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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7355
SPO Map 12-13-19
Hundred South Murderkill
Quad Frederica
Other

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dewey Shahan Property/Fruit Stand/Gas Station/Store

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7698 Bay Road, Kent County, East 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: Residence

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	residence (former 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: 7698 Bay Road, Kent County, East Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Fruit stand/gas station/store current Residence

3. YEAR BUILT: 1938 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Side gable

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.

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 1/2
Additions: None

b Structural system (if known): Frame

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

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Asbestos shingles

e. Roof: shape: Gable (side)
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Wood
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): Central (interior) brick

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: W
1) Bays 7
2) Windows 5
fenestration 2/2
type double hung
trim wood
shutters n/a

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 2
   - location off center
   - type 1-leaf
   - trim wood

4) Porch(es) full, concrete deck, front porch, supported with steel columns (4 total)

b. Side: Direction: N

1) Bays 2
2) Windows 2
   - fenestration 2/2
   - type double hung
   - trim wood
   - 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 2
2) Windows 2
   - fenestration 2/2
   - type double hung
   - trim wood
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) n/a
   - location n/a
   - type n/a
   - trim n/a
4) Porch(es) n/a

d. Rear: Direction: E

1) Bays 5
2) Windows 4
   - fenestration 2/2
   - type double hung
   - trim wood
   - shutters n/a
3) Door(s) 1
   - location near N end
   - type single leaf
   - trim wood
4) Porch(es) none, 2 steps lead up to door

9. INTERIOR: n/a

10. LANDSCAPING: Some low plantings around house, some flowering plants; cactus

11. OTHER COMMENTS: Mcadam and gravel driveway area in front of house for former store/garage/fruit stand. Pump island not there but there is a concrete island in front of the house at edge of road shoulder.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 7698 Bay Road, Kent County, East Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Pumphouse current Pumphouse/storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1940 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular/vernacular

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/concrete block

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Concrete block, painted white

d. Foundation Concrete block

e. Roof
structural system Frame
coverings Asbestos shingles
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: W
1) bays: 1
2) windows: n/a
3) door(s): 1 door opening (door missing)
4) other: n/a

b. **Side: direction:** N
   1) **bays:** 2
   2) **windows:** 2 small window openings (missing)

   3) **door(s):** n/a

   4) **other:** n/a

c. **Side: direction:** S
   1) **bays:** 1
   2) **windows:** n/a

   3) **door(s):** n/a

   4) **other:** n/a

d. **Rear: direction:** E
   1) **bays:** 1
   2) **windows:** n/a

   3) **door(s):** n/a

   4) **other:** n/a

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Open plan

b) Partition/walls None

c) Finishes None

d) Furnishings/machinery Unknown

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY MAP FORM

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1. **ADDRESS/LOCATION:** 7698 Bay Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

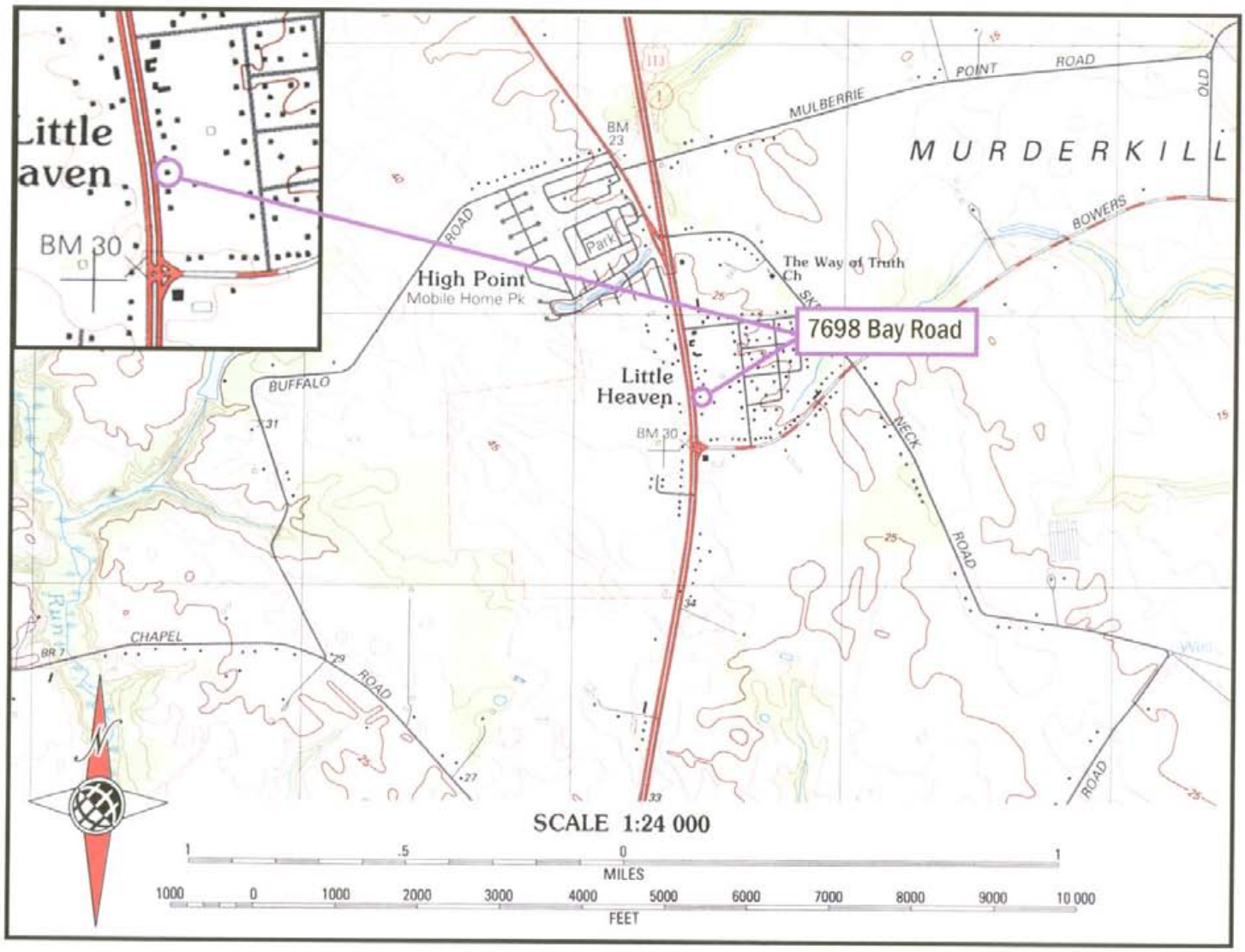
2. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION** ☐ **reason:** _____

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



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4. SITE PLAN:

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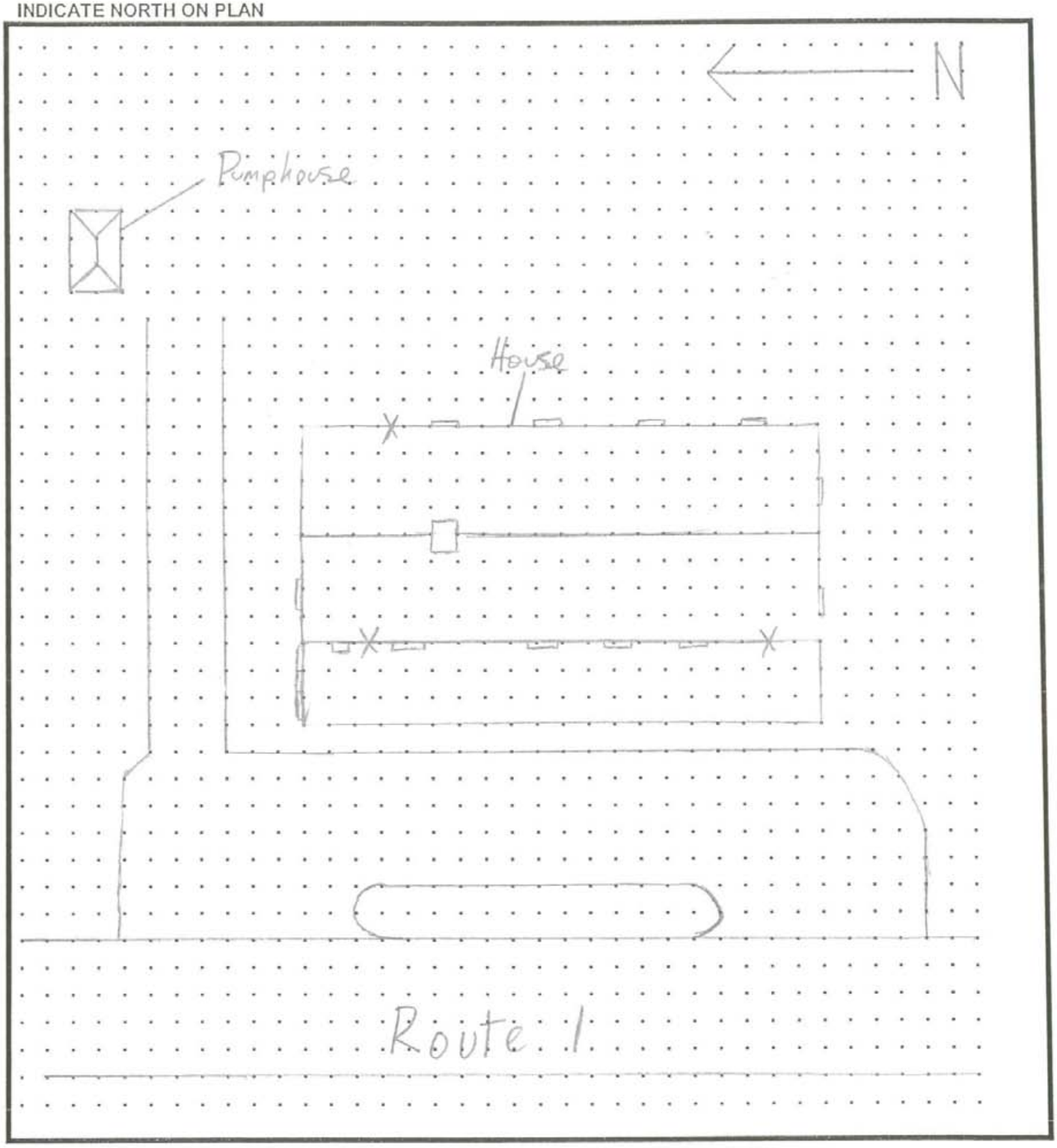

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Dewey Shahan Property

General Description. The Dewey Shahan Property is located at 7698 Bay Road (SR 1) on the east side of the road. The property consists of a former gas station market (currently a residence) constructed in 1938 and a pump house constructed ca. 1940-1960. A small grassy yard surrounds the building and structure, and mature trees are planted sporadically throughout the property. A gravel driveway runs adjacent to the north elevation of the dwelling, and a macadam and gravel parking lot is located west of the dwelling and adjacent to SR 1. The parking lot was historically used for gas pumps, a garage, and a fruit stand; however, the only remaining structure associated with any of these functions is a narrow concrete island located west of the dwelling along the edge of the road. The property is in good condition.

Dwelling. The dwelling is a one-and-one-half-story light timber frame vernacular building with a side gable roof. It rests upon a concrete block foundation. The entire exterior of the dwelling is clad in asphalt shingle siding. All window openings contain two-over-two, double-hung sash windows. An open, shed-roofed porch extends the width of the façade (west elevation), and four evenly spaced, thin steel posts support the porch roof. The porch floor is a concrete slab resting directly on the ground. There is a wall containing three windows at the northern end of the porch. The building's roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A small brick chimney protrudes from the ridge near the northern end of the building.

The façade (west elevation) of the dwelling consists of seven bays, including two entrances and five window openings. The entrances are located in the southernmost and second-from-northernmost bays, and both contain single-leaf doors. The entrances are accessed by two concrete steps. The remaining bays contain irregularly spaced, single window openings.

The north elevation consists of two bays, each containing single window openings. The western bay consists of a window opening in the first story, and the eastern opening is located in the half story, centered in the gable. A small window is located in the basement level of this elevation as well.

The east elevation consists of five bays, including an entrance and four window openings. The entrance is located at the far northern end of the elevation and contains a single-leaf door. Two concrete steps provide access to the entrance. The south elevation consists of two bays, both of which contain window openings. In addition to the two openings in the first story, a third window opening is located in the half story, centered in the gable.

Pump House. The pump house is a small, mid-twentieth-century cinder block structure with a front gable roof. Pedestrian entrances are located at the northern end of the façade (west elevation) and the east elevation; neither entrance contains a door. There are two window openings, neither of which contain windows, in the north elevation. The gables contain wood clapboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Historical Background. The property located at 7698 Bay Road, in Little Heaven, dates from circa 1938. On September 22, 1938, Charles W. Baker, and his wife Lida Mae Baker, sold the property to William M. George, a widower (KCDB H15: 452). On December 18, 1940, William M. George sold the property containing 1 acre to Dewey Shahan, and his wife Anna Shahan, for $1,296.00 (KCDB T15: 389). On January 8, 1981, Dewey Shahan died leaving the 1 acre property to his wife Anna. Anna Shahan died on June 2, 1984. As part of her will, the property was conveyed to Leon Shahan and Kenneth Shahan (KCDB V5: 358). On October, 29, 1986, Leon and Kenneth Shahan sold the property containing 30,468 square feet to William P. Brown III, and his wife Melinda W. Brown, for $35,000.00 (KCDB R42:183). On June 18, 2001, William P. Brown III conveyed the property containing 30,468 square feet to Emma E. Shahan (KCDB D424: 263,265).

Evaluation. The Dewey Shahan 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). This is an unremarkable example of a late 1930s property within the SR 1 Interchange study area. The resource retains integrity of location and setting but lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling, and is unable to convey its historical or architectural significance. Having apparently once served the community as a fruit stand/gas station/store, it now functions solely as a house and has consequently lost some of its character-defining features as a multipurpose, local retail establishment.

Property-specific research and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between this property and significant events or trends. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for this reason. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The property 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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