

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # K-7382

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3306 Farmington Road, East Side Of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residence current Residence

3. YEAR BUILT: 1925 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Bungalow/Rectangular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved
if moved, from where _____ other location's CRS # _____ year _____

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. _____
b. _____

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: Rectangular Stories: 1.5
Additions: n/a

b. Structural system (if known): Frame

c. Foundation: materials: Molded concrete block
basement: full partial not visible no basement

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

e. Roof: shape: Side gable (unusual curved/ogee-shaped wood cornice; repeated in dormers)
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Wood
dormers: One on west side; 3-bay, matching gable roof; one on east side
chimney: location(s): Interior/centered, brick with cement

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction: N
1) Bays 5
2) Windows 4
fenestration Irregular
type 1/1 double-hung sash
trim Wooden storm windows added
shutters n/a

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) Door(s)
 - location Near west end
 - type Single
 - trim Wooden with sidelights
- 4) Porch(es) Small, replaced, wooden staircase

b. Side: Direction: W

- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows
 - fenestration Irregular
 - type 1/1, double-hung sash; one bay window
 - trim Wood
 - shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s)
 - location n/a
 - type n/a
 - trim n/a
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

c. Side: Direction: E

- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows
 - fenestration Irregular
 - type 1/1 sash
 - trim Wood
 - shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s)
 - location Near southeast end
 - type Single, replaced, located in enclosed shed-roof entrance
 - trim Wood
- 4) Porch(es) Enclosed shed-roof entry

d. Rear: Direction: S

- 1) Bays 4
- 2) Windows
 - fenestration Irregular
 - type Some are replaced on this elevation; 1/1 sash and awning windows
 - trim Wood on most; aluminum on one new one
 - shutters n/a
- 3) Door(s)
 - location n/a
 - type n/a
 - trim n/a
- 4) Porch(es) n/a

9. INTERIOR: n/a

10. LANDSCAPING: Some mature trees; very small grassed yard

11. OTHER COMMENTS: n/a

- b. Side: direction: S
 - 1) bays: 1
 - 2) windows: n/a
 - 3) door(s): n/a
 - 4) other: n/a

- c. Side: direction: N
 - 1) bays: 1
 - 2) windows: n/a
 - 3) door(s): n/a
 - 4) other: n/a

- d. Rear: direction: E
 - 1) bays: 2
 - 2) windows: n/a
 - 3) door(s): n/a
 - 4) other: n/a

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Open

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3306 Farmington Road, East Side of Road

2. FUNCTION(S): historic Barn current Barn

3. YEAR BUILT: 1925 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____

4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular/vernacular

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved
if moved, from where original location's CRS # year

<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>	<u>year</u>
a. Long, 6-bay addition (3 overall bays) added to north end of building	20th C.
b.	

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION:

a. Structural system Masonry (molded concrete block)

b. Number of stories 1, with loft

c. Wall coverings Molded concrete block

d. Foundation Molded concrete block

e. Roof
structural system Frame; end gambrel
coverings Corrugated metal
openings n/a

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: W
 - 1) bays: 3
 - 2) windows: 2, one on each side of door
 - 3) door(s): 2-part door
 - 4) other: Long shed addition to North, 3 bays; all open

b. Side: direction: N

- 1) **bays:** 1
- 2) **windows:** 1 located in loft; panes missing
- 3) **door(s):** n/a
- 4) **other:** Long shed wing attached to this wall

c. Side: direction: S

- 1) **bays:** 2
- 2) **windows:** 1
- 3) **door(s):** 1 pedestrian (hidden by vegetation)
- 4) **other:** n/a

d. Rear: direction: E

- 1) **bays:** Not visible - no access
- 2) **windows:** n/a
- 3) **door(s):** n/a
- 4) **other:** n/a

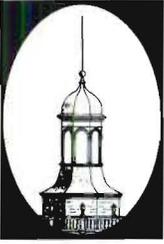
9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan n/a

b) Partition/walls n/a

c) Finishes n/a

d) Furnishings/machinery n/a



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3306 Farmington Road, East Side of Road

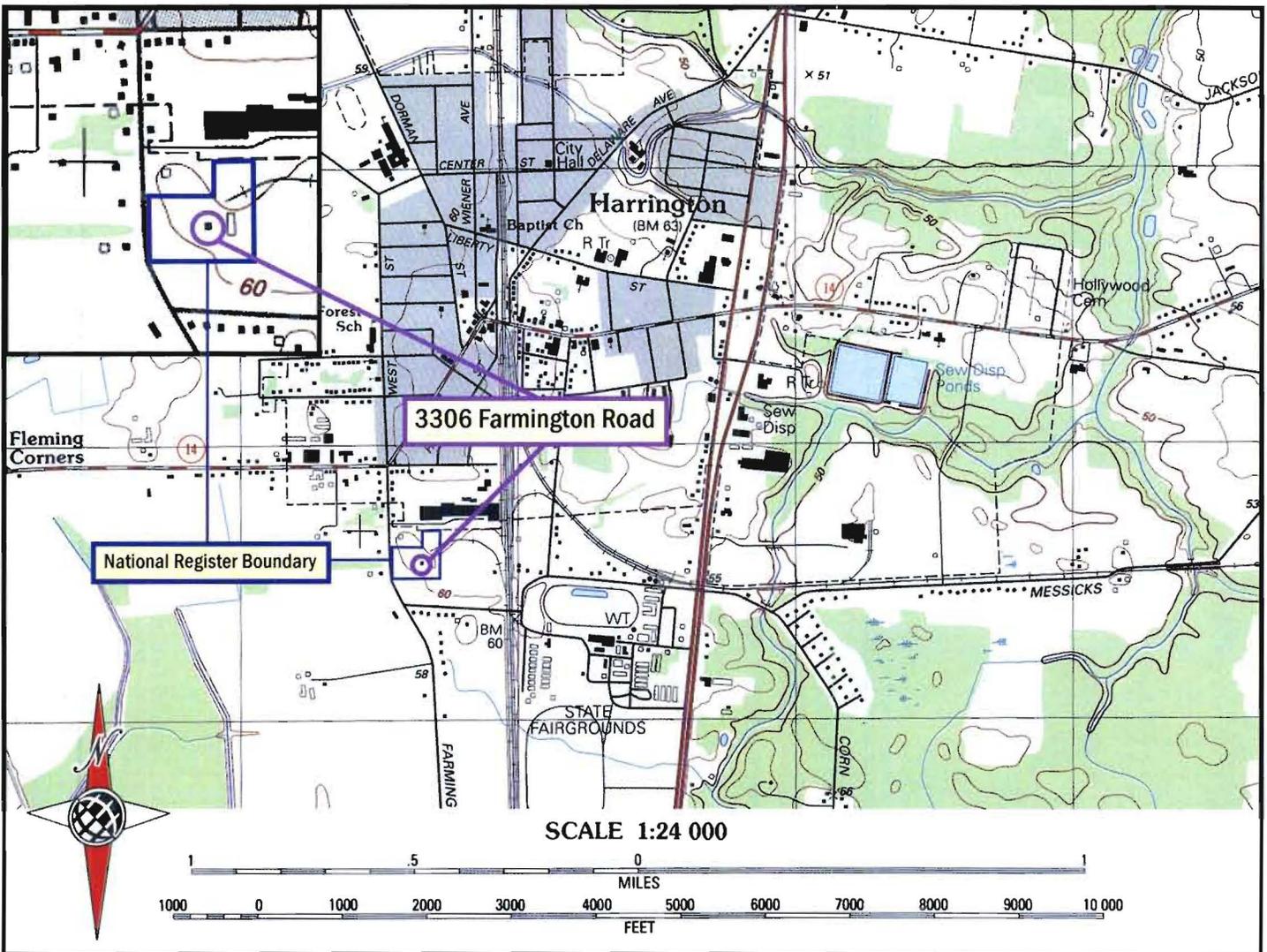
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION reason: _____

3. LOCATION MAP:

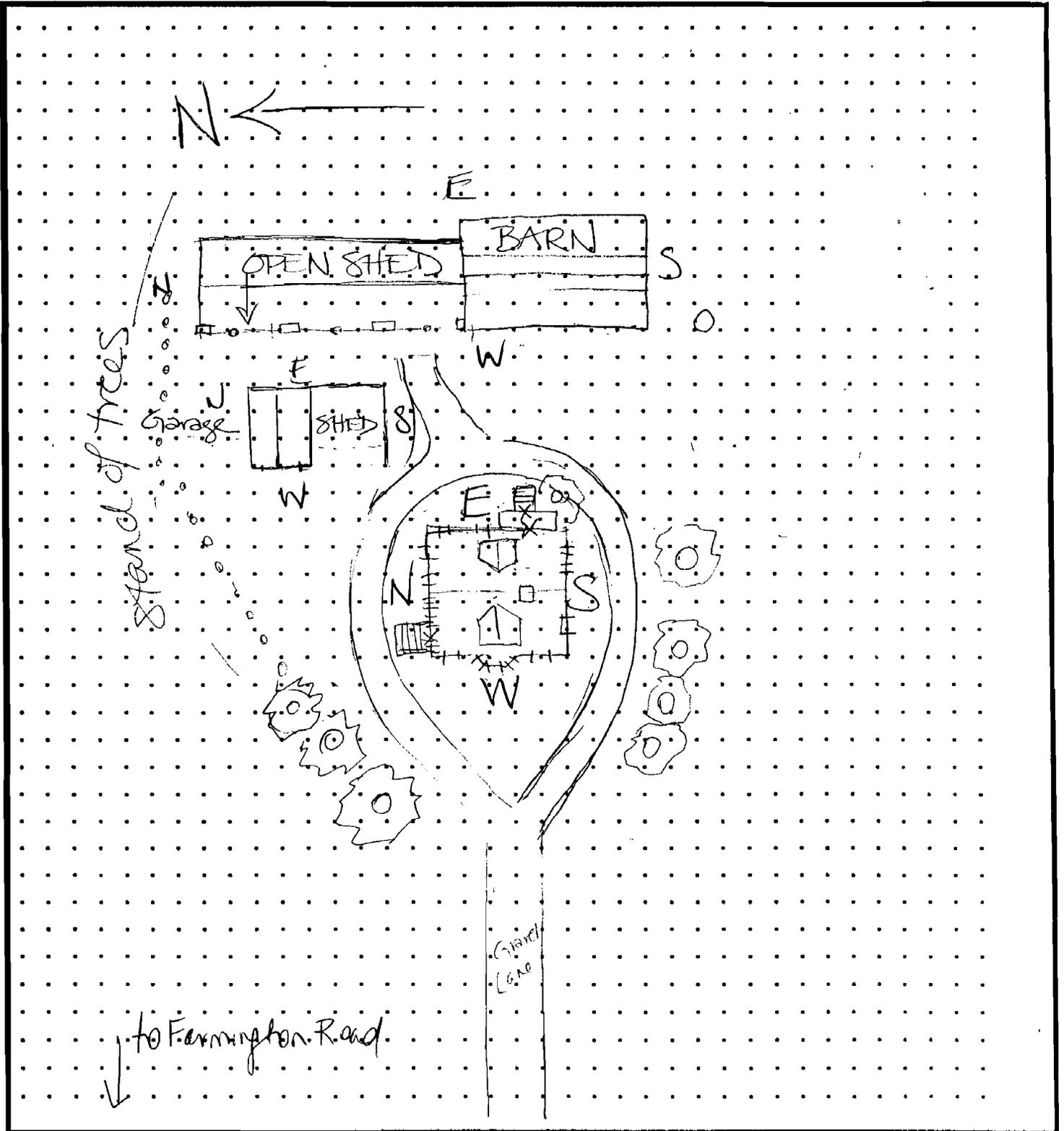
Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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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 any 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 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name C. Taylor Property

other names/site number K-7382

2. Location

street & number 3306 Farmington Road not for publication
city or town Harrington vicinity
state Delaware code DE county Kent code 001
zip code 19952

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 Date

State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

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

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

____ entered in the National Register _____

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register

____ removed from the National Register _____

____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
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<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
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<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
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<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
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<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
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<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

N/A

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Function or Use
=====6.

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Agricultural Outbuilding

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival; Bungalow

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete block

roof asphalt

walls wood siding

other chimney: brick

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

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8. Statement of Significance
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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 the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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
Agriculture

Period of Significance ca. 1925-1955

Significant Dates ca. 1925

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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

X State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: Delaware State Historic Preservation Office

10. Geographical Data (Waiting for Dave Brett to give)

Acreage of Property 5.33 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
18	449667E	4307582N	3		
2			4		

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:

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Description

The C. Taylor Property at 3306 Farmington Road (SR 314) is in the Town of Harrington, Kent County, Delaware. The property is located on the east side of the road, on the southern end of town. The property consists of one dwelling constructed ca. 1925, one barn constructed ca. 1925 with a storage shed addition constructed ca. 1965, and one garage with attached storage shed constructed ca. 1940. A small, grassy yard surrounds the dwelling, three sides of the garage-shed, and two sides of the barn-shed. To the north and east, the garage and barn-shed abut overgrown wooded areas of indeterminate size. A gravel driveway leads from Farmington Road to the western elevation of the dwelling and encircles the dwelling to form a keyhole shape. A short gravel extension leads from the northeast corner of the dwelling to the southwest bay of the shed addition to the barn. Several mature trees shade the southwest and northwest sections of the driveway. The property is currently under residential use and is in some disrepair. The adjacent parcel to the north contains an electrical plant.

The dwelling is a one-and-one-half story, wooden-frame, gabled building on a rusticated concrete block foundation with an asphalt shingle roof and a parged brick, interior chimney. The exterior of the dwelling is clad in sawn clapboards with plain wooden pilasters between some bays and at the corners and a plain wooden cornice on the first story. Most of the first-story windows have modern aluminum storm windows over the original wooden windows.

The five-bay façade (northern elevation) is perpendicular to the road. It has four asymmetrically spaced, one-over-one sash windows and, at the west end, a wooden door with sidelights. A small replacement wooden staircase leads to the door. The attic story is distinguished by a deep-boxed cornice with ogee-shaped bargeboards. In the attic story is a centered, tripartite window with six-light fixed lights framing a two-light replacement window.

The three-bay western elevation faces the road. Its fenestration is also irregular, with three adjoining one-over-one sash windows of equal size at the north end, three one-over-one sash windows (the center one being larger) in the central canted bay window, and one large one-over-one sash window at the south end. The cross-gable dormer is centered (above the bay window), and like the gable ends of the house, features a deep-boxed cornice with ogee-shaped bargeboards and a centered, tripartite window with six-light fixed lights framing a two-light replacement window.

The southern elevation consists of four bays with irregular fenestration. There are three original one-over-one sash windows in the main body of the dwelling which is comprised of three bays. The fourth bay sits on the original foundation but has vertical-panel replacement siding and two horizontal awning aluminum replacement windows. As on the façade, the attic story features a deep-boxed cornice with ogee-shaped bargeboards and a centered, tripartite window with six-light fixed lights framing a two-light replacement window.

The eastern elevation consists of three bays with two one-over-one sash windows of different sizes. At the southern end is an enclosed shed-roofed porch on modern concrete block piers with modern concrete block stairs and a single replacement door. In the attic story is a centered cross-gable dormer with a deep-boxed cornice with ogee-shaped bargeboards and a single centered two-light replacement window.

The gambrel-roofed barn is constructed of rusticated concrete block (foundation and first story) with a wooden-

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frame roof loft. The three-bay façade (western elevation) features a central Dutch stable door made of vertical boards and two small wooden-framed windows. All three are topped by parged cast concrete lintels. The roof is of corrugated metal, with at least one missing and one damaged panel. The visible (southern) gable end of the loft is clad in sawn wood clapboard siding with a pentagonal frame opening, the top part of which is covered in sawn clapboards and the bottom part of which has exposed vertical framing members and some glass. Part of this opening and all of the eastern elevation are obscured by vegetation. The first story of the original northern elevation is obscured by a large, attached, modern three-bay shed. It is constructed of concrete block with some frame supports and its wooden-frame roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The bays are open on the western façade while all other elevations appear to be blind.

The one-story frame garage sits on a concrete pad and concrete-block foundation. The walls of the northern and southern elevations are clad in vertical wooden siding while the eastern elevation is sheathed with sawn clapboards. There is neither a pedestrian nor a garage door and all but the western elevation (the façade) are blind. The gable-front roof is covered with corrugated metal. The shed attached to the southern side of the barn is clad in the same vertical wooden siding, and its shed roof is covered with the same corrugated metal. Like the garage, its façade is open - although it features a three-quarter-height, recessed frame and wire partition - and its other elevations (south and east) are blind.

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Statement of Significance

The C. Taylor Property (CRS #K-7382) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a local example of a Bungalow period interpretation of the Colonial Revival style in the Town of Harrington. It is also significant under Criterion A as a locally significant example of a small farmstead. Aside from the adjacent electrical substation to the north, the remaining land surrounding the property is relatively rural and agrarian in character. Harrington is a small town located near the center of the State of Delaware.

The Colonial Revival style rekindled an interest in small seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Dutch Colonial, Cape Cod, and English house forms of the Atlantic seaboard (McAlester and McAlester 2003:324). Some important character-defining elements for Colonial Revival cottages (including vernacular versions thereof), include: one to one-and-one-half stories in height; broad side-gable or hipped roof; three bays wide with central entrance; gable dormers; full-width wooden front porch; multi-light, double-hung sash windows; simplified woodwork and ornamentation, such as flat wooden trim at corner boards and around windows; and Georgian-style front door and surround. The C. Taylor residence is a simplified version of a Colonial Revival/Bungalow dwelling.

Bungalow residences are typically one to one-and-one-half stories high, with gently pitched gable roofs. Dormers penetrate the roof of most bungalows, allowing light into the upper level. The eaves overhang, and exposed rafters, purlins, and beams often extend beyond the wall and roof. While bungalows typically have a substantial one-story integral front porch, supported by batten wooden columns on massive masonry piers, the porch on this residence has been enclosed. Typical of other frame bungalows, the C. Taylor house walls are covered in wood. Chimneys are generally rough masonry, visually anchoring the building to the ground. Windows vary in configuration, but are generally made of wood. The bungalow form was generally popular from the turn of the century through 1930.

The house at the C. Taylor Property was built during the early years of the Kent and Sussex County Fair, which was laid out on the east side of the railroad tracks, about a quarter of a mile to the east of the house. In 1919, several Harrington civic leaders met to discuss the establishment of an agricultural fair. The following year, the group was incorporated as the Kent and Sussex County Fair Association. The volunteer directors of the corporation sold non-dividend-paying stock to capitalize the project, purchased their first 30.0 acres of land, set up a horseracing track (they added cars the following year), hired a midway contractor, and opened to the public for four days of competition and amusement at the end of July. In 1924, the same year that the new DuPont Highway conveyed drivers directly to the Harrington Fairgrounds, the struggling Delaware State Fair at Elsmere closed, leaving Kent-Sussex, as it came to be called, the only fair in the state. Despite World War II, the 1942 Fair was held, with war bonds for race purses, but it was suspended for the next three years. In 1944, a contractor rented part of the Fair site to house several hundred German prisoners of war, who lived there without heat or hot water, and apparently without incident, until the end of hostilities. In 1946, Fair festivities resumed on a grand scale with the introduction of pari-mutuel betting and 18 days of horse racing at what has since been called the Harrington Raceway. Though its organizational structure and location have stayed the same for the past 84 years, the Fair was renamed the Delaware State Fair in 1962 to reflect its statewide character. The site is now almost ten times the size of the original fairgrounds, but agriculture and horseracing are still its focus. As the railroads' significance faded, Harrington became best known in the region for its Fair (Mispillion Forest 1990).

With the advent of the automobile in the early 1900s and vastly improved highways, farmers could truck their

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fresh produce directly to farmers' markets in Wilmington and Philadelphia and sell it themselves. Some farmers began to specialize in truck farming (the cultivation of vegetables on a large and specialized scale), while others focused on dairy or poultry production. Some farmers raised produce on a contract basis for the canning companies. These large corporations were able to utilize the most up-to-date machinery, effectively decreasing their costs in manpower and making it difficult for the small independent farmers to compete. Still other farmers continued to grow a diverse range of products as their forefathers did. Farmers with access to large amounts of acreage generally focused on field crop production such as wheat and corn (Siders et al. 1993:47; DeCunzo and Garcia 1992:170).

By the turn of the twentieth century, the once-prosperous peach farming in central Delaware had declined due to infections that had spread to many of the orchards. Many growers destroyed their peach trees and planted apple trees. In 1909, the state still enumerated nearly 1.4 million peach trees. Fifteen years later, that number dropped to approximately one-half million, although the state still harvested over 355 thousand bushels of peaches. During this same period, the number of apple trees rose from fewer than 700,000 to nearly 1.1 million, and the number of bushels harvested rose to over 824,000 (Bevan 1929:761). The switch to apple orchards in the early twentieth century made Kent County the largest fruit and nut-producing county in Delaware. The value of the crop rose from \$231,803 in 1910 to nearly \$1.3 million in 1920, and the yearly value of the crop continued to grow over the next decade, exceeding \$1.6 million in 1930. By 1950, however, the value of fruit and nut products fell to \$388,000 (University of Virginia 1998). Area farmers continued to harvest orchard products, but never again would it figure so prominently into the economic success of Kent County.

During the late 1920s and 1930s, the C. Taylor Property was likely involved in small scale farming. Compared to most farms, this one was relatively small. At the close of 1940, Kent County remained a largely rural, agricultural area. The 1940 census enumerated nearly 3,000 farms in Kent County, with an average farm size of over 100.0 acres. In the 60-year period from 1880 to 1940, the population of Kent County remained almost unchanged, while the population of the rest of Delaware grew rapidly. During this period, the population of Kent County rose from 32,874 to 34,441, an increase of less than five percent. The population of the rest of the state, however, more than doubled (from 113,734 to 232,064) during the same period (University of Virginia 1998). These statistics reveal the intensely agricultural nature of southern Delaware. Agricultural land remained too valuable to destroy for residential or industrial development. However, the Second World War and the subsequent Cold War brought changes to southern Delaware and forever altered the landscape of Kent County. Since the mid-twentieth century, much of Kent County has experienced the normal shift away from agrarian pursuits. The immediate project area around Harrington, however, continues to remain agricultural.

Although there have been several alterations to the house, including the enclosed northwest corner porch, and the alteration and infill with different materials on the southeast corner and gable end window changes, these changes do not significantly diminish the integrity of the main building in this complex. The building is placed in a landscaped setting that includes a contributing circular drive that also accesses the barn and shed behind the building, both also contributing elements to the property. Aside from the plant, the remaining land surrounding the property is still relatively rural and agrarian in character. Therefore, the C. Taylor Property is recommended eligible under Criterion A and C of the National Register as an agricultural and residential resource.

Property Specific Overview

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The small house at 3306 Farmington Road, which was built by *circa* 1925, was part of a larger farm that had been developed in the late nineteenth century and that likely included another, earlier, farmhouse. During January 1880, Moses Harrington Sr. and Jane, his wife, along with Nimrod Harrington and Sarah E., his wife, sold a parcel of land containing 30.09375 acres "...with all and singular the buildings, improvements..." located in Mispillion Hundred, just outside the corporate limits of Harrington, to Thomas J. Smith of Maryland for the amount of \$902.81 (Kent County Deed Book C6:233). Moses and Nimrod Harrington divided this land out of a larger farm that Benjamin Harrington had owned during his lifetime. Under order from the Kent County Orphan's Court, trustee Edward Ridgely, Esquire, sold the farmstead at public venue to Moses Harrington and Nimrod Harrington with the deed recorded in the Kent County Recorder of Deeds office during September 1879 (*ibid.*). The 1868 Beers Atlas depicts at least three properties with the family name "Harrington", all located on the southeast end of the Town of Harrington.

According to the 1870 federal population census, Benjamin Harrington was a 94-year-old farmer with real estate valued at \$9,500 and a personal estate of \$12,000. Others in his household included: Jonathan Harrington (?), a 33-year-old farm laborer; Phaner (?) Callaway, age 42, a female housekeeper, and Senna Callaway, age 11, her daughter (United State Census Bureau, 1870 decennial census, population schedule, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll M593.119:12A). Moses Harrington, age 65 and presumably a son of Benjamin, was also a farmer. The enumerator listed Moses' real estate value at \$13,100 and his personal estate at \$20,000. Benjamin's wife and two daughters, who were in their 30s, lived with him (United States Census Bureau, 1870 decennial census, population schedule, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll M593.119:51A). Farmer Nimrod Harrington, age 57 and presumably a son of Benjamin and a brother of Moses, appears to have lived near Moses with his wife, two daughters in their teenage years and a 24-year-old son who worked on the farm with his father (United State Census Bureau, 1870 decennial census, population schedule, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll M593.119:51B).

Thomas J. Smith apparently did not reside on the property he purchased from the Harringtons, as the 1900 federal census lists Smith as residing on Dorman Street in Harrington. Enumerated as a 55-year-old farmer, Smith's household included his wife, Emma, age 52, and his daughter Lida, age 25, son [Thomas] Byran, age 22, and his daughters Ethel, age 18 and Edith, age 14 (United State Census Bureau, 1900 decennial census, population schedule, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll T623.154:21B). Thomas J. Smith died intestate seized of this land sometime prior to December 1908, when his heirs at law sold the property to their mother and Thomas J. Smith's widow. Thomas Byron Smith and Louise O., his wife, formerly of Harrington but then living in York, Pennsylvania; Albert Ward Ammerman and Ethel Smith Ammerman, his wife; Lida Smith and Edith Emma Smith, both single women conveyed three parcels of land and premises to Emma Smith, widow, for \$100.00 (Kent County Deed Book O9:482). The family homestead on Dorman Street comprised the first parcel with the second parcel being located on Mechanic Street. The third parcel consisted of a 30-acre lot on the east side of Farmington Road "...adjacent to the town of Harrington" (*ibid.*). The 1910 census still enumerates widow Emma, age 62, residing on Dorman Street in Harrington with her two daughters, Lida, age 35, and Edith, age 24. The census taker listed no occupation for Emma or Lida, but Edith had obtained a position as a school teacher (United State Census Bureau, 1910 decennial census, population schedule, Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll T624.145:122A).

Emma Smith remained a widow and retained ownership of the Farmington Road property until March 1917, when she conveyed the parcel, "...said to contain about twenty-nine (29) acres of land, be the same more or less," to Charles E. Taylor of Harrington for \$3,500 (Kent County Deed Book E11:277). The deed for this

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transaction indicates that Thomas J. Smith or his heirs conveyed the missing acre of land to the Delaware Railroad Company, but the parties failed to record the indenture. It appears from the 1920 census that Taylor, like the owners before him, purchased the Farmington Road property for rental income, for the enumerator lists Taylor, as a 58-year-old farmer who owns the farm he worked and that he resided on Scarlet (?) Street in Harrington with his wife M. Catherine, age 56 (United State Census Bureau, 1920 decennial census, population schedule, Harrington Town, Kent County, Delaware, microfilm roll T625.200:14A). The Taylors remained tenured in the Farmington Road property for six years before selling it to Clarence E. Taylor of Wilmington for \$2,000 (Kent County Deed Book G12:296). The deed describes the parcel of land as,

All that certain farm, tract, piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon erected, situated, lying or being in or near the limits of the Town of Harrington, in Kent County and the State of Delaware, on the East side of the Public Road leading from Harrington to the town of Farmington.
(*ibid.*)

Clarence E. Taylor resided in Wilmington, Delaware and he presumably purchased the property as an investment. The relationship, if any, between Clarence E. Taylor and Charles E. Taylor is currently unknown, although presumably Clarence was the son of Charles and M. Catherine Taylor. According to the 1930 census, Clarence, a 46-year-old electrical engineer, rented a house on W. 19th Street in Wilmington, where he resided with his wife, Jessie, age 44, and his son, Clarence Jr., age 13 (United State Census Bureau, 1930 decennial census, population schedule, Wilmington City, New Castle County, Delaware, microfilm roll 289:17B). It is unclear from the historical record whether the elder Charles E. Taylor or the younger Clarence Taylor built the house at 3306 Farmington Road, but the style indicates that the house was erected in the first half of the 1920s.

Clarence E. and Jessie P. Taylor remained vested in this property until February 1960, when the couple sold the 29-acre property to Clarence Dyer and Madelyn, his wife, for \$22,500 (Kent County Deed Book H22:149). During Taylor's tenure, he conveyed 0.44 acres to the State of Delaware in 1930 (Kent County Deed Book Y13:187); 2.583 acres to Delaware Power and Light Company in 1947 (Kent County Deed Book W17:166); 1.054 acres to the State of Delaware in 1947 (Kent County Deed Book S17:479); and 0.17 acres to the State of Delaware in 1950 (Kent County Deed Book E19:19). Taylor also granted a total of six easements to public utility companies during his ownership of the property (Kent County Deed Book H22:149). The 1947 sale of land to Delaware Power and Light Company resulted in the construction of a substation to the south of the property. The substation remains there today in 2005. The Dyers held the then 24-plus-acre parcel for less than half a year before selling it to William Edward Hearn and Edythe Thelma Hearn, his wife, of Harrington during July 1960 for the nominal fee of \$10.00 (Kent County Deed Book I22:400). The property description in this deed matches the text found in the Taylor-Taylor transaction (G12:296). The Hearn were likely the first owners of the property that actually resided in the house at 3306 Farmington Road.

Edythe Thelma Hearn died during June 1979, leaving William Edward to survive her as a joint tenant (Kent County Will Book B5:131; Kent County Deed Book O46:249). William Hearn remained alive for another nine years before he died in November 1988. In his will, William devised his entire estate to his daughter, Alice Etherington (Kent County Will Book M6:48; Kent County Deed Book O46:249). In April 1989, Alice Etherington, acting both on her own behalf and as the executrix of her father's estate, sold the 24.834-acre parcel of land to James Julian, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation formed in June 1953, for \$210,000 (Kent County Deed Book O46:249; Delaware Department of State corporate filings). A year later, August 1990, James Julian formed James Julian Development, Incorporated in Delaware (Delaware Department of State corporate filings).

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Evidently, James Julian planned to develop at least a portion of the land. However, during April 1991, James Julian, Incorporated, sold a 5.33-acre lot, divided out of the larger 24.834-acre property the corporation obtained from Alice Etherington, to Elsmere Realty Company, a Delaware corporation formed in October 1952, for \$62,265 (Delaware Department of State corporate filings). This 5.33-acre lot contained the house and associated outbuildings (Kent County Deed Book T49:272). The realty company held the property as a rental for more than seven years before selling it to Burris Foods, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation formed in November 1972, for \$60,000 in June 1998 (Delaware Department of State corporate filings; Kent County Deed Book D265:217). Burris Foods, Incorporated continues to own the property today in 2005.

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Boundary Justification

The entire Kent County Tax Parcel ID No. 45084 will serve as the National Register boundary for the C. Taylor Property. The house, the barn, and the shed contribute to the eligibility of the property, as does the driveway and the immediate setting of the entire 5.33 acre parcel property. The property shape and the corresponding National Register boundary forms an inverted "L" shape. Beginning at the southern edge of the property at Farmington Road, the boundary continues eastward for 603 feet; thence making a 90 degree turn to the north and continues north for 558 feet; thence making a 90 degree angle to the west and continuing westward for 188 feet; thence making a 90 degree angle to the south and continuing for a distance of 229 feet; thence making a 90 degree turn to the west and continuing westward for 428 feet; thence making a 90 degree angle to the south, and continuing southward for 324 feet along Farmington Road, to the point of the beginning. This boundary was prepared in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the National Register Bulletin: *Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties* (National Park Service 1997).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographical Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

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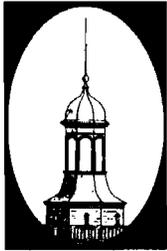
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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7382
SPO Map 10-11-15
Hundred Misspillion
Quad Harrington
Other _____

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: C. Taylor Property/Residence
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 3306 Farmington Road, East Side Of Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Harrington vicinity?
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building structure site object
landscape district
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residence
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable): Harrington Truck Route Study

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

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

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald And Christine Tate

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature: *Lauren C. Archibald*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 7/22/2005

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS# K-7382

10. 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |