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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS #	K-7348
SPO Map	12-13-19
Hundred	South Murderkill
Quad	Frederica
Other	

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dare's Supermarket/Med's Market - Store

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7821 Bay Road, Kent County, West Side Of Road

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐ landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: store/deli

6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	commercial/retail (store)
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	
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	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature:

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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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)

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Trapping/Hunting
- ☐ Mining/Quarrying
- ☐ Fishing/Oystering
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☒ Retailing/Wholesaling
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Professional Services
- ☐ Transportation and Communication
- ☐ Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes
- ☐ Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Community Organizations
- ☐ Occupational Organizations
- ☐ Major Families, Individuals and Events

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7821 Bay Road, Kent County, West Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Deli/store current Deli/convenience store

3. YEAR BUILT: 1950 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where | other location's CRS # | year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) | year
a. According to tax records, the building was remodeled in 1956. | 1956
b.

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: Rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: n/a

b Structural system (if known): Masonry

c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☒

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Concrete blocks (painted yellow)

e. Roof: shape: Flat with stepped parapet in front and attached pent on north side; gabled roof section in northwest corner
materials: Not visible
cornice: none on front, covered with aluminum on sides
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): Interior, near NW corner

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: E
1) Bays 6
2) Windows large, storefront window
fenestration irregular
type single, large, fixed (4 of these total, each set 2 large panes)
trim aluminum, modest commercial type
shutters n/a

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 2 - adjacent, off center
   - location off center
   - type single leaf glass doors, each with single light transom
   - trim aluminum, modest commercial type

4) Porch(es) n/a

b. Side: Direction: N

1) Bays 2
2) Windows 1
   - fenestration irregular
   - type fixed, single pane
   - trim aluminum, modest commercial type
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) n/a
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
4) Porch(es) n/a

c. Side: Direction: S

1) Bays 1
2) Windows n/a
   - fenestration n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) 1
   - location off center
   - type single leaf, metal paneled
   - trim metal, modest
4) Porch(es) n/a

d. Rear: Direction: W

1) Bays 6
2) Windows 5
   - fenestration irregular
   - type 2/2, Double hung (one paired) on NW block; others are 8-pane fixed
   - trim simple wood on the 2/2 window; concrete surround on the 8 pane window
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) 1
   - location off center
   - type solid panel metal door
   - trim n/a
4) Porch(es) n/a

9. INTERIOR: Open floor layout with convenience store/deli at north end; refrigerated drinks on side wall; small seating area on west side.

10. LANDSCAPING: Gravel parking lot around all sides of the property.

11. OTHER COMMENTS: The front and rear of the building has a stepped parapet with brick trim on edges, now painted. There are two curbed, concrete pads in front of the building with curbing, suggesting that there may have been a gas station here at one time. The building has one garage bay overhead door at the south end.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** 7821 Bay Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

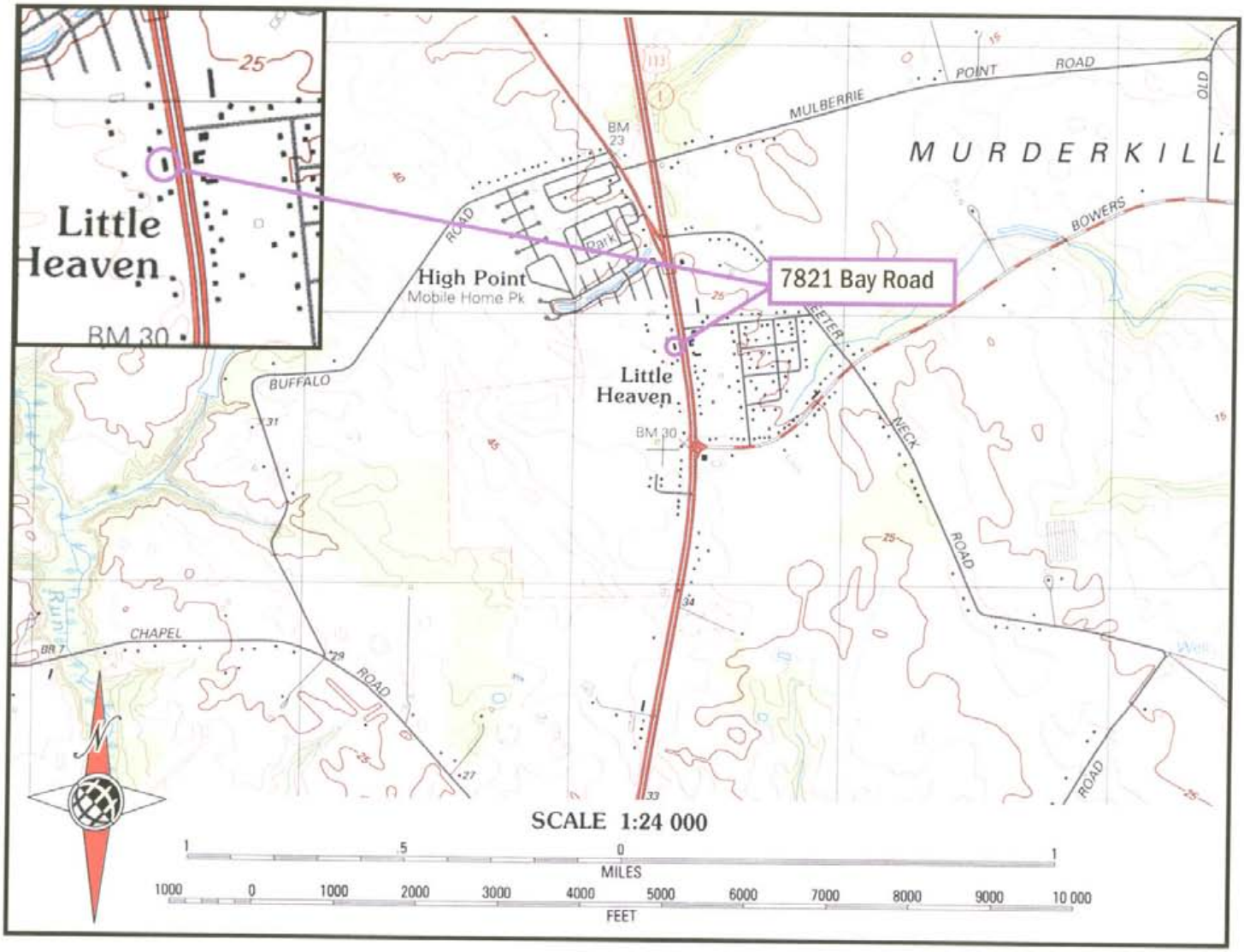
2. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION** ☐ **reason:**

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



4. SITE PLAN:

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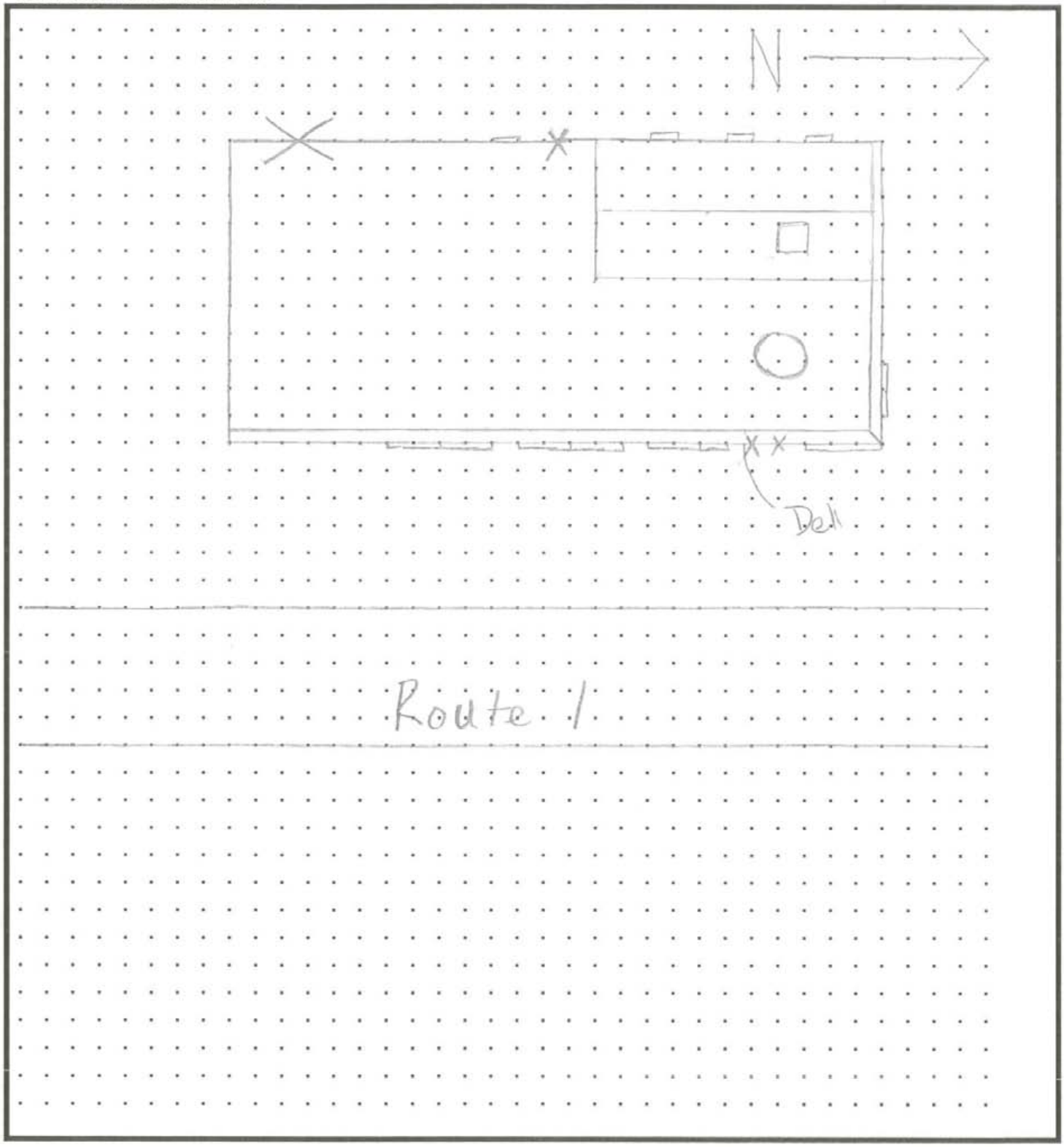

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Dare's Supermarket

General Description. Dare's Supermarket it located on the west side of SR 1 (7821 Bay Road). The store is the only building on the lot, and is surrounded by a large macadam parking lot. This commercial building is built with concrete blocks and is painted with a pale cream color. The building is in fair to good condition, with small areas of peeling paint throughout. There is a stepped parapet on the east (front) and west (rear) walls, with brick trim. A continuous faux pent has been added across the north wall at the ridge line. While most of the roof on this building seems to be generally flat, there is a gable-roofed section in the northwest corner of the building. This northwest area probably represents the earliest section of the overall building, which could date from the 1930s-1940s period.

The façade of the building features large storefront windows, which appear to date from the mid- to late 1950s. There are double, glass-paneled doors on this wall, which are centered on the northern half of this elevation and flanked on each side by the storefront windows. Plastic, lighted signage spans this section of the building, just across the top of the windows and door. The sign reads, "Tobacco/Ice Cream/Cookies/Pepsi/ Food Market/Hot & Cold Deli". The north wall is pierced only by a large, single-pane storefront window, and the south wall features only louvered openings near the ridgeline. On the back or rear wall, there is a single-bay, overhead garage door near the south end, and a variety of windows including two fixed windows and three (one of which is paired) double-hung, sash type windows. The latter windows are located toward the north half of this wall, on the older section of the building.

Inside the building, there is an open floor plan with the convenience store/deli at the north end, refrigerated drinks on side (west) wall, and a small seating area near the windows on the east side. The interior of the northwest corner of the building, where the older core is located, was not accessible. There are two curbed, concrete pads in front of the building, suggesting that there may have been a gas station here at one time.

Historical Background. Dare's Supermarket, located at 7821 Bay Road in Little Heaven, was constructed ca. 1950. On November 15, 1926, Samuel R. Blocksom sold part of his property to Cleaver G. Moore and his wife, Lillian T. Moore (KCDB F13:82). On October 28, 1957, Cleaver G. and Lillian T. Moore sold the property containing 18,050.0 square feet to Harlod P. Dare and his wife Irene M. Dare (KCDB R21:209). Tax assessor's records indicate that this property was formerly known as "Med's Market." Kent County property records indicate that this store was built in 1950 and "remodeled" in 1956; however, the northwest area of the building appears to pre-date this period.

The older core may correspond to the small roadside market established by Cleaver Moore in the 1930s, as recounted by local author Hazel Reynolds (Reynolds 1982:365). Some roadside markets were composed of only small stands and sheds, and were one of the initial roadside commercial features of the automobile era. According to Reynolds, in the early 1930s, Cleaver Moore's son opened a gas station on the site of his father's

roadside market that serviced trucks transporting poultry and produce to northern markets (Reynolds 1982:365). A 1954 aerial photograph shows the building in its present configuration.

According to Longstreth (1987), this building is similar to the enframed window wall type, which "reflects an effort to give greater order to the façade composition of small and moderate-sized commercial buildings, a goal that became pronounced around the turn of the century" (Longstreth 1987:68). This building type is most commonly used for retail stores, with a large glazed area. While this type characteristically has simple surrounds, this building lacks that feature altogether. Many buildings of this type have symmetrical facades, whereas Dare's Supermarket is asymmetrical.

Evaluation. Dare's Supermarket is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). The store is an example of an altered, mid-twentieth-century store within the SR 1 Interchange study area. Large, single-pane storefront windows and glass entry doors have been installed on this building, all with aluminum frames. Other alterations include the addition of a broad, faux pent along the edge of the roof line on the north wall, which changes the look of the building and helps mask the older, gable-roof section in the northwest quadrant of the building. This resource has only a few character-defining features to be considered a good example of commercial, storefront architecture. The property retains land reflecting commercial, automobile-oriented use of the period. The property lacks sufficient historic integrity to convey its commercial architectural significance under Criterion A. This resource retains integrity of location, but lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, association, workmanship, and feeling. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between this property and significant events or trends. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The store does not display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

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