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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS #	K-7359
SPO Map	12-13-19
Hundred	South Murderkill
Quad	Frederica
Other	

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Conley Property/Residence

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 97 Bowers Beach Road; North Side of Road

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

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

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residence

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	dwelling
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	
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:

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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: 97 Bowers Beach Road; North Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residence current Residence

3. YEAR BUILT: 1945 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Cottage/Colonial Revival

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: 1-1 1/2
Additions: Rear, one-story

b Structural system (if known): Frame

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

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Aluminum

e. Roof: shape: Side gable
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: n/a
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): Interior, off center

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: S
1) Bays 3 (symmetrical plan)
2) Windows
fenestration regular
type 1/1, paired; double hung
trim vinyl
shutters screw on

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 1
   - location off center
   - type single leaf
   - trim aluminum

4) Porch(es) small entry porch, gabled roof

b. Side: Direction: W

1) Bays 3
2) Windows 3
   - fenestration irregular
   - type 2 paired, 1 single; double hung
   - trim vinyl
   - 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: E

1) Bays 2
2) Windows
   - fenestration 2 on 1st floor, 1 on 2nd floor (attic); 1/1; irregular
   - type double hung sash
   - trim vinyl
   - 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: N

1) Bays 2
2) Windows
   - fenestration (hidden by porch)
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) (hidden by porch)
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
4) Porch(es) Enclosed porch with continuous windows, all 1/1, 6 windows total on porch, one window on house wall

9. INTERIOR:

10. LANDSCAPING: Grassy lawn in front of house, some low shrubs to east

11. OTHER COMMENTS:

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** 97 Bowers Beach 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)

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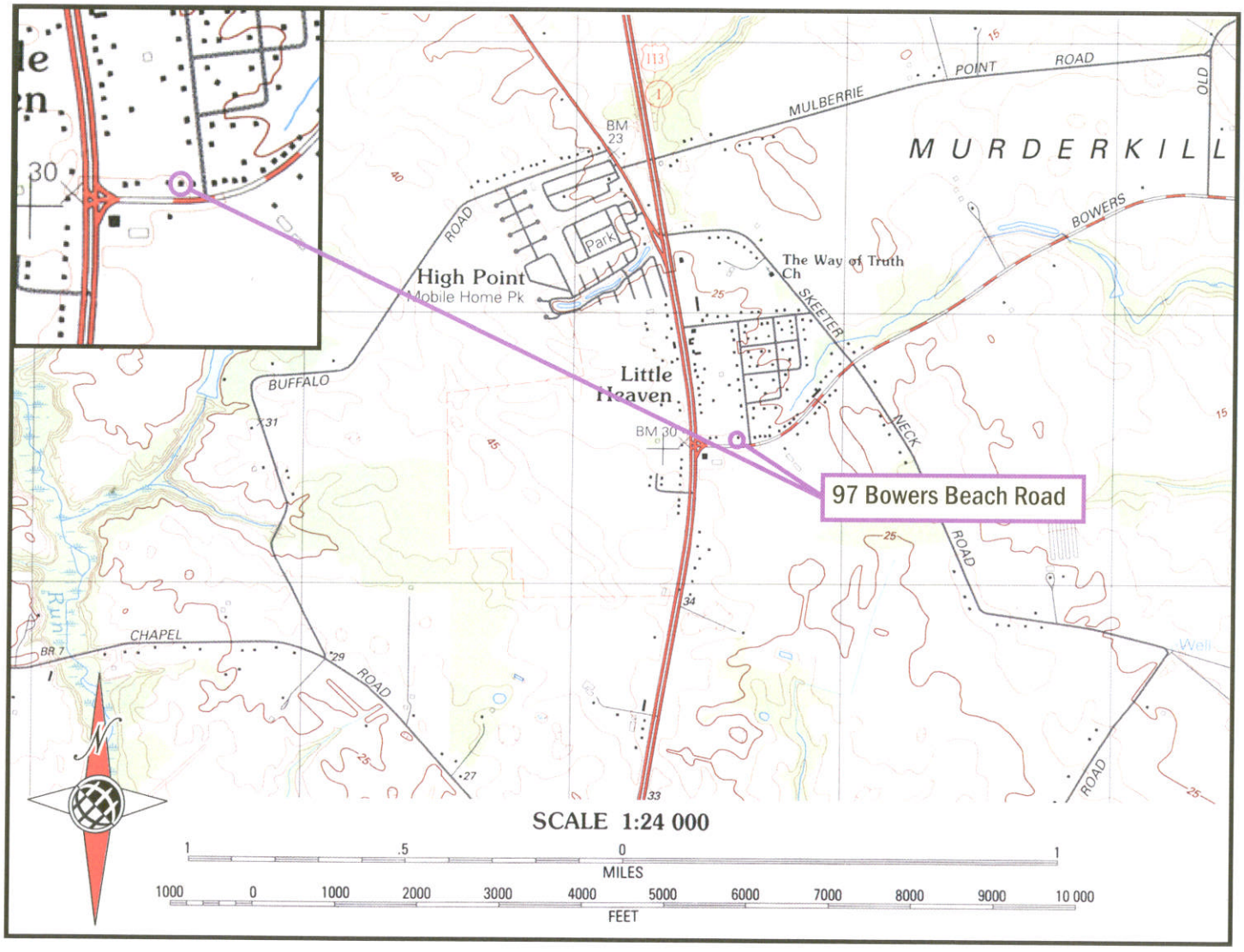

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4. SITE PLAN:

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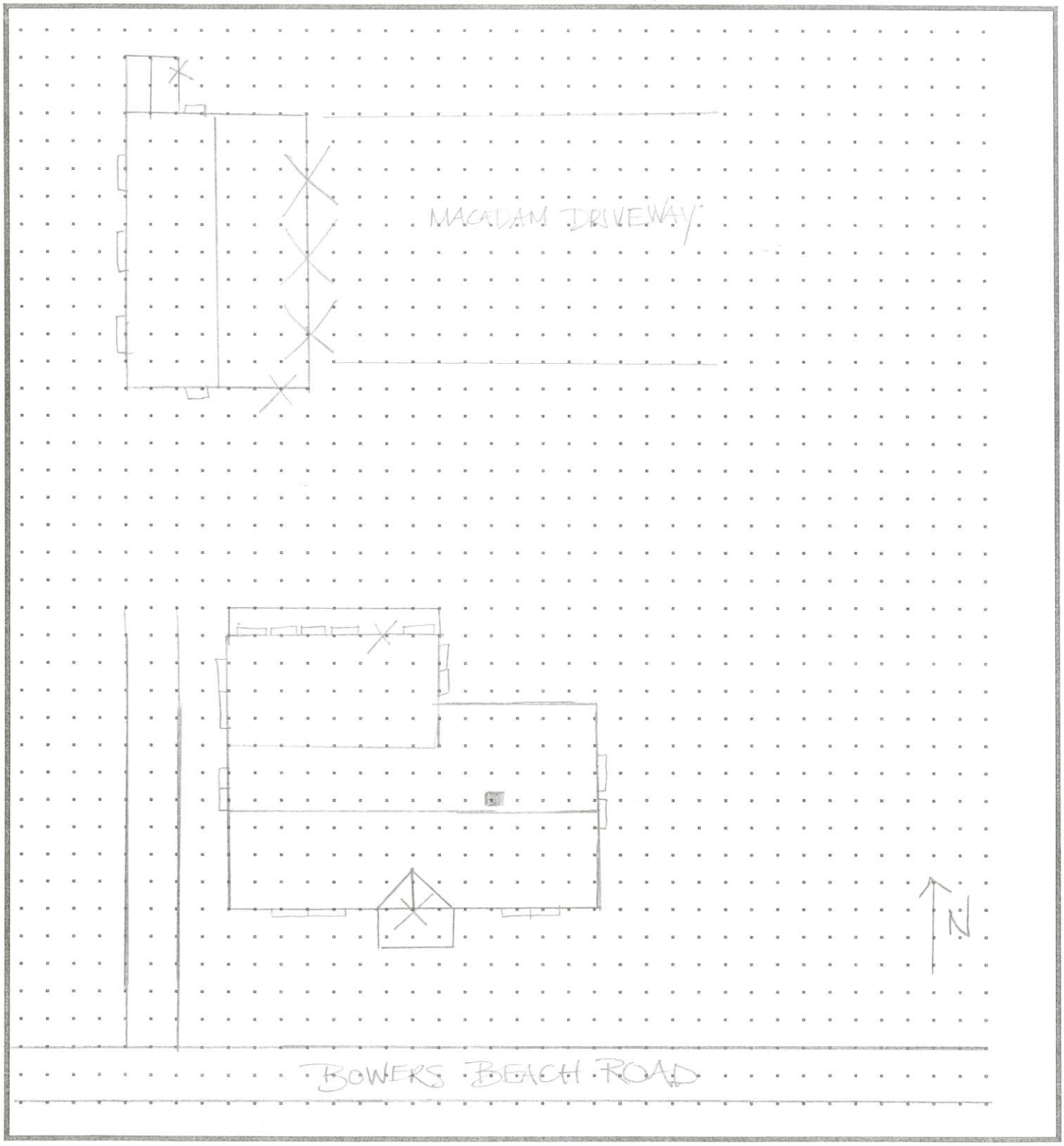

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Conley Property

General Description. The Conley Property is located at number 97 on the north side of Bowers Beach Road in Kent County, Delaware. The property includes a one-story dwelling (ca. 1945) which is located on the east side of a gravel driveway that leads north from Bowers Beach Road. Overall, the resource is in good condition. Although there is a garage nearby, it is located on another property and is not included in this description.

Main Building. The one-story, three-bay dwelling house (ca. 1945) is reminiscent of forms of the Cape Cod cottage, although the dwelling lacks architectural details of the Colonial Revival style. The walls of the frame dwelling are clad in aluminum siding and rest on a concrete block foundation. Attached to the rear of the dwelling is a one-story mud porch. Emerging from the north slope of the asphalt shingle clad roof is a brick interior chimney.

The façade (south elevation) is three bays in width and features a central gable front portico that shelters the central entrance door. The simple single-leaf door is accessed via brick encased stairs. The door is flanked by paired one-over-one double-hung vinyl windows. Imitation vinyl shutters adorn the windows of the façade of the other elevations of the main block.

At the west elevation, there is a paired window in the first story of the main block and a paired window in the first story of the rear addition. In the gable of the west elevation is a one-over-one double-hung window that lacks shutters.

The one-story mud porch attached to the western end of the north elevation features bands of windows at the east, north, and west elevations and an entrance door at the north elevation. A singular one-over-one double-hung sash window is located to the east of the mud porch addition.

The east elevation features two one-over-one double-hung sash windows. One is smaller in size, indicating the presence of a bathroom at this end of the dwelling. Small two-light windows pierce the foundation level at this elevation and there is a one-over-one double-hung window at the attic level.

Historical Background. The building located at 97 Bowers Beach Road in Little Heaven dates from ca. 1945. On June 2, 1930, the Associated Reality Corporation sold the property containing 27,104.0 square feet to Charles W. Baker (KCDB V13: 20). On May 29, 1947, Charles W. Baker, and his wife Lida Mae Baker, sold the property containing 27,104.0 square feet to Wilson Conley and his wife, Hazel M. Conley, for $700 (KCDB B18: 49). On January 4, 1954, Wilson Conley sold the property containing 27,104.0 square feet to Ralph Blades, and his wife Rebecca Blades, for $1,800. Rebecca Blades died on February 13, 1989, leaving sole procession of the property to Ralph (KCDB G20: 483), and on March 12, 1990, the ownership was transferred to Ralph Blades (KCDB

Z47: 21). On March 24, 1993, the property containing 27,104.0 square feet was conveyed to James Stolinski and his wife, Sharon Lee Stolinski (KCDB V52: 90).

Evaluation. The Conley Property at 97 Bowers Beach Road 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). While the Conley Property retains a dwelling house representative of mid-twentieth-century residential architecture, property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the Conley Property and significant events or trends in local, state, or national history. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The dwelling house does not 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 in the area of architecture. 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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