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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS #	K-7351
SPO Map	12-13-18
Hundred	South Murderkill
Quad	Frederica
Other	

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Webb Farm; Farmstead

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: SR 1, 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: Farm

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

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
0	CRS 2 Main Building Form	
3	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	shed, storage building, poultry house
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
1	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	corn crib
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
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: SR 1, West Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Poultry House current Vacant/storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1925 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year

a.

b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Masonry

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Concrete block, horizontal wood paneling below roof line

d. Foundation Concrete block

e. Roof
structural system Frame, sloping shed roof, exposed rafter ends
coverings Sheet metal
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: S
1) bays: 4
2) windows: 4, 3 on top of these on upper level
3) door(s): 1 pedestrian
4) other: most windows covered with wire mesh

b. **Side: direction:** W
   1) **bays:** 1
   2) **windows:** n/a
   3) **door(s):** Solid wall
   4) **other:**

c. **Side: direction:** E
   1) **bays:** 1
   2) **windows:** n/a
   3) **door(s):** 1 pedestrian to south end
   4) **other:** n/a

d. **Rear: direction:** N
   1) **bays:** 3
   2) **windows:** 3 small ventilator windows near roof line (all covered with wood)
   3) **door(s):** n/a
   4) **other:**

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan **Open plan, dirt floor with partition separating room with door.**

b) Partition/walls **1**

c) Finishes **n/a**

d) Furnishings/machinery **n/a**

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: SR 1, West Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Equipment Shed current Equipment Shed

3. YEAR BUILT: 1925 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a.
b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Masonry

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Concrete Block

d. Foundation Concrete Block

e. Roof
structural system Frame, gable roof
coverings Sheet Metal
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E
1) bays: 4
2) windows: n/a

3) door(s): 4, sliding garage bay doors, 1 pedestrian door near north end of wall, single leaf; 3-pane window top, paneled wood below
4) other:

b. **Side: direction:** S
   1) **bays:** 1
   2) **windows:** n/a
   3) **door(s):** solid wall
   4) **other:** n/a

c. **Side: direction:** N
   1) **bays:** 2
   2) **windows:** 2 (4-paned, fixed)
   3) **door(s):** n/a
   4) **other:** Concrete block chimney on gable end

d. **Rear: direction:** W
   1) **bays:** 5 - open garage bays, some trucks and farm equipment here
   2) **windows:** n/a
   3) **door(s):** n/a
   4) **other:** n/a

9. **INTERIOR (if accessible):**

a) Floor plan **n/a**

b) Partition/walls **n/a**

c) Finishes **n/a**

d) Furnishings/machinery **Very well maintained property.**

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: SR 1, West Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Storage Shed current Not in use

3. YEAR BUILT: 1925 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a.
b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor ☒

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Wood - nailed boards

d. Foundation None

e. Roof
structural system Wood frame, shed roof
coverings Standing seam metal
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: S
1) bays: n/a
2) windows: n/a
3) door(s): n/a
4) other: Lower portion open

b. Side: direction: E
   1) bays: n/a
   2) windows: n/a
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: n/a

c. Side: direction: W
   1) bays: 1
   2) windows: 1 solid wall, falling down
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: n/a

d. Rear: direction: N
   1) bays: 1
   2) windows: Falling down
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: n/a

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan n/a

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
STRUCTURE (BUILDING-LIKE) FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: SR 1, West Side of Road

2. FUNCTION: Corn Bins IN USE? ☐

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

4. STYLE/PLAN: Round

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with dates (if known) year

a.

b.

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION (describe the structure as completely as possible):

a) Overall shape Round
height 12'
length 10' diameter
width n/a

b) Structural system: Wire mesh

c) Foundation: Poured concrete

d) Exterior covering: N/A

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e) Openings Pedestrian door

f) Other features Hole in galvanized steel roofing

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** West Side of SR 1, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

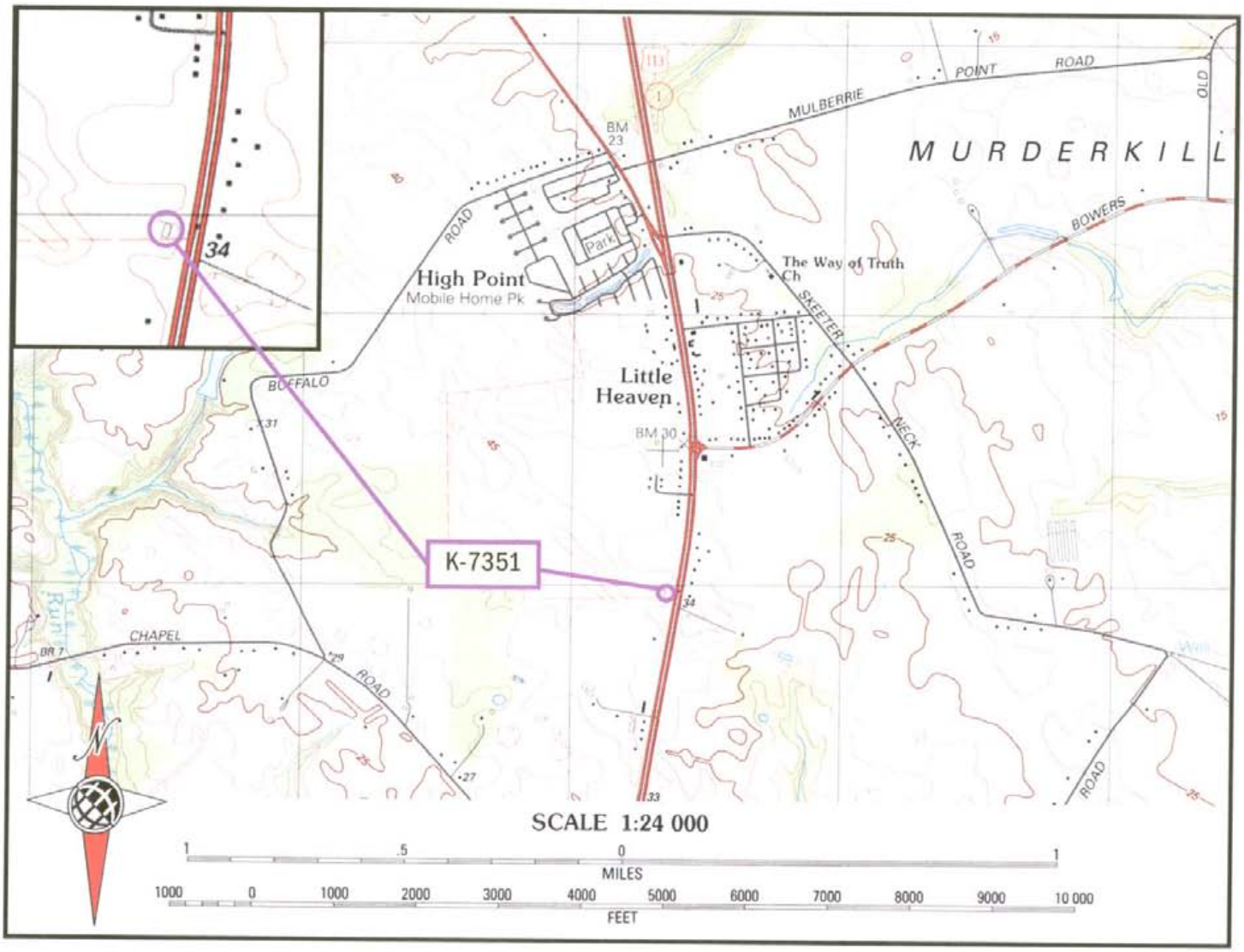
2. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION** ☐ **reason:** _____

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



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4. SITE PLAN:

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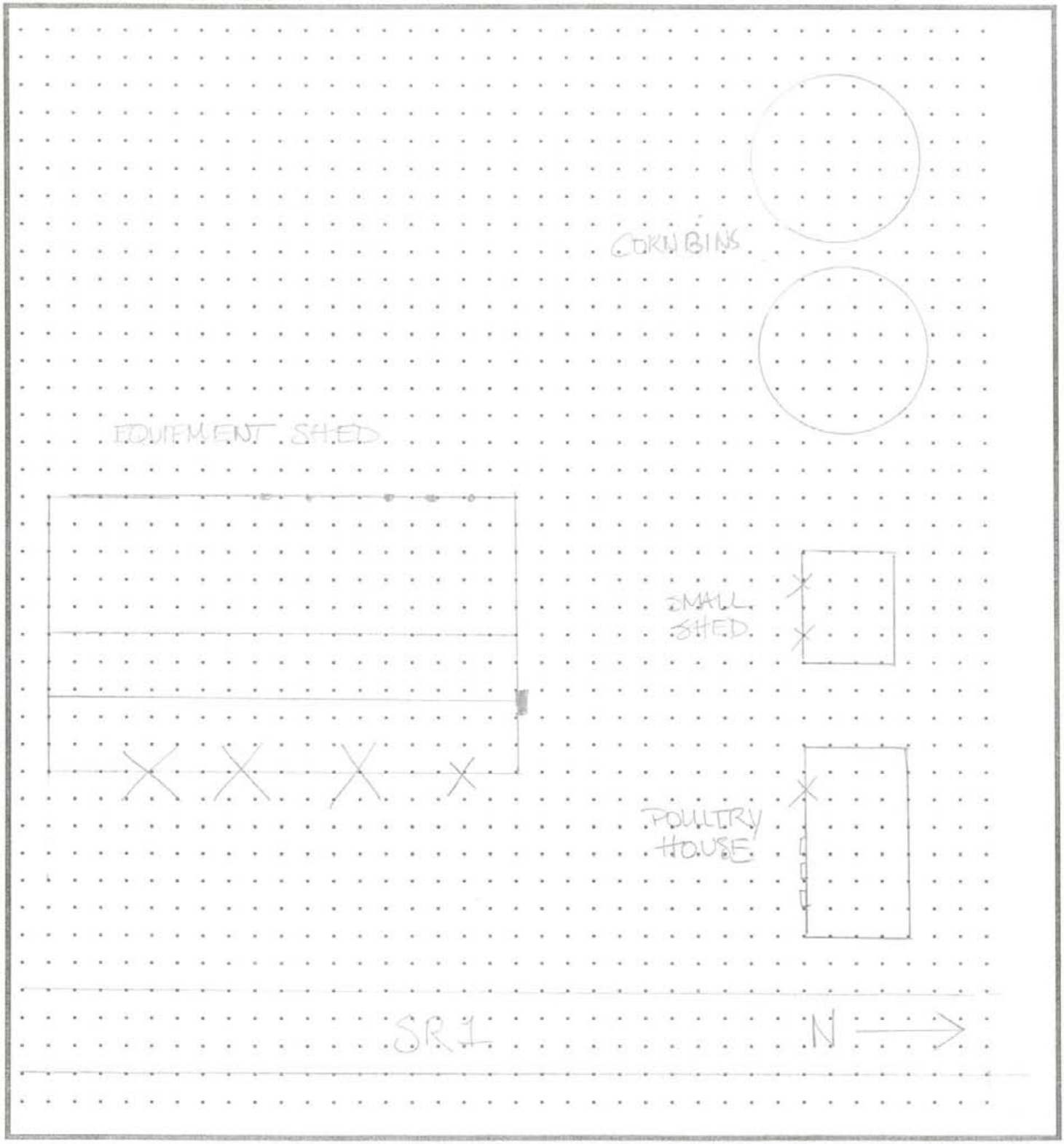

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Webb Property

General Description. The Webb Property is located on the west side of SR 1 in Kent County, Delaware. The former farmstead complex includes a poultry house, equipment shed, storage shed, and paired corn bins; the farmhouse is no longer extant. Generally, the agricultural structures are in fair condition. The associated agricultural land is still in agricultural use.

Poultry House
The poultry house (ca. 1925) is rectilinear in shape and is constructed of concrete blocks that were once painted white, but are now almost bare. A small portion of the upper part of the building is constructed of frame and is clad in vertical wood siding that retains remnants of white and red paint. The shed roof of the poultry house features exposed rafter tails and is clad in metal sheathing.

The poultry house faces south; all of the openings are in this elevation and most are covered with wire mesh. At the first story of the façade in the easternmost opening is a vertical board door painted green in color. To the right of the door is a tripartite window opening, which is now missing sash. A singular window opening is located in the final first-story opening. In the frame portion of the façade are three small one-over-one windows. The structure is currently used for storage purposes.

Outbuildings/Other
The equipment shed (ca. 1925) is also constructed of concrete block and is covered by a gable roof with a shed roof extension to the rear. The façade (east elevation) of the equipment shed features three pairs of sliding wooden garage doors, a singular sliding wooden garage door, and a pedestrian door. At the north elevation are two four-light metal fixed sash windows. The rear elevation features five open bays to enable easy access by equipment that is currently stored in the structure.

The storage shed (ca. 1925) is a small, short rectilinear frame building clad in horizontal siding. The building rests on concrete block piers. The façade features two open bays. An empty spray canister is stored in one of the bays. The storage shed is in fair to poor condition.

The paired, round wire mesh corn bins (post-1950) have metal roofing and rest on poured concrete slabs. The corn cribs are no longer used for agricultural purposes and a deciduous vine is growing among the walls of the cribs.

Historical Background. The property located on the west side of SR 1 near Little Heaven was formed by the combination of two parcels. On September 24, 1919, Emile B. Stevenson and his wife Julia B. Stevenson sold the first parcel containing 5.25 acres to William G. Bowers for $1,000 (KCDB Q11: 230). On April 18, 1942, Eliza A. Lindale, an administrator for the deceased William G. Bowers, sold the property containing 1.27 acres to Charles N. Webb and his wife Louise D. Webb (KCDB G20: 52).

On January 2, 1930, the Associated Reality Corporation sold the second parcel containing 53.39 acres to Liston H. Webb (KCDB V18: 417). On March 28, 1966, Charles N. and Louise D. Webb conveyed both parcels to Myra H. McIlvaine (KCDB E24: 481). On the same day, Myra H. McIlvaine conveyed the property back to Charles N. Webb (KCDB E24:481).

Evaluation. The Webb Property 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). While the Webb Property retains agricultural buildings common to early- to mid-twentieth-century farmsteads, the farmstead complex lacks its former farmhouse. The loss of the farmhouse has compromised the integrity of setting, feeling, and association of the complex and it is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A in the area of agriculture.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the Webb Property and significant events or trends in local, state, or national history. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The poultry house, equipment shed, storage shed, and corn bins do not display the distinctive characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor do they represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, they are recommended not eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture. 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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