

△ McDonOUGH CORNER SCHOOL (N-5207)

Dupont Parkway (Rt. 13)
 New Castle Co., Del.
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Fig. 2-25. McDonough's Corner Schoolhouse (N-5207), Main (west) and north side elevations.



Fig. 2-26. McDonough's Corner Schoolhouse (N-5207), Rear (east) and south side elevations.



Fig. 2-27. McDonough's Corner Schoolhouse (N-5207), Interior, looking southeast.

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common McDonough's Corner Fruit Stand and Service Station

2. Location

street & number east side of Dupont Highway, south of intersection of McDonough Road
(Rd. 423) not for publication

city, town St. Georges Hundred X vicinity of McDonough's Corner

state Delaware code county New Castle code

3. Classification

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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Charles and Mildred McGinnes

street & number R.D. 3, Box 326

city, town Middletown vicinity of state Delaware

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. New Castle County Recorder of Deeds

street & number 800 French Street

city, town Wilmington state Delaware

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Delaware Cultural Resource Survey
N-10950 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal X state county local

depository for survey records Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

city, town Dover state Delaware

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

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original site
 moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Set back behind a circular drive is the fruit stand and service station at McDonough's Corner, a vernacular one-story structure fronted by a shed-roofed porch that once shielded fresh produce on display and motorists walking from their cars into the station. Constructed of frame, the station is clad with German wood siding on its main elevation which is entered through double four-light and paneled doors and fenestrated by symmetrically placed tripartite 9/9 double hung windows. The north side and rear elevations are shingled with asbestos and fenestrated by 6/6 double hung windows. A single leaf door at the rear also provides access to the inside. To the south of the original fruit stand is a shed-roofed garage addition sided with vertical wood boards. The shallow-pitched gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt.

Inside, the store is embellished by beaded matchboard wainscoting at the walls and the ceiling which also displays exposed beams. Floors are of pine. A stove with a pipe running through the ceiling heats the building.

In conjunction with the service station, the property also has a shed to the rear. Constructed of frame on a concrete pad, the shed is sheathed with pressed tin and roofed with a sheet of asphalt. It is accessed by vertical board double doors and fenestrated by six-light sash with bob shutters. The interior reveals exposed board and joist construction.

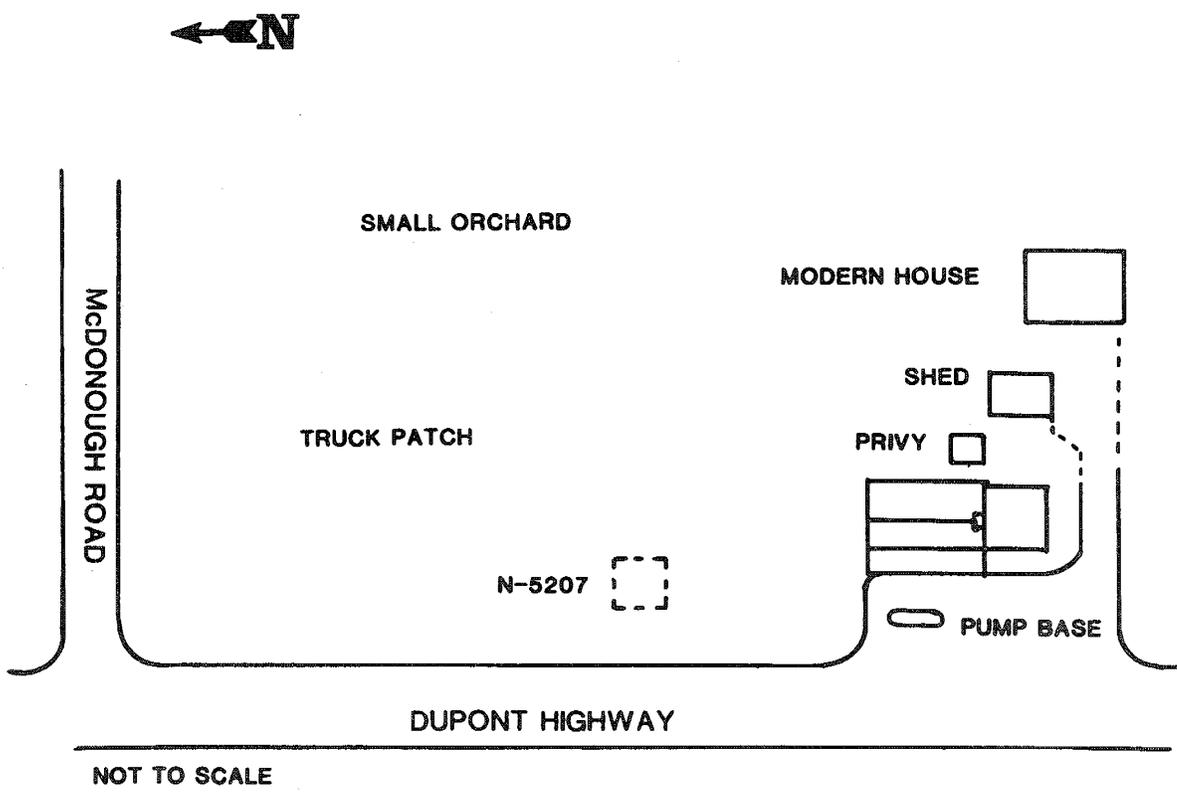
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Specific dates	1931	Builder/Architect	unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The automobile era introduced roadside produce stands and service stations to the Delaware landscape as a means to capitalize upon and as an accommodation to modern highway travel. While these early facilities largely have vanished over time, a rare and well-preserved example of a produce stand and service station survives along the northbound lane of Dupont Highway at McDonough's Corner. This particular resource is significant for the distinctive characteristics of its type and period and for its historical association with transportation and agriculture. Therefore, it appears eligible for the National Register under Criteria C and A.

Eugene H. Shallcross, a farmer with substantial agricultural lands to the west of Dupont Highway, built this roadside facility in 1931 upon property formerly part of Zadock A. Pool's nineteenth-century holdings at McDonough's Corner. Eugene Shallcross and Edwin E. Shallcross, trading as Shallcross Bros., built the structure as a produce stand to market fruits grown in their nearby orchards to passing motorists. In September of 1933, the store was rented to Charles N. McGinnes who opened a gas station which pumped Blue Sunoco, Texaco, and Atlantic gasoline throughout the years. McGinnes had anticipated the need for service stations that would arise with the opening of the widened highway in 1934. McGinnes purchased the property in 1951 and eventually ceased the gasoline pumping operation for a lawn mower repair business.

Architecturally, the station represents a building type from the 1930s, one which typically has given way to more modern, sleek service stations. Vernacular and utilitarian in design, the building preserves an aspect of the state's history and therefore merits its eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Charles McGinnes, owner, August 1986.

New Castle County Recorder of Deeds, Wilmington, Delaware.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

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UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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date December 1986

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state PA

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____

date _____

Chief of Registration

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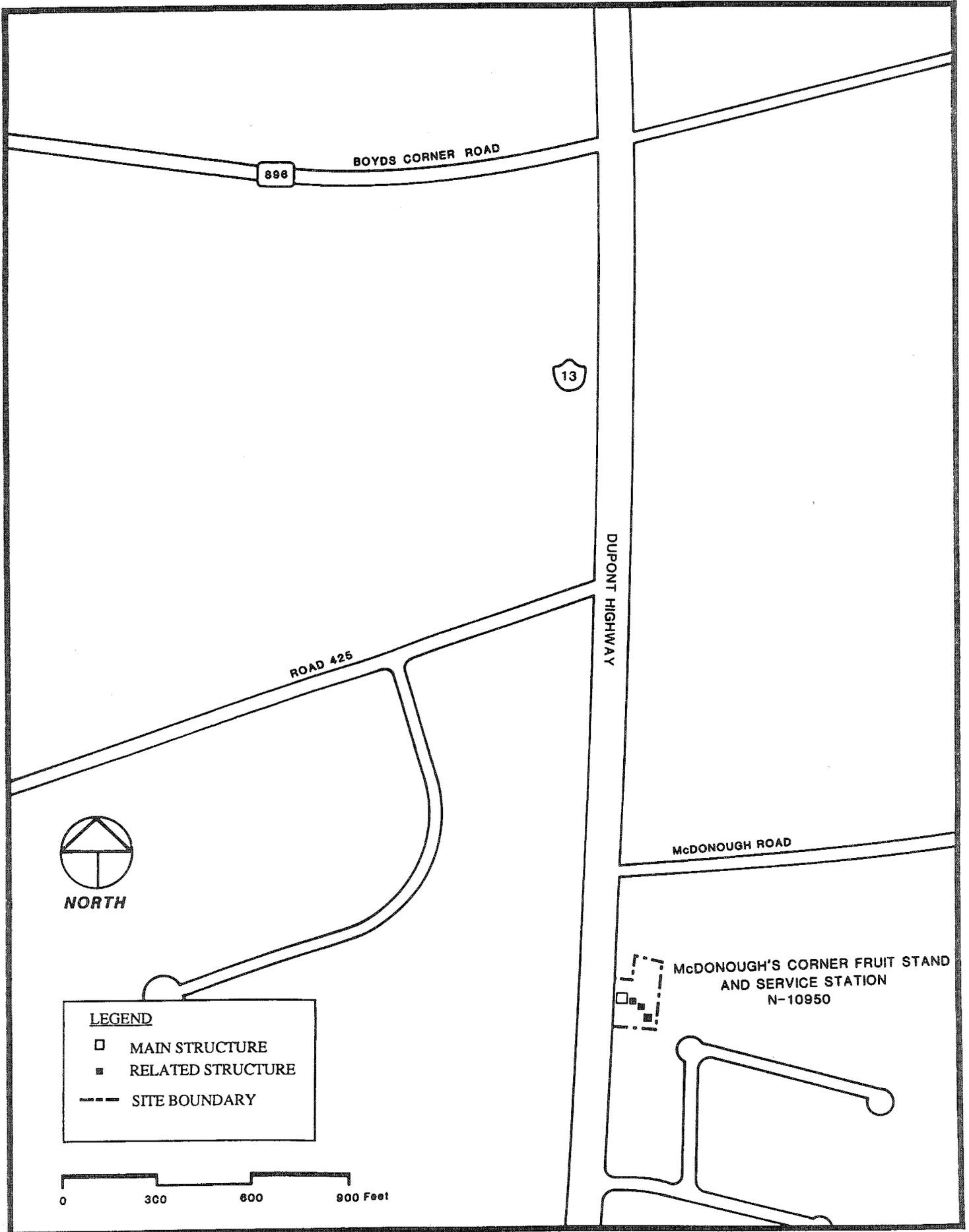
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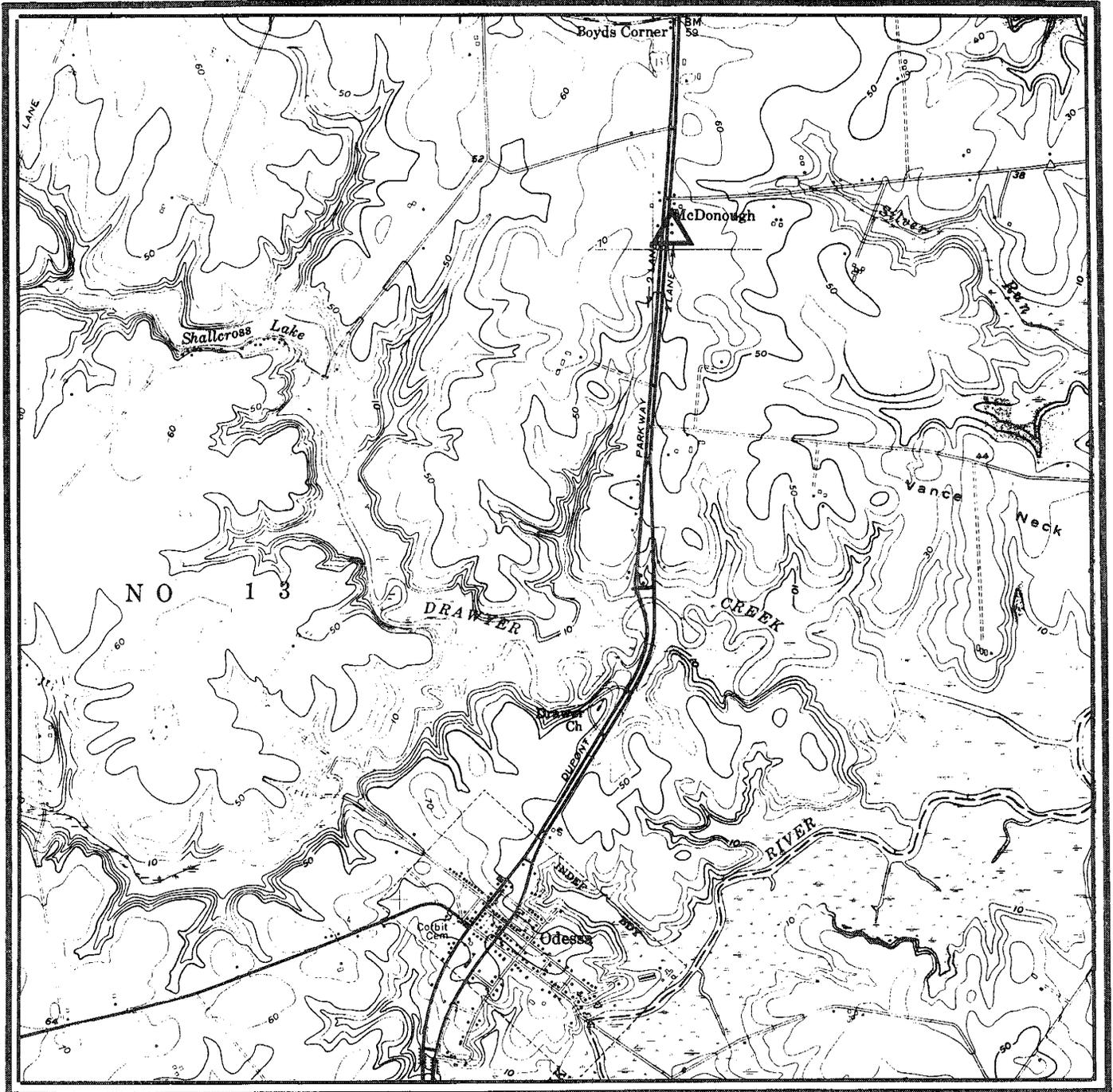
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point located 450 feet south of the intersection of the center lines of Dupont Highway and McDonough Road (Rd. 423) and east 175 feet perpendicular to the center line of Dupont Highway; thence, south 210 feet; thence, at 90° extending west 125 feet to the right of way of Dupont Highway; thence, at 90° extending north 210 feet along said right of way; and thence, at 90° extending east 125 feet to the northeast point of beginning.

The proposed historic boundary comprises the land upon which this roadside structure sits and its immediate surrounds.

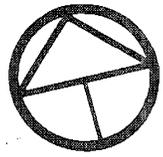
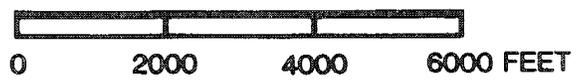




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Fig. 2-28. McDonough's Corner Fruit Stand and Service Station (N-10950), Main elevation, looking northwest.

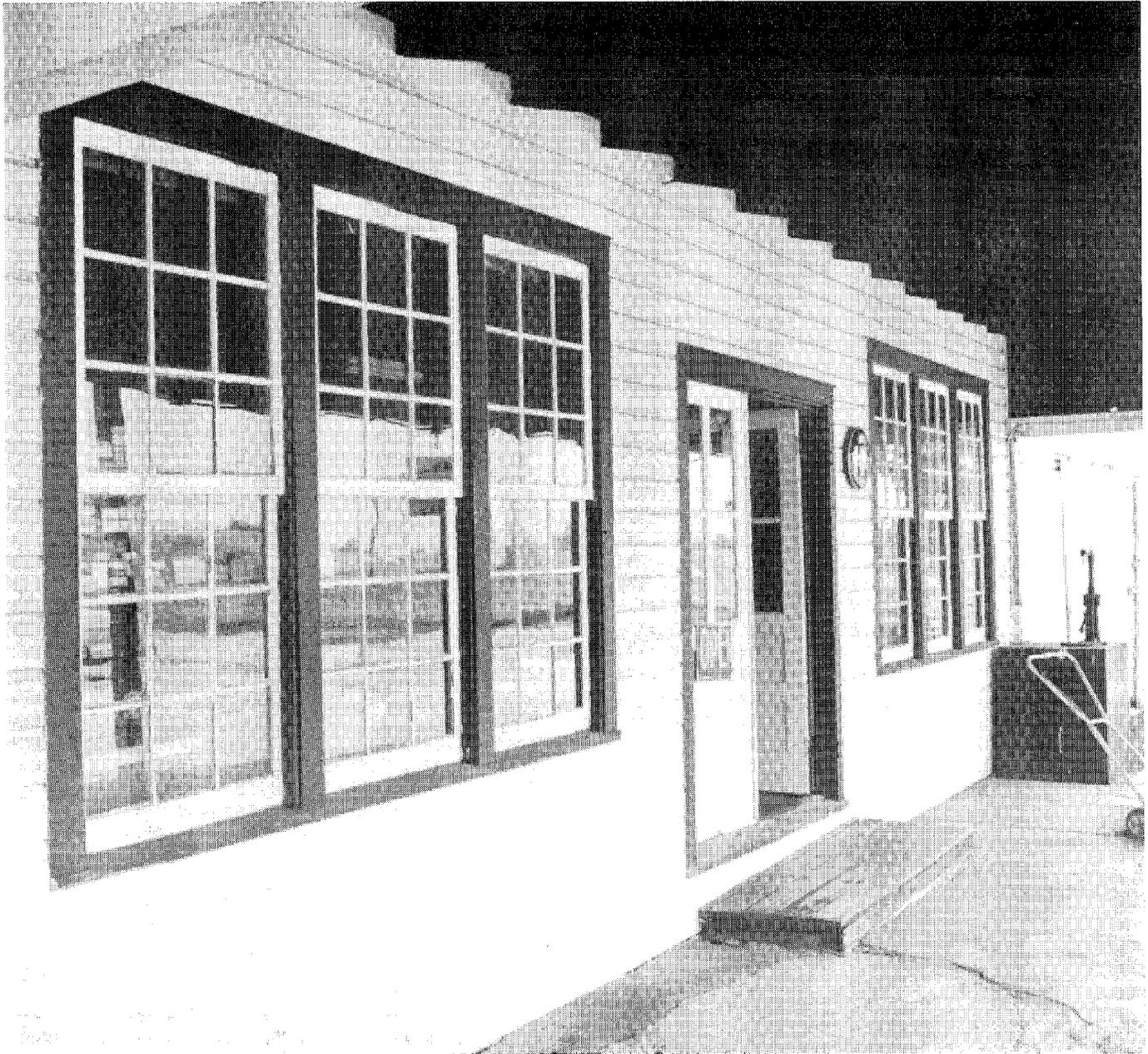


Fig. 2-29. McDonough's Corner Fruit Stand and Service Station (N-10950), Detail of main elevation.

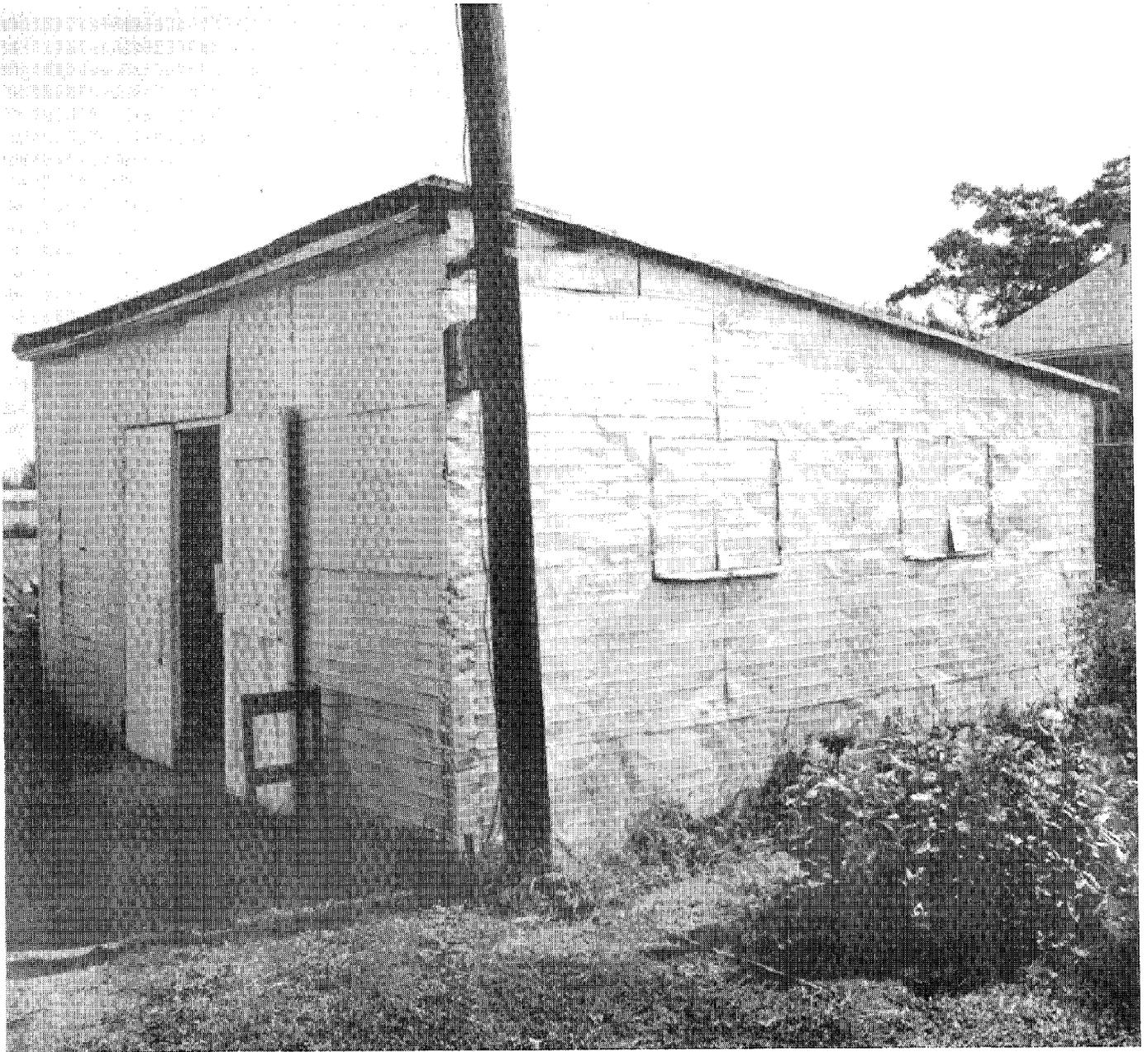


Fig. 2-30. McDonough's Corner Fruit Stand and Service Station (N-10950), Shed, looking northeast.

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Blackbird Historic District is comprised of 14 properties that form a T-shaped district focussed around the intersection of Dupont Highway and Salem Church Road. Historically known as Blackbird Village, the buildings were more visually cohesive as a community before the widening of Dupont Highway in the 1930s set back the properties on the east side of the road and caused the demolition of numerous dwellings. However, despite this physical alteration, the district contains a collection of two significant and nine contributing buildings that continues to mark this rural village in Blackbird Hundred.

The various buildings of the Blackbird Historic District span nearly a century, documenting the mid-19th century roots of the village as well as its emergence into the 20th century. Most of these buildings have been altered, typically with new siding materials and additions. Stylistically, they represent vernacular forms such as the Georgian and its cross-gabled variation, and display modest levels of architectural embellishment. All are constructed of frame.

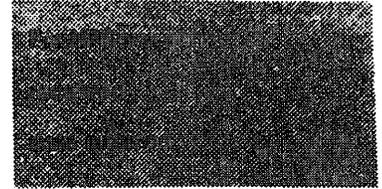
Dating from the earlier years of Blackbird's history are the old hotel (#12) and the schoolhouse (#1), both constructed in the 1840s. The hotel with its Greek Revival dormers has been modified for use as a residence; a large kitchen to the rear was removed when the house was moved to the east for the widening of Dupont Highway in 1932. At that time, several cottages to the north and the circa 1845 Bassett Ferguson brick homestead to the south were demolished. The schoolhouse, No. 69 in the Delaware Free School System, is a single-gabled volume, typical of its era, with a front vestibule and side and rear additions. Originally located on the west side of Dupont Highway, just below the village, it was moved to its current site on Salem Church Road in the 1930s.

Representative of the early surviving dwellings in the village are two frame vernacular houses, one (#8) being a central cross-gabled remodeling of an earlier log structure, the other (#6) being a mid-19th century Georgian form with early 20th century trim and additions. Dating from the late 1870s are the 2-1/2-story, 3-register parsonage and the prominent porch-fronted corner Victorian house built by members of the Ferguson family, pre-eminent landowners of Blackbird Village. Later in the 19th century, the Scott Methodist Episcopal Church, a vernacular Gothic Revival single-gabled volume was constructed (1899), also on Ferguson land. Two central cross-gabled dwellings from this era survive along the west side of Dupont Highway, while a 20th century bungalow and a vernacular "colonial" cottage line the east side.

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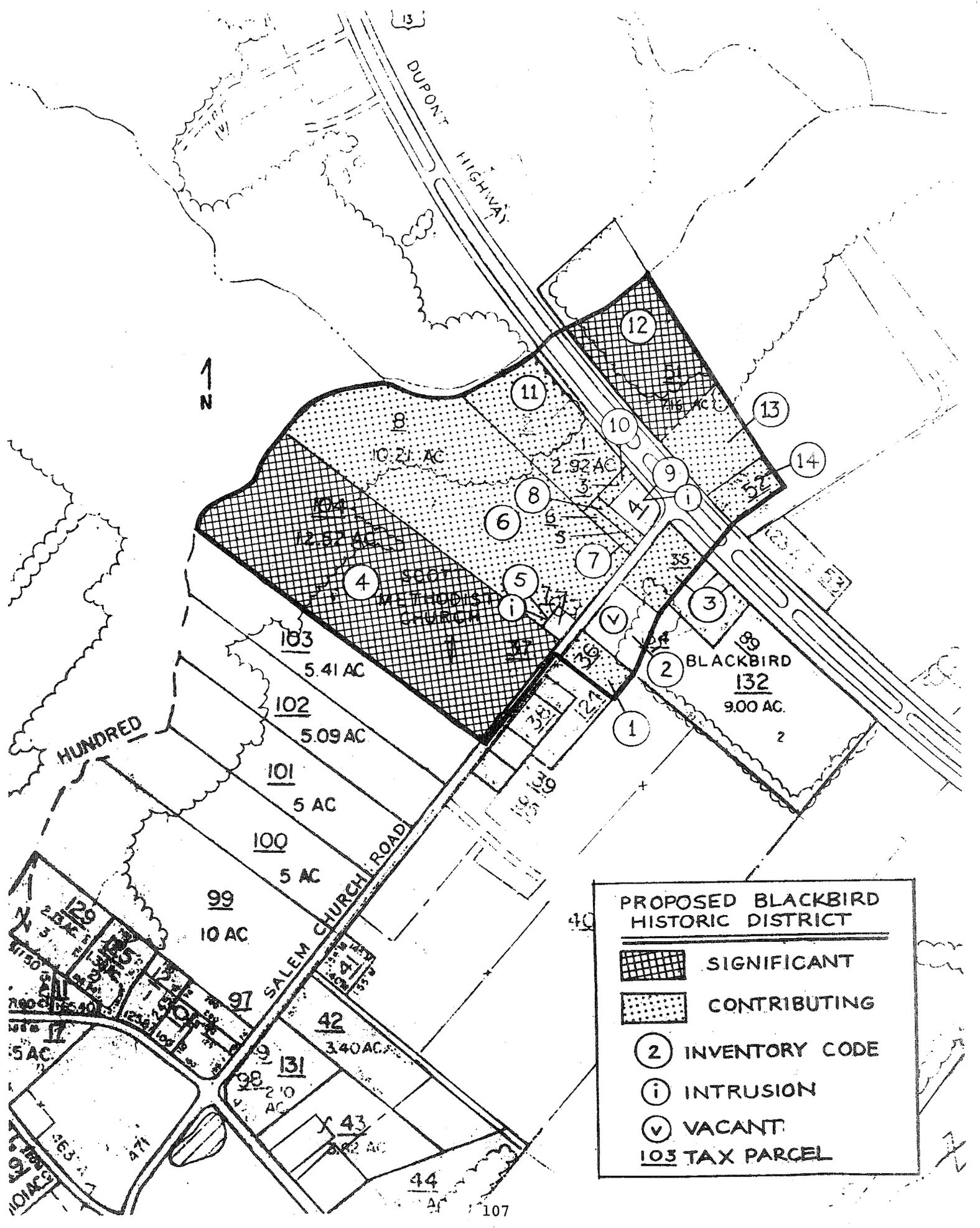
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8. 105 Salem Church Road. Early 20th century remodeling of earlier building as evidenced by documentary photograph of log construction in older section of the house. 1-1/2 story central cross-gabled dwelling constructed of frame (and logs) and sided with aluminum. Front porch with Tuscan columns, central entrance. 2/2 double hung windows on the front; 6/6 double hung on the sides. Overhanging eave, asphalt shingled gabled roof. One story shed addition on wing across rear. Contributing.
9. NWC Salem Church Road and Dupont Highway - CMU garage. Intrusion.
10. 4437 Dupont Highway. Late 19th century 2-1/2 story, 4 register T-shaped dwelling with early 20th century modifications. Side infill addition and rear addition. Constructed of frame, sheathed with asbestos shingles. Central cross-gabled facade. Front porch with turned posts and sawtooth trim. 2/2 double hung windows with simple surrounds. Overhanging eave. Contributing.
11. 4433 Dupont Highway. Late 19th century 2-1/2 story, 3 register T-shaped dwelling with side infill addition. Constructed of frame, sided with vinyl, central cross-gabled facade. Wrap around porch supported by Tuscan columns. Central entrance with 2-light transom. 2/2 double hung windows with simple entablature lintels. Polygonal bay on south facade; interior end chimney along north facade. Box cornice. Contributing.
12. Dwelling complex, east side Dupont Highway. c. 1840 2-1/2 story, 5 register L-shaped Greek Revival dwelling, originally hotel. Cast stone foundation likely dating c. 1930 when road widened and building set back. Constructed of frame, sided with aluminum. 20th century Colonial Revival porch supported by Tuscan columns. Central horizontally paneled door. 6/6 double hung windows. Box cornice, three segmentally arched dormers with decorative arches. Side infill addition. Frame garage and shed. Significant.
13. 4450 Dupont Highway. c. 1920 1-1/2 story bungalow. Cast stone foundation, constructed of frame with aluminum siding. Enclosed front porch. Wall dormer with tripartite window composed of central 6/6 double hung window with flanking smaller 6-light windows. Asphalt-shingled roof. Contributing.
14. 4456 Dupont Highway. c. 1930 2-1/2 story, 2 register dwelling constructed of frame and sided with vinyl. Cast stone foundation. Enclosed front porch. 1/1 double hung windows. Central interior chimney and later side exterior chimney. Contributing.



PROPOSED BLACKBIRD HISTORIC DISTRICT

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8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

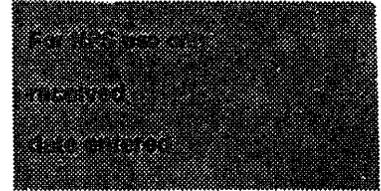
Blackbird Village, located in Blackbird Hundred approximately six miles from Middletown and thirty miles from Wilmington, was a flourishing 19th century community. Its proximity to the Blackbird Creek, along which sawmills and grist mills operated and goods were transported, and the accessibility of the railroad made Blackbird one of the commercial and residential centers in New Castle County. Because the surviving assemblage of buildings continues to convey this history, the Blackbird Historic District appears eligible for the National Register under Criterion A. On a local level, the individuals of the Ferguson family made significant contributions to the village and therefore also qualify the district under Criterion B. Of secondary importance is the district's association with the widening of Dupont Highway in the 1930s, giving it significance in the area of transportation.

A history of Blackbird Village is essentially an account of the Ferguson family which owned, built upon, and/or donated most of the land in the village. Bassett Ferguson (1803-1853), grandson of Daniel Ferguson, Revolutionary War hero, made his home in Blackbird Village in 1832, first in a house constructed of logs next to the Scott M.E. Church site, then in a brick house (demolished 1932) on his farm across the state highway. In addition to being a farmer and merchant, Bassett operated the old hotel from 1838 to 1841, from which he served as the village's first postmaster. That hotel was abandoned for the c.1840 Greek Revival building (#12) which Bassett owned and operated until his death. His wife, Susan T. Weldon, remarried Vincent O. Hill, who assumed operation of the hotel. Bassett Ferguson and his wife, had 12 children, seven of whom survived to adulthood. Of these, Richard, Temperance, Colen, Susan, and Mary E. remained closely tied to Blackbird.

Richard Ferguson, eldest son, was a merchant, farmer, state senator, postmaster, and justice of the peace. He began merchandizing in Blackbird in 1853, the year of his father's death, but soon devoted his efforts to farming on a 75-acre tract contiguous to Blackbird Village, primarily producing stock and grain. Richard Ferguson and his wife, Bathsheba Deakyne, daughter of Thomas Deakyne, owned the corner property (#3) which they sold to Richard's sister, Temperance, and brother-in-law, Richard Brockson, in 1877. The Ferguson-Brocksons built the prominent Victorian house, part of which was used as a store and later as the Liberty Tea Shop. Temperance had acquired her merchandizing expertise by running a dressmaking store in Philadelphia with her sister prior to marrying Richard Brockson. By 1882 Brockson ran a canning operation in addition to his store, preparing 16,000 pounds of fruit each season for shipment to New York and Philadelphia.

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Richard Ferguson also owned the mid-19th century dwellings on the north side of Salem Church Road, (#6) which he sold to John Fie in 1875, and (#8) which he sold to Samuel R. Warren, miller at Blackbird Creek, in 1877. Richard Ferguson built the parsonage for preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church on lands assigned to Bathsheba upon her father's death and donated that land and parsonage to the church upon his wife's death in 1876. Additional lands of Richard Ferguson were transferred to the Scott M.E. Church of Blackbird by surviving Ferguson family members in 1898 for erection of the vernacular Gothic Revival church that stands today. Prior to erection of this church, the nearest house of worship was Salem M.P. Church, located further south along Salem Church Road, just below Prices Corner. Blackbird residents, including the Brocksons, had been members of that congregation.

Colen Ferguson, Richard's brother, began his career as a clerk in Odessa, then after two years, purchased a 196-acre farm just north of Blackbird Village. He, too, served in the state senate. The two other Ferguson sisters, Susan M. (Mrs. Charles B. Satterfield) and Mary E. (Mrs. Mortimer Records) married men from the village and resided on its outskirts.

The Blackbird Historic District as it appears today clearly reflects the contributions of the Ferguson family. These men and women were responsible for several of the dwellings, the old hotel, the store, the post office, the parsonage, and the church, essentially the buildings that once formed the core of this 19th century village, and now preserve its remains.

Despite various home improvements, the district appears to have changed little since the major road widening of the Dupont Highway in the first half of the 1930s, which terminates the period of significance. That expansion led to the relocation of the schoolhouse to Salem Church Road and the shifting of the old hotel several feet to the east. While these relocated buildings stand as reminders of the state's highway development, other structures in the village were demolished, making it even more essential to recognize and protect the surviving landmarks of historic Blackbird.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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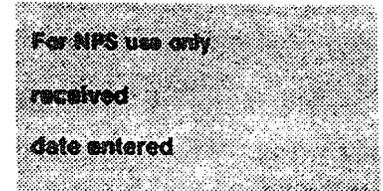
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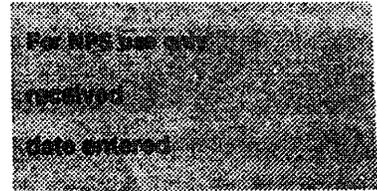


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Owners of Property

1. Blackbird Community Associates, Inc.
c/o Edna C. Alfree
140 Blackbird Road
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.036
2. Melvin B. Wilson
19 Gulfview Drive, Apt. D4
Newark, DE 19702
Tax parcel 15.010.00.132
3. Robert Copper and Bessie King
4451 Dupont Parkway
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.035
4. Harvey S. Burris
129 Blackbird Landing Road
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.104
5. Blackbird Church
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.007
6. Rebecca L. Dickerson
RD 2 Box 142
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.008
7. James F. Sylvester
601 Market Street
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax Parcel 15.010.00.006
8. Albert L. Armstrong
RD 2 Box 140
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.005
9. Albert L. Armstrong
RD 2 Box 140
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.004
10. Michael L. & Patricia A. Walker
4437 Dupont Parkway
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.003
11. Norman J. Beattle
3314 Madison Street
Wilmington, DE 19802
Tax parcel 15.010.00.002
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13. Richard C. & Carroll Parsons
4436 Dupont Parkway
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.051
14. George W. & Mary E. Reed, III
4456 Dupont Parkway
Townsend, DE 19734
Tax parcel 15.010.00.052

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point A located along the boundary line between Blackbird and Appoquinimink Hundreds, a distance of approximately 425 feet from the center line of Dupont Highway, being the rear property line of tax parcel 15.010.00.051;

thence, extending southeasterly along said rear property line and that of tax parcel 15.010.00.052 a distance of approximately 887 feet to point B;

thence, extending southwesterly along the side property lines of tax parcels 15.010.00.052 and 15.010.00.035 and the rear property line of tax parcel 15.010.00.036 a distance of approximately 950 feet to point C;

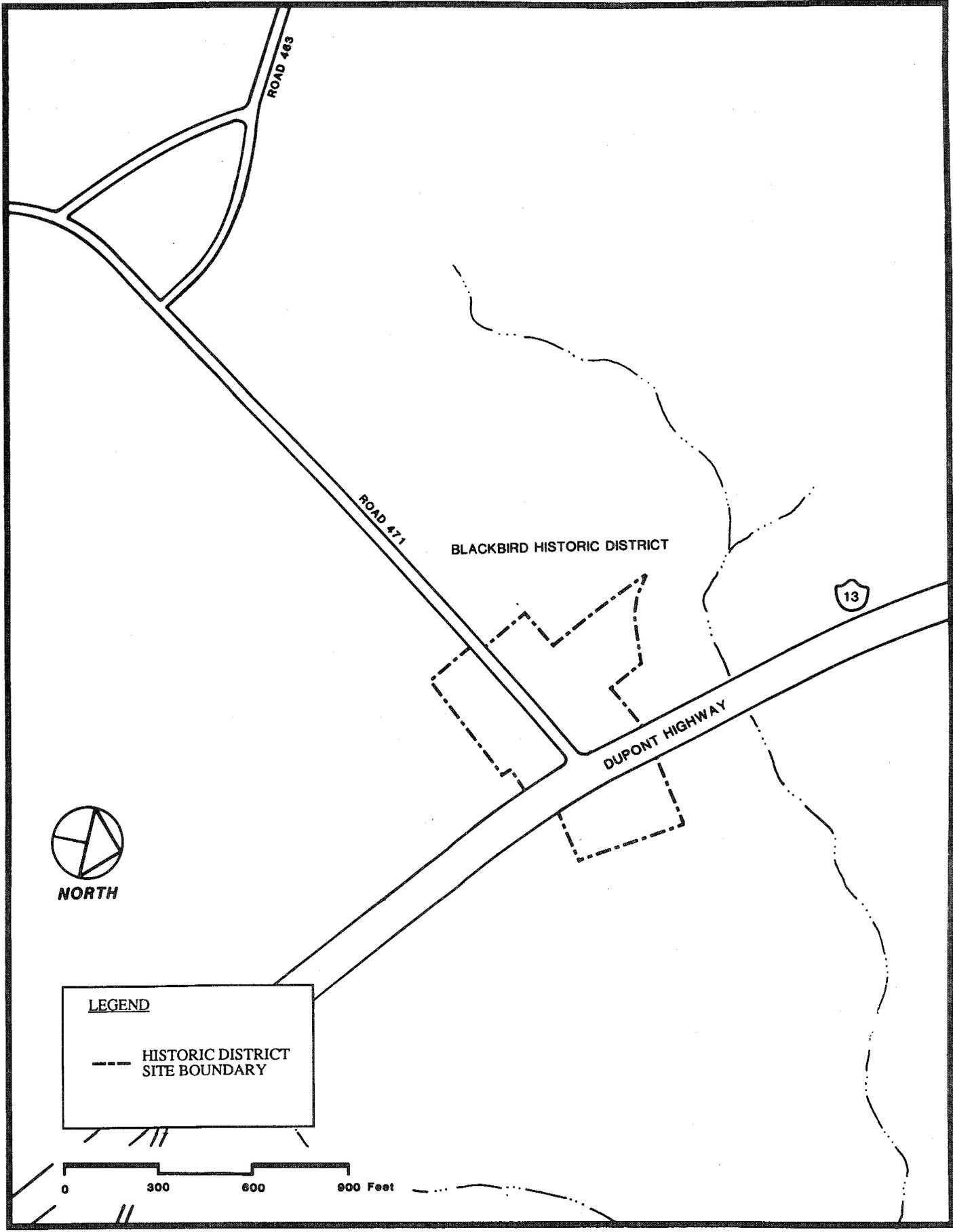
thence, extending northwesterly to the center line of Salem Church Road, a distance of approximately 250 feet to point D;

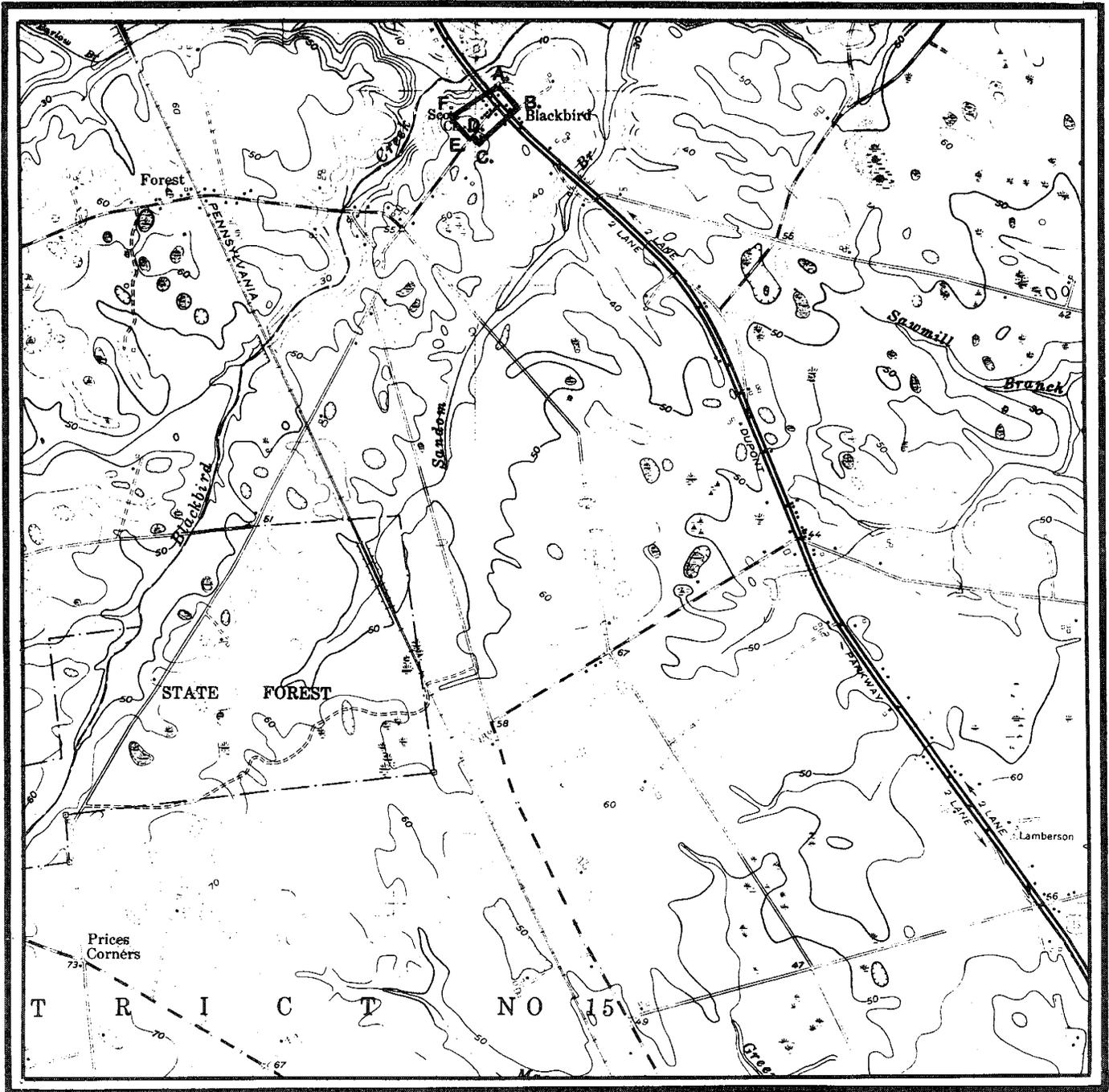
thence, extending southwesterly along the center line of Salem Church Road a distance of approximately 400 feet to point E;

thence, extending northwesterly along the side property line of Scott M.E. Church, tax parcel 15.010.00.104, a distance of approximately 1,260 feet to the boundary line between Blackbird and Appoquinimink Hundreds, being point F;

thence, extending northeasterly along said boundary line to the point of beginning.

The proposed historic district boundary encompasses the remaining core of 19th and early 20th century buildings in Blackbird Village. The northerly district boundary conforms to boundary lines between Blackbird and Appoquinimink Hundreds while giving ample acreage to preserve the buildings which are sited close to the streetfront of Salem Church Road. The district is bounded by modern development along Salem Church Road to the southwest; by open land to a farm to the northeast; and by farmland and scattered development not integral to the historic village along Dupont Highway to the southeast.





PROPOSED BLACKBIRD HISTORIC DISTRICT



New Castle Co., Del.
 UTM: A.18.443120.4358010 D.18.443000.4357780
 B.18.443195.4357910 E.18.442975.4357750
 C.18.443025.4357750 F.18.442885.4357860

SOURCE:
 USGS CLAYTON QUADRANGLE
 Delaware
 7.5 Minute Series





Fig. 2-31. Blackbird Historic District, Ferguson- Brockson House (#3), SWC Salem Church Road and Dupont Highway.



Fig. 2-32. Blackbird Historic District, Schoolhouse No. 69 (#1), Salem Church Road.