

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 100-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maringola Produce Stand

other names/site number Delaware CRS #S-08570

2. Location

street and number east side of U.S. Route 113, 825 feet south of Route 623 not for publication

city or town Ellendale vicinity

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19941

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain). _____ _____	_____	_____

Maringola Produce Stand
Name of Property

Sussex County, Delaware
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: produce stand

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls WOOD: vertical board
WOOD: plywood
roof ASPHALT
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1954-1962

Significant Dates

N/A

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Maringola Produce Stand
Name of Property

Sussex County, Delaware
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.05

UTM References (NAD 83)

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18N</u>	<u>461919</u>	<u>4298271</u>	3	<u>18N</u>	<u>461930</u>	<u>4298258</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18N</u>	<u>461930</u>	<u>4298271</u>	4	<u>18N</u>	<u>461919</u>	<u>4298258</u>

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Narrative Description

The Maringola Produce Stand is located on the east side of U.S. Route 113 in the Ellendale vicinity, at the southwest corner of Sussex County tax parcel 230-19.00-78.00. To the southeast of the produce stand, on the adjacent tax parcel, is a wood-framed, ca. 1950 ranch house originally associated with the stand.

The stand, built after 1954, has a rectangular footprint and a shed roof with a front pent. The north end of the façade has an inset porch recessed behind the west eaves, and its roof is supported by two wood posts, square in cross section. The recessed north end of the west wall has a central three-light, wood panel door protected by a screen/storm door reached by two wood steps. It is flanked by paired, one-over-one, double hung, wood-sash windows. Wood shelves are placed beneath each set of windows. The south end wall of the porch is marked by a six-light, two-panel wood door. The remainder of the west wall has been enclosed with vertical boards. The north wall is sheathed in plywood siding, while the south wall contains a one-over-one, double hung, aluminum-framed window and a boarded up door opening. The rear wall contains four boarded up window openings. The visible, north portion of the building foundation consists of concrete-block piers.

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Statement of Significance:

The Maringola Produce Stand is a rare surviving example of an increasingly rare property type. At one time the DuPont Highway had many farm stands, as did other major highways that extended through the agricultural heartland of Sussex County. However, such stands are becoming increasingly less common as supermarkets have taken over one segment of the market, and in the recent years, larger farmers' markets have taken over another segment. Scattered abandoned farm stands are, in many areas, the only remnant of this historic commercial sector. Surviving farm stands that retain their historic character represent rare and significant historic resources. The Maringola Produce Stand meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as a good example of roadside architecture.

Roadside produce stands became a fixture of the rural highway landscape almost as soon as major roadways were laid in the early twentieth century. For example, New Jersey Department of Agriculture specialist Kenneth Hankinson wrote in 1924, "Fruits, vegetables, eggs, poultry, dairy products, honey, jellies, preserves, home canned goods or any other products of the farm will find a ready sale at the good roadside market." The best sites for such markets were indicated along main, well-kept highways, over which heavy traffic flows, particularly on the way to or from summer colonies (Hankinson 1924:3).

In his book, *Vegetable Growing*, James Edward Knott cited roadside stands, along with sales to neighbors, and shipment of hampers to people in the city, as one of the ways to dispose of surplus produce:

A location on an improved highway near centers of population is a valuable aid to success. It is usually not the transient automobilist who is the reliable client of the successful roadside seller, but rather the inhabitant of the city or town who drives out regularly for the air and beauty of the country as well as a supply of fresh produce....

The vegetables offered should be of the highest quality, attractively displayed, and kept in as fresh a condition as possible by shading and watering....(Knott 1930:342).

In their study of Mid-Atlantic vernacular architecture, Lanier and Herman describe the typical roadside stand:

It consists of a long, open-sided, pole-supported shed within which a number of plain wooden counters display fruit and vegetables in loose piles or in baskets. One counter serves as a checkout stand where the proprietors accept payment, make change, and prepare produce for display and sale (Lanier and Herman 1997:242).

The unelaborated, vernacular design of the Maringola Produce Stand is typical of the property type. Its commercial purpose is concisely served by the sheltered, inset entry area with central door and flanking windows equipped with ledges for produce display. The stand retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association. Some original materials have been replaced, most notably the siding. According to the owner who made the improvement, however, the original asbestos shingles were left in place (Carey 2009). Overall, it is a good example of what was probably a once-common vernacular building type along the verges of the DuPont Highway, significant by virtue of the fact that it has survived largely intact despite several road widenings, property divisions, and ownership changes. And, although it is no longer used for its original purpose, its configuration and its position along the roadside continue to convey its historic function. The Maringola Produce State is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an intact example of a typical Sussex County roadside produce stand.

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Statement of Significance: *(cont.)*

Historic Overview

When the stand was first recorded for the Delaware Cultural Resources Survey in the early 1990s, it was given the name “Ronald Smith Farm Stand” (LeeDecker et al. 1992). The derivation of the name is unclear. The building is labeled with that name on highway plans dated 1993 (Delaware State Highway Department 1993), but this may have been based on the LeeDecker et al. report. Ron Smith, a nearby property owner and the presumed source of the property’s historic name, did not know anything about the stand, and, according to highway plans dating back to the early 1930s, did not ever own the land. Instead, the property was owned from at least 1931 through 1948 by the Maringola family (Delaware State Highway Department 1931, 1948). The property has therefore been re-designated “Maringola Produce Stand.”

Historic mapping and aerial photographs provide an understanding of the sequence of building construction on the property and confirm that the current dwelling and produce stand were built after 1954, but before 1961. Delaware State Highway Department as-built plans from 1911 and 1931 show a farm road to the north of the current produce stand property, but no structures on the property itself. In the earlier year, all of the land in the general vicinity belonged to Richard Duffy; by 1931 the property on the east side of the DuPont Highway belonged to John Maringola (Delaware State Highway Department 1911:sheets 11-12, 1931:sheet 9).

The 1937 aerial photograph shows a large building on the property, slightly north of where the produce stand now sits. The farm road to the north of the property is clearly visible. In 1948, Janaro Maringola is shown as the property owner on an as-built plan, but no buildings are depicted on the current produce stand property (Delaware State Highway Department 1948:sheet 6). Again in 1954, no buildings are apparent anywhere near the current produce stand property on the aerial photograph; the farm road to the north is still evident.

The first time the produce stand appears is on the 1961 aerial photograph, which shows approximately five buildings on the property. The produce stand is a long, narrow building parallel to the road in the same place it is located today. A square building that is probably the dwelling appears to the southeast of the produce stand. The farm road to the north is still apparent. By 1968, two or three buildings appear on the aerial photograph, one of which is probably the produce stand and one of which is the dwelling. The farm road to the north is no longer evident.

By 1992, as seen in the aerial photograph for that year, the general area was significantly more developed, and the produce stand sits in front of a long, narrow building (possibly a trailer) set back from the road with a drive leading to it. The 1993 as-built plan depicts the “Smith Farm Stand,” a one-story frame building, in its current location. The property owners are Archie R. & Shirley A. Carey. The dwelling, a one-and-one-half story frame house, is also shown, but is now on a separate tax parcel belonging to Francies X. & Charlotte Busfield (Delaware State Highway Department 1993).

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Statement of Significance: *(cont.)*

Historic Overview (cont.)

Archie Carey, former owner of the produce stand parcel, remembered that the Maringola family was responsible for building both the house and roadside stand, c. 1950 (though it must have been after 1954, as evidenced by the aerial photographs). Mr. Maringola was a truck farmer, and sold some of his produce from the roadside stand. At an unspecified date, the Maringolas sold the property to Randell Reynolds, who sold cars and used the roadside stand as an office for his business. Reynolds subdivided the property, selling the northern lot, with the roadside stand, to his neighbor, Clara Carey (Carey 2009; Reynolds 2009). Soon thereafter, Ms. Carey sold the lot to her nephew, Archie Carey. Archie and his wife, Shirley, moved a trailer onto the property and lived there for ten years (1986-1996). During the Carey's ownership of the property, the roadside stand was used for domestic storage. Modifications to the interior included the installation of a water pump; the exterior was re-sheathed with fiberboard over the original asbestos shingles. The Careys moved to Lincoln in 1996 and sold the property along U.S. 113 in 1999 (Carey 2009).

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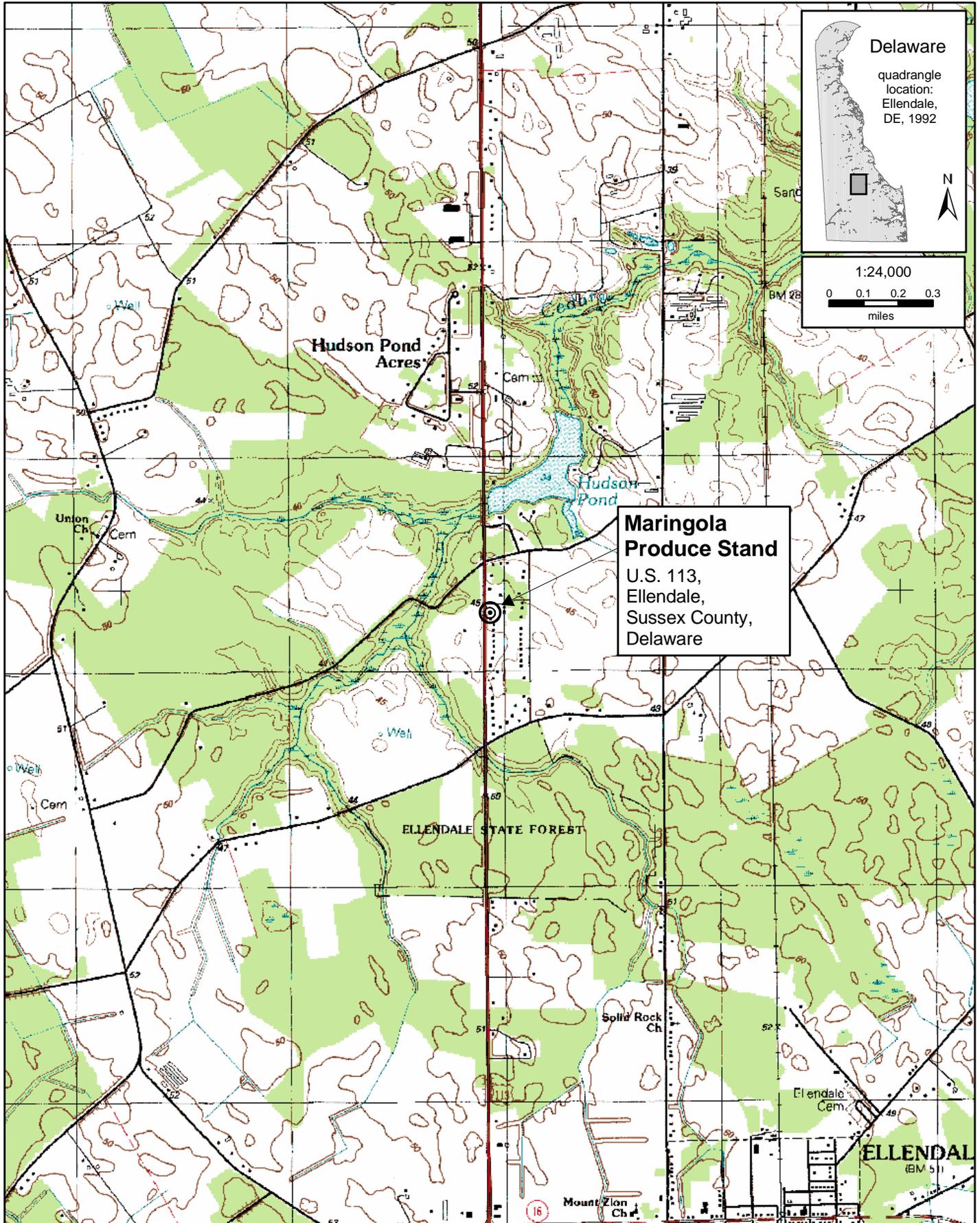
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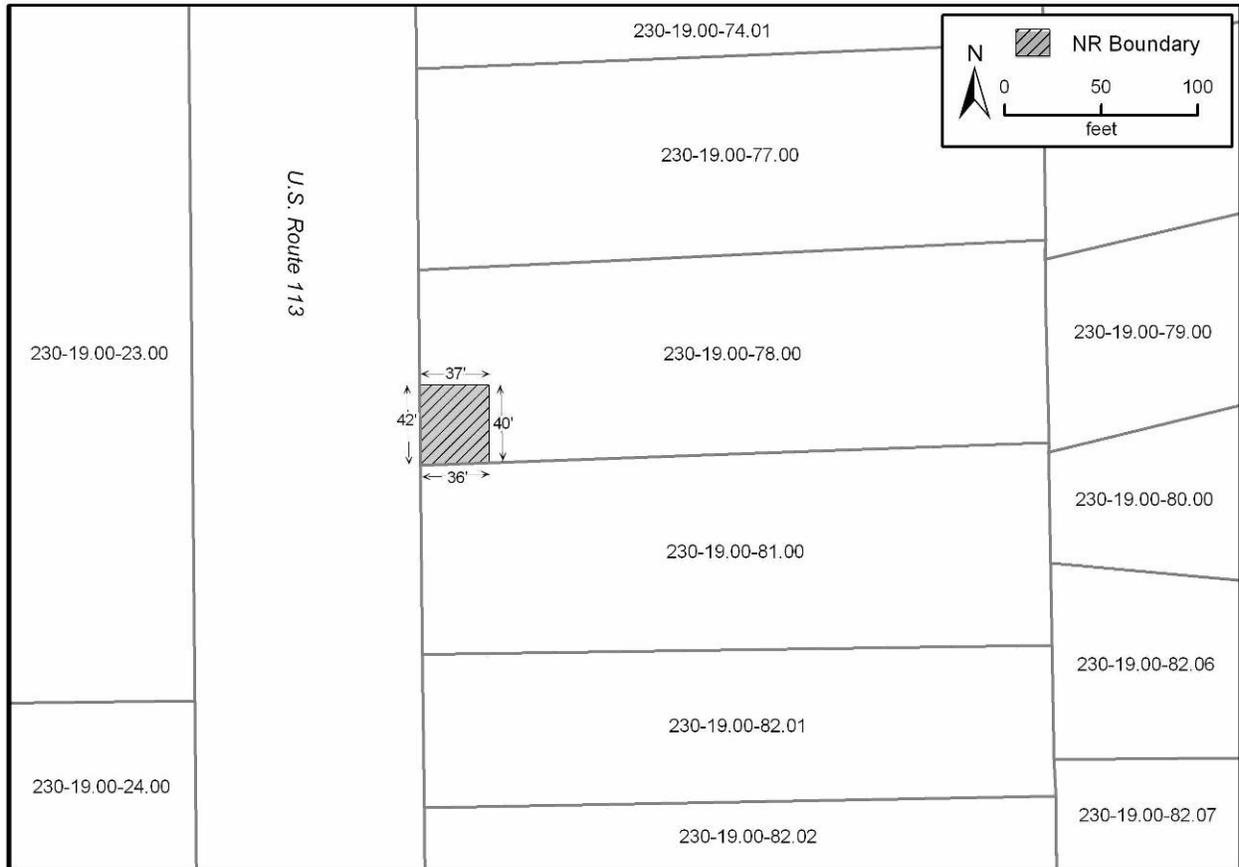
Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary for the produce stand is an approximately 0.05-acre polygon in the southwest corner of Sussex County tax parcel 230-19.00-78.00 that encompasses the produce stand. The boundary is a rectangle measuring 36 feet along the south lot line, then 40 feet north, 37 feet west, and 42 feet south along U.S. 113 to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to include that portion of the property that contributes to the significance of the produce stand under Criterion C as rare surviving example of roadside architecture. The remainder of the property and the original dwelling—which is now on a separate tax parcel—are excluded from the boundary because they do not contribute to the significance of the produce stand under Criterion C.





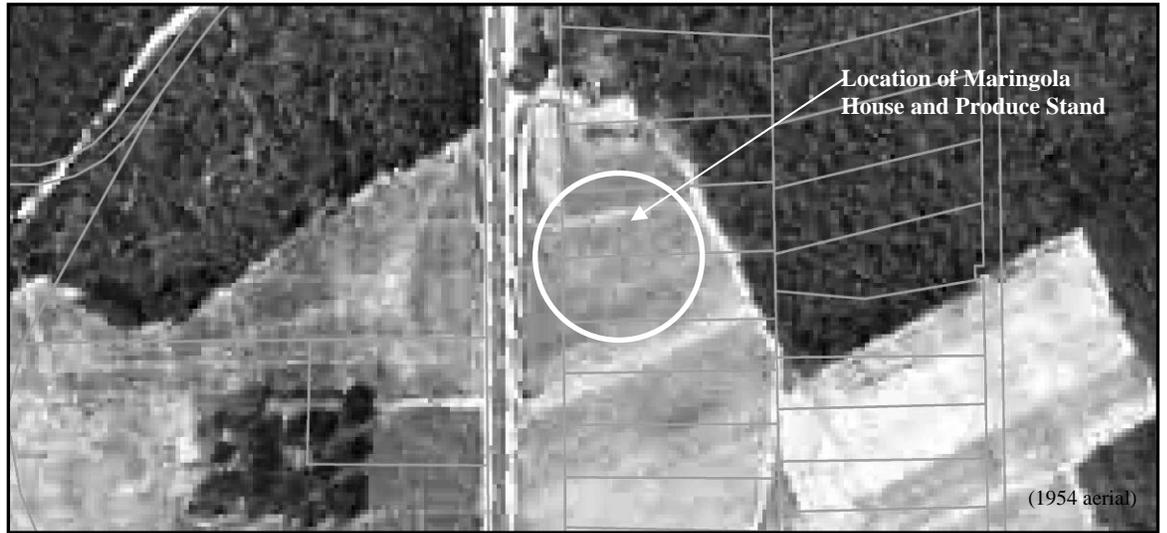
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**Aerial Photographs
overlain with current
tax parcels**



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Photographs

Photograph 1 of 3. View of façade, camera faces east. (01/2004)

Photograph 2 of 3. View of façade and north side, camera faces southeast. (08/2008)

Photograph 3 of 3. View of façade and north side, camera faces northeast. (08/2008)

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Photograph 1 of 3:



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