

**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 Lowe House

other names/site number Delaware CRS #S-11032

2. Location

street and number North Bedford Road not for publication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).	_____	_____

Low 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	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	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)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

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 METAL: Aluminum

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

Period of Significance

c. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1935

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:

Lowe House
Name of Property

Sussex County, Delaware
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one (.52)

UTM References (NAD 83)

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18N</u>	<u>465077</u>	<u>4284122</u>	3	<u>18N</u>	<u>465130</u>	<u>4284161</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18N</u>	<u>465098</u>	<u>4284095</u>	4	<u>18N</u>	<u>465149</u>	<u>4284140</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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Sussex County, Delaware

Narrative Description

This property is located on the northeast side of North Bedford Road in Georgetown and contains an early twentieth-century dwelling, a contemporaneous shed, and a modern shed. The bungalow-style house is situated along the roadway facing southwest. A dirt driveway lies to the southeast side of the dwelling. Beds of low-lying plants grow along the front and sides of the house with ornamental lawn sculptures standing throughout.

This one-and-one-half-story, wood-framed, rectangular-shaped house, built c. 1935, has a three-bay façade. The main entrance pierces the center of the front and is flanked by multi-pane sidelights. A wrap-around, screened porch shelters the front and southeast side. Fenestration of the façade, sidewalls, and rear consists of a combination of single, four-over-one, three-over-one, and two-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The dwelling sits on a rusticated concrete-block foundation and is covered in aluminum siding. The gable-front roof is sheathed in composition shingles. Two gabled wall-dormers rise from both side walls. A brick chimney rises from the center of the roof ridge.

Northeast of the dwelling, facing southeast, stands a c. 1930s storage shed (.002). This one-story, wood-framed building is clad in vertical, wood siding and is covered by a gabled roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The southeast side has a central door opening, while the side walls have two-light, fixed windows. The rear wall is blank.

Further to the northeast is a modern shed that is considered a non-contributing element to the property.

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Statement of Significance

The house is eligible under National Register Criterion C for its architecture. It employs an uncommon design for a bungalow with a hipped roof and wraparound porch with cross-gabled entry bays. Bungalow elements include exposed rafter tails; front and rear gabled dormers; four-over-one, double-hung sash windows with vertical muntins in the upper sash, and a rusticated concrete-block foundation. An unusual element is the applied wood window trim, which gives many of the openings clipped corners. The sole evident exterior alteration to the house is its sheathing in aluminum siding. As a well-preserved and unusual example of a bungalow-craftsman style dwelling, this house possesses architectural significance on the local level.

Historic Overview

The house was constructed on a portion of a 22-acre parcel that Ananais J. Lowe sold to John W. Lowe for the token sum of one dollar (Sussex County Deed Book 259:9, October 1925). In 1950, Edna E. Lowe sold a 21,546 square foot parcel containing the house to Robert F. Clendaniel for one dollar and other valuable considerations (Sussex County Deed Book 397:548, December 2, 1950).

In 1953 Robert F. and Etha C. Clendaniel sold the property to Howard A. and Virginia A. Clendaniel for an undisclosed sum (Sussex County Deed Book 424:274, September 10, 1953). In 1980 Virginia F. Clendaniel sold her portion of ownership in the property to Howard A. Clendaniel for one dollar (Sussex County Deed Book 1011:291, June 18, 1980).

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Major Bibliographical References

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

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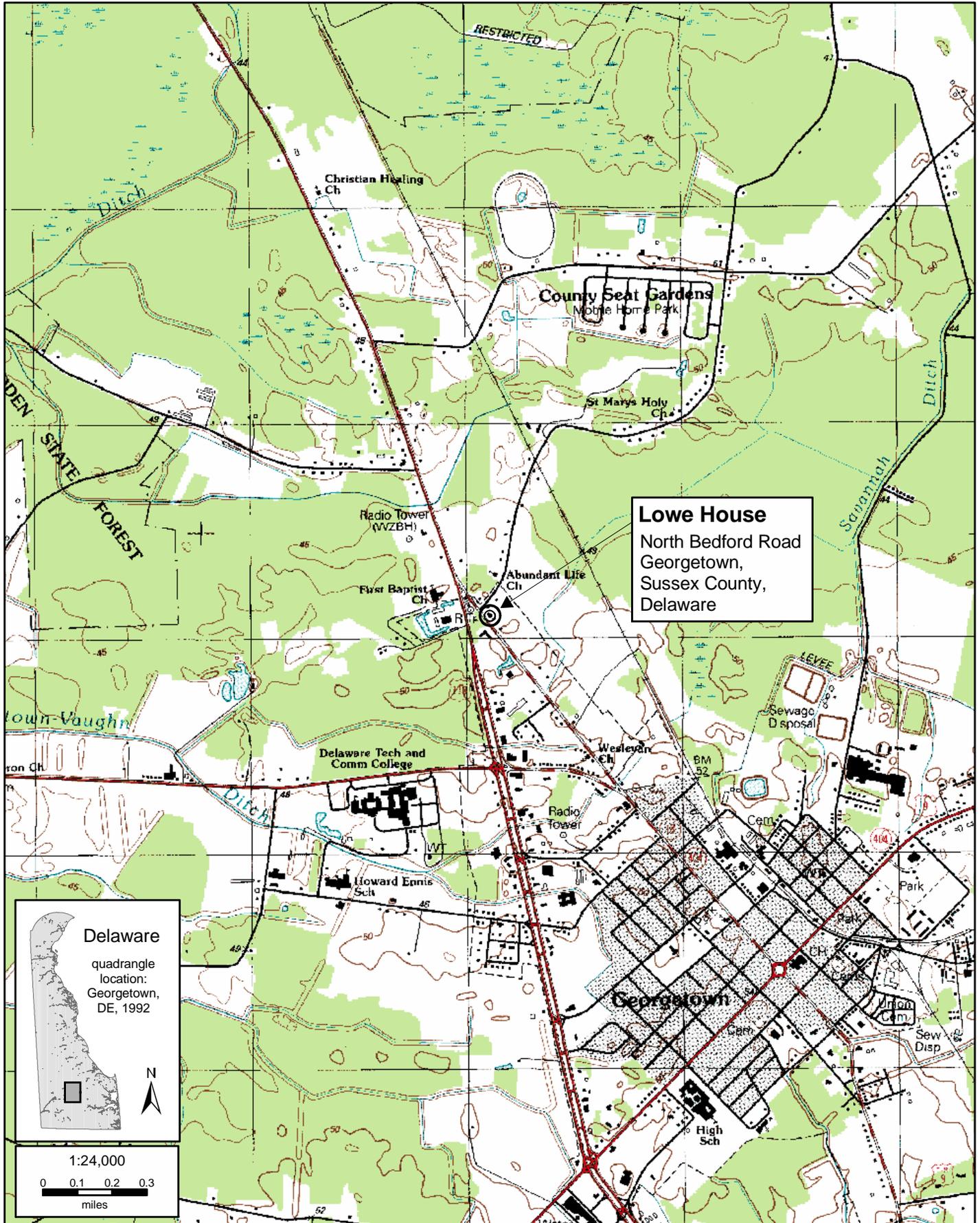
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Sussex County, Delaware

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary is the entirety of Sussex County tax parcel 135-14.00-80.00, encompassing the dwelling and the contemporaneous shed, both of which contribute to the property's eligibility under Criterion C. The small modern shed to the rear of the house is a non-contributing element. The parcel is approximately .52 acres and measures 114 feet along North Bedford Street, 218 feet along the northern parcel line, 94 feet along the eastern parcel line, and 227 feet along the southern parcel line.

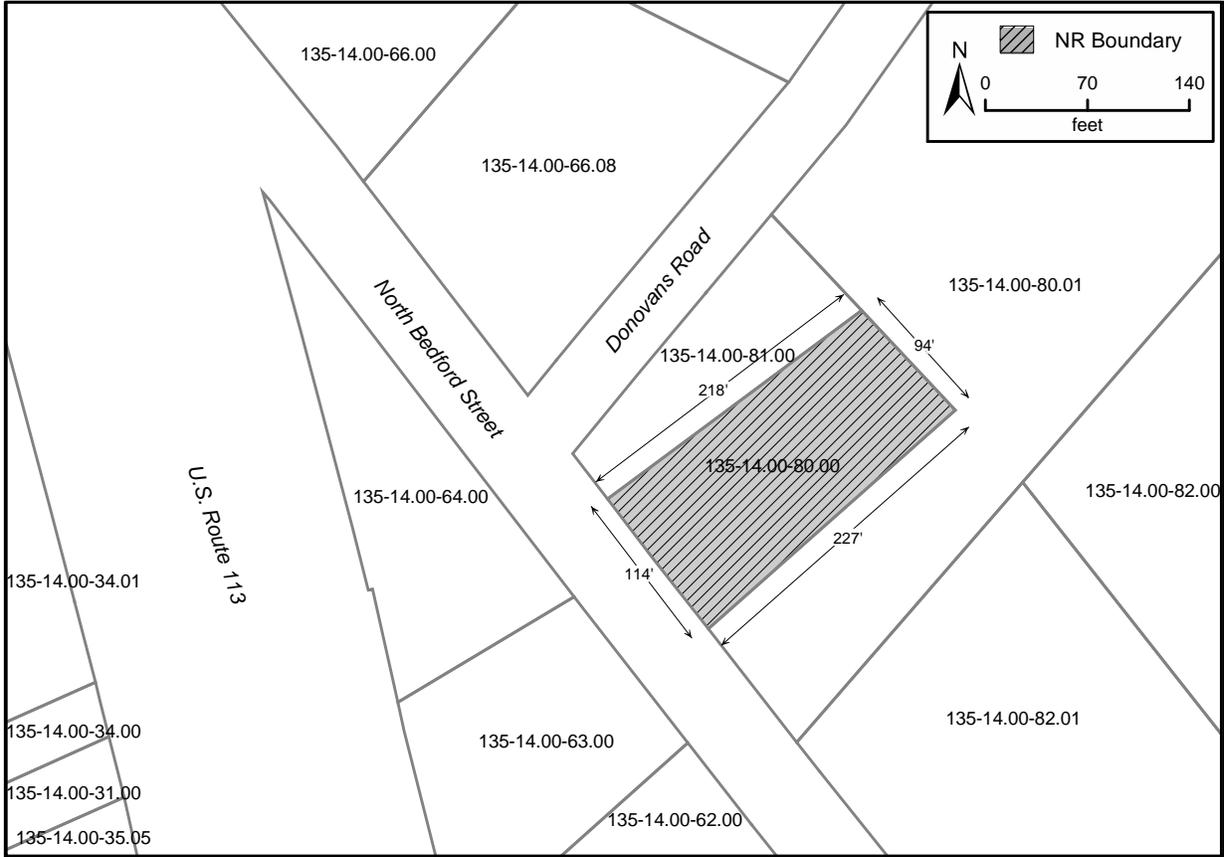
Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn in accordance with guidelines set forth by the National Park Service, which stipulate that the boundary should encompass but not exceed the extent of the significant resources and land areas comprising the property.



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Photographs

Photograph 1 of 4. View of façade and southeast side of dwelling, camera faces north. (11/2005)

Photograph 2 of 4. View of façade of dwelling, camera faces northeast. (10/2008)

Photograph 3 of 4. View of rear and northwest side of dwelling, camera faces south. (11/2005)

Photograph 4 of 4. View of façade and southwest side of historic shed, camera faces north. (11/2005)

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