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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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21. (N-5605):

A. Property Name: George Evans House

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: The George Evans House is located at 5 West Main Street. The property being nominated includes the building situated on a parcel with a north frontage of 175 feet on West Main Street and a lot depth of 283 feet along South College Avenue (Property Tax Map, City of Newark, no. 20, lot no. 5).

C. Owner: University of Delaware, Hulliher Hall, Newark, Delaware 19711

D. Property Description:

The George Evans House is a two and one half story brick structure with a stone foundation, "T" shaped plan, and cross gable roof. Three bays mark the north main facade with two-over-two double hung sash windows at the first and second floor levels and circular arched windows at each of the cross gable ends. The main entrance consists of a raised panel door with a transom light. Extending from this north front entry is a single bay portico with fluted Doric columns and flat pilasters supporting a deep molded cornice and flat roof. To the southeast facade is attached a one story porch with a wrought iron balustrade and vertical supports in leaf and vine design with cast brackets. The gable roof has a deep boxed cornice with brackets and molded returns at the east and west ends; a cross gable also with brackets is placed at the center main facade. A one and one half story brick kitchen wing extends to the rear of this structure, with a frame porch extending from the west facade.

E. Historical Background:

This Victorian style residence with Italianate detailing was completed in 1863 for George Gillespie Evans. Son of John Evans, George Evans was born in 1815. He married Mary Jane Black in 1856 and shortly thereafter arranged for the construction of this residence. In addition to managing his father's store, located at 12 West Main Street, Evans owned a local brick yard which provided the building materials for his own home, as well as for the St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and the Town Hall. According to Evans' Day Book, the total cost of the bricks for his residence at 5 West Main was \$135.00. George Evans lived at this home until he died in 1904. From 1904 until 1948, the house was occupied by his daughter, Lena Evans. It was subsequently sold to the University of Delaware and now provides office space for the Applied Math Annex.

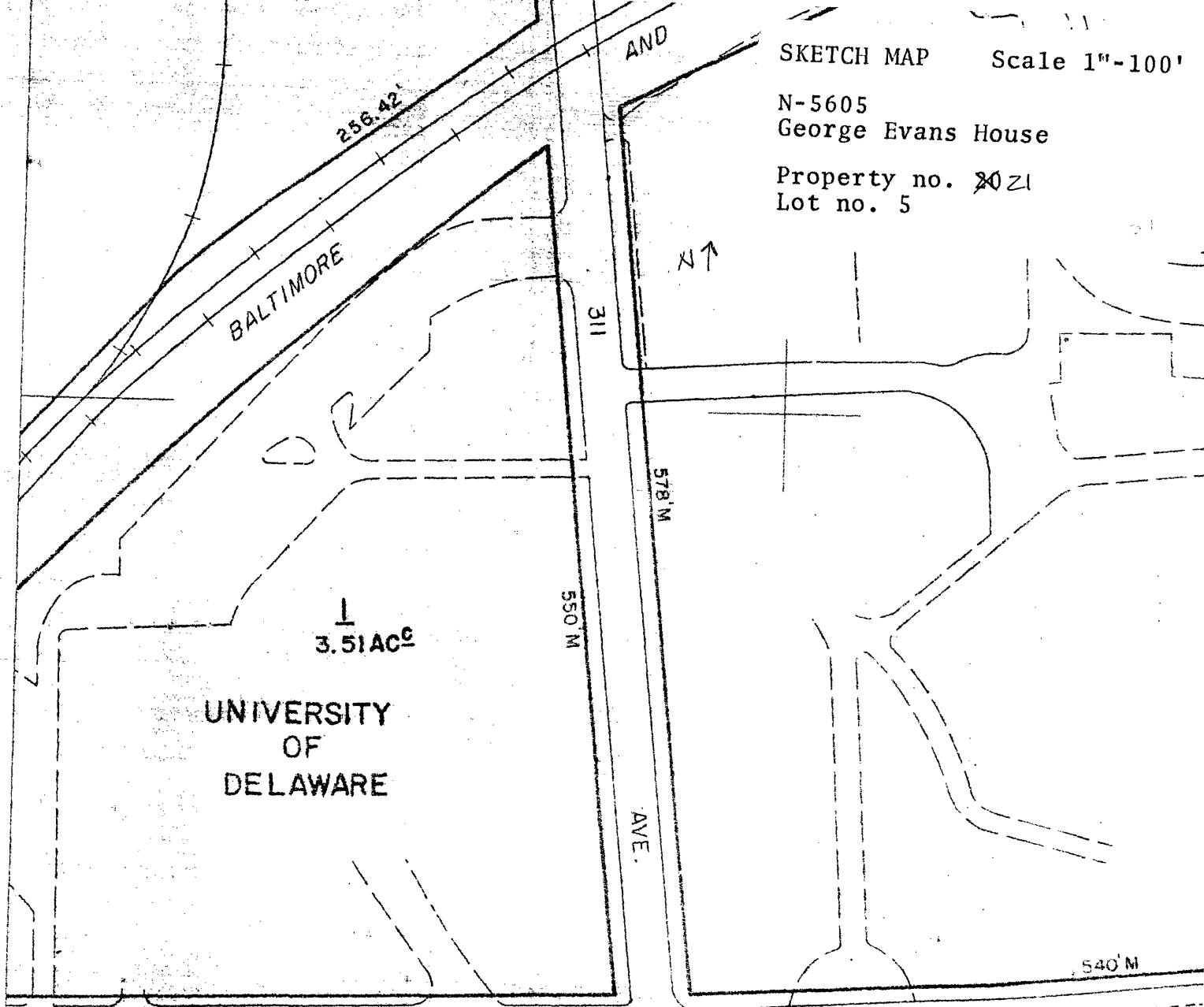
F. Significance:

The George Evans House is one of the few externally unaltered examples of nineteenth century Victorian architecture on Main Street. The house was also built by a prominent member of the Newark community; George Evans was a successful businessman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware from 1856-1903.

SKETCH MAP Scale 1"=100'

N-5605
George Evans House

Property no. ~~X~~21
Lot no. 5



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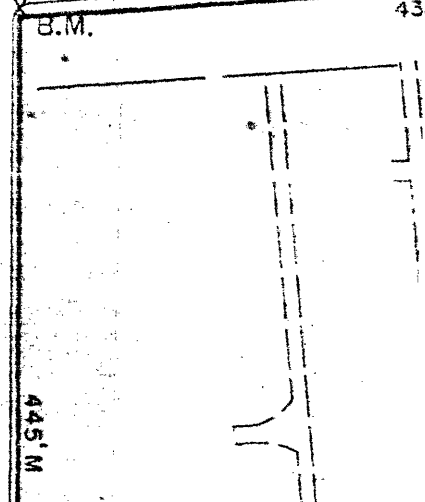
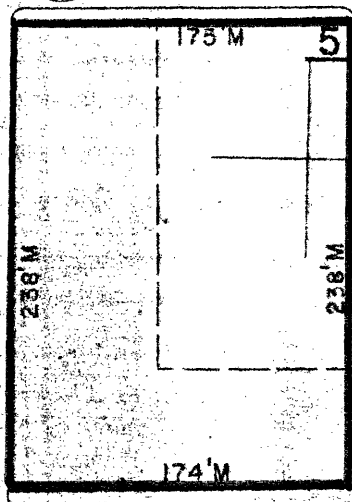
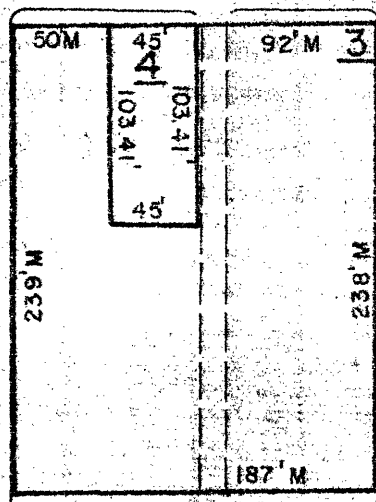
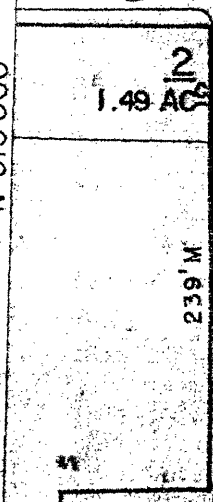
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