

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A

other names/site number Hickman, Howard, House (preferred)/S-9757

2. Location

street & number 509 Atlantic Avenue not for publication

city or town Millville vicinity

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19970

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling - residence

Domestic/secondary structure - other dependencies

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling - residence

Domestic/secondary structure - other dependencies

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Block

walls Aluminum Siding

roof Asphalt Shingle

other Brick Chimney

Wood frame porch

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1925

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc.

Hickman, Howard, House
Name of Property

Sussex County, DE
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .97 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Howard Hickman

street & number Dukes Drive, RR 1, Box 423 telephone N/A

city or town Millville state DE zip code 19970

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Howard Hickman House **Sussex County, Delaware**

Description

The Howard Hickman House is a one and one-half story, three-bay, aluminum-clad Craftsman building with an asphalt-shingle cross-gable roof. The main (south) façade features a central entrance with a wood door flanked by wood 4/1 windows; the muntins are arranged vertically. An extended roofline rests on square posts, forming a porch along the full façade of the first floor. On the north and south facades there are gable-roof dormers with cornice brackets and a tripartite window; each contains wood 4/1 sash. The east façade has an irregular fenestration pattern of single, paired, and tripartite wood windows with 4/1 sashes; there is also a brick exterior end chimney. The west façade has an irregular fenestration pattern of single and paired wood 4/1 sashes.

To the west of the house is a one-story, three-bay, metal-clad work shed with a corrugated metal front-gable roof. The main (south) façade has a central vehicular entrance; to its east is a single-leaf pedestrian entrance and to the west is a wood 8/8 double-hung sash window. The east façade has wood 2/2 windows and a one-bay vehicular entrance with a roll down door. The west façade has 8-light casement windows and a concrete block exterior chimney. The house and shed are set back approximately fifty feet from Route 26 on a wooded lot; the surrounding buildings are largely residential. According to the 1974 and 2000 Route 26 DelDOT Videos, it appears that the work shed has always been privately used.

Statement of Significance

The Howard Hickman House is significant under Criterion C as a relatively intact example of the Bungalow building type in Sussex County, Delaware. The Period of Significance is c. 1925, when the house was built. The dwelling and the adjacent work shed are both contributing elements within the property. The dwelling still exhibits traits of Bungalow massing and serves as a distinctive example of its style. In addition, the dwelling retains its original windows, exposed rafter tails, and decorative brackets indicative of the Craftsman style. Although the integrity of feeling has been altered by increased commercial development along Route 26, the property maintains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association. The property is not associated with an event of importance, nor is it representative of a pattern of events or historic trends (Criterion A). The property is not affiliated with any persons important to local, state, or national history (Criterion B). Owing to prior ground disturbance, there is little probability that new information will result from any archaeological testing performed in the vicinity of the property (Criterion D).

Historical Background and Significance

Residential architectural property types associated with the period of urbanization and early suburbanization in Delaware (1880-1940 +/-) include Bungalow houses. As a building type, the bungalow was a relative unknown on the American landscape prior to 1900. By c.1910, however, cities, suburbs and countrysides were dotted with the new "quintessentially American creation[s]" – the bungalow (Gowans, p. 74). While some assert that the bungalow was first "invented" by the firm of Charles and Henry Greene c.1903, it is likely that no one group or architect can claim "paternity" of the bungalow (Gowans, p. 74). Debate also centers on how the bungalow is

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Historical Background and Significance (continued)

defined as a housing form. Frequently, the term "bungalow" is used as a synonym for "'home' and symbol of 'naturalism' or 'Americanism'" (Gowans, p. 75). Since bungalows were thought of as being particularly "American" in style, they can be found with "Colonial, Classical, Shingle, [and] Spanish" influences, as well as regional vernacular variations (Gowans, p. 75). Prototype bungalows tend to have a "roof sweeping over a verandah or porch" (Gowans, p. 77). The bungalow form also tends to be one or one and one-half stories in height; if a bungalow does have a second floor, it is usually characterized by a shed or gable-roof dormer (Gowans, p. 77). Thanks to improved transportation networks by the twentieth century, bungalows were often procured via mail-order catalogs, and constructed of "Precut lumber, nails, doors and other components shipped to the site" (Poppeliers, *et al.*, p. 77). "Rafter, ridge beams and purlins" typically extend beyond the wall and roof junction in bungalows, and windows are anticipated to be "sash or casement with many lights or single panes of glass" which can be found singularly, paired or grouped (Blumenson, p. 71). The Howard Hickman House has an extended roofline which forms a porch along the full façade of the first floor; 4/1 windows with the muntins arranged vertically; and gable-roof dormers.

Potentially eligible bungalows along the Route 26 corridor are anticipated to have broad, gently pitched gables and to be one to one and one-half stories in height (usually without a full basement) with single, paired, and grouped windows. While many of the original bungalows were probably clad in local materials (such as cypress shingles), they may have replacement siding over the original covering. Open or enclosed front and rear porches are integral components of a bungalow. Wide roof overhangs with exposed details such as rafter tails and knee-bracing may be seen in high-style bungalows; vernacular variations may also be seen (such as shallow roof overhangs). Nationally, bungalows declined in popularity after the mid-1920s, but local builders and craftspeople likely continued the form in the Route 26 area until World War II.

The Howard Hickman House exhibits many of the defining elements of the bungalow form in Sussex County, Delaware. The dwelling is one and one-half stories, and its massing, side-gable roof with dormer, wide overhanging eaves, and full-width open front porch clearly illustrate the bungalow form. The property also maintains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association; its integrity of feeling has been affected by increased commercial development along Route 26, but not to a degree that alters the significance of the dwelling. The adjacent work shed also maintains integrity and dates to approximately the same time period as the house; it is therefore a contributing element within the property.

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Howard Hickman House **Sussex County, Delaware**

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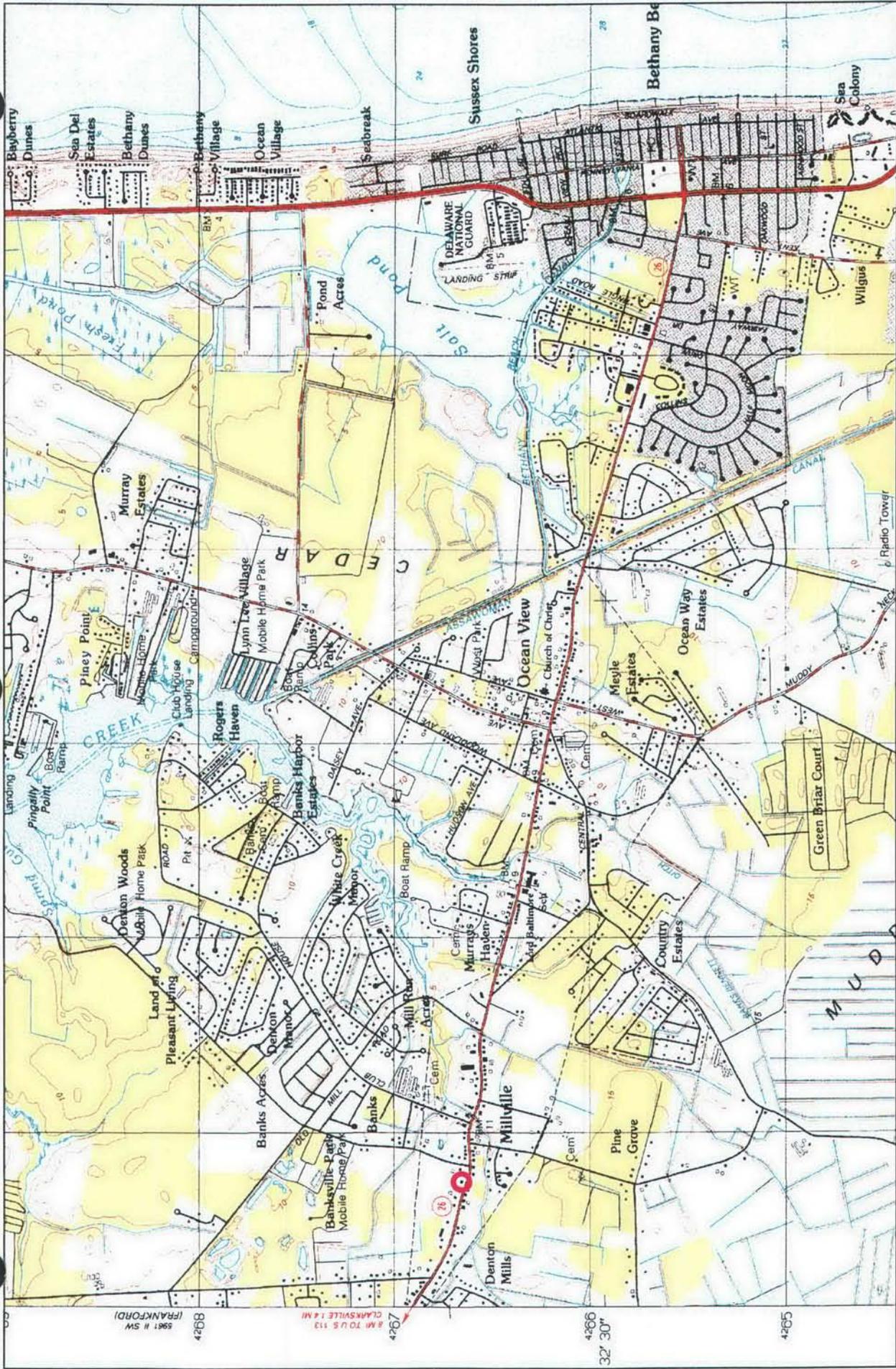
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Howard Hickman House follows Sussex County, Delaware tax parcel 1-34-12-50.01 as shown on the accompanying site plan. This boundary is sufficient to convey the resource's significance under Criterion C.

Boundary Justification

In accordance with "National Register Bulletin: Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties (Revised 1997)," consideration was given to the distribution of resources, current legal boundaries, historic boundaries, natural features, and cultural features. The boundary follows the tax parcel (1-34-12-50.01) associated with the dwelling.



Bethany Beach, Delaware
 USGS Quadrangle
 1984, Photorevised 1991



Zone: 18
 UTM: N-226063
 E-60904

Hickman, Howard Property
 509 Atlantic Avenue
 Sussex County, DE

Hickman, Howard, House
Sussex County, DE



APPROX. SCALE 1"=40'

	BUILDING 50 YEARS OLD OR OLDER
	BUILDING LESS THAN 50 YEARS OLD
	NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY (FOLLOWS TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY)



Photo 1: Front (south) and side (west) facades, facing northeast.



Photo 2: Rear (north) and side (east) facades, facing southwest.



Photo 3: Shed, front (south) and side (west) facades, facing northeast.

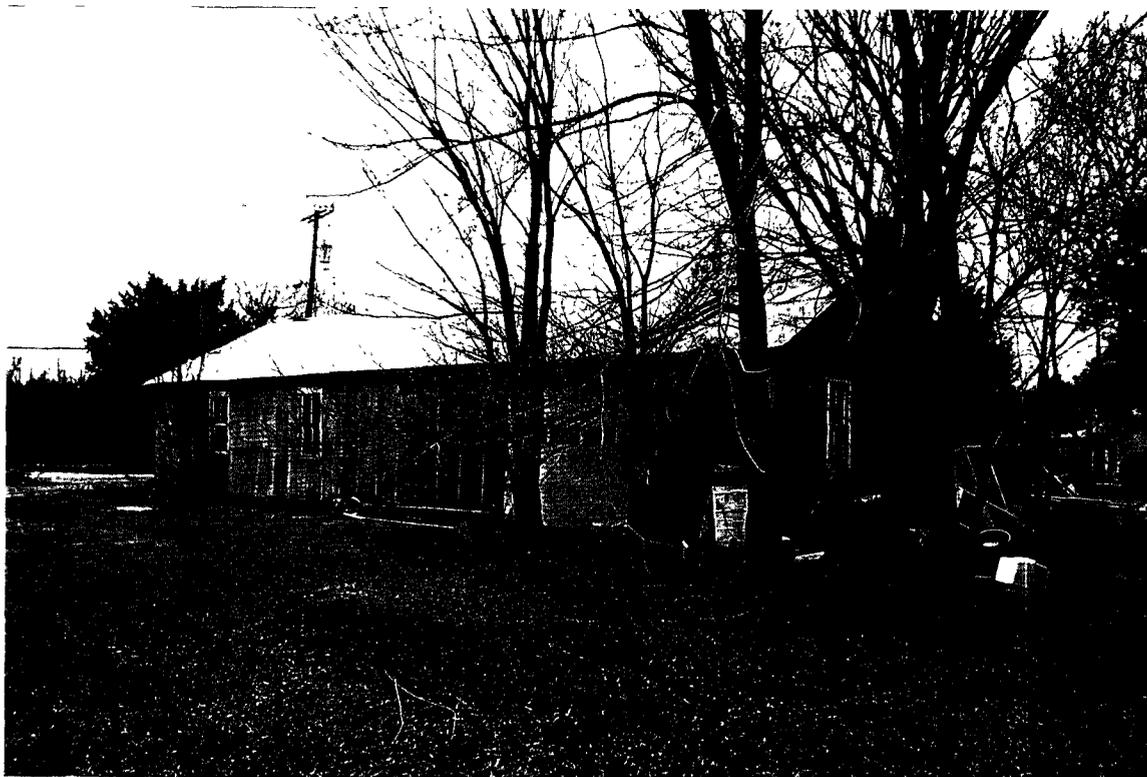


Photo 4: Shed, side (east) and rear (north) facades, facing southwest.