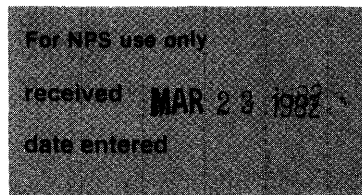


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25.(N-5602):

A. Property Name: Deer Park Hotel

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: The Deer Park Hotel, 108 West Main Street, is located at the northeast corner of Main Street at the intersection of Elkton and New London Roads. The property being nominated includes the building and surrounding parcel of land having a frontage of 219 feet with a depth of 258 feet (Property Tax Map, City of Newark, no. 19, lot no. 298).

C. Owner: ERG Inc., Leonard H. Reed, Frank E. Giovanozzi and Mickey Eagan , 108 West Main Street, Newark, Delaware 19711

D. Property Description:

The Deer Park Hotel is a 3 1/2 story "U" plan building with nine bays at the south front facade. The building is constructed of wood joists with brick and masonry load bearing walls. The exterior walls, consist of American common bond brick, from which white paint has recently been cleaned by sandblasting. A belt course runs along base of the third floor windows. The original structure, composing the five center bays, had a gable roof with a set of parapet chimneys at each end. Subsequent additions to the structure incorporated the original roof into the existing modified hip roof with a continuous molded cornice and asphalt shingles. Four gabled dormers extend from the center building roof; three at the south front facade and one at the north rear. The windows at each level, all double hung sash, vary in size with six-over-six lights at the first and third floors and sixteen-over-twelve lights (totaling 6'8" in length) at the second story. The main entrance at the center facade has paneled door, transom and multipaned side lights. In addition to the end bays, a third and more recent one story brick and wood addition extends to the rear.

E. Historical Background

The Deer Park Hotel was constructed in 1851 for James S. Martin. Martin had purchased the property in 1848 and at that time a log inn, known as St. Patricks, stood on the site. After ordering the demolition of St. Patricks, Martin had a four story, 60' X 40' brick structure erected in its place.

During the latter half of the nineteenth century, the Deer Park Hotel acquired two additions at the east and west facades. The alteration expanded the building from its original five bays to a building that is now 3 1/2 stories high, nine bays wide and more reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century the hotel also acquired a two tier wrap-around porch at the south and west facades. A six sided frame tower with a flared eave roof and cast iron finial stood at the corner of the porch structure. Both porch and tower were removed in 1951. Throughout the one hundred and thirty years of its existence the Deer Park Hotel has served the town of Newark in a variety of ways. During the 1850's and 60's the building accommodated Miss Chamberlain's School as well as the Deer Park Seminary. It also provided the town with a ball room and an auditorium which was used on occasion by

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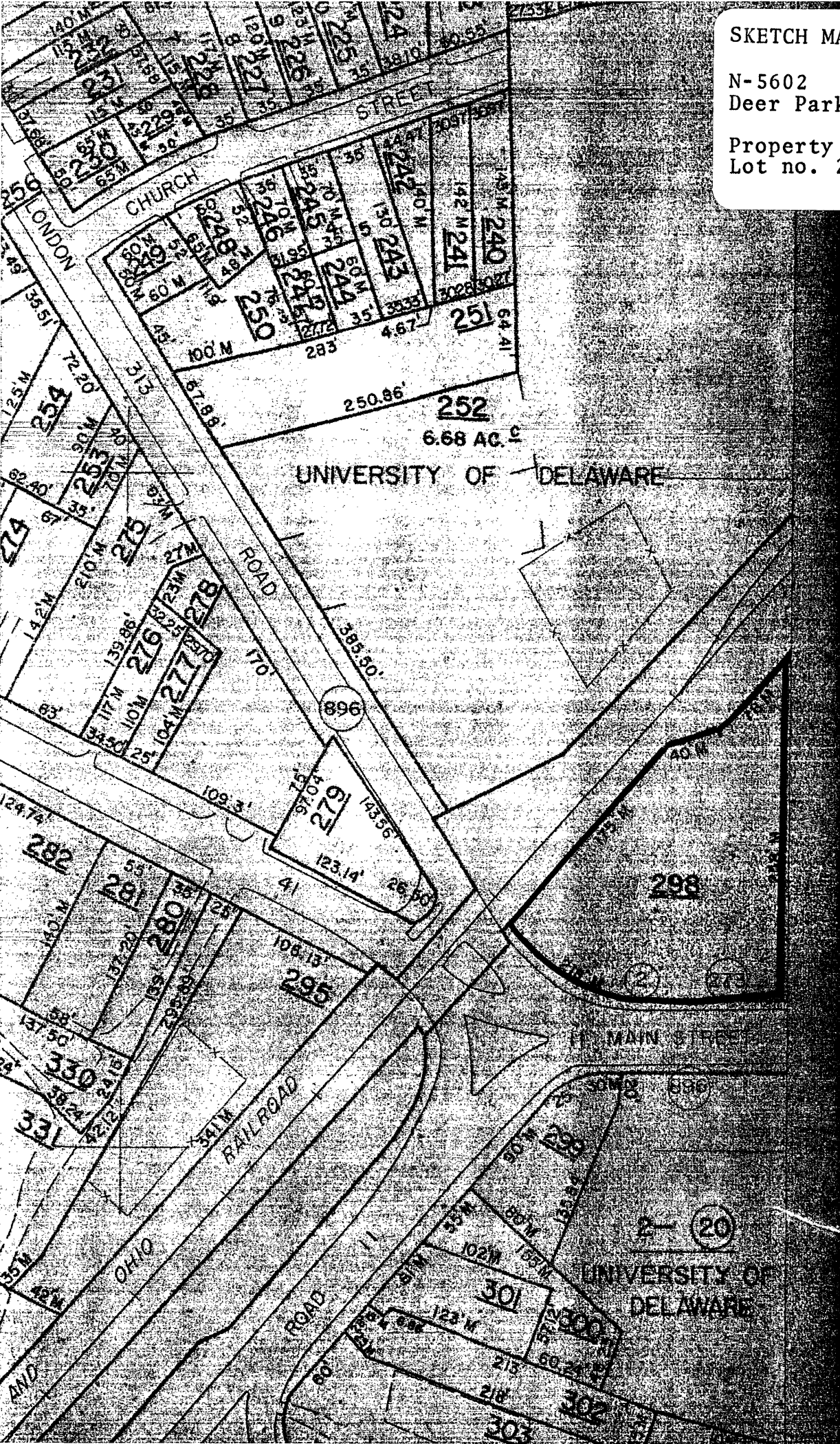
travelling entertainers. In 1911 an advertisement for the Hotel announced that it had "steam heat electric lights and baths, Tonsorial Parlors, and fine livery." Today the building, which is in fair condition, is used as a bar, restaurant and liquor store.

F. Significance:

Constructed in 1851, the Deer Park Hotel has been expanded and continually utilized by Newark residents, contributing to the social and economic development of the city. It has provided locations for two private schools, an auditorium, rooms to rent, and commercial operations including restaurant and bar. The Deer Park Hotel is also the only remaining nineteenth century inn or hotel on Main Street and in Newark.

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