

**4.3.18 K-07606. Dwelling**  
**4417 Barratts Chapel Road**  
**SM-00-122.00-02-28.00**

**Description:** This 1.5-acre property is located on the north side of Barratts Chapel Road to the east of Buffalo Road. It contains a small one-story Cape Cod style house that was built in 1939 (Kent County Levy Court 2008). A detached garage and shed complete the ensemble. The property is bordered by roads to the west and south and by agricultural fields to the north and east.

The three-bay house has a T-shaped plan, an asphalt shingle three-gable roof, and white vinyl siding. It is supported by a concrete block foundation and features an interior brick chimney. A small porch is fenced in at the rear.

A detached garage (.002) from ca. 1970 is located to the northeast of the house. The frame structure has an asphalt shingle front gable roof and white vinyl siding. A small frame shed (.003) from ca. 1970 is located to the southeast of the garage. It has an asphalt shingle front gable roof and vertical board siding.

**Applicable Historic Context(s):** Upper Peninsula Zone; Suburbanization and Early Exurbanization (1940-1960±); Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes; Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts.

**Historical Overview:** The 1.5-acre parcel associated with K-07606 was once part of the larger agricultural complex K-02739. In 1939, this modest Cape Cod house was built as the first suburban style single-family residence on this portion of Barratts Chapel Road. The surrounding properties were exclusively farms.

**Evaluation:** In the project APE during the period 1940-1962, residential construction occurred not in large planned subdivisions, but generally as single structures or small developments along roads on the edges of farms. These residences are small, modest, one- or one-and-one-half-story frame buildings. They generally cannot be characterized as having an architectural style, but they often have modest elements from the three prevailing styles of the time: Cape Cod, Minimal Traditional, and Ranch.

Because of their commonness and ubiquity, houses from this 1940-1962 era are rarely individually significant. They can be significant under NRHP Criteria A and C, if they are associated with the increasing suburbanization of the era. The National Register Bulletin

*Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places* (Ames and McClelland 2002) defines a historic residential suburb as “a geographic area, usually located outside the central city, that was historically connected to the city by one or more modes of transportation; subdivided and developed primarily for residential use according to a plan; and possessing a significant concentration, linkage, and continuity of dwellings on small parcels of land, roads and streets, utilities, and community facilities.” K-07606 does not have historical significance under this definition in NRHP Criterion A or C.

Although 1940-1962 era dwellings are most likely to be significant under NRHP Criteria A and C, they could also be eligible under NRHP Criterion B or D. To be significant under NRHP Criterion B, the house or suburban development would have to be designed or somehow associated with a person significant in local, state, or national history. To be eligible under NRHP Criterion D, the dwelling would need to yield, or have the ability to yield, important information on history and to be the principal source of that information. K-07606 does not have any association with a person who has demonstrable significance in local, state, or national history, and therefore, is not eligible under NRHP Criterion B. The construction methods used to build the houses of this era are well known and well documented; K-07606 is not eligible under NRHP Criterion D.

**K-07606 Photographs**



*House, south (front) and east elevations, facing north.*



*House, west elevation, facing east.*



*Garage (.002) and house, north (rear) and west elevations, facing southeast.*



*Garage (.002) and shed (.003), west and south elevations, facing northeast.*

### K-07606 Mapping



K-07606 tax parcel on 2002 aerial photograph (Delaware DataMIL 2008).



K-07606 tax parcel on 1937 aerial photograph (Delaware DataMIL 2008).