

**William Smallwood dwelling (K-7630), 430 Water Street
Tax ID ED-05-077.13-1-6; 50' X 150' parcel
Detached Bungalow, circa 1936**



Description:

This property (K-7630) was purchased in anticipation of the Dover Transit Hub Transportation Project. As of late February, 2009 the transit hub is part of a federal American economic recovery and reinvestment act stimulus package (ARRA) that is now subject to Section 106 coordination and review.

The property contains a single-story three-bay, gabled-front, wood framed dwelling with a full width open front wood porch supported by four

block posts. An original vertical board wooden shed with a western lean-to lies towards the rear of the lot. The small lot facing north has some mature trees in the front and back. The property lies within an urban setting of Dover with several smaller homes in the immediate area. The urban block is surrounded by a few random homes of similar construction date and style that resembles what was once a small city block neighborhood. Modern developments of commercial and governmental uses are primarily surrounding the property. In addition, several larger vacant lots anticipating redevelopment of the area also surround the area.

Based on deeds, construction style, and aerial photographs, the dwelling was constructed circa 1936. The dwelling sits on a concrete block foundation with a crawl space. The framed dwelling is sheathed in white aluminum siding and several shutters on the front and side are fixed with aluminum material. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and is a simple boxed eave with no ornamentation or exposed rafters. Most windows throughout are original 1/1 double hung. Each window has a modern storm window covering over them. The gable peak has a fixed casement window with six panes. The east side of the dwelling has a brick chimney centered in the middle that is corbelled at the top. Towards the east side and rear of the building marks a rear-enclosed addition with two entrances: one from the rear (south) and one from the east side. It is visibly uncertain that the front door is original, as it is covered with a more modern storm door.

The rear of the property has two bays marked with a 1/1 double hung window and a rear concrete porch with an entrance door. The back entrance has two wood posts that support a smaller lean-to overhang. The west side of the building is marked with three bays consisting of 1/1 double hung windows that are also covered with protective storm glass for insulation.

The rear wooden shed had a front gable with a west side lean-to. The roof is covered in corrugated metal. The main block on this outbuilding has double wooden doors, while the lean-to has a single entrance door. All sheathing and doors are characterized by vertical boards. Both the dwelling and the shed are in fair condition.

Applicable Historic Context(s):

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula; Time Period: Urbanization and Early Suburbanization 1880-1940+/-; Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts theme (bungalow property type), Settlement Patterns and Demographic Change (urban residential development)

Evaluation and Recommendation:

The property was evaluated under the historic context consideration of residential subdivision of former agricultural lands within the City of Dover. For growing urban sectors, this is a common land use trend for this area and as a local and statewide theme. This type of urban block growth and subdivision originating from a larger parcel (4 ¼ acre) is not significant. Plus, the property as a surrounding urban block never developed into a fully established neighborhood, nor was integrated with others. From a land use pattern perspective, commercial uses and industrial uses were scattered within the area. As a property and as integrated growth occurred in the City of Dover, this property and any immediate surrounding lots lack significance and integrity to be considered eligible under Criteria A.

Because of its close proximity and potential association Eden Hill (K-125) and the Ridgely family (i.e. a National Register listed property relatively adjacent and west of the rail line), deed and map research were undertaken. Based on records the property has not been identified as having any association with or towards any individual person or family in the history of the local area. The property originates from a subdivision of 4-¼ acre plot of land that traces down from Caleb S. Penneweill to Ralph, Jack K., and Fred C. Lord of Dover (L11-181). The Lord brothers sold the tract in 1926 to George Leslie and Lucile S. Gooden (Y12-331). The Gooden's later subdivided several tracts, including their own, into smaller 7,500 square foot lots. They subsequently sold them off individually in the 1930's. The Gooden's sold the lot to William and Lucile A. Smallwood under deed X14-14 on September 4, 1935. The Smallwood's owned the parcel for over 15 years and erected the dwelling during this tenure. The property was purchased in 2006 by the Delaware Department of Transportation for \$60,000 (under appraisal) for purposes of the Dover Transit Hub Transportation Project. It is currently being rented out until its future removal. As names and families are not significant during the primary occupancy, the property is not recommended eligible under Criterion B.

The dwelling on this property is a vernacular example of a one-story gable-front bungalow. It is of common framing with little or no ornamentation of interest as a bungalow. The dwelling has also been altered to some degree with several window

replacements and storm window coverings, a side/rear porch addition and enclosure, and modern siding throughout. As a whole, its architecture and characteristic style lack any significance and integrity to be potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

The building and the secondary storage shed on the property represent a common example of wood framing and are likely not to provide new information on the construction type and methods that are not already available through other means. This dwelling is original and dates back to subdivision of smaller plots by from George L. and Lucile A. Gooden who did not reside here. There are no former dwellings on the property and the current building has been hooked up to public water and sewer. It is likely that this property is not eligible under Criteria D. Applicable CRS forms were filled out for the property and are located at the State Historic Preservation Office.

Rear of Dwelling



Outbuilding – storage shed

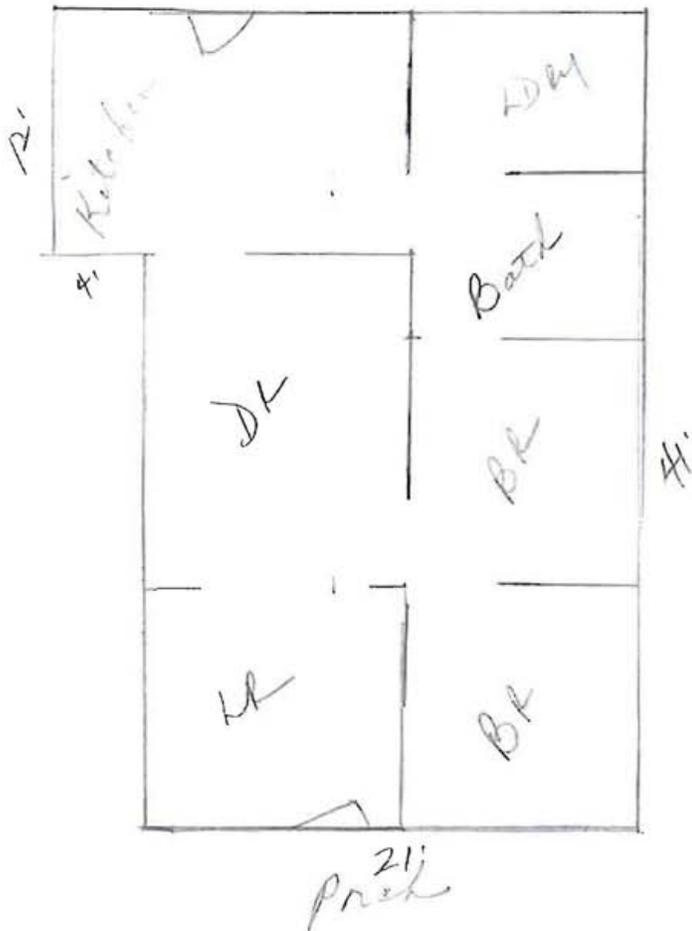


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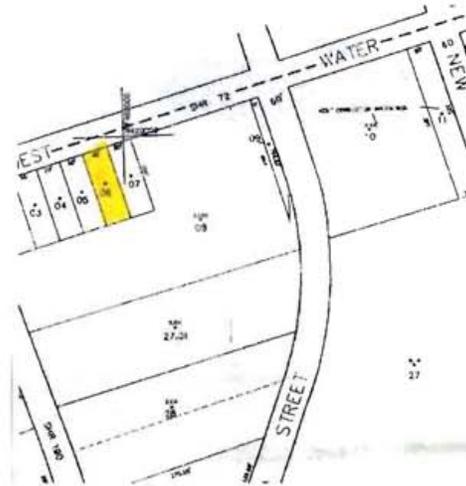


Other information as taken from DeIDOT Real Estate File

Right: Photo taken on or about 10-15-2004



Left: Rough measurements of the dwelling that were taken from the DeIDOT 2004 Appraisal.



Above: Location map with subject property shaded in yellow