

Historic Resources of St. Jones Neck

PROPERTY INVENTORY

1. Property Designation: K-334 - Logan School House

2. Location & Verbal Boundary Description:

Logan School House is located in what is now the Troy Mobile Home Park on the north side of Route 68 approximately 3/5 of a mile east of its junction with Route 352.

The area to be included with the nomination is the schoolhouse and the land within 25 feet of it. UTM 18N4327780 E462800.

3. Owner: Mr. Thomas S. Wilson
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4. & 5. Property description and cultural characterization:

The exact date of the construction of Logan School is uncertain, however, it did exist as early as 1868 as evidenced by its appearance on Beer's Atlas of Delaware published in that year. It is in many respects a classic one room school house. In its original form it consisted of a gable roofed single story balloon frame structure with a pair of double doors on the west gable end. The north and south walls each have three symmetrically spaced 9 over 9 pane sash windows. The exterior is currently covered by a grey simulated brick composition siding which covers the original wooden weatherboard. The interior features an unusual plaster barrel vault ceiling now painted black, and a horizontal board wainscotting which runs from the floor up to a very simple chairrail at window sill level on all four walls.

In the center of the ceiling is evidence of a sheet metal stove flue. Sometime after 1920 the building ceased to function as a school and it was converted into a private dwelling. A shed roofed kitchen wing

was added to the former gable end facade. Rudimentary partitions were set up to divide the eastern half of the schoolroom into two sections and a brick stove flue was added in the center of the room. For the last several years the building has been vacant and is now used for storage.

6. Significance:

Logan School House is significant as a reminder of the one room school which until recent decades typified the public educational system in rural Delaware. This building served the educational requirements of the agricultural community of lower St. Jones Neck, School District No. 36, for at least 50 years until sold in the 1920's by the State of Delaware.

Late residential modifications of the schoolhouse did not significantly alter its original architectural fabric.