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22. (N-5358):

A. Property Name: Baily House

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: The Baily House is located at 166 West Main Street between the intersections of Hillside and New London Roads. The property being nominated includes the building and lot on which it is situated; the latter fronting 28.8 feet on West Main Street with a depth of 199 feet on Hillside Road (Property Tax Map, City of Newark, no. 19, lot no. 265.).

C. Owner: Harriet T. Baily, 166 West Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711

D. Property Description:

This building is a two and one half story "L" shaped frame dwelling with three bays at the south front facade. The exterior walls are covered with asbestos shingles over wood clapboards. Six-over-six double hung sash windows with both panelled and louvered shutters appear at the first and second story levels of the main facade; a single door with a simple rectangular pane of glass is also located at the west corner of the south facade. Extending from the front of the structure is a one story, 3 bay frame porch with a plain balustrade, turned columns, spindle and scroll brackets, and a cross gable roof with spindle details. An exterior chimney is located at the east end of the gable roof.

An unusual characteristic of this building is the west end facade which has no windows at the first and second story levels; only two small six-over-six sash windows are located at the top level of the gable end.

E. Historical Background :

The Baily House was probably constructed in the 1830's as a single family dwelling. Local sources speculate that this structure was formerly connected to a row of matching houses and was moved from Baltimore to Newark in the mid-nineteenth century; there is no available evidence, however, to support this conjecture. The building appears at its present location on an 1893 plan of Newark from Baist's Atlas, and also on later Sanborn maps from the 1920's. In the latter case the house is pictured next to a large two story brick structures directly to the west. The brick building was subsequently removed when Hillside avenue was laid out and graded in the 1990's. As a result the Baily House, at 166 West Main Street, is presently situated at the northeast corner of an intersection with its unusual and windowless west side wall exposed to the street. Miss Harriet Baily, who still lives in the house, headed the Art Department of the University from 1928-1956. She was the first woman to chair a University of Delaware department serving both men and women, following the adoption of coeducation in 1944.

F. Significance

This single family dwelling is an unusual example of early nineteenth century domestic architecture in Newark. It is also one of the only double pile, side hall plan houses remaining in the city today.

SKETCH MAP Scale 1"-100'

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Baily House

Property no. 1922
Lot no. 265

