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1849 C Street, N.W.  
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The attached property, the Harmon School, as part of the Nanticoke Indian Community, in Sussex County, Delaware, reference number 79003314, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 4/26/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, Part II, Vol.45, No. 54, page 17451. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

  
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8. Harmon School (Warwick No. 225) (S-165)

Location: Harmon School is located directly south of the intersection of Route 24 and County Road 297.

Description: The present Harmon School was built in the early 1920's to replace the earlier one-room frame school built in the 1880's by the separatist Nanticoke faction under the legislation of 1881. It is a frame structure with wood shingles resting on a concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and possesses a large square brick central chimney. The width of the building has been increased by a one-story facade addition that features a box cornice, with returns and wood shingles, to match the original structure. The front facade contains a central portico flanked on both sides by four 6/6 double hung sash windows. Four square columns and two square pilasters with balustrades support a pedimented portico. The arch of the portico is echoed in the semi-circular fanlight over the double front doors. Like the Johnson School, the colonial revival style of this building is typical of the schools built for minority communities under the school reforms of the early twentieth century.

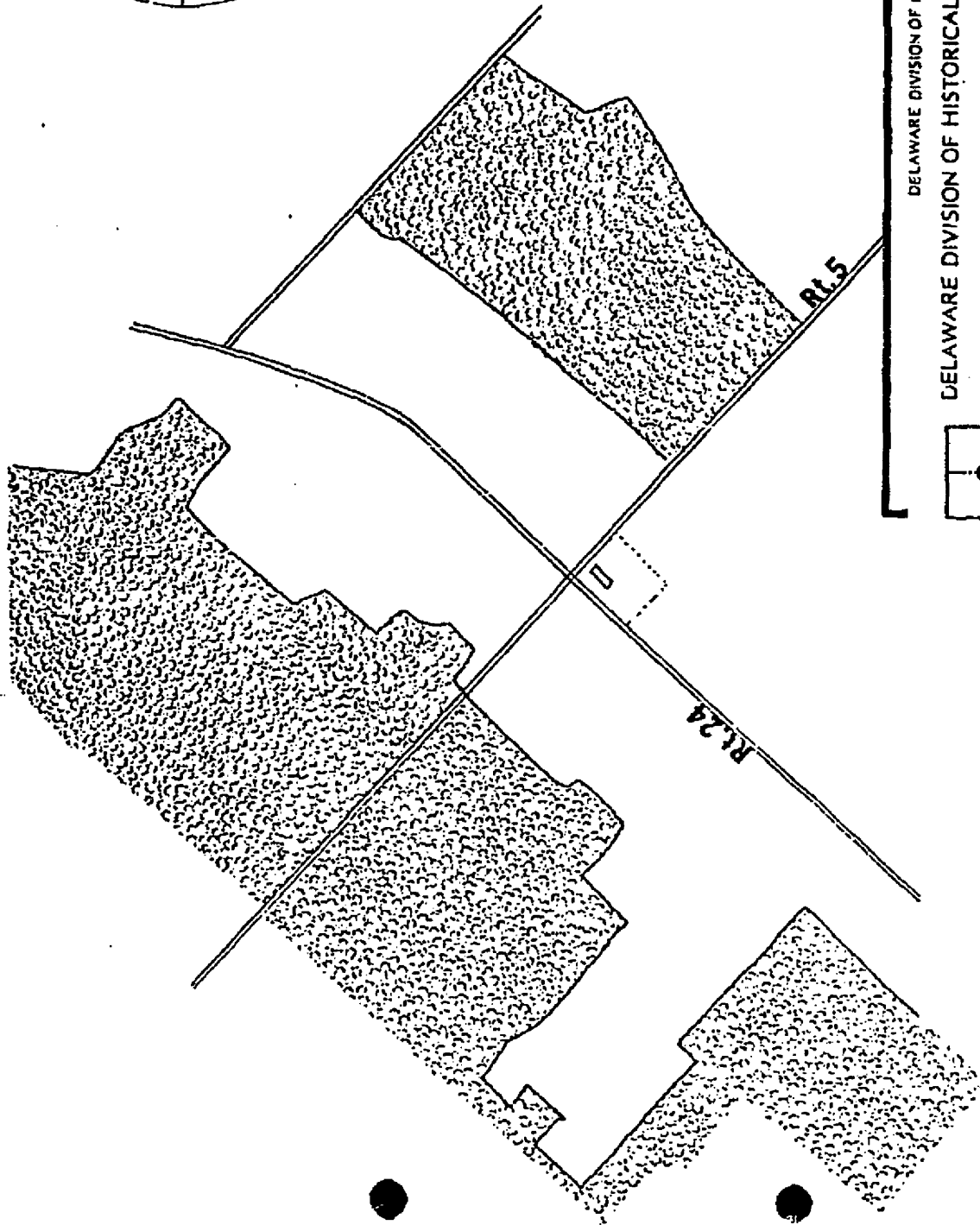
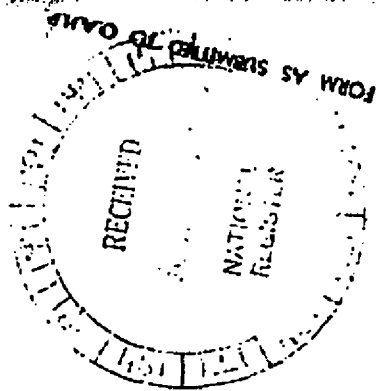
Significance: The land for the original Harmon School was donated by Isaac Harmon, a member of the Incorporated Body under the Act of 1881, and the school was used exclusively for Indian students until after the new school was constructed in the 1920's. The introduction of black teachers and students caused the Indian students to withdraw, and form a new school, the Indian Mission School. This property thus reflects both the separatist movement of the late-nineteenth century and the assimilation of some Indian families into the black community, because some of the students who attended after the separatist Indian faction withdrew also claimed Indian descent.

Acres: 2.75 acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is restricted to the parcel of state-owned land on which the school is situated.

UTM: 18/482360/4273750

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Location: Rt. 24, near Millsboro, Delaware

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Date: September 1977

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