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

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7375
SPO Map 12-13-19
Hundred South Murderkill
Quad Frederica
Other

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: L. Webb/Residence

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: West Side of SR 1; 6947 Bay Road

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Frederica 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	House
3	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	2 warehouses, 1 garage
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	
0	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald and Christine Tate

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature:

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

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS: CRS# K-7375

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: West Side of SR 1; 6947 Bay Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Dwelling current Dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: 1948 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Vernacular

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. Porch enclosed on southern elevation	1965
b. First floor of northern elevation extended	1965

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: 1.5
   Additions: Enclosed porch and first floor enlarged

   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): Aluminum siding

   e. Roof: shape: Gable (side)
   materials: Asphalt shingle
   cornice: Aluminum
   dormers: Asphalt shingle
   chimney: location(s): Exterior, façade

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

   a. Facade: Direction: E
      1) Bays 5
      2) Windows 4
         fenestration Irregular
         type Casement, fixed, and double hung--vinyl and wood
         trim Aluminum
         shutters Fixed vinyl

Facade (cont'd)

3) Door(s) 1
   location Off-center
   type Single arched-top single-light vertical plank
   trim Wood
4) Porch(es) Single sheltered brick step

b. Side: Direction: N
1) Bays 3
2) Windows 3
   fenestration Irregular
   type One tripartite 6/1 and two 1/1 sash with diagonal mullions
   trim Aluminum
   shutters Fixed vinyl
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 3
2) Windows 3
   fenestration Regular
   type Vinyl casement
   trim Aluminum
   shutters Fixed vinyl
3) Door(s) 1
   location On enclosed porch
   type Metal replacement
   trim Aluminum
4) Porch(es) Unsheltered steps to enclosed porch

d. Rear: Direction: W
1) Bays 6
2) Windows 6
   fenestration Irregular
   type Casement, fixed, oriel, and double hung--vinyl and wood
   trim Aluminum
   shutters Fixed vinyl
3) Door(s) n/a
   location n/a
   type n/a
   trim n/a
4) Porch(es) n/a

9. INTERIOR: n/a

10. LANDSCAPING: Asphalt driveway, mature trees

11. OTHER COMMENTS: n/a

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: West Side of SR 1; 6947 Bay Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Warehouse I current Cold storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1955 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: 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 Concrete block

b. Number of stories 1.5

c. Wall coverings Aluminum in gable ends

d. Foundation Concrete block on poured concrete pad

e. Roof
structural system Frame
coverings Asphalt shingle
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: N
1) bays: 1
2) windows: n/a
3) door(s): 1 large hinged wood door
4) other: n/a

b. Side: direction: W
   1) bays: 1
   2) windows: n/a
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: Small attached shed-roof shelter for compressor

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

d. Rear: direction: S
   1) bays: 1
   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 n/a

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SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: West Side of SR 1; 6947 Bay Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Warehouse II current Equipment storage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1955 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN:

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 Concrete block

b. Number of stories 1.5

c. Wall coverings Aluminum in gable ends

d. Foundation Concrete block on poured concrete pad

e. Roof
structural system Frame
coverings Asphalt shingle
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

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

3) door(s): Two oversized, three-light, wood panel overhead garage doors

4) other: n/a

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

c. Side: direction: E
   1) bays: 2
   2) windows: One 2/2 aluminum sash
   3) door(s): One single metal-clad replacement pedestrian
   4) other: n/a

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

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Open

b) Partition/walls None

c) Finishes None

d) Furnishings/machinery Staircase to attic in southeast corner

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: West Side of SR 1; 6947 Bay Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage current Garage

3. YEAR BUILT: 1960 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: 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 Frame

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Vinyl siding

d. Foundation Concrete block

e. Roof
structural system Frame
coverings Asphalt shingle
openings Ventilator in center (cupola)

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: E
1) bays: 2
2) windows: n/a
3) door(s): 2 ovehead garage doors
4) other: n/a

b. Side: direction: N
   1) bays: 2
   2) windows: Two 6/6 sash
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: n/a

c. Side: direction: S
   1) bays: 2
   2) windows: Two 6/6 sash
   3) door(s): n/a
   4) other: n/a

d. Rear: direction: W
   1) bays: Not visible
   2) windows: Not visible
   3) door(s): Not visible
   4) other: Not visible

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 MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 6947 Bay Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

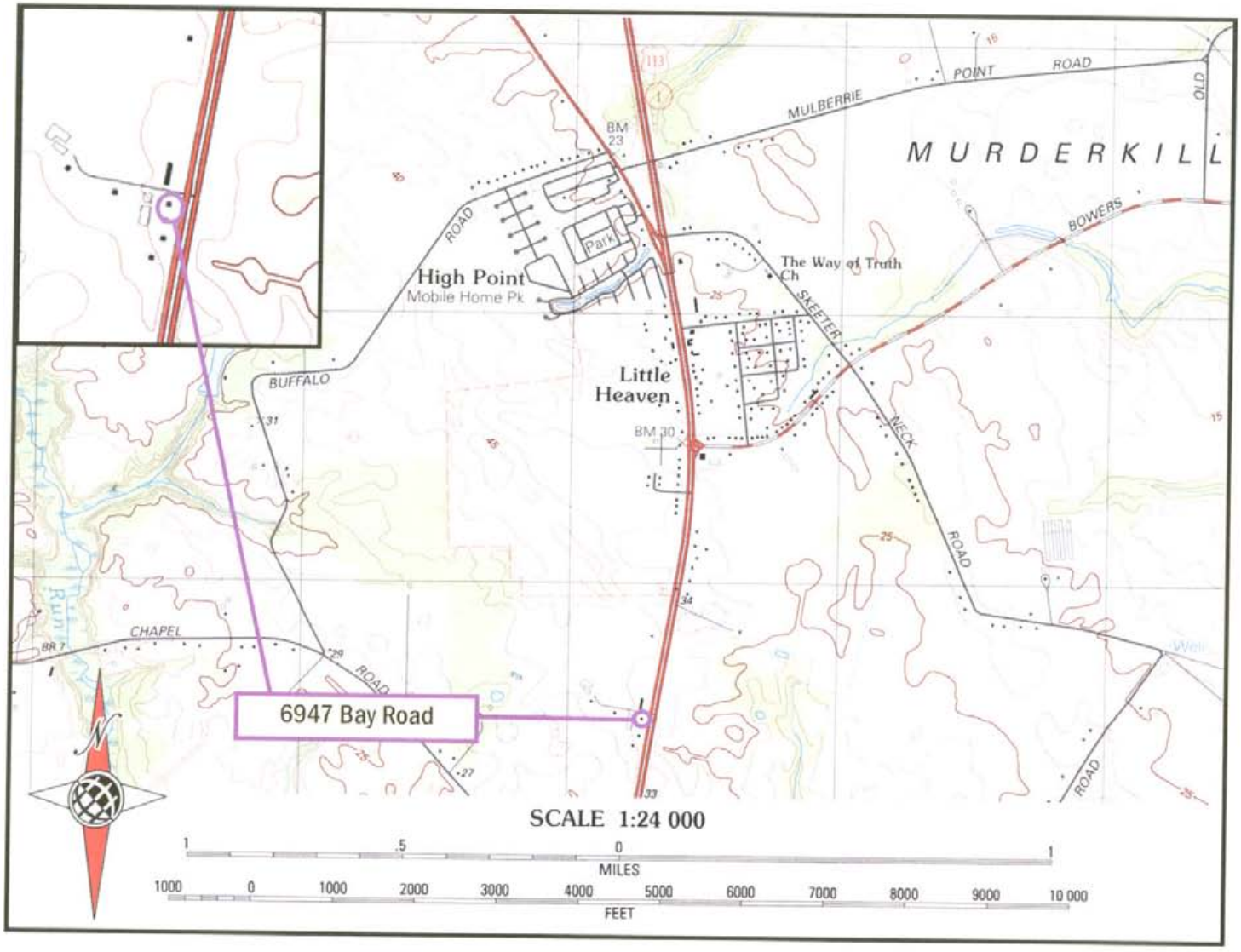
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: _____

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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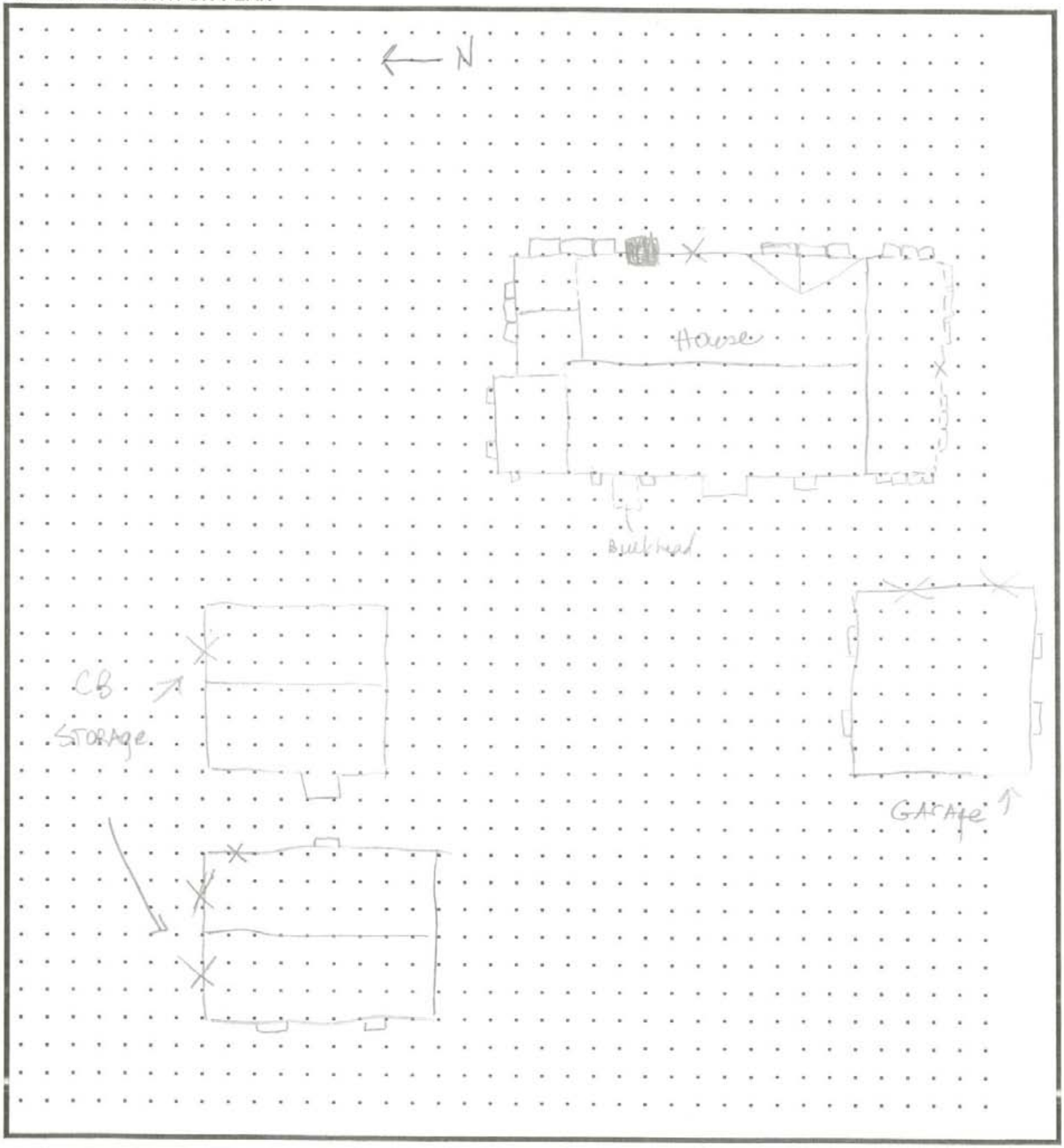

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CRS #K-7375
L. Webb Property

Dwelling. This mid-twentieth-century, one-and-one-half-story, side-gable vernacular cottage (built ca. 1948) is the first and northernmost of three similar homes built on adjoining lots along what is now SR 1. It features an asphalt shingle roof with cross-gable and shed dormers, aluminum siding and trim, and a concrete block foundation. On the five-bay asymmetrical façade (eastern elevation) are three tripartite replacement windows. They are in various combinations of casement, fixed, and double-hung sash types. The main entrance is a single arched door with a brick surround. According to the original and current owner, who still occupies it, the house has been "upgraded many times" (Ruth Webb, personal communication). The most significant changes have been made to the sides of the house. The porch on the southern elevation has been enclosed and finished, and the first floor on the north side has been extended (both ca. 1965).

Garage. Behind the house and to its south sits a large, hipped-roof, two-car frame garage built ca. 1960. It has a concrete block foundation on a poured concrete slab, an asphalt shingle roof with a small cupola, and vinyl siding. There are two overhead garage doors on the façade (eastern elevation) and matching pairs of six-over-six replacement windows with fixed shutters on the northern and southern elevations.

Warehouse I. Although the two outbuildings on this lot are screened by a tall fence and used by the produce stand on the adjoining lot, they are part of the dwelling tax parcel. The smaller of the two "warehouses", both built ca. 1955, is a one-and-one-half-story, gable end, concrete-block structure on a poured concrete pad foundation. It has one large hinged door at the eastern corner of the façade (northern elevation), a smaller hinged door in the gable end of the same side, and a small shed-roofed extension which shelters a compressor on the western elevation. It is used for cold storage.

Warehouse II. The larger "warehouse" is immediately to the west of the smaller one. It too is a one-and-one-half-story, gable end, concrete-block structure on a poured concrete pad foundation. On its façade (northern elevation) are two oversized overhead garage doors large enough for commercial trucks. On the eastern elevation are a pedestrian entrance and a window. There are two windows on the western elevation, while the back is blind. The interior is unobstructed with the exception of a staircase to the attic story.

Historical Background. The L. Webb Property located near Frederica, Delaware dates from ca. 1948. In December 1911, William Townsend conveyed the property to Jester A. Gray through the Orphans Court of Kent County (KCDB R2: 300). On July 20, 1916, Jester A. and Sallie B. Gray sold the property containing 85.0 acres along with the "...farm, tract, piece or parcel of land...and all singular buildings and improvements" to Liston H. Webb for $8,566.88 (KCDB A11: 177). On February 25, 1949, Liston H. Webb conveyed a "small part" of the 85.0 acres property along with "...all singular buildings and improvements" to Liston H. Webb, Jr. and Ruth Webb (KCDB N18: 204).

Evaluation: The L. Webb Property (residence) at 6947 Bay Road 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). It lacks most of the typical or salient qualities to be considered a good example of a mid-twentieth-century vernacular cottage. The resource is an example of a highly-altered 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 does not convey historical or architectural significance. Along with the new siding, replacement windows, and new fixed shutters, these alterations have substantially changed the original character of the dwelling.

Property-specific and documentary research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the L. Webb property and significant events or trends. The property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for this reason. Historic research indicates that this property was associated historically with the Webb family in the Little Heaven/Frederica area during the twentieth century However, they do not appear to have been significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The L. Webb 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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