

CRS No. K-2715

Address: 226 Bowers Beach Road

Name: Thomas Emory Dwelling

Tax Parcel: 8-00-12216-01-1800-00001

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1910/ca. 1950/ca. 1995

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Industrialization and Early Urbanization; 1880-1940±,

Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

Description

This property is located on the southeast side of Bowers Beach Road in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, south of the unincorporated community of Little Heaven. The property includes a *circa*-1910 American Four-square dwelling, a *circa*-1950 garage/shelter, and a *circa*-1995 three-car garage. The two-and-one-half-story dwelling sits back from Bowers Beach Road and faces northwest, parallel to the roadway. The dwelling rests on a rusticated concrete block foundation, is clad in vinyl siding, and has a pyramidal-shaped hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. A centrally located hipped dormer is located in the north slope of the dwelling's roof. An interior brick chimney protrudes from the center of the roof's ridge. The dwelling's characteristic front porch has been enclosed and includes a replacement, paneled steel door with a narrow stained glass light and a one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl window. The remaining elevations are also lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows, and are flanked by inoperable, paneled, vinyl shutters. A *circa*-1950 one-story, hipped-roof addition extends from the south elevation. The addition measures three bays wide, is clad in vinyl siding, and is lit by a one-over-one light, double-hung sash, wood window and a one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement window. The vinyl window is flanked by inoperable, paneled vinyl shutters. The centrally located door in the addition consists of a paneled wood door with nine-lights protected by a wood screen door and is accessed by a concrete and brick stoop with two steps.

Immediately south of the dwelling is a *circa*-1950 concrete block structure that appears to have once been used as a garage. Only the concrete block walls and the shed roof remain. A vinyl-clad garage constructed in 1995 is located southwest of the former garage. The 1995 garage includes a one-car overhead garage door and a two-car overhead garage door.

A gravel driveway is located along the west side of the dwelling and provides access to the former *circa*-1950 garage and the modern garage. The lot is open and is minimally landscaped except for several mature trees located between the façade elevation and Bowers Beach Road. Mid-twentieth-century properties are located to the west, north, and east. A *circa*-2000 dwelling is located to the south. Any agricultural buildings that may have once been associated with the property are no longer extant.

Historical Narrative

This property was once part of a farm owned by John M. Reed in the early twentieth century. On August 1, 1910, Clarence and Sara Prettyman conveyed a 57-acre portion of Reed's farm to Thomas B. Emory of South Murderkill Hundred. Emory paid \$5,500 for the 57 acres (Kent County Deed Book X9:284). Due to the style of the dwelling, it is likely that Emory erected the

American Four-square dwelling shortly after his purchase. The Four-square dwelling, as well as outbuildings located off a farm lane to the southwest, appear on a 1937 aerial photograph of the area (Delaware Datamil website). By a deed dated May 10, 1946, Thomas Emory and his wife Mary Estella, of Dover, conveyed a small 2.15-acre lot and a “two-story frame dwelling and outbuildings” to Welton and Louise E. Mikell. The deed was conveyed in consideration of \$4,000 (Kent County Deed Book 017:167). Within five years, the Mikells encountered financial difficulties, and the dwelling and encompassing 2.15 acres was sold at a public sale on August 2, 1951, to the Sussex Finance Corporation (Kent County Deed Book G19:406). The following year, the 2.15-acre property was conveyed to the Monetary Investment Service (Kent County Deed Book P19:312). By a deed dated October 1, 1954, Monetary Investment Services conveyed the 2.15 acres and the “two-story frame house and improvements” and two small adjoining lots to George C. Haggerty in consideration of \$8,000 (Kent County Deed Book P20:456). An aerial photograph taken during this year indicates that the outbuildings to the southwest had been removed from the property, although a structure is still noted to the northeast of the present-day dwelling. George C. Haggerty died intestate within three years, and Haggerty’s estate was deemed insufficient to pay his debts in a session of the Orphans Court September Term 1957, and the court ordered the property to be sold at public sale (recited in Kent County Deed Book T21:406). The administrators of Haggerty’s estate conveyed the property to Russell and Bertha Moore, who already owned property on the north side of Bowers Beach Road (Kent County Deed Book T21:406). The Moores paid \$6,625 for the 2.15 acres and two small adjoining tracts. The Moores retained the property until September 20, 1973, when they conveyed a smaller, 1.76-acre tract and improvements (being the American Four-square dwelling) to David L. and Cheryl L. Hosier (Kent County Deed Book R28:503). This deed was conveyed in consideration of \$26,000. By a deed dated October 22, 1977, the Hosiers conveyed the slightly smaller 1.73-acre property to Bernard J. and Alice E. Malsa, of Dover Air Force Base, in consideration of \$36,000. The Malysa’s may have resided on the property for a few years, but, by April 23, 1983, they had moved to Eastlake, Ohio. On this date, they conveyed the 1.73-acre property to the present-day owners, Edwin and Mary L. Justiniano. The Justinianos constructed a three-car garage southeast of the dwelling ca. 1995.

National Register Evaluation

The Thomas Emory Dwelling was evaluated as an American Four-square Dwelling as identified in the *Historic Context for the DuPont Highway, U.S. Route 113, Kent and Sussex Counties, Delaware* (John Milner Associates, Inc. 2005). Four-square dwellings are common mid-twentieth-century building types in the U.S. 113 APE. As noted in the context, the Four-square Dwelling would not be considered individually eligible for listing in the National Register unless it was an elaborate, architect-designed dwelling that retained all exterior details, including its fenestration and sash patterns, and lacked additions. The dwelling does not retain its original wall cladding materials nor does it retain its original window and door types. The front porch has also been enclosed.

Although located along the southeast side of Bowers Beach Road, the dwelling does not exemplify an important historic trend or event, and therefore is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. Based on the background research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historic importance; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. The dwelling is an altered example of a

common early-twentieth-century form and is not a notable example of the architecture of its time. Due to numerous alterations, including the application of modern vinyl siding, the replacement of original windows, and the enclosure of the front porch, the dwelling does not exhibit stylistic elements derived from Prairie, Craftsman, or Colonial Revival-style architecture. The dwelling no longer retains integrity of materials and workmanship; therefore, due to alterations, the dwelling is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield information on building practices or methods of construction; therefore, the property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance, the property at 226 Bowers Beach Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

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K-2715. Photograph 1: Overview of 226 Bowers Beach Road, looking southeast. The property includes a *circa*-1910 American Four-square dwelling, a *circa*-1950 former garage (located immediately right of the dwelling), and a *circa*-1995 three-car garage.



K-2715: Photograph 2: Dwelling, north elevation, looking southwest. Note the enclosed and highly altered front porch. The dwelling is clad in vinyl siding and is lit by one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows.

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K-2715. Photograph 3: Dwelling, south and east elevations, looking northwest.



K-2715. Photograph 4: Former garage, north and west elevations, looking southeast.

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K-2715. Photograph 5: Garage, east and north elevations, looking southwest. This vinyl-clad garage was constructed on the property ca. 1995.



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # K-2715

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 226 Bowers Beach Road

2. FUNCTION(S): Historic Dwelling current Dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: 1910 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: American Four-square

5. INTEGRITY: Original site moved

<u>if moved, from where</u>	<u>other location's CRS #</u>	<u>year</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>		<u>year</u>
a. Vinyl siding and replacement windows		ca. 1990
b. N/A		N/A

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: Square Stories: Two-and-a-half (2.5)
Additions: N/A

B Structural system (if known): Frame

c. Foundation: materials: Rusticated concrete block; additions concealed by aluminum skirt
basement: full partial not visible no basement

d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): Vinyl siding

e. Roof: shape: Hipped (pyramidal)
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Boxed with vinyl
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): Center of roof ridge; brick; interior

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: North
1) Bays Four (4)
2) Windows 4
Fenestration Irregular
type (3) 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl; (1) paired, double-hung sash vinyl
Trim Vinyl
shutters Paneled inoperable vinyl

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Off-center
 Type Paneled steel with small, stained glass light
 Trim Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Enclosed porch on concrete block piers; modern door accessed by wood steps; centrally located brick stoop no longer in use.

b. Side: Direction: East

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 4
 Fenestration Irregular
 type (1) hexagon wood in enclosed porch; (3) 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl
 Trim Vinyl
 shutters Paneled inoperable vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 Trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

c. Side: Direction: West

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 5
 Fenestration Regular
 type 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl
 Trim Vinyl
 shutters Paneled inoperable vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 Trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

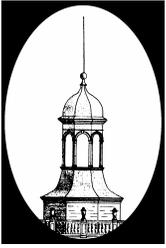
d. Rear: Direction: South

- 1) **Bays** Three (3)
- 2) **Windows** 4
 Fenestration Irregular
 type (3) 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl; (1) 1/1 double-hung sash wood
 Trim Vinyl
 Shutters Paneled inoperable vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Center
 type Paneled wood with 9 lights
 Trim Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** Concrete and brick stoop

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible.

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Mature trees in front yard. Minimal plantings.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** Bulkhead doors on east elevation provide access to basement. Asphalt drive along west side of dwelling provides access to a *circa*-1950 concrete block former garage and a *circa*-1995 three-car garage.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 226 Bowers Beach Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Garage current Storage

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

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Open

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

if moved, from where

N/A

original location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

a. N/A

year

N/A

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Concrete block

b. Number of stories 1

c. Wall coverings Concrete block

d. Foundation Poured concrete slab

e. Roof
structural system Concrete block/frame
coverings Standing seam metal
openings N/A

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: direction: West

1) bays: One (1)

2) windows: 0

3) door(s): 0 – door not extant

4) other: N/A

- b. Side: direction: North
 - 1) bays: Two (2)
 - 2) windows: 0 – window not extant
 - 3) door(s): 0 – door not extant
 - 4) other: N/A

- c. Side: direction: South
 - 1) bays: Two (2)
 - 2) windows: 2 - window not extant
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

- d. Rear: direction: East
 - 1) bays: 0 – blank wall
 - 2) windows: 0
 - 3) door(s): 0
 - 4) other: N/A

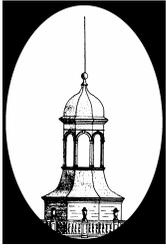
9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Open, rear storage area

b) Partition/walls Concrete block wall separates former garage area from storage area

c) Finishes N/A

d) Furnishings/machinery N/A



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MAP FORM

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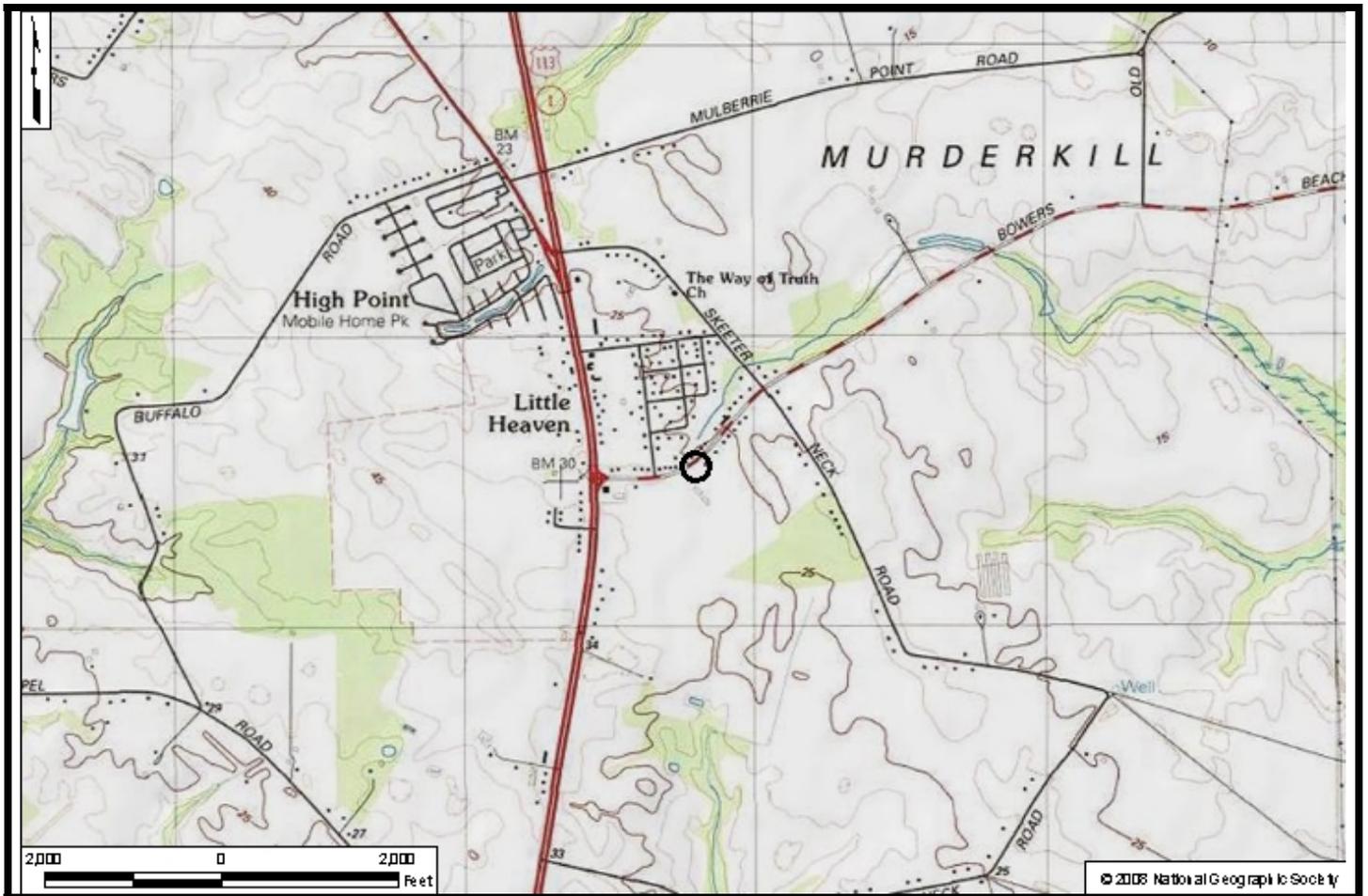
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION reason: _____

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)

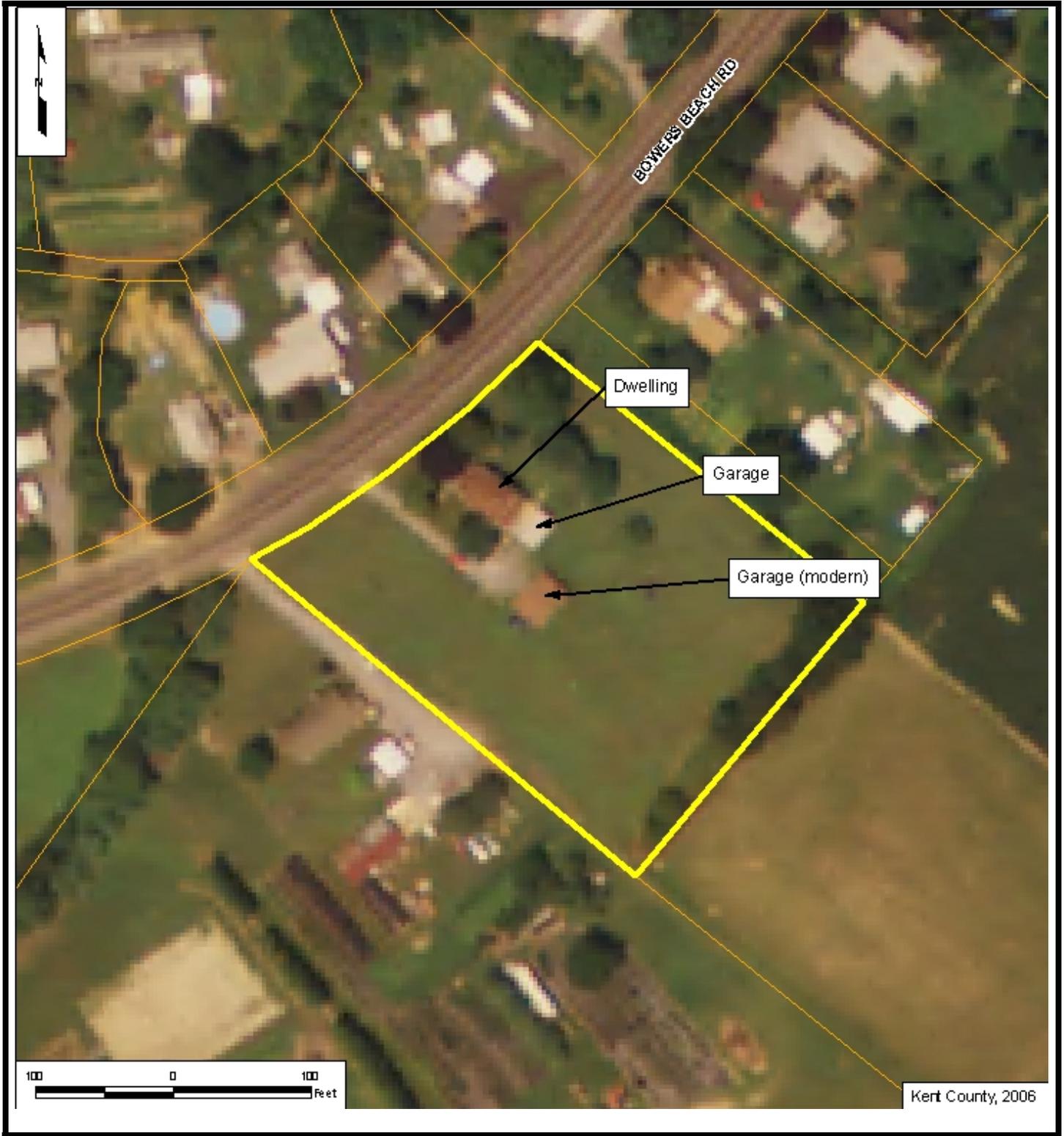
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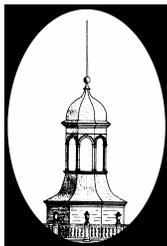
4. SITE PLAN:

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

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1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Thomas Emory Dwelling

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 226 Bowers Beach Road

3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished

4. INTEGRITY: Since the previous survey, the dwelling has been clad in vinyl siding and replacement one-over-one, double-hung sash vinyl windows have been installed.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Mid-twentieth century dwellings line Bowers Beach Road to the east and west.

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

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

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Catherine M. Dluzak/Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator name: Barbara Frederick/Senior Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator signature: *B. Frederick*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 09/24/2008

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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The 2-acre property includes a *circa*-1910 Four-Square dwelling, a *circa*-1950 garage, and a *circa*-1995 garage.

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)

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