

under Criterion C for its landscape design. It is not recommended as significant under Criterion D because it employs commonly used construction methods.

Neither the circa 1859 Michael Kane House nor the Ives-du Pont Gatehouse are recommended individually eligible for the National Register. The Michael Kane House is a vernacular farmhouse that lacks significant historical associations and architectural distinction. The property does not possess integrity of feeling or association because it does not have outbuildings or an associated agricultural landscape, and the house has diminished integrity of design, materials, and workmanship as a result of the loss of the original stone dwelling and substantial reconstruction of the frame wing. The gatehouse is also not recommended individually eligible for the National Register because it lacks significant historical associations independent of its association with the Ives-du Pont House. It also lacks sufficient architectural distinction for listing under Criterion C. Neither building appears to have potential as an important source of information under Criterion D. Although the Michael Kane House and the gatehouse are not recommended individually eligible for the National Register, both may contribute to the significance of the Ives-du Pont Estate.

#### **4.4 1223 Snuff Mill Road**

The undeveloped 3.16-acre parcel at 1223 Snuff Mill Road was evaluated to determine its historical associations with the neighboring Shadowbrook property. Built in 1941 by Du Pont executive Harry G. Haskell, Shadowbrook is an American country house built in the Colonial Revival style. A previous cultural resource survey in the area indicated that the original farmhouse and grist mill on the property have been removed (Louis Berger Group, Inc. 2000: 11-25). The Brown-Garrett House, a Gothic Revival-style residence at 1201 Snuff Mill Road, serves as the estate's gatehouse; this dwelling is located north of the subject property (Louis Berger Group, Inc. 2000: 11-25).

The parcel at 1223 Snuff Mill Road was part of the 136-acre farm assembled by Archibald Armstrong in 1792. The bulk of the estate was located on the south side of Old Kennett Road between Snuff Mill and Ashland-Clinton School roads; however, the northernmost section of the parcel was located on the north side of Old Kennett Road, near the present location of Snuff Mill Road. This portion of Armstrong's estate passed to his son Nathaniel, and upon his death the property was sold at a public sale in 1852. David W. Taylor bought the entire parcel at the sale and began subdividing the land almost immediately (NCCRD 1852a). The 5.5-acre parcel on the north side of Old Kennett Road, described as a "Lot or piece of woodland," was sold to Caleb Sharpless in the same year (NCCRD 1852b).

Benjamin T. Sharpless inherited the property from his father in 1864, and in 1878 he sold it Richard Kane. No building appears on the property on the 1868 Beers atlas, but the 1881 Hopkins map shows a house attributed to “M. Kane” on the parcel, situated between Burriss Run and its unnamed tributary (Beers 1868; Hopkins 1881). The property, still containing 5.5 acres, was sold at Sheriff’s sale after Kane’s death in 1892 to Arlee Chandler (NCCRD 1892). Chandler is believed to be responsible for moving the Kane House to the intersection of Old Kennett and Snuff Mill roads.

From the removal of the Kane House, circa 1893, until the present, the subject parcel has contained no buildings. It remained part of the larger 5.5-acre lot throughout most of the twentieth century. In 1991, the property owner subdivided the lot into a two-acre corner lot containing the Kane-Chandler House and the subject 3.16-acre lot, which was purchased by Shadowbrook LP (NCCRD 1991). The property history clearly indicates that the property at 1223 Snuff Mill Road was historically associated with the Kane-Chandler House and had no association with Shadowbrook prior to 1991. The title search is summarized in Table 4.6.

The property at 1223 Snuff Mill Road does not contain extant architectural resources; however, it may possess historic archaeological potential near Snuff Mill Road due to the presence of a building (likely the Kane-Chandler House) on the property during the nineteenth century as shown on contemporary maps. No archaeological testing has been conducted on the property to determine its archaeological potential.

**Table 4.6:** Title History, 1223 Snuff Mill Road (Tax Parcel # 0700500036).

<b>CHAIN OF TITLE FOR PARCEL # 0700500036</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>GRANTOR</b>	<b>GRANTEE</b>	<b>INSTRUMENT LIBER/PAGE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
3/24/1852	Nathaniel Armstrong Estate	David Taylor	I6/378	Armstrong inherited 132-ac. plantation from father in 1829
3/24/1852	David Taylor	Caleb Sharpless	I6/371	Subdivision of 5.5-acre lot on "new public road leading to Centreville"
4/16/1864	Caleb Sharpless	Benjamin T. Sharpless	n/a	Inherited property from father
3/13/1878	Benjamin T. Sharpless	Michael Kane	D11/72	5.5 acres
1892	Sheriff William Simmons	Arlee Chandler	S15/346	Sheriff sale of Kane property after his death
1902	Arlee Chandler	Sylvester F. Murray	X18/587	5.5 acres
1914	Sylvester F. Murray	William V. Press	Y24/304	
1914	William V. Press	Andrew & Anna C. Carlberg	F25/332	
1917	Andrew & Anna C. Carlberg	Harry C. & Sarah Field Evans	X26/184	
8/10/1921	Harry C. & Sara Field Evans	Lewis A. De Blois	O30/444	
11/16/1928	Sheriff Delaware S. Wright	Wilmington Trust Company	A36/386	Foreclosure led to Sheriff sale
4/1/1929	Wilmington Trust Co.	John & Jean B. O'Connell	C36/486	5.5 acres
n.d.	Unrecorded transfer of property from John & Jean B. O'Connell to Pauline C. Godfrey			
8/26/1991	O'Connell	Shadowbrook LP	1222/243	Subdivision of 5.5-ac. lot into subject 3.16-ac. lot & 2-ac. corner lot