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The attached property, the Indian Mission School, as part of the Nanticoke Indian Community, in Sussex County, Delaware, reference number 79003312, 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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with clapboard, while the one story structures are covered with composition siding. Apparently the original two-story structure was only a single bay wide across the front, and was later expanded on one side, thereby extending the gable roof. An enclosed porch supported by columns was added to the upper front elevation, leaving the first floor section open as a garage. The main entrance, on the side of the extended section, is reached by a closed string staircase. The windows on the dwelling are 6/6 double-hung sash. The gable-shaped roof is covered with a combination of composition shingles and metal. The eaves and gable ends are covered with a fascia board. A simple, square, exterior brick chimney exists on the east side of the dwelling. The one-story chicken houses are located on the west side of the two-story section. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash and are grouped in twos. The first flat roof overhangs on the front elevation.

Significance: The abandoned Ames Hitchens chicken farm is the last of these structures still standing within the Indian River Nanticoke community. The presence of such structures indicates the assimilation of the Nanticoke community into the larger rural community of early-twentieth-century Sussex County.

Acreage: Three acres.

Verbal Boundary Description: The Ames Hitchens Chicken Farm is located at the end of a farm lane beginning on Route 24 east of Harmony Church and about 200 yards from the church. The property is bounded on the north, west, and south by woods and on the east by cultivated fields. The nominated portion of the property includes only the chicken houses and the attached domestic structure.

UTM: 18/481000/4272970

6. Indian Mission School (Nanticoke Indian Center) (S-757)

Location: Indian Mission School fronts the south side of Route 24 midway between County Roads 312A and 313A.

Description: The present Indian Mission School was designed as a one-story educational facility, and is currently maintained as the Nanticoke Indian Center. It replaced a one-room frame structure destroyed by fire in 1948. The exterior load-bearing walls are constructed with masonry units covered with stucco, surmounted by a gable roof with composition shingles and a simple cornice with returns. The main facade features a concrete block covered entrance. The windows are both 6/6 and 9/9 double hung sashes.

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Significance: The Indian Mission School was built and maintained by the separatist faction of the Nanticoke community after the school reforms of the early-twentieth century caused their children to be placed in schools with black students and teachers. It has served as the institutional focus of separatist and nativists activities throughout the twentieth century, and is now the focal point of ethnic identity through the Nanticoke Indian Association.

Acreage: One acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The property nominated includes only that parcel of land owned by the Nanticoke Indian Association on which this structure is located, and consists of a lot 210 feet by 175 feet and fronting on Route 24. It is surrounded on the south, east, and west by cultivated fields, and on the north by Route 24.

UTM: 18/481540/4272860

7. Johnson School (Warwick No. 203) (S-756)

Location: Johnson School is located on the north side of Route 24 roadway between County Roads 309 and 310.

Description: The Johnson School was built as an educational facility in the early 1920's. The frame structure is covered with wood shingles and features a gable roof with composition shingles, box cornice, and returns. The three-bay facade displays 6/6 double-hung sashes and a pedimented entrance portico supported by doric columns and plain pilasters. The colonial revival style of this building is typical of the schools constructed for minority communities under the school reforms of the early-twentieth century.

Significance: Johnson School was built in the early 1920's as a separate educational facility for blacks, and was attended by some children whose families claimed Indian descent. This property illustrates the assimilation of part of the Indian River Nanticoke Community into the black community.

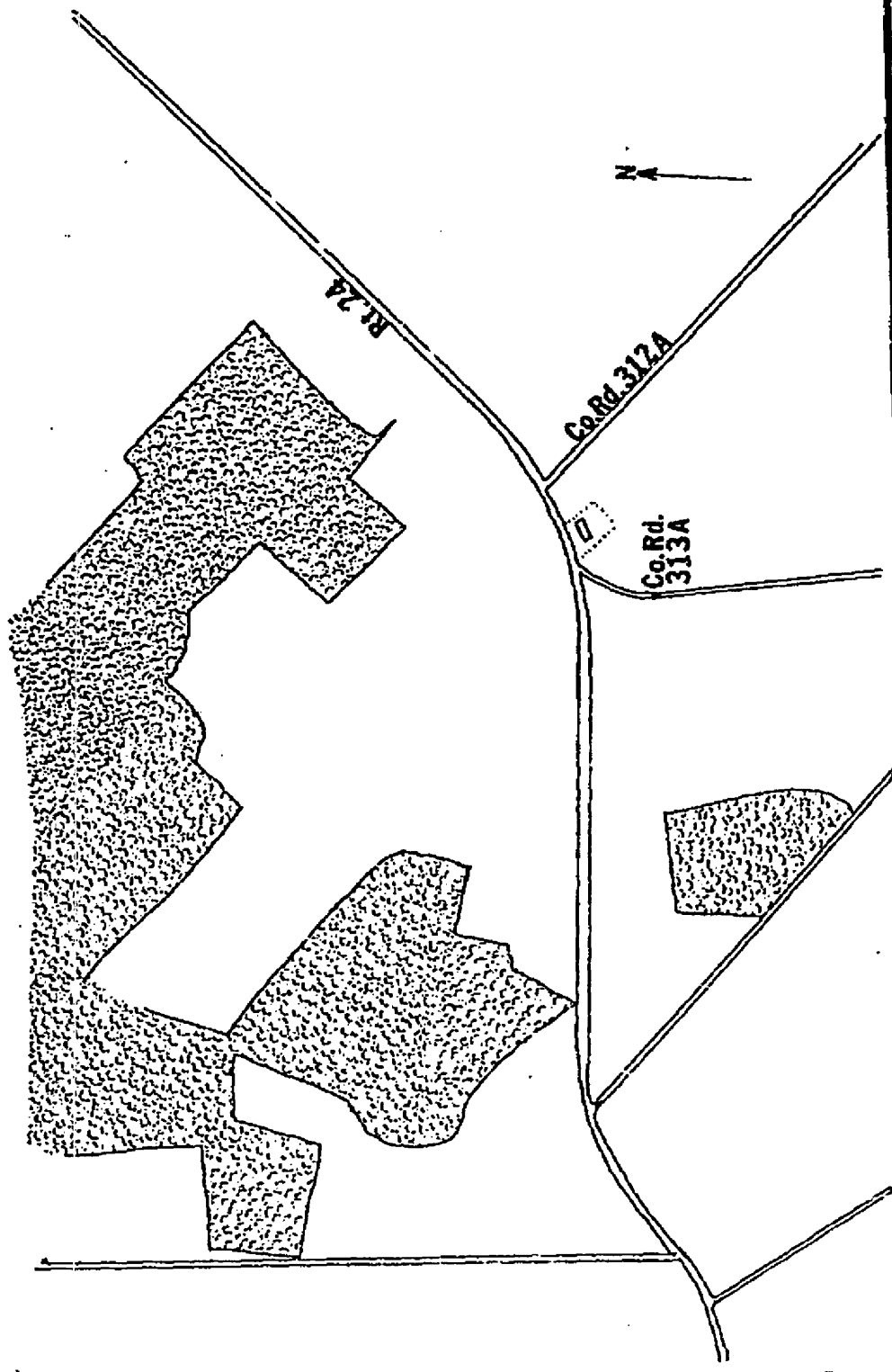
Acreage: Less than one acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: Johnson School fronts Route 24 and is surrounded by cultivated fields and private residences. The nominated property consists only of the parcel of state-owned land on which the school is located.

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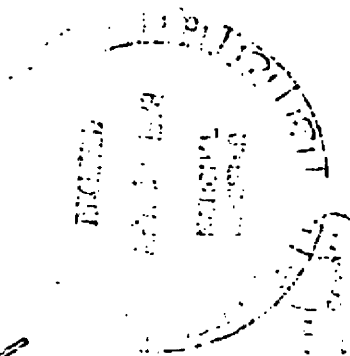


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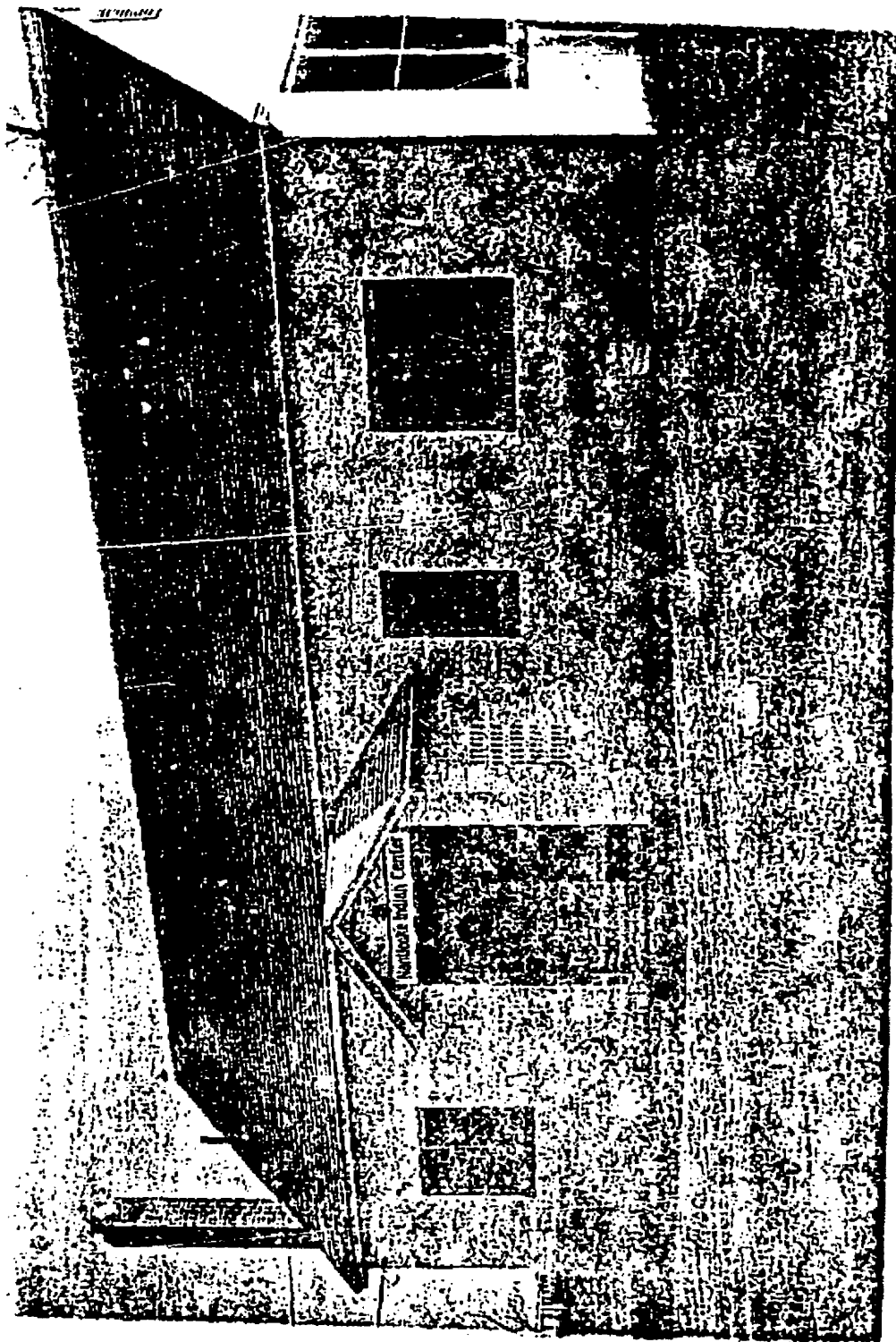
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