DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS #	K-7353
SPO Map	12-13-19
Hundred	South Murderkill
Quad	Frederica
Other	

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Appel's Marine Sales and Service

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7798 Bay Road, SR 1, Kent County

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐ landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Marine Outboard Service Shop

6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	retail/service shop
1	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	storage buildings
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	
0	CRS 7 Object Form	
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature:

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS: CRS# K-7353

Property was demolished before this project was over (February 2004).

10. 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

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
- ☐ 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

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7798 Bay Road, SR 1, Kent County

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Marine Sales & Service current Same

3. YEAR BUILT: 1960 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN:

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where other location's CRS # year

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

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)

a. Overall shape: Rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: Large rear storage building (see secondary building form)

b Structural system (if known):

c. Foundation: materials:
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☒

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Concrete/form stone

e. Roof: shape: Gable
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Vinyl
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: W
1) Bays 4
2) Windows 2
fenestration Irregular
type Storefront window
trim n/a
shutters n/a

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 2
   - location Off center
   - type Single-leaf, pedestrian
   - trim n/a

4) Porch(es) n/a

b. Side: Direction: S

1) Bays 2
2) Windows 2
   - fenestration Regular
   - type 1/1 double hung, sash
   - trim n/a
   - shutters n/a

3) Door(s) n/a
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a

4) Porch(es) n/a

c. Side: Direction: N

1) Bays 2
2) Windows
   - fenestration Regular
   - type 1/1 double hung, sash
   - trim n/a
   - shutters n/a

3) Door(s) n/a
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a

4) Porch(es) n/a

d. Rear: Direction: E

1) Bays Not visible
2) Windows Not visible
   - fenestration Not visible
   - type Not visible
   - trim Not visible
   - shutters Not visible

3) Door(s) Not visible
   - location Not visible
   - type Not visible
   - trim Not visible

4) Porch(es) Not visible

9. INTERIOR:

10. LANDSCAPING:

11. OTHER COMMENTS:

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7798 Bay Road; SR 1, Kent County

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Storage building current Storage building

3. YEAR BUILT: 1970 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Vernacular, rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

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

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

   a.

   b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

   a. Structural system Prefabricated

   b. Number of stories 1

   c. Wall coverings Vertical wood siding

   d. Foundation n/a

   e. Roof
      structural system Unknown
      coverings Asphalt shingles
      openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

   a. Facade: direction: E
      1) bays: 2
      2) windows: n/a
      3) door(s): 2 garage bays
      4) other: n/a

b. **Side: direction:** S
   1) **bays:** Not visible
   2) **windows:** Not visible
   3) **door(s):** Not visible
   4) **other:** n/a

c. **Side: direction:** N
   1) **bays:** Not visible
   2) **windows:** Not visible
   3) **door(s):** Not visible
   4) **other:** n/a

d. **Rear: direction:** W
   1) **bays:** Not visible
   2) **windows:** Not visible
   3) **door(s):** Not visible
   4) **other:** Note: Secondary buildings (5) were located behind high metal fencing at the time of survey; and only limited views were possible. Please see attached narrative for additional information. The site plan was reconstructed using aerial photographs.

9. **INTERIOR (if accessible):**

a) Floor plan n/a

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** 7798 Bay Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

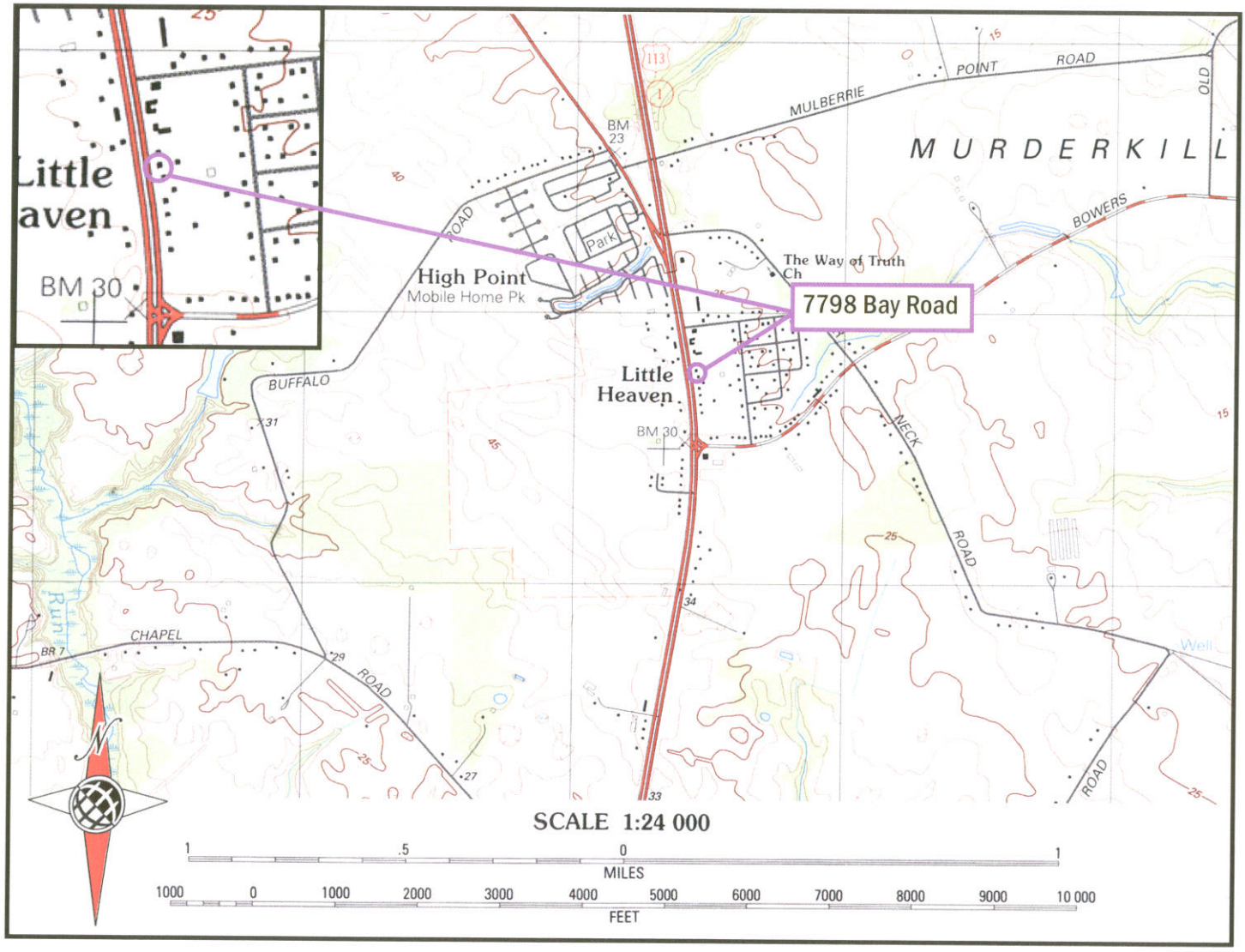
2. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION** ☐ **reason:** _____

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)

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



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4. SITE PLAN:

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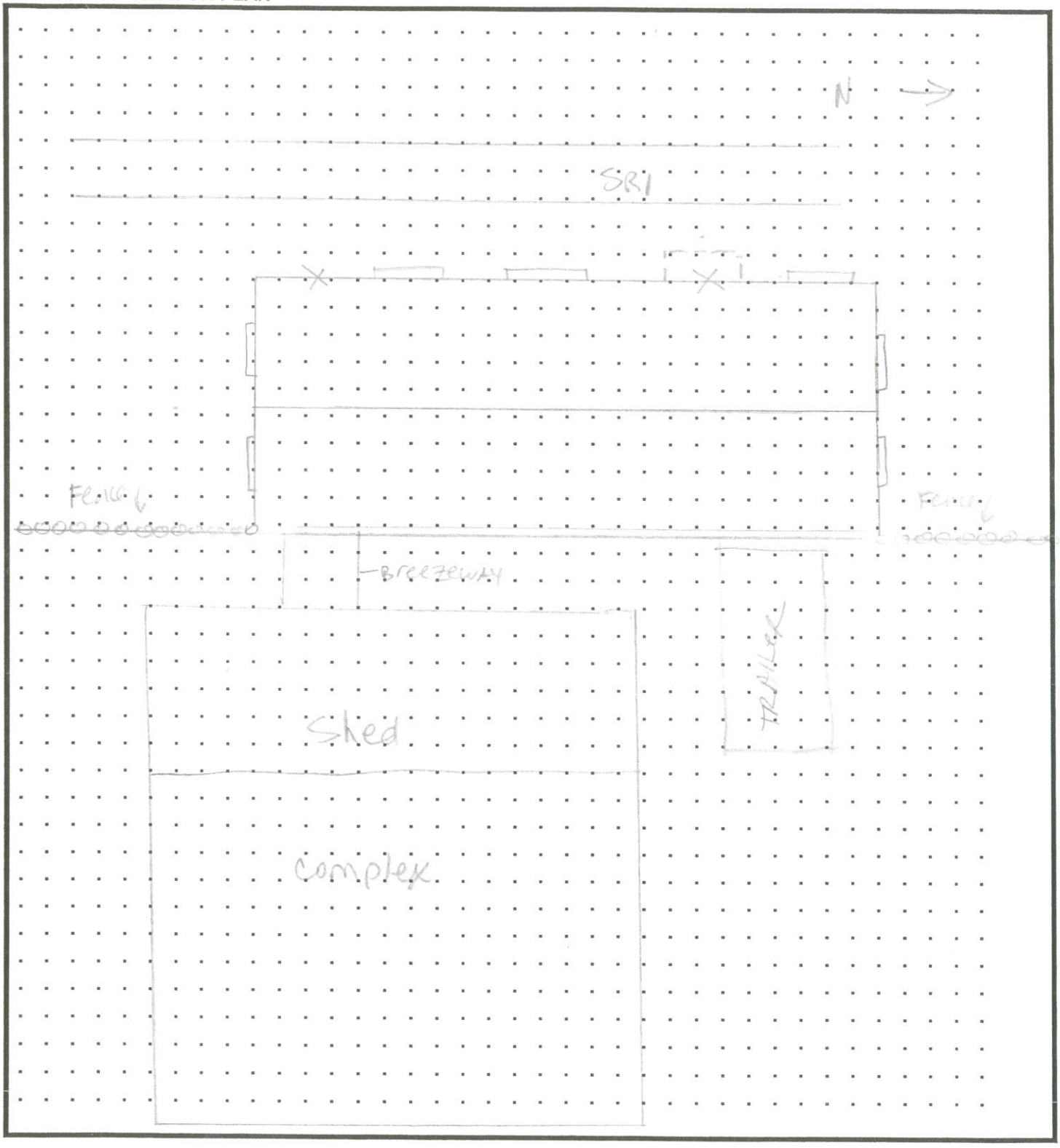

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CRS #K-7353
Appel Marine Property

General Description. The Appel Marine Property is located at 7798 Bay Road (SR 1) on the east side of the road. The property currently houses Appel's Marine Sales and Service, and consists of a main commercial building constructed ca. 1960, a modern storage shed complex, and a modern trailer. An asphalt-paved parking lot surrounds the main building to the south, west, and north, and a grassy yard surrounds the main building and other buildings/structures to the east. The parking lot provides access to the main building from SR 1. The property is in good condition.

Main Building. The main building is a single-story, vernacular commercial building with a side gable roof. The entire exterior of the building is clad in form stone. Window openings in the building contain large, single-light picture windows and replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. A small, partially enclosed structure consisting of side walls and a roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting frames the main entrance in the façade (west elevation). The building's roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and a large, square sign attached to a metal frame projects from the south end of the front (west) slope. A small cinder block chimney is attached to the north end of the rear elevation. A sign for Appel's Marine Sales and Service extends across the top of the façade.

The façade of the building consists of five bays, including two pedestrian entrances and three window openings. The entrance in the southernmost bay is covered with plywood that is painted with a sign for Appel's Marine Sales and Service. The next two bays to the north each contain a large, single-light, storefront window. The fourth bay from the southern end of the elevation contains the main entrance, consisting of a partially enclosed entry porch and a single-leaf door. The northernmost bay contains a storefront window identical to the others.

The north and south elevations of the building are identical, and consists of two equally spaced window openings each. The openings contain replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows.

The east elevation, which is attached via a breezeway to storage sheds located immediately adjacent to the main building, is partially obscured by the storage buildings and by a heavy metal fence. Only limited views of these storage buildings and a trailer were possible during the survey. The site plan was reconstructed using aerial photographs.

Shed Cluster. There is a cluster of sheds to the east of the main building. The first shed is a small, modern, single-story, prefabricated structure situated directly east of the main building. The exterior of the shed is clad in aluminum sheeting, and the entrance is located in the west elevation. The second shed is a much larger, modern, single-story, pre-fabricated building located immediately east of the smaller shed. The walls appear to be clad in vertical wood siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A

pedestrian entrance is located in the west elevation, and is surrounded by a wood entry enclosure consisting of plywood side walls and a plywood shed roof. Window openings are located in the south elevation, and there are two garage bays in the east elevation.

Trailer. The trailer is a modern, single-story building located immediately east of the north end of the main building. Since only one elevation could be photographed, no secondary building form was completed for this property.

Historical Background. On March 10, 1947, Richard Groeschen and his wife, Barbara Groeschen, sold this property containing 45,000.0 square feet to Oscar Webb for $400 (KCDB A18: 14). On April 3, 1953, Listen H. Webb, a trustee for Oscar Webb, sold the property containing 45,000.0 square feet to Coluson Service Inc. for $7,000. Oscar was considered clinically insane, and Listen was appointed by the court to oversee the estate (KCDB Y19: 238). On April 29, 1957, Coluson Service Inc. sold the property containing 45,000.0 square feet to John C. Thornton and his wife, Mary M. Thornton, for $8,000 (KCDB M21: 213). On March 1963, a Writ of Levari Facias was issued, wherein the Delaware Trust Company foreclosed John C. and Mary M. Thornton's property. The property containing 45,000.0 square feet was than sold to the highest bidder by the Sheriff of Kent County.

On March 7, 1963, Harry Greenberg and his wife, Gertrude E. Greenberg, purchased the property for $7,500 (KCDB E23: 208). On May 28, 1965, Harry and Gertrude E. Greenberg sold the property containing 45,000.0 square feet to Gilbert Merovitz and his wife, Elfriede Merovitz, for $10,000 (KCDB A24: 13). On March 24, 1971, Gilbert and Elfriede Merovitz sold the property to Chas. F. Smith's Son Inc., an Ohio corporation, for $15,000 (KCDB B27: 280). On March 26, 1974, Chas. F. Smith's Son Inc. sold the property containing 45,000.0 square feet to Delaware Outdoor Co. for $27,000 (KCDB D29: 522). On March 18, 1982, Delaware Outdoor Co. sold the property to Frank E. Appel and his wife, Florence H. Appel, for $65,000 (KCDB W36: 18).

Evaluation. The Appel Marine Property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). The resource was an example of an altered, mid-twentieth-century property within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retained integrity of location and setting but lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and is unable to convey its historical or architectural significance. It is not a good historic example of a commercial property. As of February 2004, this property was demolished.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between this property and significant events or trends. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for this reason. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The property does display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value;

therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

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