a) Overall shape Circular
 height 30 feet
 length N/A
 width 15 feet

b) Structural system: Not visible

c) Foundation: Not visible

d) Exterior covering: Cement stave with metal rings

7. DESCRIPTION (cont'd):

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e) Openings **N/A**

f) Other features **Ladder on west, feed shoot on east, attached feed house with standing seam metal roof, collapsed cow barn attached to feed house at one time**



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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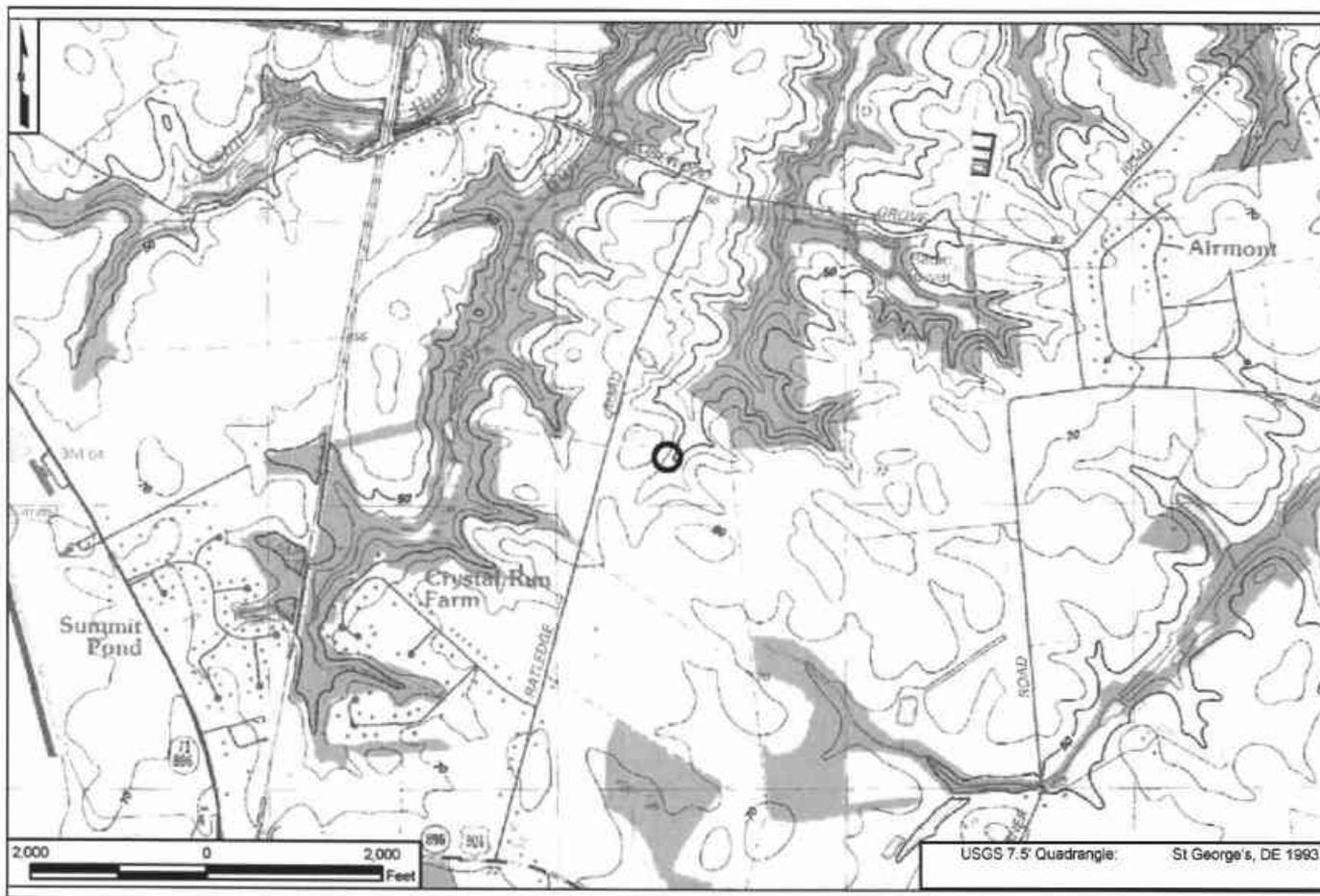
1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: East Side of Ratledge Rd. 0.60 Miles South of Lorewood Grove Rd

2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:

