

**APPENDIX A:
THOMAS JAMES HOUSE (K-2686),
DOCUMENTATION**



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY / LOCUS IDENTIFICATION FORM

DELAWARE BUREAU OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HALL OF RECORDS
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901
(302) 678-5314



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CPS = 2-2686
Quad Franklin
SPD map = 13-19
Hundred C. Hundred
DOCUMENT 20-00777-27

1. NAME OF LOCUS: THOS. JAMES (DEER'S)

2. STREET LOCATION: ATE RD A

3. OWNER'S NAME: _____ TEL. # _____
ADDRESS: _____

4. TYPE OF LOCUS: a) structure b) district c) archaeological site
d) other _____

5. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) fallow field b) cultivated field c) woodland
d) scattered buildings e) densely built up f) other _____

6. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) none known b) zoning c) roads d) developers
e) deterioration f) other _____

7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER SURVEYS:
TITLE: _____
TITLE: _____
TITLE: _____

8. YOUR NAME: VALERIC SEGNA TEL. # _____
YOUR ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any) DA/NP DATE: 6/8/80

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURAL DATA FORM

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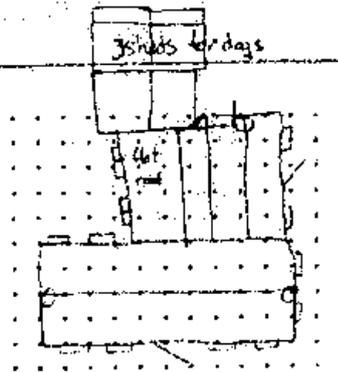


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CRS A-2686
Quad Frederica
SPO map # 12-12-19
Hundred S. Millskill
DOCUMENT 20-06/78/09/14

- 1. ADDRESS OF STRUCTURE : Rte 113 A
- 2. DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

- a) Overall shape
stories 2 main 1 1/2 addition
bays 5
wings mult
- b) Structural system frame
- c) Foundation materials brick
basement yes
- d) Exterior walls materials aluminum, wooden corner boards 12" sitting on brick piers
color(s) maroon
- e) Roof shape: materials gable asphalt shingle
cornice 5m return end gable edge board under along eave
dormers
chimney location(s) 0 on sketch, rebuilt
- f) Windows spacing symmetrical
type 6/6
trim 4 board + cut board cornice on top
shutters none
- g) Door spacing center facade
type 4 panel wood
trim narrow architrave
- h) Porches location(s) front
materials wood
supports brick rebuilt
trim 1 benches, conpenders gthic zig zag bench brick lg. filigree brackets
3-2x2 posts for each column (4) filled with
appendix vertically from top to
half way down and again at
last 1/2 ft to floor
- i) Interior details (if accessible) wooden cut

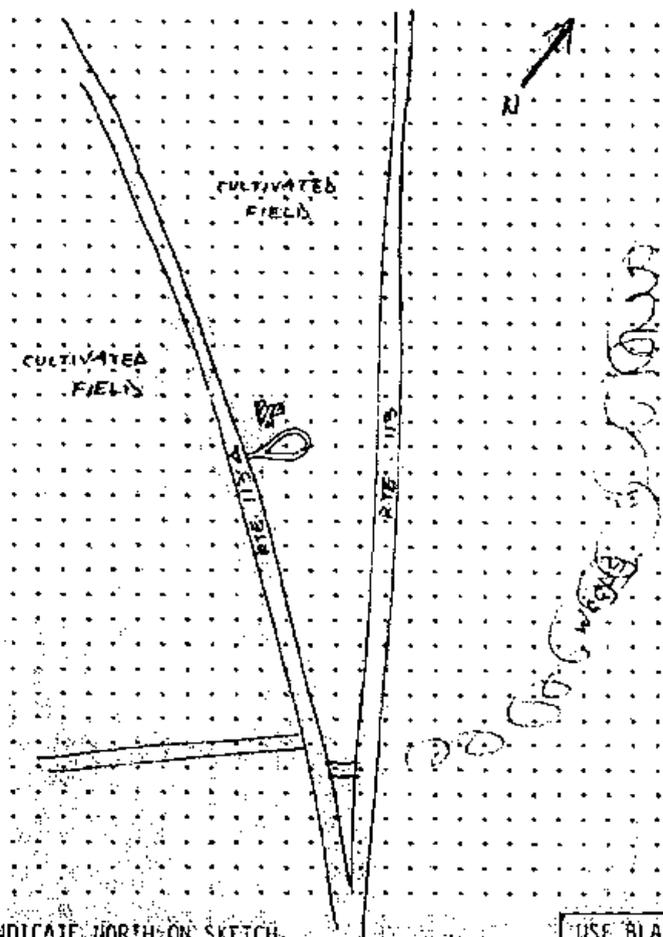


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D. SKETCH MAP

Please indicate position of locust in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and roads.



INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH

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E. COMMENTS:

Consider the following:

- a) relationship to setting
- b) associated traditions or stories
- c) noteworthy features
- d) comparison with others in area

... .. TEWANT HOUSE

3. CONDITION: good _____ deteriorated: _____

remarks: _____

4. INTEGRITY: a) original site _____ b) moved _____

c) if moved, when and from where _____

d) list major alterations and dates (if known) _____

5. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____

6. ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____

7. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS:

a) barn _____ b) carriage house _____ c) garage _____ d) privy _____

e) shed _____ f) greenhouse _____ g) shop _____ h) gardens _____

i) icehouse _____ j) springhouse _____ k) other _____

describe: by knees

8. BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE ORIGINAL AND SUBSEQUENT USES OF THE STRUCTURE. NOTE ANY ASSOCIATIONS WITH HISTORIC EVENTS OR PERSONS:

OWNER say 1/2 storey addition is oldest and the flat roofed addition he enclosed himself.

9. Primary References: (include location of reference)

Mr. Pilleyn in his yard

10. Surveyor: M. Cross Date of Form: 18 June 50

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHY REFERENCES

Berkelein, Harold Donaldson and Hubbard, Cortlandt V.D. Historic Houses and Buildings of Delaware. Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1962. p. 81.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards and Co., 1888. pp. 1150-52.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	• • •	• • •	30	2	30
NE	• • •	• • •	75	27	27
SE	• • •	• • •			
SW	• • •	• • •			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 10/16/72

STREET AND NUMBER: Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs</u></p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # K-2686

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 628 Clapham Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic tool/wood shed current storage

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

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular, open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

N/A

year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. (2) side-gable additions appended to east end of original square block

b. N/A

year

1960

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Frame

b. Number of stories One

c. Wall coverings Vertical board siding, white-washed

d. Foundation Concrete slab

e. Roof

structural system Frame, moderately pitched, side-gable; various roof lines

coverings Asphalt shingle

openings Zero (0)

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: S

1) bays: Two (2)

2) windows: (1) square opening, covered with wire mesh

3) door(s): (1) vertical-board, sliding

4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: E

- 1) **bays:** One (1)
- 2) **windows:** (1) set of paired, two-light, awning-sash, wooden
- 3) **door(s):** None
- 4) **other:** Chain-link fencing for former dog kennel extends from south end of east elevation.

c. Side: direction: W

- 1) **bays:** Zero (0)
- 2) **windows:** N/A
- 3) **door(s):** N/A
- 4) **other:** N/A

d. Rear: direction: N

- 1) **bays:** Two (2)
- 2) **windows:** (1) set of paired, two-light, awning-sash, wooden; (1) square opening covered in wire mesh
- 3) **door(s):** N/A
- 4) **other:** Propane tank located to east of square window-like opening.

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan **Not accessible**

b) Partition/walls **Not accessible**

c) Finishes **Not accessible**

d) Furnishings/machinery **Not accessible**



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MAP FORM

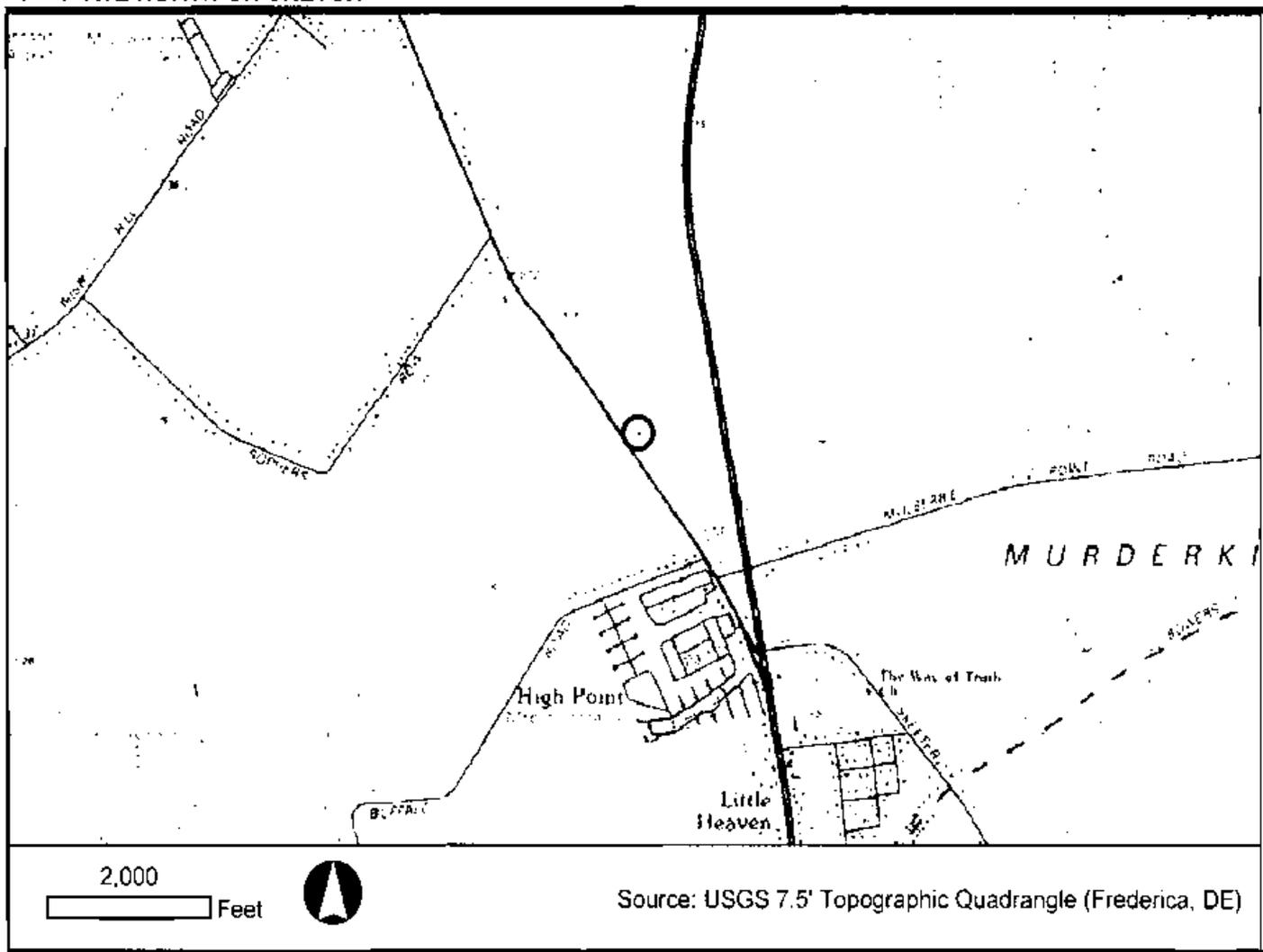
CRS # K-2686

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 628 Clapham Road, South Murderkill Hundred
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION reason: _____
3. LOCATION MAP:

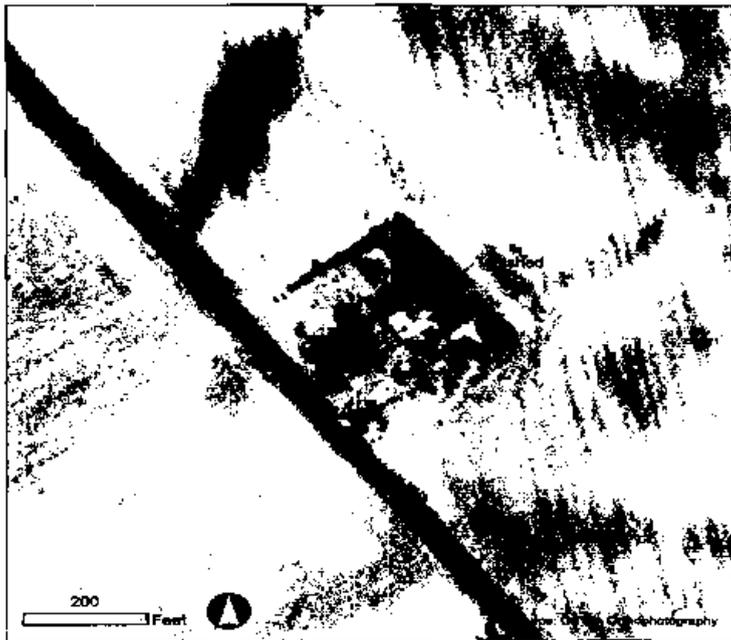
Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN





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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS # K-2686

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Thomas James Property
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 628 Clapham Road
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished
4. INTEGRITY: The dwelling contains alterations to the west and south elevations since the 1980 survey. The dwelling is encased with aluminum, replacement siding and contains a replacement, aluminum door and replacement, vinyl windows on the south elevation. The front (west) entry porch has been altered and a modern entry porch has been added to the south elevation of the rear ell.
5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Post-1980 residential development, including a mobile home park, is located immediately to the west and southwest of the property on the west side of Clapham Road. Cultivated fields border the property to the north, south, and east.

6. FORMS ADDED (give number of forms completed for each):

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

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Emma Young

Principal Investigator name: Barbara Frederick

Principal Investigator signature: _____

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 9/7/2007

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS# K-2686

The property contains alterations since the 1980 survey. Post-1980 residential development is located to the west and southwest of the property where cultivated fields were formerly located. The property is surrounded by cultivated lands interspersed with mature trees, and dense overgrowth.

The decorative, wooden, filligree brackets have been removed from the front (west) porch. The brick steps and landing that provide access to the porch have been replaced in-kind. A one-story-, one-bay, pedimented entry porch has been added to the entry on the south elevation. The porch is accessed by four, replacement, brick steps and landing. Overall, the dwelling contains minor alterations since the 1980 survey and appears to be in good condition. The dwelling retains integrity of form and can continue to convey Greek Revival detailing despite encasement of the exterior in replacement materials.

9. 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)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input 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 |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Thomas James House

other names/site number K02686

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2. Location

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street & number 628 Clapham Road not for publication
city or town Magnolia vicinity X
state Delaware code DE county Kent code 001
zip code 19962

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

_____ entered in the National Register _____

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register

_____ See continuation sheet.

_____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register

_____ removed from the National Register _____

_____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century; Greek Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

roof asphalt

walls Metal: Aluminum

other cornice: aluminum; porch: brick, wood, vinyl; chimneys: brick

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance ca. 1820; ca. 1850

Significant Dates ca. 1820; ca. 1850

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: Delaware State Historic Preservation Office

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 2.10

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	18	459844E	4322810N
2	_____	_____	_____

	Zone	Easting	Northing
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title: Emma Young, Architectural Historian

organization A.D. Marble & Company date November 2007

street & number 375 East Elm Street, Suite 200 telephone (484) 533-2500

city or town Conshohocken state PA Zip code 19428

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black-and-white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Arthur E. Pulleyn, Trustee

street & number 628 Clapham Road telephone (302) 335-3381

town/city Magnolia state DE zip code 19962

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to Keeper, National Register of Historic Places, 1849 "C" Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Thomas James House, Kent County, DE

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Description

The Thomas James House is located on the east side of Clapham Road, approximately 0.75-miles northwest of the community of Little Heaven. The 2.10-acre property consists of a *circa*-1840 to *circa*-1880, frame dwelling and an early twentieth-century, frame, tool/wood shed. The dwelling and shed are in good condition. A barn and several additional outbuildings, formerly located to the rear of the dwelling, were removed in the late twentieth century. Compared to other contemporary area examples, the Thomas James House is a well-preserved example of a mid-nineteenth-century dwelling with Greek Revival detailing. Features of the Greek Revival style include a symmetrical facade, gabled roof, entry porch, transom, corner boards, and boxed cornice with returns.

The property is currently under residential use. Due to the removal of the large barn and several additional outbuildings and fragmentation of the farm plan, the property no longer retains the feeling of a nineteenth-century farm complex. Small groves of trees surround the property to the north, south, and east. Cultivated fields line the property to the south, and a modern mobile home park is located across Clapham Road (US 113A), immediately to the west of the property.

Dwelling

The L-shaped dwelling features a *circa*-1880 two-and-one-half-story, five-bay-wide, symmetrical, front block with a *circa*-1840, one-and-one-half-story, three-bay-wide rear ell, likely of frame or log construction. The dwelling sits upon a full, brick foundation, and aluminum siding covers the exterior walls. The gable ends of the front block are clad in vertical aluminum siding. The steeply pitched, side-gable roof that caps the front block is sheathed in asphalt shingles and features gable-end returns of the boxed cornice. Two interior, brick, end chimneys protrude from the roof ridge. The rear ell is capped by a steeply pitched, side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. An interior, brick, end chimney protrudes from the eastern end of the roof ridge.

The dwelling faces west towards Clapham Road. An entry porch, centrally located on the facade, provides access to the main entry into the dwelling. The entry porch replaced an earlier wood porch with filigreed brackets and consists of three brick steps and a brick landing. Three wooden, corner posts support the flat, wooden roof that shelters the porch. A carpenter-gothic bench is located on the north and south sides of the porch and spans between the posts and the facade of the dwelling. The main entry into the dwelling consists of a four-paneled, wood door, accessed by a two-light, aluminum storm door, and topped by a three-light transom. The door is flanked by two evenly spaced, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wood windows. The windows feature wood sills and aluminum surrounds. Five, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wood windows are located in the second story, aligned above the five openings of the first story.

The north gable end of the front block features two, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wood windows in the gable and no additional openings. The south gable end of the front block contains two evenly spaced, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wood windows in the first and second stories. Each window sits atop a wooden sill and features an aluminum surround. Two, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wood windows are located in the gable. The rear ell conceals the southernmost bays of the east elevation of the front block. Two evenly spaced, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden windows are located in the first story and three evenly spaced, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wooden windows occupy the second story. Each window sits upon a wooden sill and features an aluminum surround.

The rear ell faces south and features a regular fenestration pattern in the facade. Although there is no documentary evidence, it is possible, based on regional trends in construction during the mid-nineteenth century, that this rear block may be an earlier frame or log dwelling that was incorporated when the front block

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Thomas James House, Kent County, DE

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was constructed.

The rear ell contains a post-1980, centrally located, entry porch that consists of four brick steps, brick landing, and vinyl railing, posts, and balustrade. A front-gable, vinyl, pediment roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles, caps the porch and shelters the secondary entry into the dwelling. A single-leaf, nine-light, aluminum door, sheltered by a two-light, aluminum, storm door, provides access into the interior. A six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wood window flanks the entry. The openings in the second story are aligned above the three openings of the first story. Two narrow, rectangular, one-over-one light, double-hung sash, aluminum, replacement windows are located directly above the entry and in the westernmost bay of the upper story. A three-over-three light, double-hung sash, aluminum, replacement window occupies the easternmost bay of the upper story.

The east elevation of the rear ell contains two evenly spaced, four-over-four light, double-hung sash, wooden windows in the gable. Each window sits upon a wooden sill and features an aluminum surround. A shed-roof, enclosed addition extends the width of the first story of the north elevation of the rear ell. A six-light, aluminum door complete with a two-light, aluminum storm door, is located on the east elevation of the addition and provides interior access. The addition, clad in aluminum siding and capped by an asphalt-shingle roof, was enclosed in the 1970s by the current owner based on the 1980 survey form. Two sets of evenly spaced, paired, six-over-six light, double-hung sash, aluminum windows occupy the first story. Three evenly spaced, narrow, rectangular, one-over-one light, double-hung sash, aluminum windows are located in the upper story.

Outbuildings

Tool/Wood Shed

A one-story, frame, circa-1930 tool and wood shed, erected in three parts, is located immediately to the east of the dwelling. The building was converted for use as a dog kennel circa 1965, and a wire-mesh fence extends outward from the east elevation of the building. The building sits atop a concrete slab and white-washed, vertical-board siding comprises the exterior. A steeply pitched, side-gable roof, sheathed in asphalt shingles and featuring three separate planes along the ridge, caps the building.

One square window-like opening, covered in wire mesh, is located in the westernmost bay of the south elevation. A vertical-board, sliding door is centrally located in the south elevation. A set of paired, two-light, awning-sash, wooden windows and one, square, ground-level opening occupy the east elevation. A set of paired, two-light, awning-sash, wooden windows are located in the eastern end of the north elevation and one square, window-like opening, covered in wire mesh occupies the western end.

Overall, the building, currently used for storage, is in good condition.

Removed Outbuildings

The property, which included the dwelling and former tool/wood shed, was documented in 1980. A comparison of aerials from 1932 and 1992 reveals that prior to 1980, a barn and additional outbuildings were removed from the property.

Landscape Features and Setting

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A portion of the historic farm lane network (connecting the property to Clapham Road) is intact. Large mature, evergreen and deciduous trees intersperse the property and surround the gravel, semi-circular farm lane. A line of mature deciduous and evergreen trees delineates the north, south, and east sides of the property. Cultivated fields surround the property boundary to the north, east, and south, and modern residential development is located to the west of the property across Clapham Road (US 113A). The field patterns and orchards are no longer visible on the property.

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Thomas James House, Kent County, DE
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Statement of Significance

The Thomas James House (*circa*-1820 rear ell with *circa*-1860 front block) is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a locally significant nineteenth-century dwelling with Greek Revival-style detailing in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County. Architectural features include the transom, corner boards, gable-end returns, paneled central entrance door, original six-over-six light, double-hung sash, wood windows, and brick, interior, end chimneys. With the exception of the replacement of a few windows in the rear ell, the addition of the entry porch at the rear ell and the enclosure of a former porch, there have been relatively few changes since the late nineteenth century.

The property delineated as 628 Clapham Road in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, originally encompassed 573 acres that belonged to Thomas James, a local farmer. Assumably, the one-and-one-half-story dwelling was erected *circa* 1820 as this represents a form typical to those dwellings erected in the early nineteenth century in Delaware. Thomas James presumably added the two-story front block and Greek Revival detailing *circa*-1850 as his name appear on Byles' 1859 Atlas of Kent County, Delaware.¹ The 1868 Beers' Atlas of Kent County, Delaware also illustrates "Thos. James" as the land owner.² Over the next four decades, ownership of the large tract of land presumably passed through heirs of Thomas James for the title trace is lost until 1901 based upon research conducted at the Kent County Recorder of Deeds.

On August 6, 1901, Carrie M. Latchum sold the property, known as "The Sipple Tract" along with "all buildings and improvements" to Charles N. Hoodall for \$4550 (KCDB N8: 87). Hoodall retained ownership of the land until he lost the property from the settlement of a lawsuit and a debt of \$2400. On April 29, 1936, William G. Bush, Sheriff of Kent County, sold the 573-acre property to Arley B. Magee, the highest bidder, for \$2800 (KCDB U14: 314). On January 4, 1937, Magee and his wife, Louise M., conveyed the property to John Dingle (KCDB B15: 43). According to a 1937 aerial photograph of the property, the Thomas James House included the extant dwelling and several agricultural outbuildings, including a barn. A circulation network of farm lanes intersect throughout the property and bisect through a small, former orchard located to the northeast of the dwelling.

On December 28, 1950, Neva W. Dingle, widow of John Dingle, sold the property to Island Farm, Inc. (KCDB C19: 369). On July 1, 1962, Island Farm, Inc. conveyed the property, totaling 573 acres, to King Cole Farm, Inc. (KCDB Y22: 302). Over the next year, King Cole Farm, Inc. subdivided the acreage into separate lots. The field patterns and historic agricultural use of the property may have been replaced at this time. The land adjacent to the west side of Clapham Road (US 113A) was subdivided into a residential trailer park. King Cole Farm, Inc. subdivided the Thomas James House and tool shed onto a 2.0-acre tract of land and on November 26, 1963, sold the small parcel, including the dwelling and tool shed, to Arthur E. Pulleyn for \$4500 (KCDB I23: 532). Prior to 1980, Mr. Pulleyn enclosed the first-floor addition on the north elevation of the rear ell, encased the dwelling in aluminum siding, and replaced some of the windows on the rear ell. Between 1980 and 2007, the entry porch on the facade was replaced and a porch was added to the south elevation of the rear ell. Currently, in 2007, Arthur E. Pulleyn retains ownership of the property, which consists of 2.0 acres.

¹ A.D. Byles, *Atlas of Kent County, Delaware*, 1859.

² J.G. Beers, *Atlas of Kent County, Delaware*, 1868.

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The Thomas James House was previously documented on a CRS form in 1980.

The Thomas James House is being evaluated as a residential resource due to the absence/removal of the former barn and associated outbuildings. In order to be seen as a significant example of residential architecture, a property must include a building or structure that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Buildings must possess strong integrity of design and materials. The Thomas James House embodies elements of a mid-nineteenth-century dwelling with Greek Revival architectural details and retains integrity from its initial period of construction (ca. 1820) and ca. 1850 addition and is therefore recommended eligible under National Register Criterion C.

The Greek Revival architectural style was popular in the mid-nineteenth-century for both public buildings and domestic architecture throughout the United States. In the Mid-Atlantic, most builders did not erect high-style dwellings in the Greek Revival style, but instead opted for the application of Greek Revival motifs to traditional forms.³ The resulting style is characterized by symmetrical facades, low-pitched roofs, pedimented gables, classical proportions, and heavy, unadorned cornices.⁴ The Thomas James House retains details common to the Greek Revival style: symmetrical facade, corner boards, paneled door, transom, six-light, double-hung sash windows, low-pitched, gable roof, and unadorned cornice.⁵ The door surround does not include sidelights.

The remodeling, replacing, and/or enlarging of houses constituted a broad pattern in Delaware after the Civil War and up through the third quarter of the nineteenth century, or the collapse of the peach boom. The Thomas James House reflects trends associated with this pattern as the front block presumably post-dates the rear ell. A thematic National Register nomination entitled *Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred, 1830-1899* traces the trend in southern New Castle County.⁶ If the Thomas James House is an example, this trend appears to have extended at least as far south as Kent County. The study notes that the rebuilding theme is "representative of a broad pattern of historically documented architectural, agricultural, and social changes" taking place during that time.⁷ The buildings in the study reflected local versions and/or mixes of Italianate, Second Empire, Gothic, Late Federal, and Greek Revival architectural styles.

The Thomas James House retains the majority of the aspects of integrity enabling it to convey its architectural significance. Integrity of design is most critical when evaluating individual resources as representative examples of a type under Criterion C. Integrity of building design would be compromised through incompatible additions as well as the loss of the major architectural elements (massing, rooflines, windows, doors, chimneys, and porches). The reconstruction of the front porch and small-scale additions to the rear ell does not compromise the integrity of design of the dwelling as the dwelling retains its L-shaped footprint, fenestration pattern, massing, chimneys, and roofline.

The material integrity of the dwelling has been somewhat compromised by the cladding of the roof in asphalt

³ Gabrielle Lanier and Bernard Herman, *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic*, The Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore, Maryland, 1997, page 138.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, Alfred A. Knopf: New York, New York, 2002 edition, pages 179-182.

⁶ Bernard L., Lauren Archibald, Helen Ross, Trish Bensinger, et al., *Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, 1850-1880*, 1985. National Register Nomination, on file, DESHPO, Dover.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Section 7:1-2.

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shingles, the encasement of the exterior walls in aluminum siding, and the replacement of some doors and windows. However, the Thomas James House still possesses most of those physical elements of original construction including brick foundation, brick chimneys, majority of original windows with wooden sills, paneled main entrance door, and transom. Integrity of workmanship is physical evidence of functional and/or decorative craftsmanship during a given period in history. The integrity of workmanship is evident in the brick foundation, chimneys, entry benches, and wood sills. Based on an examination of historic aerials and mapping, the dwelling appears to retain integrity of location, as it is located adjacent to the roadway and gravel farm lane. The integrity of setting has been somewhat compromised by the loss of the relationship between this and the buildings that once comprised the farm complex, although it still retains a setting among active agricultural lands adjacent to a gravel lane that formerly served the farm complex. The association of the former dwelling with a farmstead complex has been lost by the removal of the agrarian structures; however, the dwelling continues to serve a residential use. The retention of integrity of materials, workmanship, design, and location result in the retention of integrity of feeling. Thus, the Thomas James House retains sufficient integrity to be considered eligible for listing in the National Register in the area of architecture.

The Thomas James House is not eligible under Criteria A and C in the area of agriculture due to loss of integrity. In order to be seen as a significant example of a farm complex, a resource must possess features that date to and retain integrity from the period of significance. The setting of the land must reflect agricultural use or at a minimum a buffer between the farm and surrounding land use. The Thomas James House retains an agricultural setting amidst cultivated field and yard space with some mature trees. Based on an examination of historic mapping, it appears that the extant buildings (dwelling and tool/wood shed) retain integrity of location. Additionally, buildings and structures that convey the historic operations of the farm must remain. While the James property retains the historic dwelling, the absence of a historic barn and other outbuildings that convey the types of farming that were conducted on the property detracts from the overall integrity of historic association with agriculture as well as the feeling of a farm complex. While the Thomas James House retains a former tool/wood shed, alone, this extant outbuilding cannot convey the types of agricultural that once occurred on the property. Additionally, the removal of the farm's barns and outbuildings has resulted in a loss of integrity of design of the former farm plan. Therefore, due to a lack of integrity the Thomas James property is recommended not eligible in the area of agriculture.

The Thomas James House is recommended not eligible under Criterion B. due to lack of association with a significant individual. Based on an examination of primary and secondary sources, it does not appear that any of the historic owners of this property carried out activities that were demonstrably important to the local area.

The Thomas James House is recommended not eligible under Criterion D (potential to yield information). Eligibility of above-ground resources under Criterion D is rare; to be eligible under Criterion D, a building must possess the potential to yield information on practices or methods of construction. The dwelling is built of frame, a common construction technique, and does not appear to have the potential to be an important source of information. The log construction of the rear ell cannot be discerned from the exterior, and therefore, does not appear to have the potential to be an important source of information. The extant twentieth-century outbuilding features unremarkable construction techniques. As no archaeological testing has been conducted on the Thomas James property, the property's archaeological potential cannot be assessed at this time.

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State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization

Geographical Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

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Verbal Boundary Description

The existing Kent County Tax Parcel 800113000233000001 will serve as the National Register boundary for the Thomas James House.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the architecturally significant dwelling, former tool/wood shed, sufficient setting, and the gravel driveway that provides access to the property. The 2.10-acre tax parcel includes a portion of the land on which the dwelling was historically located at the time of its construction (ca. 1820/ca. 1850). The associated former tool/wood shed post-dates the period of significance and is considered to be non-contributing features. This boundary was prepared in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the National Register Bulletin: *Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties*.⁸

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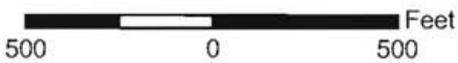
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Thomas James House



 Proposed National Register Boundary
Tax Parcels

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 Thomas James Property (K-2686)

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