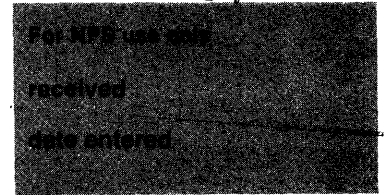


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Property Name: Wright/Carey House

Location and Verbal Boundary Description:

The house and property are located on parcel #11 as shown on Kent County tax parcel map 44.08.02. This is on the east side of Commerce Street, south of Frazier Street in the town of Kenton. It contains 17,325 square feet or .397 acres.

Owner: Eva and Ethel May Carey
Kenton, Delaware 19955

Description:

The Wright/Carey House was built c. 1880 and is one of the few Queen Anne-plan buildings in either the town of Kenton or Kenton Hundred. It is basically a 3-bay, center-hall-plan building with a 2-story rear wing. It is a balloon frame building sided in weatherboard and has a brick foundation. While in plan a Queen Anne dwelling, it is none the less very plain and closely resembles the plainer style homes found in the countryside. Only the extended south bay and cross gable reveal the Queene Ann influence.

The windows on the facade are two-over-two sash, with the exception of the windows on the first and second floor of the extended bay. These are paired one-over-one windows under a single lintel and are separated only by a wide muntin. The main block and the rear wing have gable roofs with standing seam tin

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as a protective covering. The gable-end interior chimneys have tall stacks that rise above the roof peaks and have corbelled caps. The rear wing, which was erected at the same time as the main block, is unusual for the region in that the first floor is recessed under the second floor, so that while the first floor is one room wide, the second floor is two rooms wide with the additional width forming a porch on the ground floor.

There is a collection of contemporary outbuildings associated with the house that include a summer kitchen, privy, and barn/carriage house that are all in excellent repair, as is the main house.

Historical Background:

The Wright/Carey House was built about 1880 on a building lot that was part of a planned development created by David S. Wilds. Wilds built this house and others on speculation and rented them to shopkeepers and tradesmen in the town. He lost this house and the rest of his town lots at a sheriff's sale in 1902. In 1906, the property was sold to the Carey family.

Statement of Significance:

The Wright/Carey House is in plan a Queen Anne dwelling but was constructed and decorated as a plain dwelling similar to many farmhouses in the surrounding countryside. The house has none of the decorative elements associated with the Queen Ann style such as barge board trim or decorated porches. For all of its lack of decoration, it is still a Queen Anne style dwelling and one of the few in the hundred or town that have not been altered and is eligible under Criterion C.