

**CRS No. K-7626**

Address: 155 Bowers Beach Road

Name: Dwelling, 155 Bowers Beach Road

Tax Parcel: 8-00-12216-01-0400-00001

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1930/ca. 1960/ca. 2000

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Industrialization and Early Urbanization; 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 in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, south of the unincorporated community of Little Heaven. The property includes a front gable cottage constructed ca. 1930 that was later moved to this location ca. 1960. A *circa*-1970 shed and *circa*-1980 joined sheds are also located on the property. The one-story dwelling sits back from Bowers Beach Road and faces south, parallel to the roadway. The building rests on a concrete block foundation. Vinyl siding covers the exterior walls of the dwelling, which is capped by a front gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. An exterior chimney, clad in vinyl, is located on the north elevation. The dwelling's original core measures two bays wide. The dwelling features a one-bay wide by two-bay deep side-gable addition resting on a concrete block foundation that extends from the east elevation; this gives the dwelling a T-shaped footprint. The dwelling is lit by six-over-six light, double-hung sash, vinyl, replacement windows with inserts. A paneled steel door with a fanlight provides access to the interior in the façade (south elevation). The front porch extends the width of the dwelling's core and rests on a brick foundation. The front gable porch roof is supported by wood posts that rest on a modern wood deck. The porch is accessed by wood steps cut into a semicircular shape that are flanked by modern wood rails. A similar set of steps provide access to a secondary entrance in the east elevation. Brick pavers connect the secondary entrance to the garage.

The *circa*-1970 one-bay garage shed rests on a wood-framed, poured concrete deck. The exterior walls are clad in vinyl siding. The lone opening is located in the south elevation and consists of paired, paneled wood doors that are sheltered by a hipped hood clad in asphalt shingles. North of the shed, along the western property boundary, are a pair of *circa*-1980, metal-clad, joined sheds.

Small shrubs are located around the dwelling's foundation, and shrubs line Bowers Beach Road. The property is enclosed within a chain-link fence. A *circa*-1970 mobile home is located on the lot west of the property, and a 1951 Cape Cod Cottage is located to the east.

*Historical Narrative*

According to the neighbor at 171 Bowers Beach Road, this dwelling was moved to this location in the 1960s from Bowers Beach. A dwelling does appear in this location on an aerial photograph of the area taken in 1961. No other information is known about the dwelling. It is currently owned by Rene A. Junca and appears to be utilized as a residential rental property.

*National Register Evaluation*

The property at 155 Bowers Beach Road was evaluated as a Front Gable Cottage. Although located along the north side of Bowers Beach Road amidst other residential strip development,

the property was moved to this location and has no potential to yield information on residential development practices, and therefore 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. Due to its application of modern siding, the replacement of original doors and windows, and the construction of the addition, the dwelling is an altered example of a common early- to mid-twentieth-century form and is not a notable example of the architecture of its time. The dwelling lacks integrity of materials, workmanship, and design; 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 155 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, with earlier examples that were moved to the small rectangular lots from other locations. These dates reflect a wide range of construction patterns; therefore, the development is not an early example of the common twentieth-century trend of subdividing lands located close to major highways. For this reason, 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 therefore 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-7626. Photograph 1: Overview of 155 Bowers Beach Road, west and south elevations, looking northeast. This dwelling was moved to this location ca. 1960 from Bowers Beach.



K-7626. Photograph 2: Dwelling, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. The dwelling is clad in vinyl siding and is lit by vinyl replacement windows. The addition in the right side of the photograph was constructed ca. 2000.

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K-7626. Photograph 3: Garage, north and west elevations, and dwelling, north elevation, view looking south.



K-7626. Photograph 4: Dwelling, east and north elevations of the addition, looking southwest. The one-bay wide by two-bay deep addition dates to ca. 2000.

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K-7626. Photograph 5: Garage, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. The garage dates to ca. 1970.



K-7626. Photograph 6: Joined sheds, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. These metal-clad sheds date to ca. 1980.



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15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7626  
SPO Map 12-13-19  
Hundred South Murderkill  
Quad Frederica  
Other 8-00-12216-01-0400-000

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 155 Bowers Beach Road
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 155 Bowers Beach Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity?
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE:
 

building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	site	<input type="checkbox"/>	object	<input type="checkbox"/>
landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	N/A
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 *circa*-1930 gable front cottage moved to this location ca. 1960, a *circa*-1970 shed clad in vinyl siding, and a *circa*-1980, joined metal shed. The property is flanked to the west by a *circa*-1975 mobile home and to the east by a dwelling constructed in 1951.

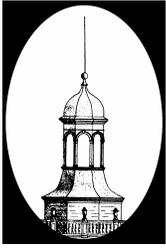
10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

- 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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes   |
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| <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: 155 Bowers Beach Road

2. FUNCTION(S): Historic Dwelling current Dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: 1930 CIRCA?:  ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Gable-front cottage

5. INTEGRITY: Original site  moved

if moved, from where

Bowers Beach

N/A

other location's CRS #

Not previously surveyed

N/A

year

ca. 1960

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. Side addition, vinyl siding, and replacement windows

b. N/A

year

ca. 2000

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: T-shaped

Stories: One

Additions: A one-bay-wide by two-bay-wide, side-gable addition extends from east elevation. Rests on a concrete block foundation, is clad in vinyl siding, and is lit by vinyl windows.

b. Structural system (if known): Frame

c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block

basement: full  partial  not visible  no basement

d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): Vinyl siding

e. Roof: shape: Front gable with side gable addition

materials: Asphalt shingles

cornice: Simple, boxed, vinyl

dormers: N/A

chimney: location(s): North elevation, exterior, vinyl-clad

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: South

1) Bays Three (3)

2) Windows 2 (1 core, 1 addition)

Fenestration Regular

type 6/6 double-hung sash vinyl with inserts

trim Vinyl

shutters N/A

**Facade (cont'd)**

- 3) **Door(s)** 1  
     **location** Off-center  
     **Type** Paneled steel with fanlight  
     **trim** Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Brick foundation with wood deck, wood posts support a front-gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles; semi-circular steps on east elevation

**b. Side: Direction: East**

- 1) **Bays** Three (3) (2 addition, 1 core)
- 2) **Windows** 2  
     **Fenestration** Regular  
     **type** 6/6 double-hung sash vinyl with inserts  
     **trim** Vinyl  
     **shutters** N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 1  
     **location** 3<sup>rd</sup> bay, core  
     **type** Paneled steel with 9 lights  
     **trim** Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Modern wood deck

**c. Side: Direction: West**

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 3  
     **Fenestration** Regular  
     **type** 6/6 double-hung sash vinyl with inserts  
     **trim** Vinyl  
     **shutters** N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 0  
     **location** N/A  
     **type** N/A  
     **trim** N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

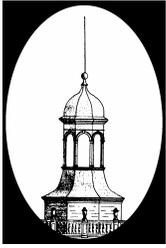
**d. Rear: Direction: North**

- 1) **Bays** Three (3) (2 core, 1 addition)
- 2) **Windows** 3  
     **Fenestration** Irregular  
     **type** 6/6 double-hung sash vinyl with inserts  
     **trim** Vinyl  
     **Shutters** N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 0  
     **location** N/A  
     **type** N/A  
     **trim** N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible.

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Minimal landscaping with some shrubbery. Northern property boundary is tree-lined.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** Lot is enclosed by a chain-link fence. The neighbor at 171 Bowers Beach Road indicated the dwelling was moved there from Bowers Beach in the 1960s following flooding. A vinyl-clad shed, constructed ca. 1970 after the dwelling was placed on the property, and a *circa*-1980 joined, metal shed are located north of the dwelling.



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MAP FORM

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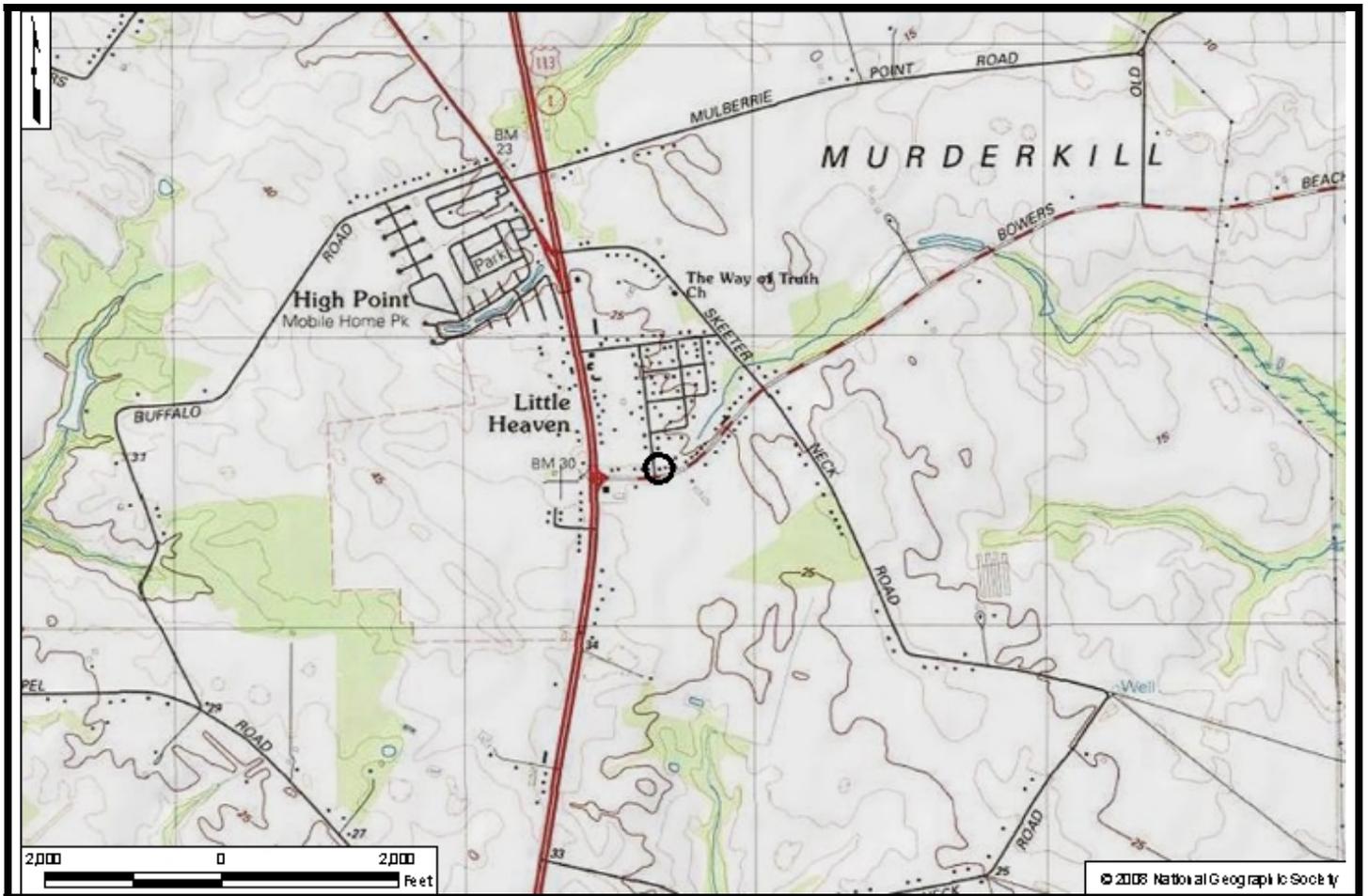
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION  reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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

