

**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 Carey-Wilson Secondary House

other names/site number Delaware CRS #S-03217

2. Location

street and number 20067 Wilson Road not for publication

city or town Georgetown vicinity

state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 005 zip code 19947

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).	_____	_____

Carey-Wilson Secondary House
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)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: storage/workshop

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: two-story hall plan

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof METAL

other CONCRETE

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

Period of Significance

late 19th century

Significant Dates

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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one (.1)

UTM References (NAD 83)

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18N</u>	<u>465123</u>	<u>4285489</u>	3	<u>18N</u>	<u>465140</u>	<u>4285493</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18N</u>	<u>465128</u>	<u>4285469</u>	4	<u>18N</u>	<u>465146</u>	<u>4285473</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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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description

The property, which is located on the south side of Wilson Road, consists of a secondary dwelling on a parcel that contains a wood-framed house, placed obliquely to the road, and a chicken house with attached corncrib. A modern pump house is placed northwest of the current primary dwelling. An old driveway extends along the south side of the parcel, while a shorter circular driveway extends from the road northwest of the primary dwelling.

The secondary house is a single pen, side-gabled, wood-framed dwelling with partial height second story, possibly constructed in the late nineteenth century. It has a three-bay west façade. Wood doors are centered in the first and second stories. The first story is pierced by one-over-one, double-hung, aluminum-framed windows. Six-light windows are placed in the upper story. The north gable end is blank, while the east wall has a covered window and a covered door. A single-story, wood-framed ell with a shallow gabled roof projects from the south end of the house block. A portion of the west wall of the ell is covered with particle board, while a roll-down garage door is placed at the south end of the wall.

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Statement of Significance

The secondary dwelling, currently used for storage, is an example of a single-room building with second story, currently a rare property type in southern Sussex County, Delaware. Known locally as a hall plan with loft, it may be related to the “stack house,” a similar vernacular type found in communities on the east side of the Delaware River. A stack house consists of two single pens set upright topped with a gabled roof. Such houses are widely distributed on the opposite side of Delaware Bay in South Jersey communities such as Haleyville, Mauricetown, Dorchester, Port Elizabeth, and Millville but are substantially less common in the Georgetown area. Such houses were typically constructed in the late eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth centuries with builder-occupants fitting into a lower- and middle-economic class, and residing in a rural setting. National Park Service researchers indicate that the building form was often constructed by early immigrants from England, in the traditional Tidewater areas of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey (Sebold and Leach 1991:Appendix II). The hall plan dwelling, once representative of a majority of the dwellings built in southern Delaware, had, by the mid-to-late nineteenth century, become the dwelling of poorer agricultural laborers. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an example of a period of construction.

The secondary dwelling is not typical of remaining rural hall plan dwellings of southern Delaware in that it has only a loft rather than a full second story. Another atypical element is the loft door, which was possibly added when the building was converted to storage. The main alteration to the building has been replacement of first-story windows. The first-story door remains intact, as do original clapboards. The house is in poor condition and has been altered by construction of an attached garage bay in the 1970s. This bay appears to merely adjoin the earlier part of the building instead of tying into the structure of the earlier building, however. The building was also moved in the early 1900s, but its original location was on the same property, less than 100 feet away, so the association between the building and its historical context has not been disrupted. Despite deterioration, modest alteration, and movement, the building retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion C, as a locally significant example of a now-rare vernacular house type.

Historic Overview

The 88-acre parcel on which the building sits is located on both sides of Wilson Road and was derived from a larger tract that, through most of the 20th-century, was 105 acres that passed between two families—the Careys (1874 or earlier until 1907) and the Wilsons (1907 through the present).

The earliest identified owner for the property was Philip P. Carey. How he acquired the property is uncertain, although it may have been from Thomas Carey, from whom he acquired another large parcel in 1874 (Sussex County Deed Book 86:285, December 15, 1874). At the time of the 1880 census, Philip P. Carey, 39, was a farmer residing in Gumboro Hundred, Sussex County, with his 35-year-old wife Mary L., their six-year-old son John L, their three-year-old son, Philip O., 7 month old Betsy, and 25-year-old servant Eliza Downs (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1880).

In 1901 Philip P. Carey sold the 105-acre parcel to his son, Philip A., in an unrecorded transaction. In 1907 Philip A. Carey sold the 105 acres to Charles W. Wilson for \$1,200 (Sussex County Deed Book 161:385, July 20, 1907). In 1955 Charles W. Wilson, then residing in Milton, sold the same parcel to Leroy and Nellie Wilson for an undisclosed amount (Sussex County Deed Book 442:20, January 5, 1955). Leroy Wilson died on September 21, 1966. In February 1971, his widow sold the 105-acre property to David L. and Carolyn D. Wilson for an undisclosed amount (Sussex County Deed Book 665:285, February 23, 1971).

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Statement of Significance (cont.)

Historic Overview (cont.)

The names Philip P. Carey, and Charles W. Wilson were researched in the Kent County Mutual Insurance Records located at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover. These records include policyholders that the company insured in this general area from c. 1847 to c. 1962. No records were found for these individuals regarding this particular property.

In an oral interview with the current property owner, Mr. David Wilson, it was learned that his grandfather bought the property c. 1905 (deed research indicates the date was actually 1907). At that time, the small wood-framed dwelling believed by the family to date to c. 1870 or earlier was the only house on the property. In 1907 the small house was moved to its current location in preparation for the construction of the larger home. By 1908 the Wilsons were living in the larger house. Tenants, who worked on the family farm, began occupying the older house.

Mr. Wilson's grandfather harvested strawberries. During the 1920s-1930s, he also raised and farmed chickens; hence the chicken house and corn crib that stand southeast of the house. His grandfather also had three sand pits on the property from which he carted the material and sold it commercially.

In 1955 Mr. Wilson's father bought the farm. Soon thereafter, he made improvements to the main house, including enclosing the porches off the rear ell. The small secondary house continued to be used for tenants. His father farmed soybeans and corn, and also had pasture for the cattle that he raised. At that time, a barn stood on the property for housing the cattle. Mr. Wilson's father also sold sand from the sand pits; in the 1960s, he sold to Melvin Joseph for his construction/paving business.

David Wilson bought the property in 1971. Soon thereafter, he remembers allowing tenants of the secondary house to construct the two-car garage/shed attachment to one side of the tenant house. By 1975 use of this house ended. Sometime in the mid-to-late 1970s, Mr. Wilson had the cattle barn and tenant house's privy demolished, as both buildings were falling into disrepair as a result of disuse. Currently, a local tenant farmer farms the land and harvests soybeans and corn. The sand pits are still open, and are used for personal use. Mr. Wilson rents out the main house, and as far as he knows, the outbuildings are used for storage (Wilson 2007).

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Major Bibliographical References

Sebold, Kimberly R., and Sarah Amy Leach

1991 *Historic Themes and Resources Within the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail: Southern New Jersey and the Delaware Bay: Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties*. Reprinted 1995. National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

Sussex County Deeds

Sussex County Recorder of Deeds. Administration Building. Georgetown, Delaware.

U.S. Bureau of Census

1880 Manuscript census of population for Gumboro Hundred, Sussex County. Supervisor's District 1, Enumeration District 11, page 11. Database available at www.ancestry.com.

Wilson, David

2007 Current property owner (Delaware CRS #S-03217). Telephone interview with Courtney L. Clark, JMA Architectural Historian, 01 March 2007. Notes on file, John Milner Associates, Inc., Philadelphia.

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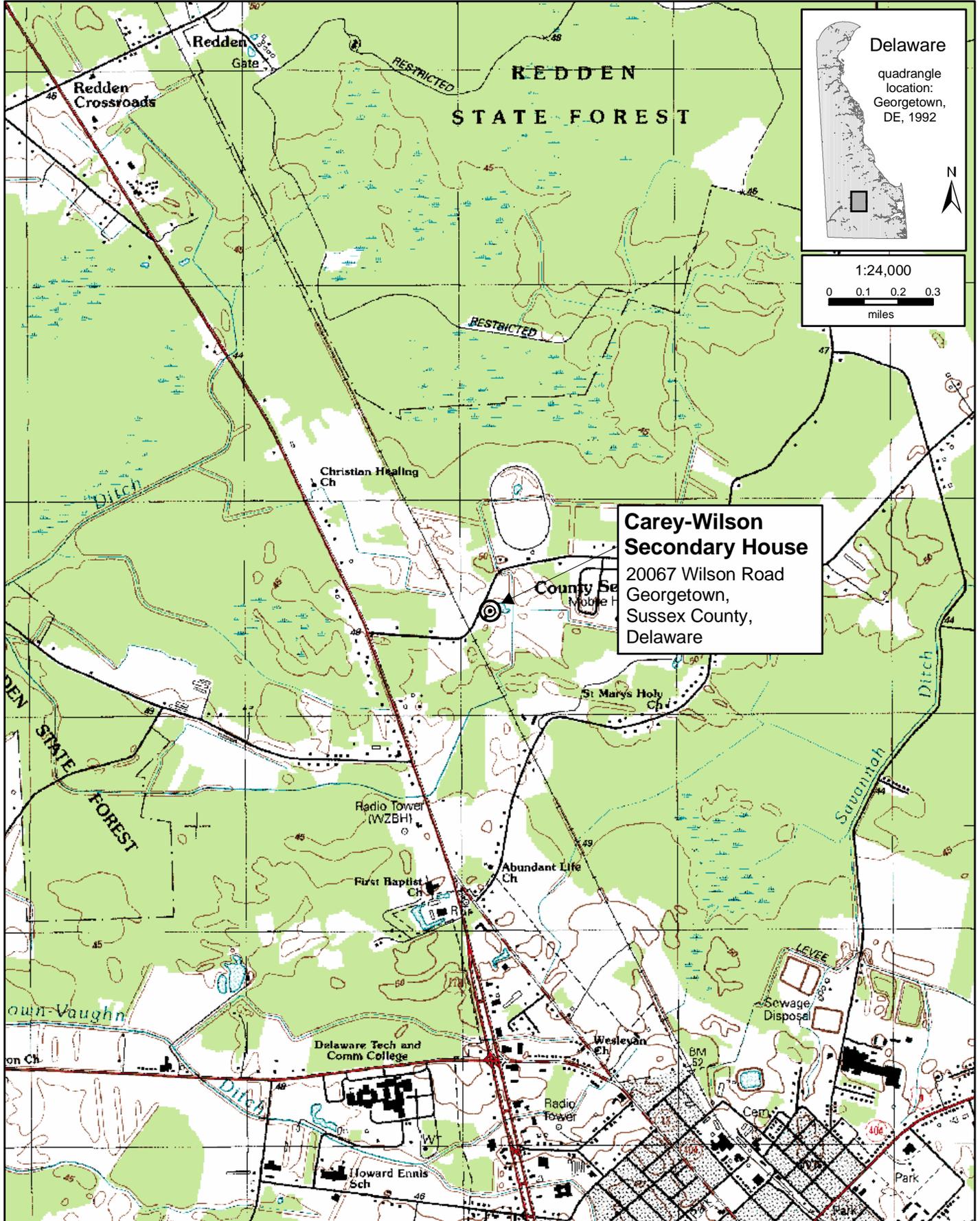
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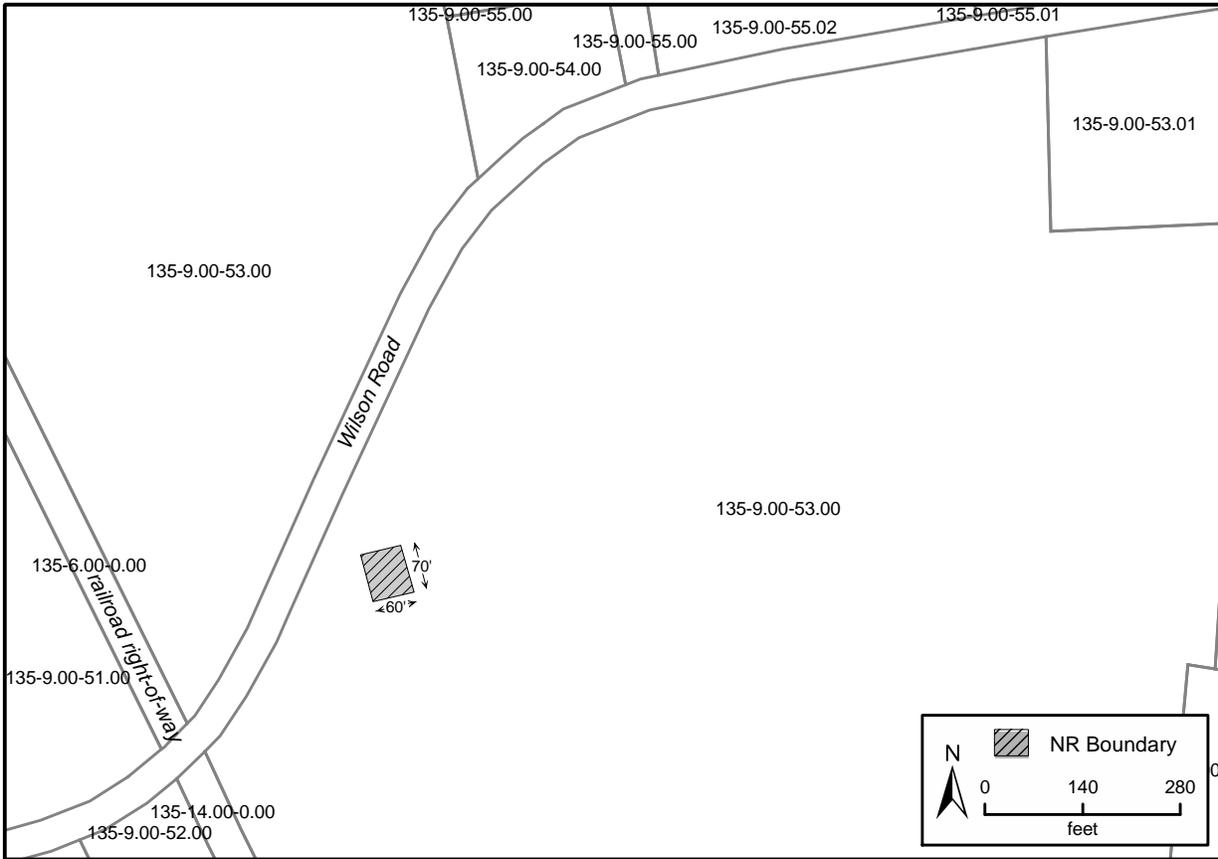
Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary of the property is an approximately .1-acre polygon surrounding the secondary dwelling in Sussex County tax parcel 135-9.00-53.00. The boundary is a rectangle measuring 60 feet east-west by 70 feet north-south.

Boundary Justification

The remainder of the complex is excluded from the recommended boundary because it does not contribute to the significance of the building under National Register Criterion C.





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Photographs

Photograph 1 of 3. View of façade and south side, camera faces northeast. (6/2006)

Photograph 2 of 3. View of rear and south side, camera faces northwest. (10/2008)

Photograph 3 of 3. Façade detail, camera faces east. (10/2008)

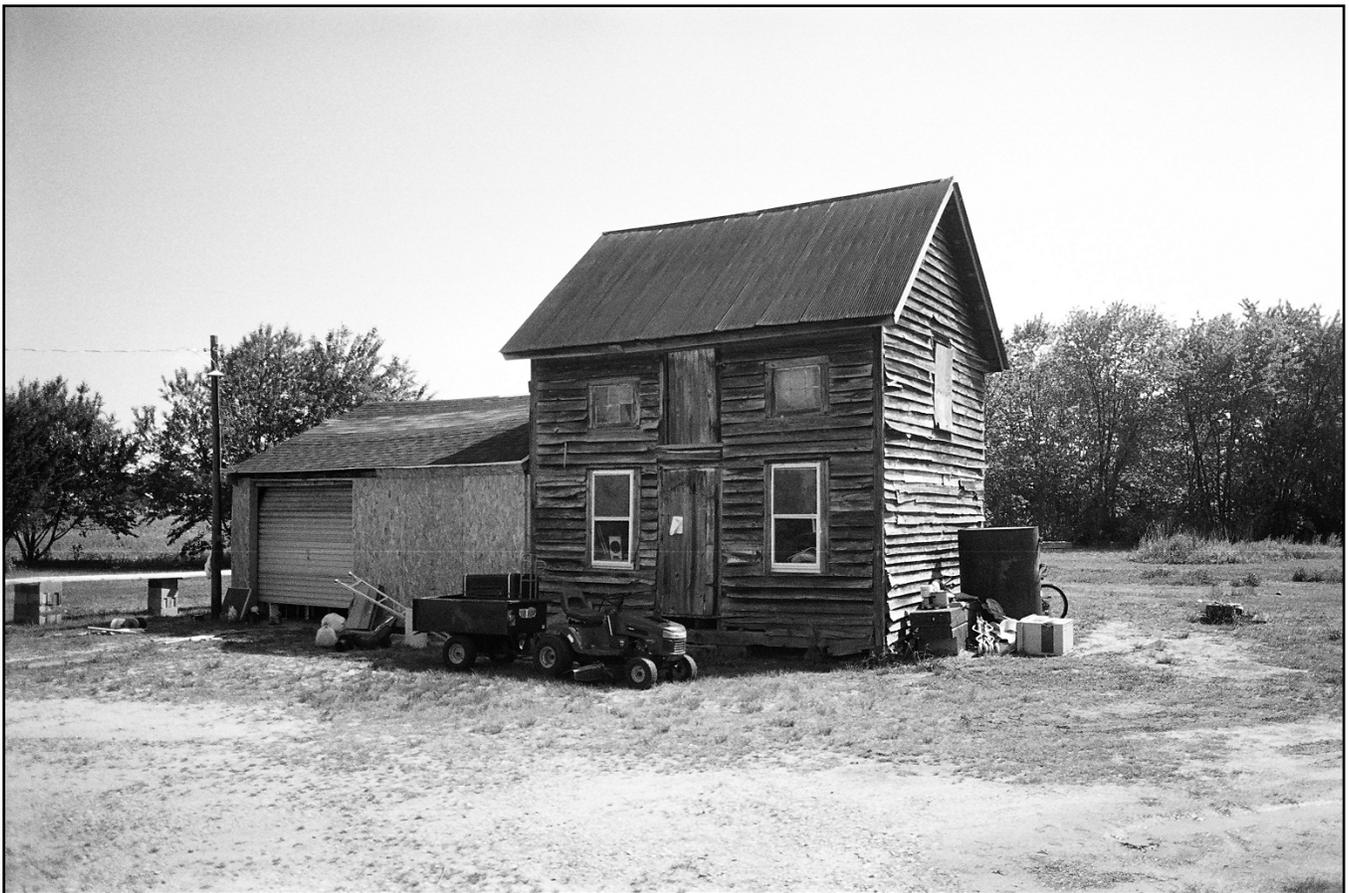
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