

**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 Domestic Complex

other names/site number Delaware CRS #S-11217

**2. Location**

street and number 510 Market Street  not for publication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.)

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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.)

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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).  _____	_____	_____

Domestic Complex  
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	
3	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	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  
AGRICULTURE: animal facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19th and EARLY 20th CENTURY AMERICAN  
MOVEMENTS: Bungalow/Craftsman  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE  
walls WOOD: weatherboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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**Period of Significance**

c. 1920

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**Significant Dates**

c. 1920

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**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

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**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

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**Architect/Builder**

unknown

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**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:

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** less than one (.48)

**UTM References (NAD 83)**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18N</u>	<u>465589</u>	<u>4281684</u>	3	<u>18N</u>	<u>465614</u>	<u>4281710</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18N</u>	<u>465628</u>	<u>4281647</u>	4	<u>18N</u>	<u>465653</u>	<u>4281672</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.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## Additional Documentation

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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)

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## Property Owner

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(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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**Sussex County, Delaware**

## Narrative Description

This residential property is located on the northwest side of Market Street. The property contains a c.1920 dwelling and two small outbuildings.

The house is a one story, wood-framed, Craftsman style bungalow raised on a high foundation of rusticated concrete block. The gable-fronted house with low roof pitch also has horizontal wood siding and broad eaves with exposed rafter tails that are visible below the asphalt-shingled roof. The show rafters on the gable ends are supported by wood brackets extending out from the walls of the house. The gable front has a smaller integrated projecting gable that covers the front porch. The wide columns supporting the porch roof are square and sided with wood. A smaller cross gable also occurs on the southeast side and corresponds to a shallow rectangular projection in the plan. There is a small window in each of the gable ends to provide light and ventilation to the attic. Other windows in the house include irregularly placed, paired, nine-over-one, double-hung sash windows as well as a grouping of casements on the front of the house. All windows have wide, plain wood trim. There are also sidelights at the front door. On the northeast side of the house there is a small gabled vestibule containing a back door to a small wooden deck. A second back door on this side is at a lower elevation and leads to a small stoop and the adjacent concrete patio. There are two brick chimneys for the house, one central to the house and the other at the termination of a small cross gable on the southwest side of the house.

Along the northeast side of the house there is a gravel drive that leads to a c. 1920 single pen, front-gabled garage. The garage is wood-framed with vertical wood siding and a concrete foundation. The roof, similar to the house, has a low roof pitch, broad eaves with exposed rafter tails, and asphalt shingles. There is a door composed of two hinged leaves of vertical boards. There are two four-light fixed windows on both the southwest and northeast sides of the garage as well as a side door of vertical boards on the southwest side.

Along the rear property line is a c.1920 former chicken coop that is currently not in use. It is wood-framed with vertical wood siding resting on a foundation of concrete-block piers. It has a shed roof with exposed rafter tails and metal roofing. Along the southeast side there are some windows and a door. The windows are paired six-over-nine, double-hung sash as well as a single four-light fixed window. The door is made up of vertical wood battens.

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**Sussex County, Delaware**

## Summary of Significance

This property is significant under Criterion C for its dwelling, a locally significant example of a bungalow.

## Historic Overview

Ralph E. Blakeley, the owner of Blakeley's Service Station located across the street from the house, owned this property until 1972. In 1972 he sold it to William O. and Elizabeth W. King for \$21,500 (Sussex County Deed Book 684:551, June 8, 1972). In 1983, the Kings sold the property to Joseph W. and Margaret to Booth (Sussex County Deed Book 1175:156, April 29, 1983). While the following year, the Booths sold the property to its current owners, Bedford Associates (Sussex County Deed Book 1301:207, October 31, 1984).

## Significance Statement

The c.1920 cross-gabled bungalow retains its original fenestration, front stoop, windows and doors, and rusticated concrete-block foundation, and as a result, possesses a high level of integrity. Diagnostic elements include its shallow gabled roof, narrow footprint, front-gabled entry porch, irregular plan, multiple window types including six-light casements, nine-over-one and one-over-one, double-hung sash windows, and four and nine-light fixed windows, its rusticated concrete-block foundation, and its exposed ornamental rafter ends.

At the time of its construction, it was common for in-town property owners to raise some vegetables or some livestock for their own use. Typically such properties would have a vegetable garden and a small agricultural outbuilding. In the intervening years, most such properties have lost the associated historic outbuilding(s). This property is an exception. It retains a chicken house to the rear that appears to be contemporaneous with the house. This chicken house, which may have been used to raise chickens for eggs, retains all aspects of integrity. Its windows and doors are original, as is its siding.

This property is representative of an early twentieth-century phase in the local agricultural economy when small home-based agricultural enterprises provided some of the food necessary for individual homeowners, a phase that largely ended with the emergence of both supermarkets and zoning regulations. Although this property is a well-preserved example of a complex that exemplifies a period of domestic history in Sussex County, additional research into the property, as well as the development of a historical context for this time period in Georgetown, would be necessary to argue for eligibility under Criterion A.

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## Major Bibliographical References

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

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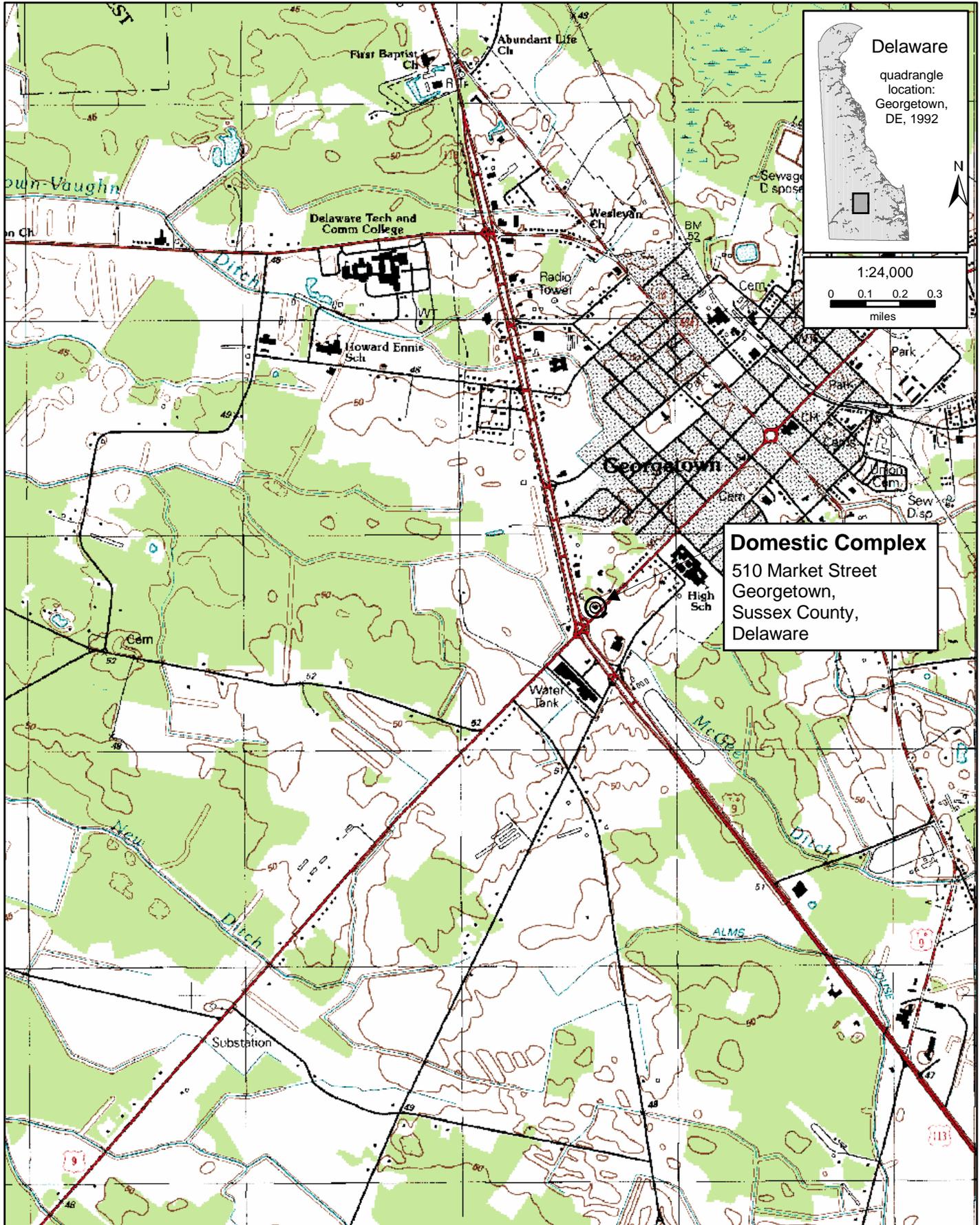
## **Geographical Data**

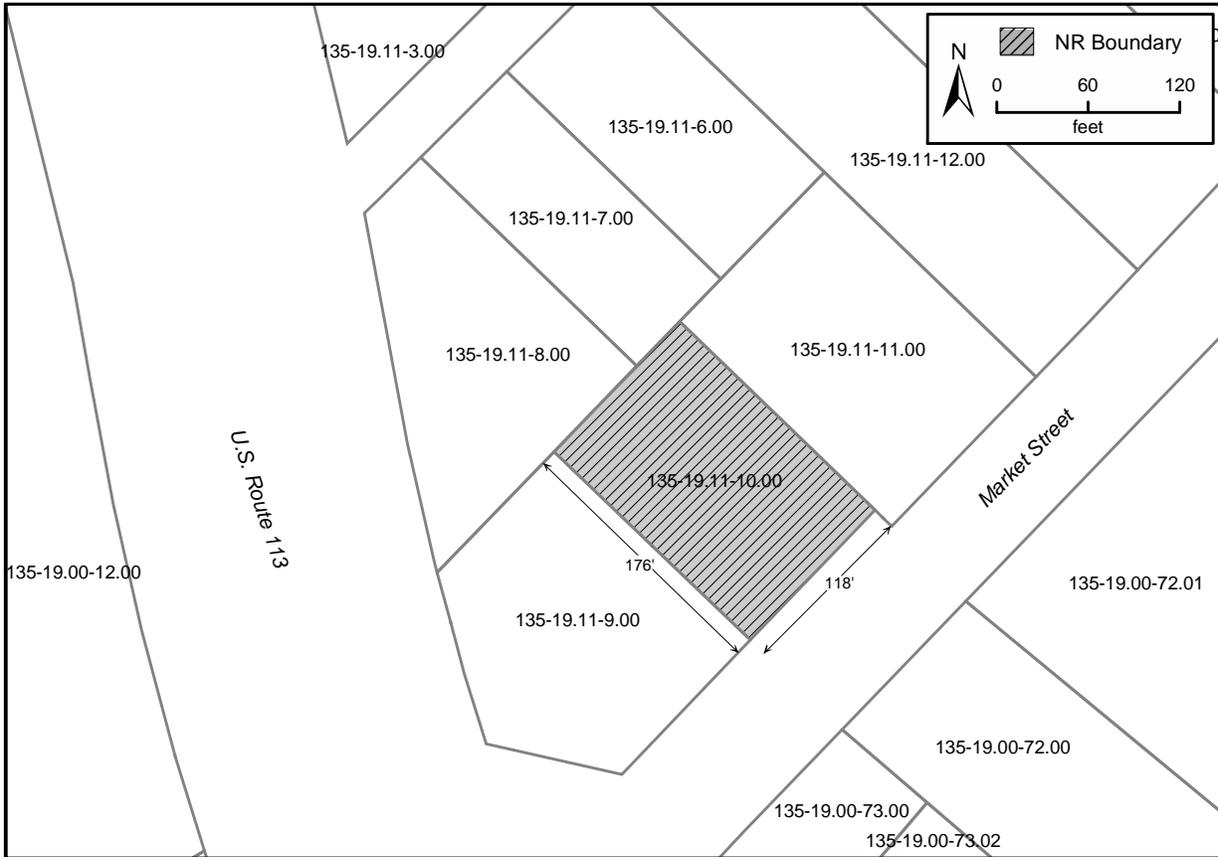
### *Verbal Boundary Description*

The National Register boundary of the property is the entirety of parcel 135-19.11-10.00, the parcel currently associated with the house and two outbuildings, all of which contribute to the significance of the property under Criterion C. The .48-acre parcel is rectangular and measures 118 feet along Market Street and 176 feet deep.

### *Boundary Justification*

The chosen boundary is that historically and currently associated with the significance of the property.





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## **Photographs**

Photograph 1 of 5. View of façade and northeast side of dwelling, camera faces west. (2/2004)

Photograph 2 of 5. View of façade and northeast side of dwelling and façade of garage, camera faces west. (10/2008)

Photograph 3 of 5. View of façades of dwelling and garage, camera faces northwest. (10/2008)

Photograph 4 of 5. View of rear and northeast side of dwelling, camera faces south. (9/2005)

Photograph 5 of 5. View of façade of chicken house, camera faces northwest. (9/2005)

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