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7. A. Property Name - N-5025 - Correll's Farm and Lawn Supply

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description - The nominated property is located in Kirkwood on the east side of Route 71, at the junction of Howell's School Road. It is an irregularly shaped parcel fronting on Route 71 approximately 150 feet, on the Kirkwood-St. Georges Road for approximately 170 feet, along the Penn Central Railroad right-of-way for approximately 230 feet and with a maximum depth of 150 feet from Route 71.

C. Owner - ~~Jacob A. Correll, Jr.~~ George J. and Nancy L. Andrews / Box 8 /  
Kirkwood, Delaware 19708

D. Property Description

This structure is a two-story, braced frame commercial building with exterior board and batten walls. The low, gable roof covering is sheet metal over wooden shingles. The bold overhanging roof is supported by shaped braces at the eave line on each gable end and shelters exposed, shaped rafters along the facade and rear roof-line. Windows are to be found only on the second level and these are twelve-over-twelve. Access to the ground level is through heavy wooden sliding doors, two on the facade and two on the rear. A shed roof porch with standing seam metal roof covering is supported by metal tie rods. A one-story metal shed has been attached at the north end. There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

Historical Background

Scharf mentions in his History of Delaware that a freight depot was located at Kirkwood. Since this history was published in 1888, it is safe to assume that the depot was in existence during that decade.

The central building of Correll's Farm and Lawn Supply is the original freight storage depot of the Delaware Railroad built during the decade of the 1880's. Grain was brought from the surrounding farms to this depot for storage; from here it was shipped by rail to markets both north and south. In 1929, a Mr. Kirk leased half of the depot from the railroad company, and located his farm supply business at this location. That same year, Mr. Kirk moved a small frame structure from up the road to this site, attaching it to the south side of the depot. Originally the Kirkwood-St. Georges Road crossed the railroad tracks at this

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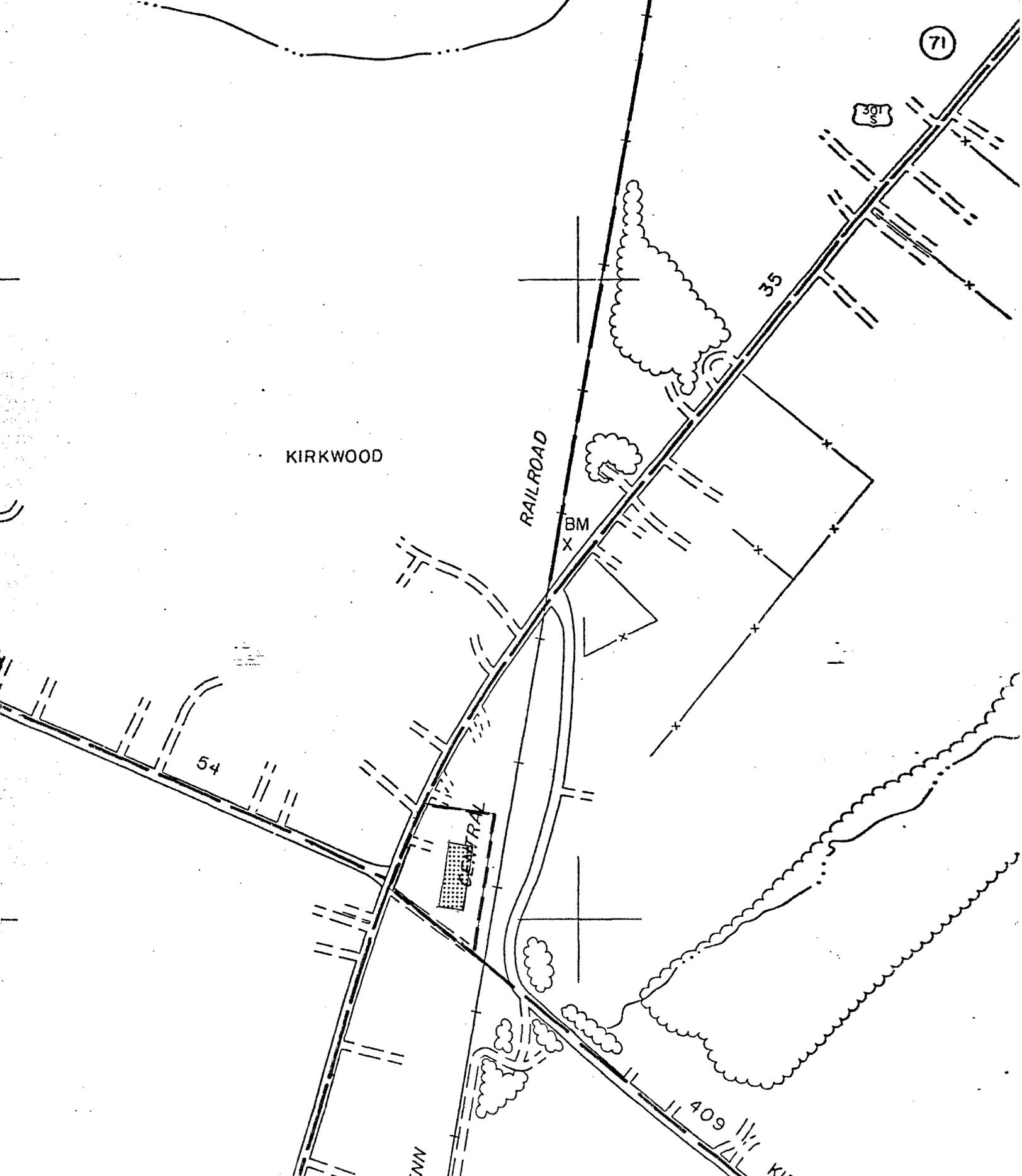
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location, thus the small frame structure sits in the old road bed. The railroad ceased to use the other half of the depot for storage purposes in 1946, and leased the entire building to Mr. Kirk's son, who continued to run the family business until 1955, when the business was purchased by Mr. Jacob A. Correll, Sr.

### E. Significance

The importance of this commercial structure can best be understood within the context of the developing transportation network in New Castle County. Until the advent of paved roads, vast amounts of produce were shipped to market by rail. Kirkwood flourished as the agricultural economy and responding transportation system developed. With the decline of this economy came the decline of Kirkwood's importance as an important shipping center. Thus, the Kirkwood freight depot is tangible evidence of the pervasive agronomic prosperity in Red Lion Hundred in the nineteenth century. It is additionally significant that this utilitarian building has come down to the present day virtually intact, with no "modernization." The careful attention to detail, such as the shaped braces and rafters, shows that even though its purpose was one of utility, attention was paid to aesthetic and design qualities.



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 N-5025 Correll's Farm & Lawn Supply SCALE: 1:200 ±  
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