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

# CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
# PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7365
SPO Map 12-13-18
Hundred South Murderkill
Quad Frederica
Other

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Elfreth Property; Residences

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7274 and 7308 Bay Road, Kent County, East 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: Residential

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

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

| #: | Form: | List property types: |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | CRS 2 Main Building Form | |
| 2 | CRS 3 Secondary Building Form | small residences |
| 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
# SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7274 Bay Road; East Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residence/cabin current Residence

3. YEAR BUILT: 1958 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Side-gable building

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 Each has an off center, interior, chimney covered with cement

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Split logs, vertical

d. Foundation Cement

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

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: W
1) bays: 3
2) windows: 2 - 1/1 and a picture window
3) door(s): 1 - near center
4) other: Simple small wood entry porch on front

b. **Side: direction:** S
   1) **bays:** 2
   2) **windows:** 2 - 2/2 double hung
   3) **door(s):** n/a
   4) **other:** n/a

c. **Side: direction:** N
   1) **bays:** 2
   2) **windows:** 2 - 1/1 double hung
   3) **door(s):** n/a
   4) **other:** n/a

d. **Rear: direction:** E
   1) **bays:** 3
   2) **windows:** 2 - 1/1 double hung
   3) **door(s):** 1 - single leaf
   4) **other:** Small entry porch

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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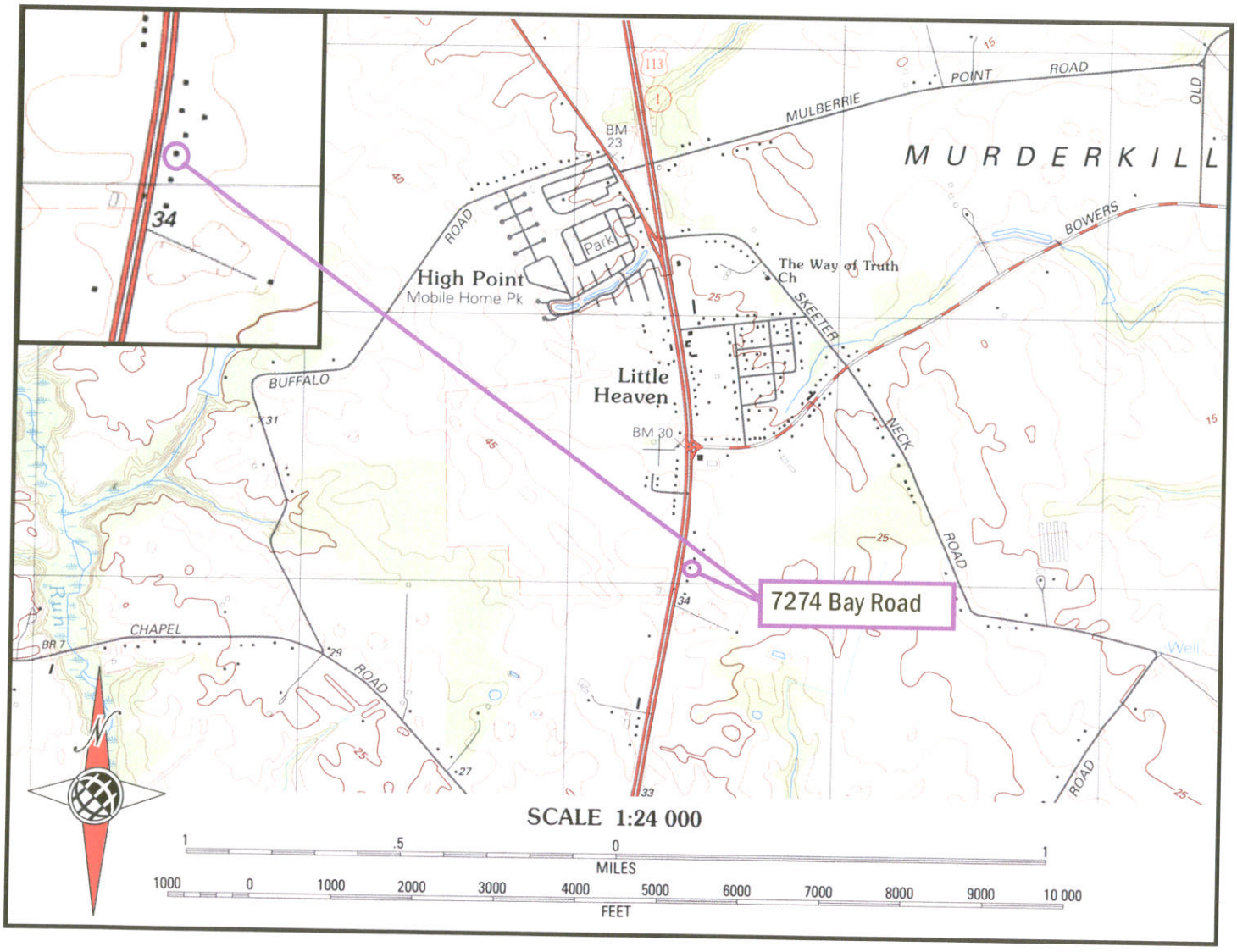
3. **LOCATION MAP:**

**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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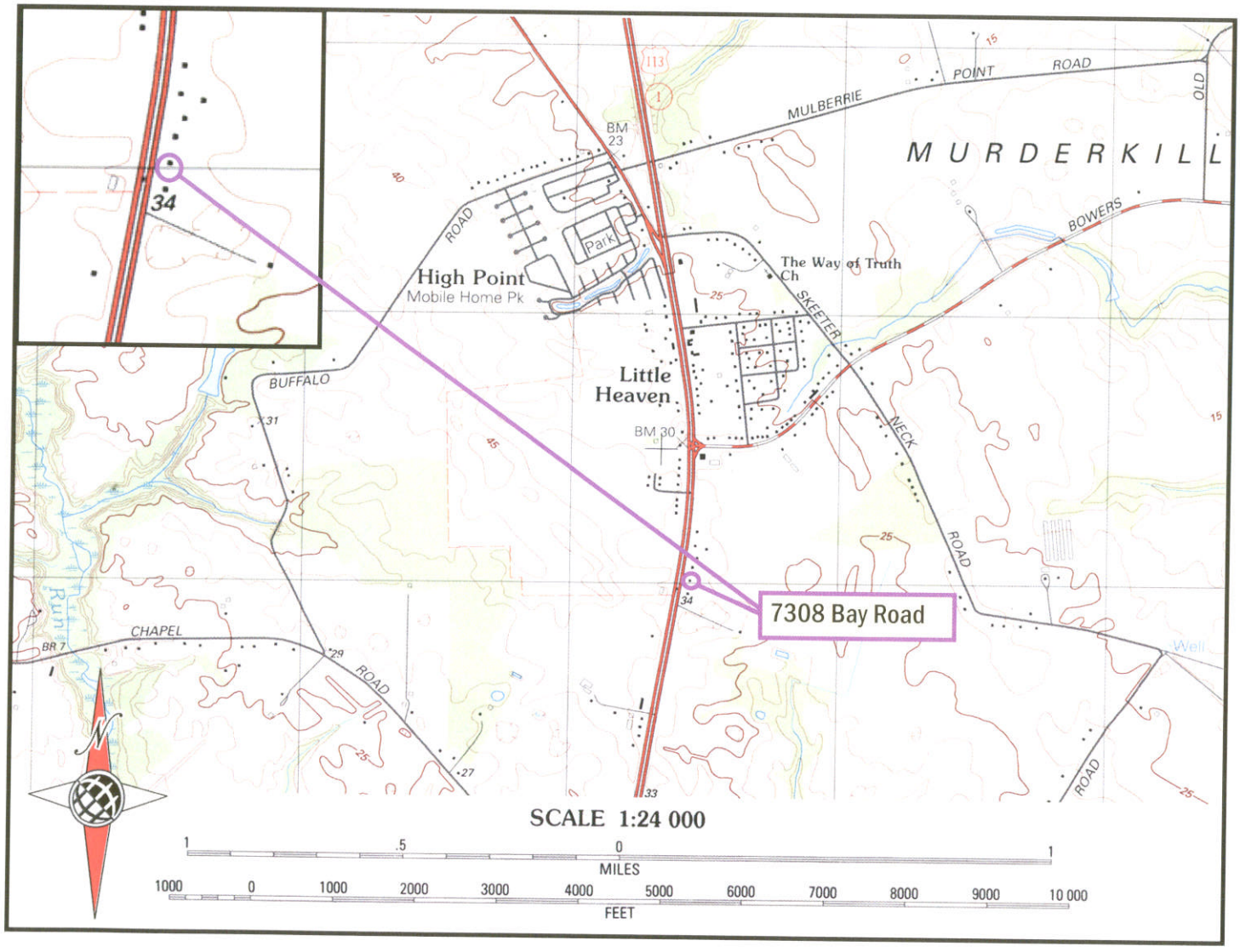




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4. SITE PLAN:

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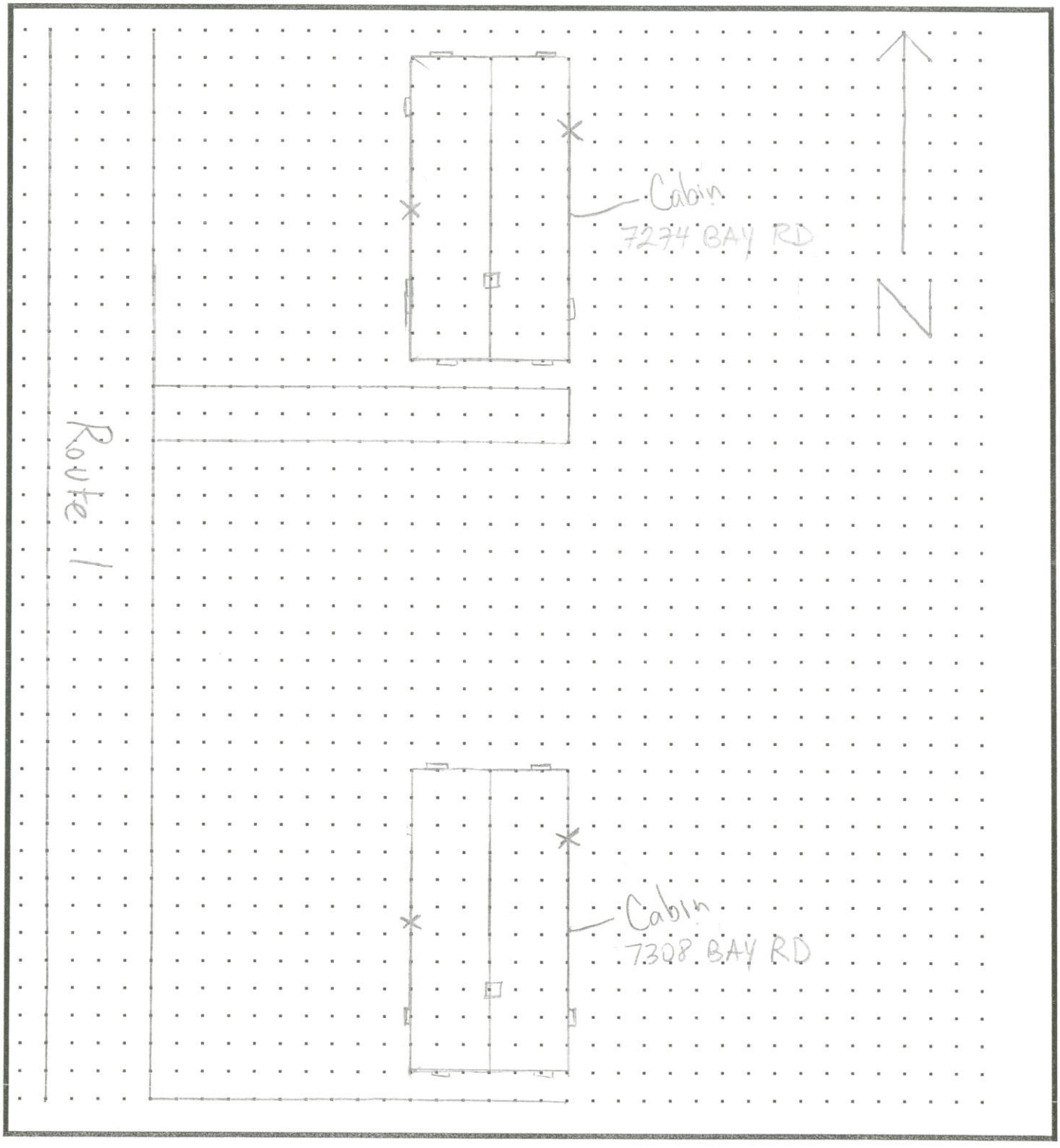


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**CRS #K-7365**
**Elfreth Property**

**General Description.** The Elfreth Property is located on the east side of SR 1, and includes 7308 and 7274 Bay Road. The property consists of two small dwellings constructed in the mid-twentieth century (ca. 1957-58). A large, grassy yard surrounds the property to the north, south, and west. A small grassy yard and a cultivated agricultural field are located to the immediate east. Gravel driveways provide vehicular access to both dwellings from SR 1, and concrete walkways provide access from the driveways to the main entrances of the dwellings. The property appears to be in fair condition. Since the primary building on this property (historically) was a gas station/store on the adjacent property, both these residences are recorded as secondary buildings on the CRS forms.

**Dwellings.** Both dwellings are single-story, light timber frame, side gable, vernacular residences. They rest upon concrete block foundations. The exteriors of the dwellings are clad in vertically oriented, split logs, except in the gable ends, where flat, vertical boards are used. Most window openings contain replacement one-over-one, double-hung sash windows, with the exceptions of the picture windows in both facades. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves overhang the east and west elevations, and rafter ends are visible under the eaves. Simple wood fascia boards line the perimeters of both roofs. A small, cinderblock chimney protrudes from the rear (eastern) roof slope of each dwelling.

**7308 Bay Road.** The façade (west elevation) of this dwelling consists of three bays, including a central entrance and two window openings. The entrance contains a single-leaf door. Three concrete steps with a metal railing provide access to the entrance. The bay to the south of the entrance contains a bay window opening consisting of a central light flanked by one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The bay to the north of the entrance contains a replacement, vinyl, eight-over-eight, double-hung sash window.

The north and south elevations of the dwelling are nearly identical. They each consist of two bays containing replacement, vinyl, eight-over-eight, double-hung sash windows. Small, wood, louvered vents are located at the apexes of both gable ends.

The east elevation consists of two bays, including an entrance near the southern end of the elevation, and a window opening at the northern end. The entrance contains a replacement, single-leaf, multi-light door, and is accessed by three concrete steps. A short concrete walkway extends from the steps into the yard. The window opening in the east elevation contains a replacement, vinyl, eight-over-eight, double-hung sash window. Short sections of fencing extend diagonally from the southeast and northeast corners of the dwelling, helping to define the backyard area.

**7274 Bay Road.** The façade (west elevation) of this dwelling consists of three bays, including a central entrance and two window openings. The entrance contains a replacement, single-leaf, multi-light door. A small, modern, wood entry porch with wood

steps and a simple wood railing provides access to the entrance. The bay to the south of the entrance contains a bay window opening consisting of a multi-light central section flanked by one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The bay to the north of the entrance contains a replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash window.

The north and south elevations each consist of two bays containing replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. Unlike 7308 Bay Road, there are no vents in the gable ends of this dwelling.

The east elevation consists of three bays, including an entrance and window opening near the southern end of the elevation, and a window opening at the northern end. The entrance contains a replacement, single-leaf, multi-light door, and is accessed by a wood entry porch similar to that attached to the façade. Both window openings contain replacement, vinyl, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. A concrete walkway extends from the entrance into the backyard.

**Historical Background.** The original property was a combination of three farms: Grier Farm, Vickory Farm, and Barrett Farm (KCDB M7: 64). On March 5, 1867, Thomas Vickory, owner of Barrett Farm and Vickory Farm, left the farms to Sarah Ann Cahall, his daughter and also the wife of Thomas V. Cahall M.D., as part of his will. Sarah Ann Cahall died on April 29, 1881, conveying the two farms to Thomas V. Cahall, M.D. Thomas V. Cahall, M.D. died on July 15, 1885, conveying the three farms to his son Thomas Cahall. On November 9, 1951, Thomas Cahall and his wife, Mare Cahall, sold the property containing 15.11 acres to Samuel C. Allen for $57, 500. In his will, Samuel C. Allen conveyed 15.11 acres to Elizabeth R. Allen, Susan Allen, and Emily Allen Elferth on November 9, 1951.

Elizabeth R. Allen and Susan Allen both died in 1956, leaving Emily Allen Elfreth as the sole owner of the property (KCDB M19: 81). On February 2, 1957, Emily conveyed the property to Leonard Elfreth and his wife Jane L. Elfreth, who built the two buildings ca. 1958, and who are the present-day owners of the property (KCDB L21: 580). Although these two buildings resemble "tourist cabins" look due to the small size and "rustic" log siding, no documented information could be found to support this.

**Evaluation.** The Elfreth Property, consisting of two small dwellings, 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 is an example of an altered, mid-twentieth-century property (containing two residences) within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retains 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.

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 not recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The property 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. 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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