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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS #	K-7374
SPO Map	12-13-19
Hundred	South Murderkill
Quad	Frederica
Other	

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: F. Wilkins Property/Residence

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3040 Skeeter Neck Road, North Side of SR 1

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	House
1	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	Shed
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	
0	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald and Christine Tate

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature:

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

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS: CRS# K-7374

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

4. SITE PLAN:

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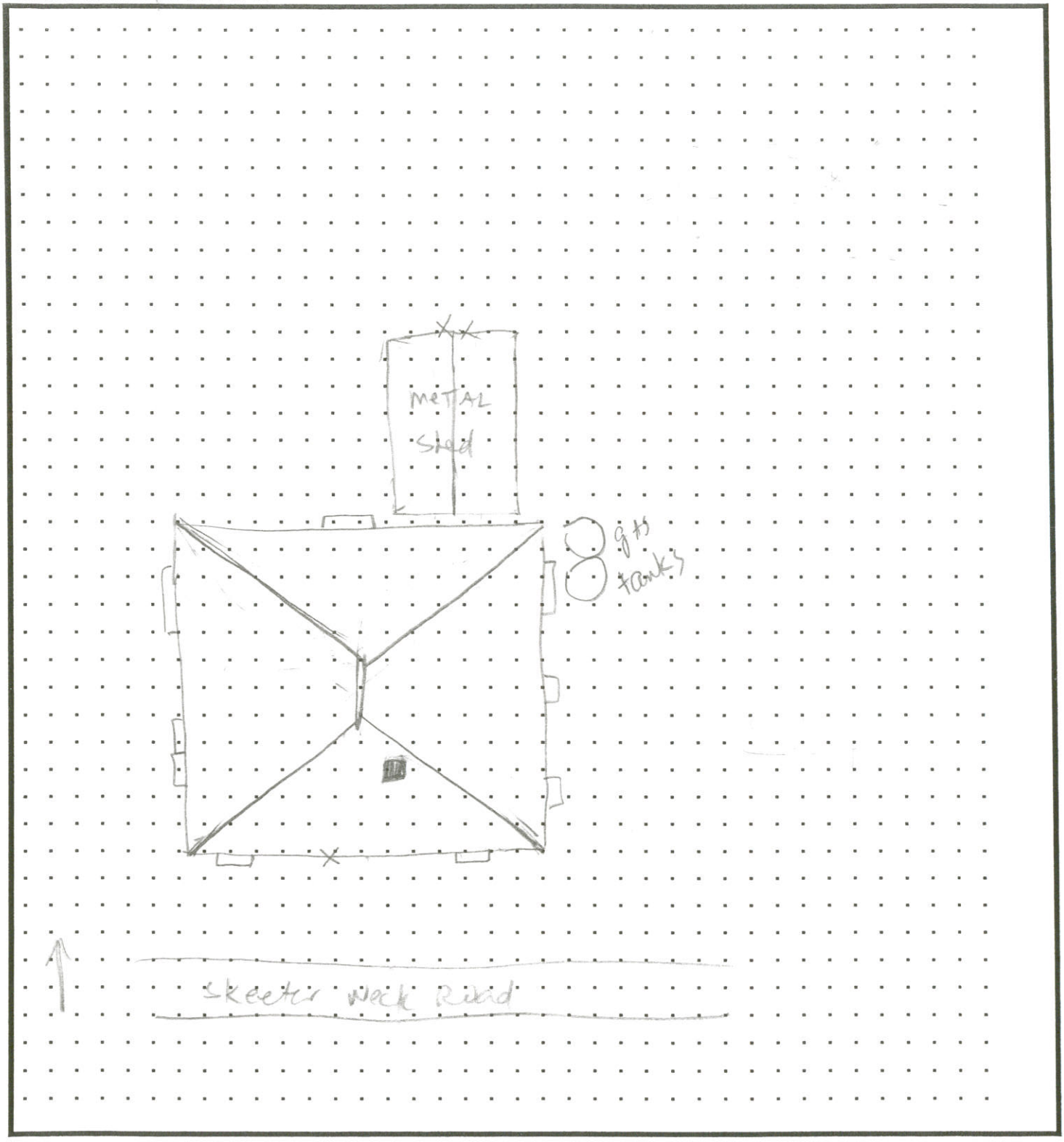
INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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F. Wilkins Property

Dwelling. This early-twentieth-century vernacular dwelling stands on the north side of Skeeter Neck Road and on the far southeastern corner of its lot. The structure has clearly been converted from an outbuilding into a dwelling. It was most likely originally a large garage, one high and wide enough for commercial vehicles. A chimney has been inserted into the steeply-pitched hipped roof and the entire western wall has been filled in with plain concrete block, while the other walls are constructed of rusticated block. The windows are modern vinyl replacements and the presence of plain block around the window openings on the eastern elevation indicates that the sizes of those openings have been modified, perhaps more than once. The three-light hollow-core front door on the façade (southern elevation) appears to date from the mid-twentieth-century, while the three original rusticated walls are more consistent with the post-World War I era, and the windows are new.

Tool shed. At the northeast corner of the house, almost touching its rear wall, is a prefabricated tool shed resting on a wood-slat foundation. The walls and roof are standing seam metal, most of which is quite rusty. The gable-end façade (northern elevation) has a pair of hinged doors; the other elevations are blind.

Historical Background. On November 28, 1925, Arley B. Magee sold the property to the Associated Realty Corporation for an unknown price (KCDB V13: 20). On June 2, 1930, the Associated Realty Corporation sold the property containing 48.0 acres along with "...all that certain tract, piece, or parcel of land and premises...and the dwelling house, stables, and out buildings" to Edward and Ilertdine Hodgson for $6,100 (KCDN V13: 187). On September 22, 1954, Edward and Ilertdine Hodgson conveyed the property containing 40.0 acres to Myra H. McIlvaine (KCDB P20: 191). On September 22, 1954, Myra H McIlvaine conveyed the property to Edwards Hodgson (KCDB P20: 193). On May 6, 1960, Edward and Hattie Hodgson conveyed the property along "...with the improvements thereon erected" to Myra McIlvaine (KCDB H22: 524). On May 6, 1960, Myra McIlvaine conveyed the property along with "...the improvements thereon erected" to Edward and Hattie Hodgson (KCDB H22: 525). On April 6, 1970, Edward and Hattie Hodgson sold the property to Franklin and Lulu Wilkins under the name of Wilkins Realty for $3,300 (KCDB H26: 52). On April 22, 1992, Franklin and Lulu Wilkins conveyed the property to Franklin Wilkins (KCDB H51: 260). A CRS survey form (K-2722) was completed in the early 1980s for an adjacent property to the west; and it is possible that this building was somehow associated with that property, but the buildings surveyed for K-2722 are no longer standing. The current property owner of 3040 Skeeter Neck Road was not available after several field visits for questioning about the history of his residence.

Evaluation. The F. Wilkins 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). It does not possess all of the necessary qualities necessary to be considered a significant individual dwelling. The resource is an example of a highly-altered, twentieth-century outbuilding converted into a residence within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retains integrity of location, but lacks integrity of setting, design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and is unable to convey its historical or architectural

significance. Most importantly, the building which now serves as a residence was probably part of a larger complex in the past, but all the other buildings are no longer standing. The only associated building there today is a modern prefabricated metal shed.

Property-specific and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the F. Wilkins 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 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.

Bibliography

Kent County Recorder of Deeds (KCDB)
Kent County Deed Books, Kent County Courthouse, Dover, Delaware.

National Park Service (NPS)
1997 *National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

CRS # K-2722, on file, DE-SHPO, Dover, Delaware.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** North Side of Skeeter Neck Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

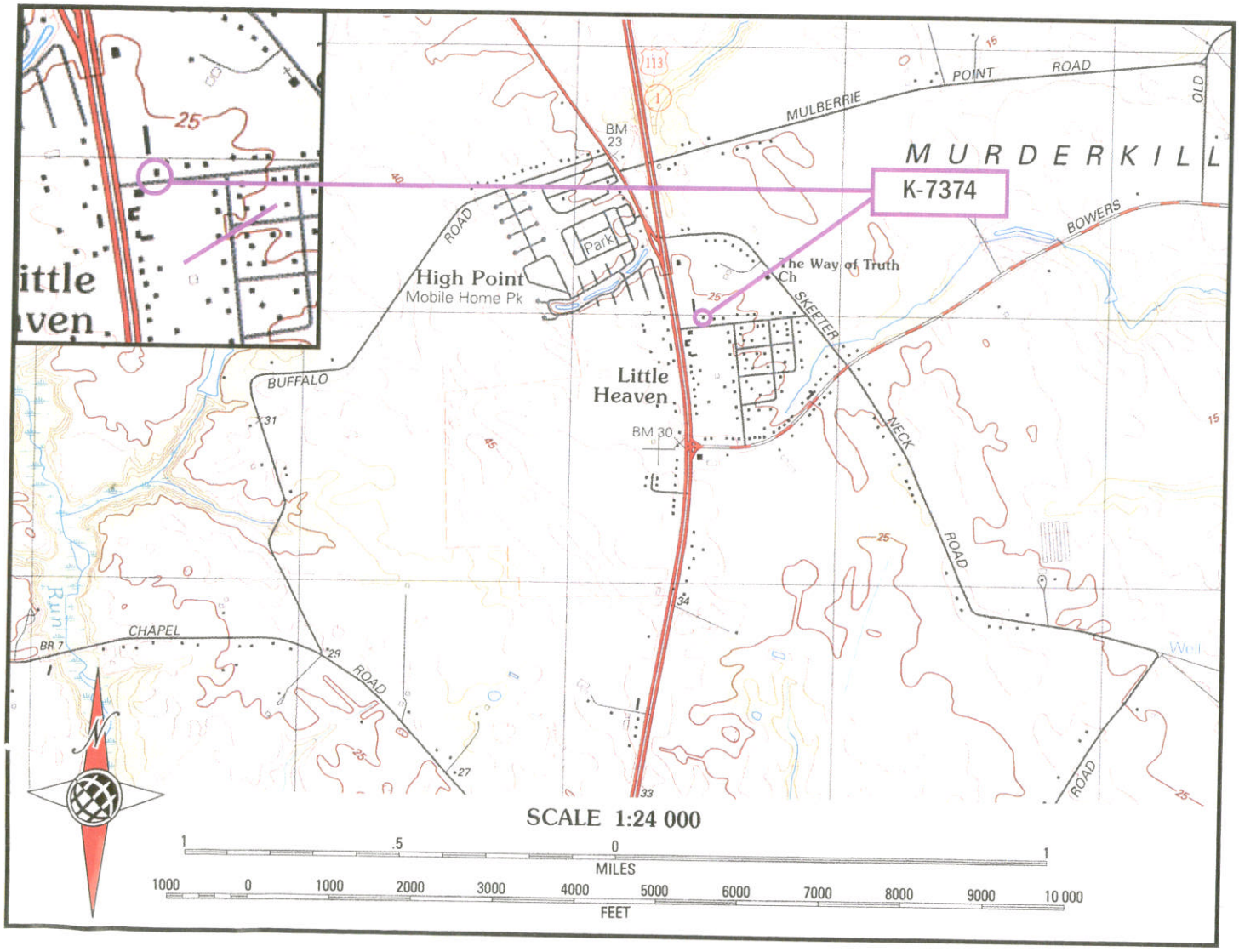
2. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION** ☐ **reason:** _____

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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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3040 Skeeter Neck Road, North Side of SR 1

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage current Dwelling

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

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Vernacular

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. Refitted as a dwelling
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: n/a

b Structural system (if known): Concrete block

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

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Rusticated concrete block and flat concrete block

e. Roof: shape: Hip
materials: Asphalt shingle
cornice: Aluminum
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): Interior front

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: S
1) Bays 3
2) Windows 2
fenestration Irregular
type Vinyl 1/1 sash replacements with removable mullions
trim Aluminum
shutters n/a

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 1
   - location Off-center
   - type Three-light hollow core
   - trim Aluminum

4) Porch(es) n/a

b. Side: Direction: W

1) Bays 2
2) Windows 2
   - fenestration Irregular
   - type One single and one double vinyl 1/1 sash with removable mullions
   - trim Aluminum
   - 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 3
2) Windows 3
   - fenestration Irregular
   - type Vinyl 1/1 sash replacements with removable mullions
   - trim Aluminum
   - 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: S

1) Bays 3
2) Windows 1
   - fenestration Irregular
   - type Vinyl 1/1 sash replacements with removable mullions
   - trim Aluminum
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) n/a
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
4) Porch(es) n/a

9. INTERIOR: n/a

10. LANDSCAPING: n/a

11. OTHER COMMENTS: n/a

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3040 Skeeter Neck Road, North Side of SR 1

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Shed current Shed

3. YEAR BUILT: 1975 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Vernacular prefabricated

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 metal

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Standing-seam metal

d. Foundation Wood slats

e. Roof
structural system Unknown
coverings Standing-seam metal
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: N
1) bays: 1
2) windows: n/a
3) door(s): 1 hinged double door
4) other: n/a

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

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

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

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

a) **Floor plan** n/a

b) **Partition/walls** n/a

c) **Finishes** n/a

d) **Furnishings/machinery** n/a