

CRS No. K-7625

Address: 171 Bowers Beach Road

Name: Dwelling, 171 Bowers Beach Road

Tax Parcel: 8-00-12216-01-0500-00001

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: 1951/ca. 1990

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture) and Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes (Community Development)

Description

This residential property is located on the north side of Bowers Beach Road, south of the village of Little Heaven, in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware. The property includes a Cape Cod dwelling constructed in 1951, a *circa*-1951 workshop/garage, a *circa*-1990 manufactured dwelling, and a modern, prefabricated shed. The one-and-one-half-story Cape Cod dwelling sits back from Bowers Beach Road and faces south, parallel to the roadway. Characteristic of the Cape Cod form, the dwelling measures three bays wide, has a centrally located gabled entry, and a side-gable roof with two gabled dormer windows. The dwelling rests on a raised concrete block foundation, painted red, is clad with vinyl siding, and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Poured concrete steps, capped with brick, lead up to a poured concrete deck, where wrought iron posts support the front-gable roof that shelters the entry porch. A steel replacement door with a stained glass window provides access into the interior. Paired, one-over-one, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows flank the entry. The dormer windows and remaining elevations are also lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows. A side porch on the east elevation rests on a rusticated concrete block foundation, has a poured concrete deck, and decorative wrought iron posts support the shed roof sheathed with corrugated metal. A one-room vestibule extends from the north elevation and is also clad in vinyl siding. A secondary entry, accessed by a concrete block and poured concrete stoop, is located in the north elevation of the vestibule and is sheltered by a metal awning.

North of the dwelling is a *circa*-1951 gabled workshop, clad in clapboard and featuring a gabled roof sheathed with rolled asphalt. Wood-sided additions extend from the east and west elevations. Overhead garage doors are located in the south elevation of the eastern addition and north elevation of the western addition. North of the workshop/garage lies a *circa*-1990 manufactured dwelling. A modern, prefabricated shed is located to the west of the modern dwelling.

Numerous manicured shrubs are located along Bowers Beach Road, the eastern property boundary and around the dwelling's foundation. A modern, mobile home is located to the west of the property and a *circa*-1930 dwelling, moved to its present location ca. 1960, is located to the east.

Historical Narrative

According to the current owner, Norma J. Middleton, the dwelling was constructed by her father in 1951.

National Register Evaluation

The property at 171 Bowers Beach Road was evaluated as a Cape Cod dwelling as identified in the *Historic Context for the DuPont Highway, U.S. Route 113, Kent and Sussex Counties*,

Delaware (John Milner Associates, Inc. 2005). Cape Cod dwellings are common mid-twentieth-century building types in the U.S. 113 APE. As noted in the context, the Cape Cod dwelling National Register must possess integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. All of the diagnostic elements of the type must be present and unaltered including unornamented shutters. The house must not have been re-sheathed and additions must not have been made to the primary elevations of the house. Although located along the north side of Bowers Beach Road amidst other residential strip development, the property has no potential to yield information on residential development practices; therefore, the property is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. Based on the background research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historic importance; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. With its replacement siding, windows and doors, the dwelling lacks integrity of materials and workmanship and is an example of a common mid-twentieth-century form. The dwelling is not a notable example of the architecture of its time, nor does it appear to include innovative building technology or important achievements in architecture or engineering; therefore, the property is not eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on building practices or methods of construction; therefore, the property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance, the property at 171 Bowers Beach Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

The property is one of approximately 16 properties located amidst former farmland that was subdivided for residential construction during the late 1940s to mid 1950s, and again in the 1970s. The majority of the residences along Bowers Beach Road, east of U.S. 113, were constructed ca. 1950 to present-day, with earlier examples that were moved to the small rectangular lots from other locations. These dates reflect a wide range of construction patterns, and thus, the development is not an early example of the common twentieth-century trend of subdividing lands located closed to major highways. Therefore, the strip development is not eligible under Criterion A. The strip development does not appear to be associated with persons of critical importance to the historic development of the area; therefore, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The strip development contains dwellings that were constructed during a variety of time periods and include a wide range of forms. The development lacks a cohesive identity, and thus, the grouping could not be considered eligible under Criterion C as a distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. The development does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on twentieth-century land development practices; therefore, the development does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D.

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K-7625. Photograph 1: Dwelling, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. This dwelling was constructed by the current property owner's father in 1951.



K-7625. Photograph 2: Workshop/garage, west elevation, and dwelling, north and west elevations, view looking southeast.

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K-7625. Photograph 3: Workshop/garage, south and east elevations, looking northwest. The center front-gable section appears to be the oldest portion of the garage.



K-7625. Photograph 4: Workshop/garage, north and west elevations, view looking southeast.

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K-7625. Photograph 5: Modern dwelling, west and south elevations, looking northeast. This dwelling was placed on the property ca. 1990.



K-7625. Photograph 6: Modern shed, south and east elevations, looking northwest. This prefabricated shed is located to the west of the modern dwelling.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7625
SPO Map 12-13-19
Hundred South Murderkill
Quad Frederica
Other 8-00-12216-01-0500-000

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 171 Bowers Beach Road
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 171 Bowers Beach 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):
SR1, Little Heaven Grade Separated Intersection Improvements

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	Dwelling
1	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	Workshop/Garage
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	N/A
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	N/A
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	N/A
0	CRS 7 Object Form	N/A
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	N/A
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Catherine M. Dluzak/Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator name: Barbara Frederick/Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator signature: *B. Frederick*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 09/24/2008

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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The property includes a Cape Cod dwelling constructed in 1951, a *circa*-1951 garage/workshop with later additions, a *circa*-1990 manufactured dwelling, and a modern prefabricated shed. Numerous manicured shrubs are located along Bowers Beach Road, the eastern property boundary, and around the dwelling's foundation.

The property is located on a rectangular lot among other rectangular lots that were subdivided from farmland in the late 1940s/early 1950s.

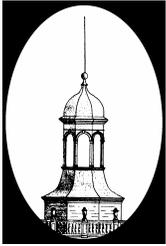
10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

- a) Time period(s)
- Pre-European Contact
 - Paleo-Indian
 - Archaic
 - Woodland I
 - Woodland II

 - 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
 - 1630g-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)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 171 Bowers Beach Road

2. FUNCTION(S): Historic Dwelling current Dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: 1951 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Cape Cod

5. INTEGRITY: Original site moved

<u>if moved, from where</u>	<u>other location's CRS #</u>	<u>year</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>	<u>year</u>
a. Vinyl siding and replacement windows and doors	ca. 1990
b. N/A	N/A

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: Rectilinear Stories: One and one-half
Additions: A one-room vestibule addition clad in vinyl siding extends from the north elevation and is lit by vinyl windows.
- b. Structural system (if known): Frame
- c. Foundation: Materials: Concrete block painted red
Basement: full partial not visible no basement
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): Vinyl siding
- e. Roof: shape: Side gable
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Boxed, vinyl
dormers: Two (2) gable front, on south elevation
chimney: location(s): West elevation, exterior, brick

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Façade: Direction: South
 - 1) Bays Three (3)
 - 2) Windows 4
 Fenestration Irregular
 type (2) sets of paired 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl; (2) 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl in dormers
 trim Vinyl; each window or window set is sheltered by aluminum awnings
 shutters N/A

Façade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Center
 Type Steel replacement with stained glass; vinyl storm door
 Trim Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Front gable hood sheathed with asphalt shingles; supported by decorative wrought iron posts set into a poured concrete stoop. Three poured concrete steps are capped with brick and flanked by wrought iron rails.

b. Side: Direction: East

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 3
 Fenestration Irregular
 Type 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl
 Trim Vinyl
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location northernmost bay in core
 Type Paneled wood with a large, single light; vinyl storm door
 Trim Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Shed roof covered in corrugated metal supported by decorative wrought iron posts that rest on a poured concrete deck and concrete block foundation.

c. Side: Direction: West

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 3
 Fenestration Irregular
 Type (2) 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl; (1) paired 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl
 Trim Vinyl; 1st-story window or window set sheltered by an aluminum awning
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 Type N/A
 Trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

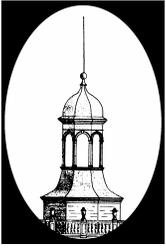
d. Rear: Direction: North

- 1) **Bays** Four (4)
- 2) **Windows** 3
 Fenestration Irregular
 type 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl
 Trim Vinyl
 Shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** Off-center in vestibule addition
 location Paneled steel with 9 lights
 type Vinyl
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** Awning shelters a concrete block stoop that is flanked by wrought iron railing

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible.

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Manicured shrubs located along roadway and around foundation on south and east elevations. Eastern property boundary is tree-lined.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** A garage is located immediately north of the dwelling. North of the garage is a manufactured home placed on the property in recent years and a modern shed.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 171 Bowers Beach Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Workshop/Garage current Garage/Storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1951 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

year

a. Shed roof side addition

ca. 1970

b. Shed roof rear addition

ca. 1980

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Wood clapboard, wood siding

d. Foundation Poured concrete

e. Roof

structural system Frame

coverings Rolled asphalt

openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: South

1) bays: Three (3)

2) windows: (1) 2-light awning; (2) 1/1 double-hung sash aluminum

3) door(s): (1) paneled vinyl overhead garage door

4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: East

- 1) bays: One (1)
- 2) windows: Paired, 6-light wood casements

- 3) door(s): 0

- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: West

- 1) bays: One (1)
- 2) windows: Large, six-light, awning-sash, wood

- 3) door(s): 0

- 4) other: N/A

d. Rear: direction: North

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: (1) 2-light awning

- 3) door(s): (1) wood, overhead garage

- 4) other: Stove pipe extends from north elevation of clapboard section

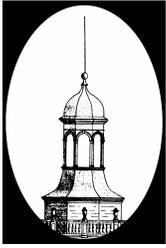
9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Not accessible

b) Partition/walls Not accessible

c) Finishes Not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM

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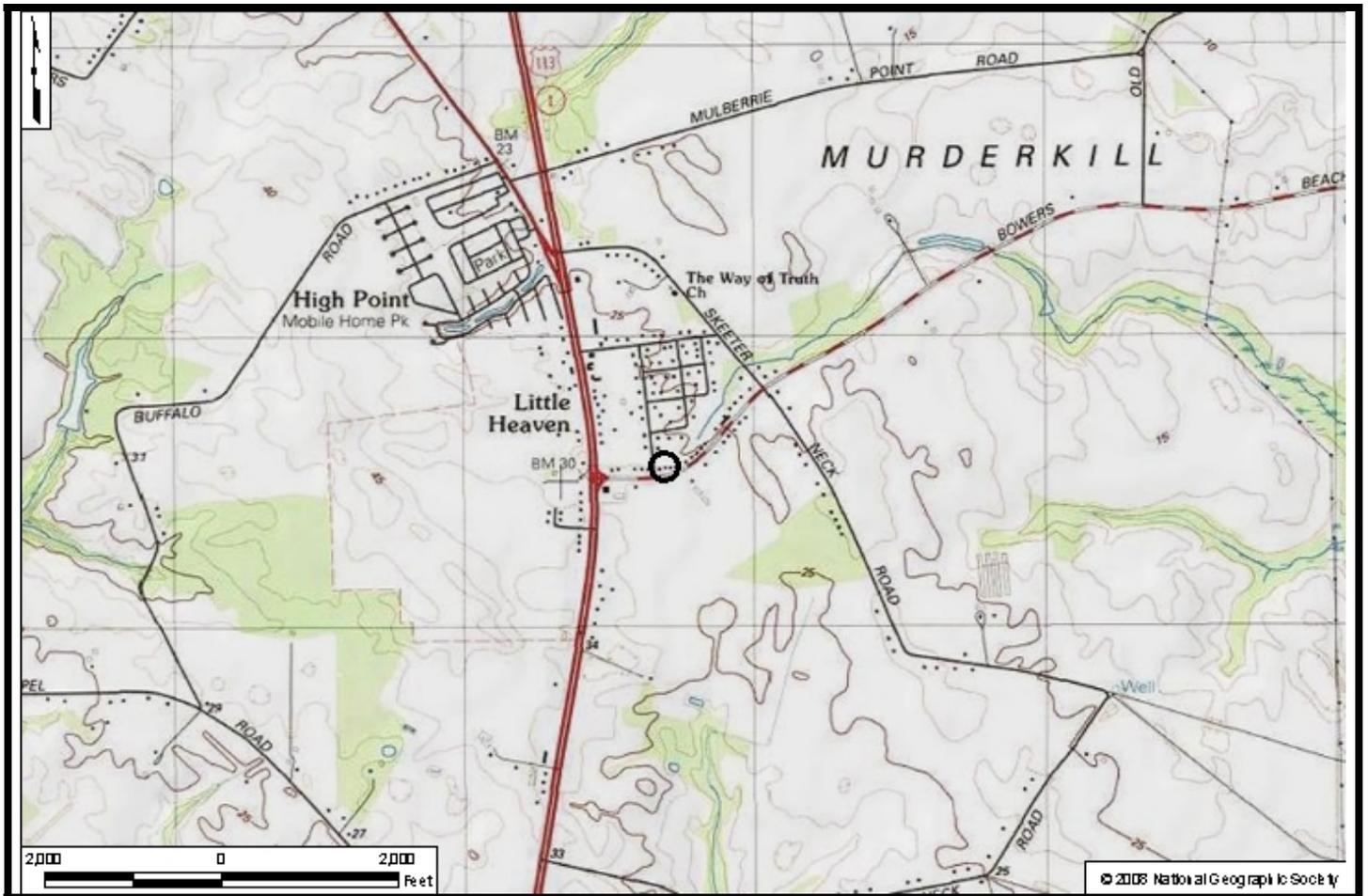
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION reason: _____

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



INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN

