

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

Cultural Resource Survey
Survey Update Form

CRS # S-2449
SPO Map 20-21-07
Hundred Baltimore
Quad Frankford, DE
Zone Coastal
Acreage Apx. 0.65 Acres

1. Name of Property: E. James Evans House (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-334.00)
2. Address of Property: South side of Rt. 26, west of Bethany Crest Trailer Park, Millville, DE (RR 2, Box 24)
3. Current Condition: fair excellent: good
poor demolished
4. Architectural Integrity: Architectural integrity is compromised by one-over-one vinyl replacement windows and aluminum exterior.
5. Setting Integrity: Setting is compromised by the Bethany Crest Trailer Park, located east of the dwelling. Infill is seen northeast of the property as well.
6. Historic Context Information: construction date circa 1940
chronological period(s) 1630-1730+/- 1730-1770+/-
1770-1830+/- 1830-1880+/- 1880-1940+/-
historic theme(s) Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

property type(s) Bungalow with Colonial Revival detailing
7. Evaluation: eligible: Yes No Potential Unknown
area(s) of significance _____
NR criteria _____
8. Forms Added: CRS-2 Section 8 (site plan); Continuation Sheets of CRS-10 (2)
9. Surveyor: Jennifer M. Horner Date of Form: April 2002
Principal Investigator: Francine Arnold Date: July 2003

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Architectural Description

The E. James Evans House (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-334.00) is a c. 1940, two-story, three-bay, aluminum-clad, bungalow-inspired dwelling with Colonial Revival detailing that features an asphalt-shingle, side-gable roof and a concrete-block foundation. The main (north) façade features a central single-leaf entrance with a paneled and glazed wood door and aluminum and glazed storm door flanked by paired vinyl sash 1/1 windows; the windows are flanked by faux-louvered shutters. The front door has fluted pilasters and a broken pediment, inspired by Colonial Revival styling. The roof has a shed roof dormer-like structure with a tripartite window with vinyl sash 1/1 sashes. The west façade has single and paired vinyl sash 1/1 windows, a single-leaf entrance with an aluminum door, and a brick exterior end chimney. The side (east) façade features a one and one-half story, asphalt-shingle, gable roof addition with aluminum siding and a concrete block foundation. The side (east) façade has a single sliding vinyl window; the rear (south) façade contains a paired eight over eight light vinyl sash window with snap-in muntins. Based on physical and documentary evidence, this addition to the side (east) façade was likely constructed c. 1990. Dawn Williams and Emma Jean Joseph do not depict this addition on the June 1981 Cultural Resource Survey Structural Data Form.

To the south of the dwelling there is a one-story, two-bay, concrete block garage with an asphalt-shingle, side-gable roof. The main façade has two vehicular entrances with metal roll-down doors; this building has a gable roof addition with a double-wide open space for storage of tools and vehicles. The north façade has a single-leaf pedestrian entrance with a paneled and glazed aluminum door and a two-light awning window; the gable peak is clad in aluminum. This garage is mentioned and described in the June 1981 Cultural Resource Survey Structural Data Form; it was likely constructed c. 1940 together with the dwelling.

A horseshoe driveway encircles the residence, and small shrubs are seen in front of the dwelling. The Bethany Crest Trailer Park is seen directly to the east of the dwelling; infill is seen to the west.

Determination of Eligibility

The E. James Evans House (S-2449) is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This dwelling is not known to be associated with an event of importance, nor is it representative of a pattern of events or historic trends (Criterion A). The E. James Evans House is not known to be affiliated with any persons important to local, state or national history (Criterion B). While this dwelling possesses some characteristics of bungalow construction, it is not unique to a given period in time or method of construction, nor is it known to represent the work of a master architect (Criterion C). Owing to prior ground disturbance, there is little probability that new information will result from any archaeological testing performed in the vicinity of the property (Criterion D).

Based on the criteria set forth for the bungalow property type in the *Route 26 Eligibility Study*, the E. James Evans House is not good representative example of bungalow, nor is it a unique example of a bungalow dwelling with Colonial Revival inspired detailing. While this dwelling vaguely retains a bungalow-like form: it is one and one-half stories in height, it features paired windows and a shed-roof dormer, it has replacement windows, door surrounds, and a one and one-half story addition off the side (east) façade that is not compatible with its original scale and form. In addition, infill seen to the west of the dwelling, coupled with the Bethany Crest Trailer Park located west of the residence, detracts from the integrity of setting of the property. The E. James Evans House is not a significant example of

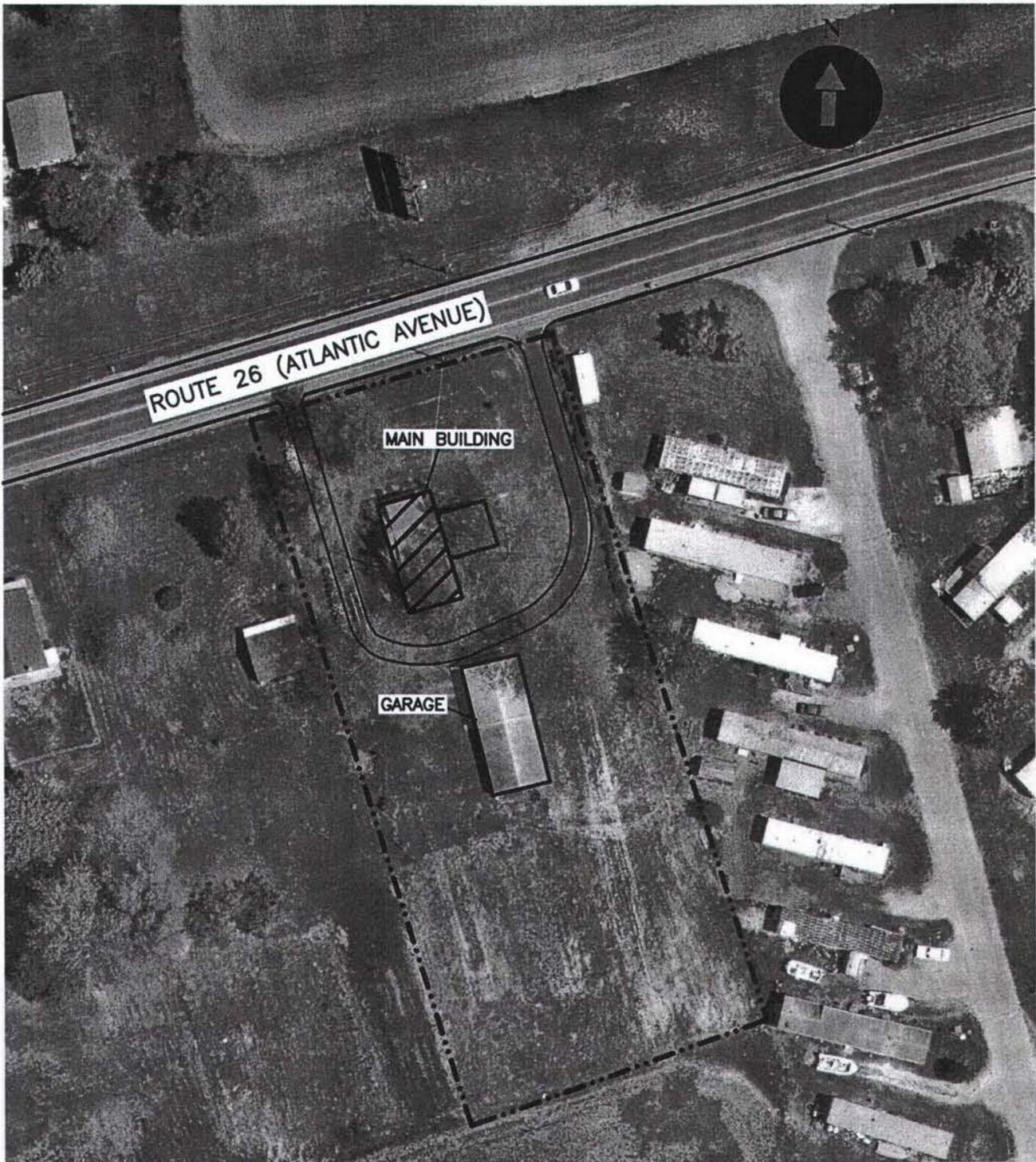
a bungalow, for it is unlikely to yield new information; nor does possess excellent integrity as a bungalow building type.

Section 8

CRS # S-2449

Sketch Plan:

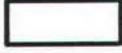
Show relationship to main building and provide sketch plan of outbuilding.



Indicate North on Sketch

Surveyor: McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc.

Date of Form: March 2002

	BUILDING 50 YEARS OLD OR OLDER
	BUILDING LESS THAN 50 YEARS OLD
	TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY

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Photographic Inventory

CRS# S-2449 Date March 2002 Contact # C-17 Surveyor Jennifer
Horner/Amy
Seavey

Description (15) Front facade, looking south; (16) Lateral view, facing southeast; (17) Side
facade, looking southwest; (18) Rear facade, looking north

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

Attach contact print(s):



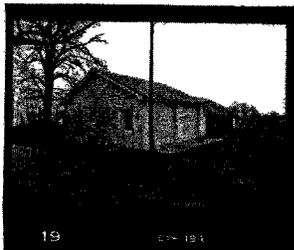
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Photographic Inventory

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Description (19) Garage, looking southeast; (22) Garage, looking south

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

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Architectural Description

The Alfred Logan, Jr. House (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-337.00) is a c. 1915, two-story, three-bay, clapboard bungalow with an asphalt-shingle, side-gable roof and molded concrete block foundation with a full-width open front porch with simple wood boxed supports. The main (south) façade features a central single-leaf entrance with a wood and glazed door flanked to the east by a boarded up paired window and to the west by a paired, wood sash 4/1 (Craftsman) window with muntins arranged in a vertical pattern without a crossbar. The roof has a shed roof dormer with two paired 4/1 (Craftsman) windows with the muntins arranged in a vertical pattern without a crossbar. A corbeled brick chimney rises from the center rear, near the shed-roof dormer. The east façade features single and paired (boarded-up) Craftsmen windows. The west façade has single wood windows with the same sashes as on the main façade. The rear (south) façade likewise suffers from a lack of maintenance; two of the former pedestrian entries are covered over with plywood. The dilapidated appearance of the property suggests the dwelling is abandoned; the front porch has partially caved in, and many of the original windows have been broken or covered over. The lawn was unkempt when the field survey was undertaken in March 2002.

Determination of Eligibility

The Alfred Logan, Jr. House (S-2450) is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, nor is it a contributed building to the Millville District. This dwelling is not known to be associated with an event of importance, nor is it representative of a pattern of events or historic trends or architecturally significant, or known to be the work of a master architect or craftsman (Criteria A & C). The Alfred Logan, Jr. House is not directly affiliated with any persons important to local, state or national history (Criterion B). Owing to prior ground disturbance, there is little probability that new information will result from any archaeological testing performed in the vicinity of the property (Criterion D).

The Alfred Logan, Jr. House is not a unique or distinctive example of a bungalow dwelling, as per the criteria set forth for the bungalow property type in the *Route 26 Eligibility Study*. While this dwelling features some anticipated characteristics of the bungalow property type: it is two stories in height, features single and paired Craftsman-style windows, a wide roof overhang, and an open, full-width front porch, it suffers extensive physical deterioration. The Alfred Logan, Jr. House lacks integrity of materials and workmanship – the front porch has caved in, many of the windows are broken or missing entirely, and the rear entries are completely covered with plywood. Due to the fact that this dwelling from such loss of physical integrity, it conveys little significance as a bungalow building type. In addition, the Alfred Logan, Jr. House is not a contributing element to the Millville District, because the Millville District is not being recommended as an eligible historic district due to modern infill, demolition, and loss of overall integrity and significance as a hamlet.

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Sketch Plan:

Show relationship to main building and provide sketch plan of outbuilding.

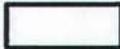


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	TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY

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Photographic Inventory**

CRS# S-2450 Date March Contact # C-17 Surveyor Jennifer
2002 Horner/Amy
Seavey

Description (28) Lateral view, facing south; (29) Lateral view, facing south; (30) Lateral view,
facing southwest; (31) Rear, facing north

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

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CRS # S-9118
SPO Map 20-21-07
Hundred Baltimore
Quad Bethany Beach
Zone Coastal
Acreage Apx. 0.21 Acres

1. Name of Property: "Reflections" Antique Shop ('98 CRS Form)/ Millville MP Church (Historic) (T. P. 1-34-12-157)
2. Address of Property: N side of Rt. 26, NW of the intersection of Rt. 26 & Dukes Road, Millville, DE (P.O. Box 108)

3. Current Condition: fair excellent: good
poor demolished

4. Architectural Integrity: A modern shed-roof addition is seen along the rear (north) facade.

5. Setting Integrity: A gravel parking lot is seen west of the building for "Reflections" Antique Shop; open field is seen to the north of the property.

6. Historic Context Information: construction date 1897, per datestone
chronological period(s) 1630-1730+/- 1730-1770+/-
1770-1830+/- 1830-1880+/- 1880-1940+/-

historic theme(s) Religion; Retailing/Wholesaling

property type(s) Vernacular Gothic Revival Church

7. Evaluation: eligible: Yes No Potential Unknown

area(s) of significance _____

NR criteria _____

8. Forms Added: CRS-2, Section 8 (site plan); Continuation Sheets of CRS-10 (2)

9. Surveyor: Jennifer M. Horner Date of Form: April 2002

Principal Investigator: Francine Arnold Date: July 2003

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Architectural Description

The “Reflections” Antique Shop (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-157.00) is a converted one and one-half story, three-bay, weatherboard-clad vernacular Gothic Revival-style church with a replacement metal sheet, front-gable roof and a brick foundation. This dwelling was once the Millville M.P. Church; today, it functions as a store. The main (south) façade features a projecting pedimented double-leaf entrance with paneled wood doors and a three-light transom in the easternmost bay and two bays of wood 1/1 gothic pointed-arch windows with stained glass and tracery. Above the middle bay there is a fixed stained glass diamond-shaped window. The gable peak has wood diamond and fishscale shingles. Set within the brick foundation at the westernmost corner is a datestone that reads: “Millville/M.P. Church./Sept. 21. 1897.” The east façade has four bays of wood 1/1 gothic windows with stained glass. The west façade has the same fenestration as the east façade plus a smaller gothic sash in the same style as the others in this façade. A modern, rear one-story wood-clad shed roof addition is visible from the east and west facades. This addition was noted in the March 1998 Cultural Resource Survey Main Building Form (CRS-2) by Gary Sachan of the Delaware SHPO. When a field survey was undertaken in March 2002, this addition, based on physical exterior evidence, appeared to be living quarters for the current owner (Ben Kimmel), as evinced by the outdoor shower.

The book *140 Years of Rainbows: A Book About Mariner’s Bethel United Methodist Church and the Local Area* by Mary Collins and Evelyn Eby (Dover, DE: Dover Litho Printing Co., 1998) states that the Millville Protestant Church was “incorporated on August 10, 1897 and the corner-stone laid on September 21, 1897. It was dedicated on February 13, 1898” (p. 163). Early services were conducted by the Revs. F.T. Little, J. L. Straughn, and J. McLean Brown (p. 163). The Millville Protestant Church “ceased to function in 1910, and was later used by the Mille Methodist Episcopal Church as a social hall” (p.163). Later, the former church building was purchased by “the Gleaner’s Club on October 29, 1938” (p. 163). The book noted in 1998 that the dwelling housed an “antique store” (p. 163).

A gravel parking lot, with an entrance off Route 26, is seen to the west of “Reflections” Antique Shop. Based on historic photos of the church (See **Figures 1 & 2**), this gravel driveway is a recent addition.

Determination of Eligibility

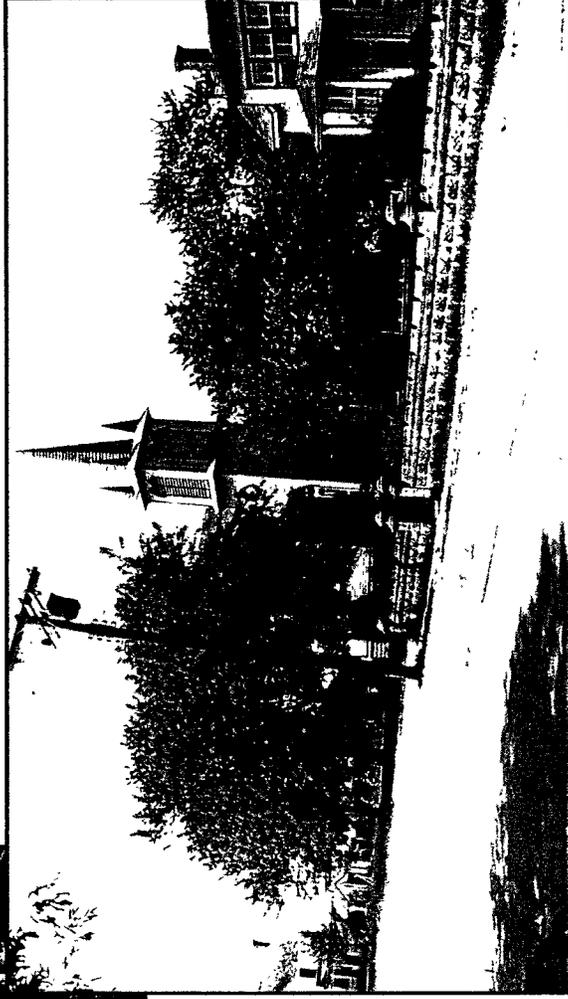
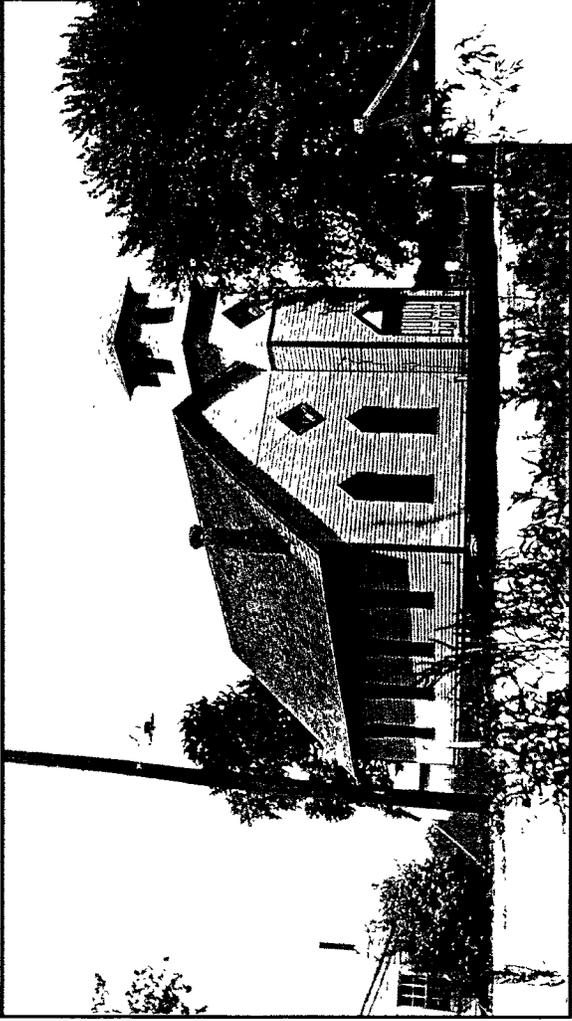
The “Reflections” Antique Shop (S-9118) is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. As per the criteria set forth in the Regional Historic Context for Baltimore Hundred in the *Route 26 Eligibility Study*, eligible vernacular Gothic Revival churches for the *National Register of Historic Places* should not only retain integrity of location, setting, design, feeling, association, materials and workmanship, but they should be free of unsympathetic extraneous twentieth and twenty-first century additions and exterior alterations and retain their original fenestration. Eligible churches should retain their original lines, even if executed in a rural, vernacular form where Gothic Revival stylistic elements were used selectively. According to the National Register Bulletin: *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, a religious property is eligible if it derives its primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance. Therefore, unless an event occurred at a church that reflects broad patterns of historical significance (and no known event has occurred at the “Reflections” Antique Shop – Criterion A), a vernacular Gothic Revival Church would be eligible for consideration in the *National Register of Historic Places* under Criterion C: architecture significance/vernacular Gothic Revival-style church.

This c. 1897 former Millville M.P. Church does retain some of its original exterior clapboard and fishscale siding; however, it has lost its belfry (See **Figures 1 and 2**), and its original lines, feeling, and association as a religious building has been compromised due to modern repairs, and an addition for living quarters seen to the rear (north) facade. The roof has also been replaced since March 1998, for the Cultural Resource Survey Main Building Form (CRS-2) prepared by Gary Sachan noted that the roof featured asphalt shingles. Since a religious property must be determined eligible for the National Register if it derives its primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance (See the National Register Bulletin: *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties, pp. 26-27), and "Reflections" Antique Shop has suffered a loss of design, materials, and workmanship, it is not a good representative example of a vernacular Gothic Revival Church, as per the property type criteria established in the *Route 26 Eligibility Study*. Due to a loss of historic fabric, modern additions, and probable changes to the interior to accommodate a retail establishment, "Reflections" Antique Shop is not a significant example of vernacular Gothic Revival church architecture.

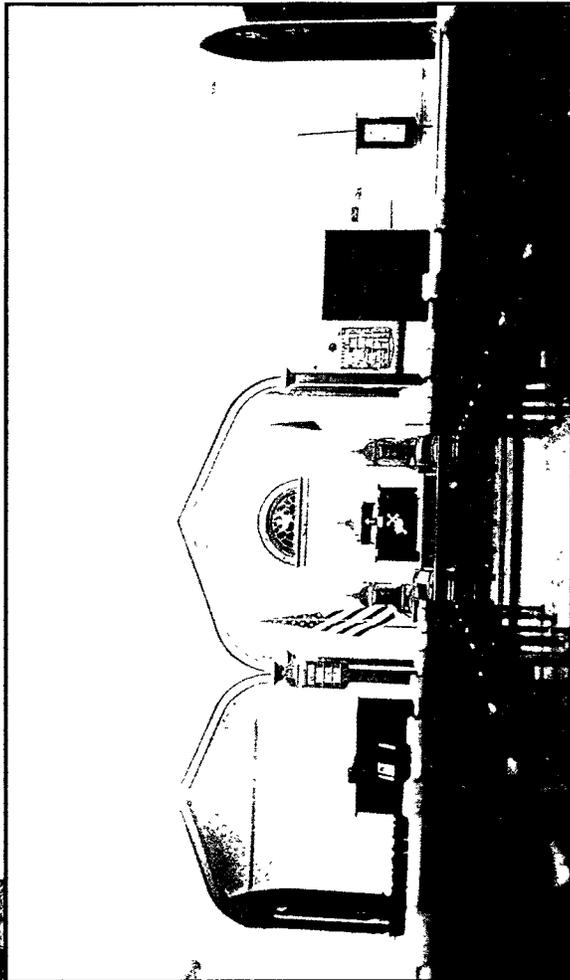
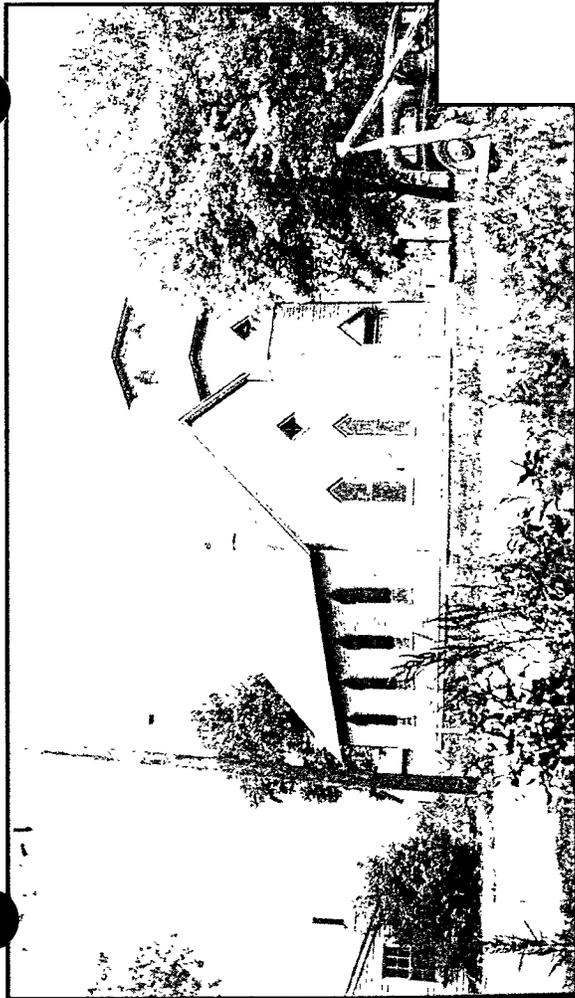
This building is not being used for religious purposes today, as the congregation appears to have been absorbed by other local churches in Millville and Ocean View. It is not recommended as a contributing feature to the Millville District because the Millville District is not being recommended eligible as a historic district due to modern infill, demolition, alterations, and loss of integrity.

"Reflections" Antique Store is not known to be affiliated with any persons important to local, state or national history (Criterion B). Owing to prior ground disturbance, there is little probability that new information will result from any archaeological testing performed in the vicinity of the property (Criterion D).

"Reflections" Antique Store/Millville M. P. Church is not a contributing feature to the Millville District because the Millville District is recommended an ineligible district due to loss of integrity of setting, feeling, association, materials, and workmanship from demolition, infill, and modern alterations.



Millville M.P.
The Frank Zebley Collection
Churches of Eastern Sussex County
Delaware State Archives
Date Unknown



Millville, M.P.
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Figure 2

Section 8

CRS # S-9118

Sketch Plan:

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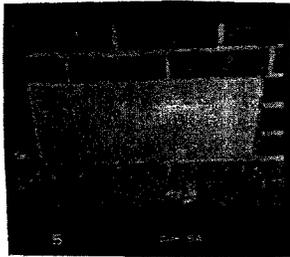
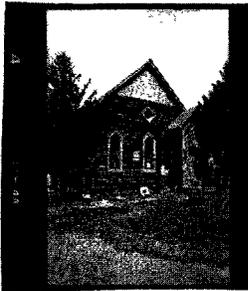
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Photographic Inventory

CRS# S-9118 Date March 2002 Contact # C-12 Surveyor Jennifer
Horner/Amy
Seavey

Description (4) Front facade, looking north; (5) M.P. Church datestone detail; (6) Lateral
view, looking northwest; (7) Lateral view, looking northeast

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

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Description (8) Lateral view, looking east/southeast

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