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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Walnut Lane
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
4133 Ogletown Road
CITY, TOWN
Newark
STATE
Delaware
VICINITY OF
1st
COUNTY
New Castle
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Lewis D. Giles
STREET & NUMBER
1218 Tatnall Street
CITY, TOWN
Wilmington
VICINITY OF
STATE
Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
New Castle County Recorder of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
800 French Street (City-County Building)
CITY, TOWN
Wilmington
STATE
Delaware 19801

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Delaware Cultural Resource Survey
DATE
_FEDERAL STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Delaware Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs
CITY, TOWN
Hall of Records
STATE
Dover
Delaware

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on Chestnut Hill Road near Newark, Walnut Lane, stylistically, is built in the typical Delaware fashion that is characterized by its five-bay, two-and-one half story, single-pile design.

Though the brick, L-shaped residence is constructed in a traditional manner, it is adorned with significant exterior architectural detail.

The northern facade, for example, features a Greek Revival entrance portico ornamented with guttae, triglyphs and metopes and an unusual double-tier dentil cornice at the main roof line.

Symmetrically moulded trim with bulls-eye corner blocks surround the six-over-six light dormers, and the recessed six-panel entrance found on the dwelling's northern facade.

A corbelled cornice and belt course are located on the southeast side of the two-bay brick ell, each side of which is flanked by a one-story enclosed porch. A one-and-one half story frame addition, probably constructed in the late nineteenth century, adjoins the ell at the southern end.

The interior of this domestic residence retains much of its original trim. For example the open-string staircase with newel post and balusters and symmetrically moulded trim with bulls-eye corner blocks around the interior entrance door remain intact within the center hall area.

The remaining doors, surrounds and mantels through the interior are designed in a plain manner, but are highly suggestive of the Greek Revival era.

Also on the property is a one-story brick building situated about fifty feet to the rear of the residence. Constructed in the late 1940's, this building is presently used for storage and a garage. It replaces an old barn destroyed by fire which had been converted for use as an apartment and a garage.

The nominated property is situated in an area where significant change in land use has occurred over the past twenty years. Once rural in character, much of the land in the immediate vicinity of the property is now developed in the form of residential subdivisions and apartment complexes. Specifically, a five-story, eighty-seven unit apartment is situated directly across a two-lane roadway from the property, and a twenty-five acre, ninety-two unit subdivision, occupying land once part of the existing parcel, borders two sides of a smaller 1.31 acre parcel which the present owner has subdivided to separate the nominated property from the residential subdivision. With the exception of the garage and a blacktopped parking area and driveway, much of the nominated property retains its rural characteristics.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walnut Lane is a well-preserved example of nineteenth-century vernacular, domestic architecture to which classical architectural features have been applied. From the mid-eighteenth century to the late-nineteenth century, Delaware vernacular architecture was characterized by two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, single pile, center hall houses. Frequently, elements of the most current architectural styles were adopted, while maintaining a continuity of form and plan. The wealth of the owner and the skill of the carpenter determined the degree to which this adaptation could be carried out. Walnut Lane is an example of the application of Greek Revival details to a vernacular residence. It was owned throughout the nineteenth century by members of the Morrison family.

This building was constructed in the 1830's. The elaborate portico, ornamented with guttae, triglyphs and metopes, is typical of the Greek Revival style. High-style features are also found on the dormers and on the front entrance. Inside the building, the details are much simpler in style, but are consistent with the Greek Revival theme.

The original part of Walnut Lane has seen little alteration in the century and a half since its construction, although there have been some additions to the structure. It remains one of the best preserved examples of vernacular architecture in the area, and is particularly significant because of the quality of the Greek Revival details.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property borders the south side of the two-lane Delaware Route 4 (Ogletown Road) for a length of approximately 500 feet. The depth of the property from highway right-of-way ranges from 325 to 350 feet. The property is bounded to the west and south by a 1.31 acre plot separating the property from a 25 acre subdivision development. The property is bounded to the east by a farmed field. A New Castle County property map is attached. The nominated property is identified as parcel 37.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nicholas S. Blendy/Highway Planner

1/4/78

ORGANIZATION

Delaware Department of Transportation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Highway Administration Building, P.O. Box 778

TELEPHONE

(302) 678-5295

CITY OR TOWN

Dover,

STATE

Delaware 19901

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Bill W. Blawie

DATE

July 22, 1979

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

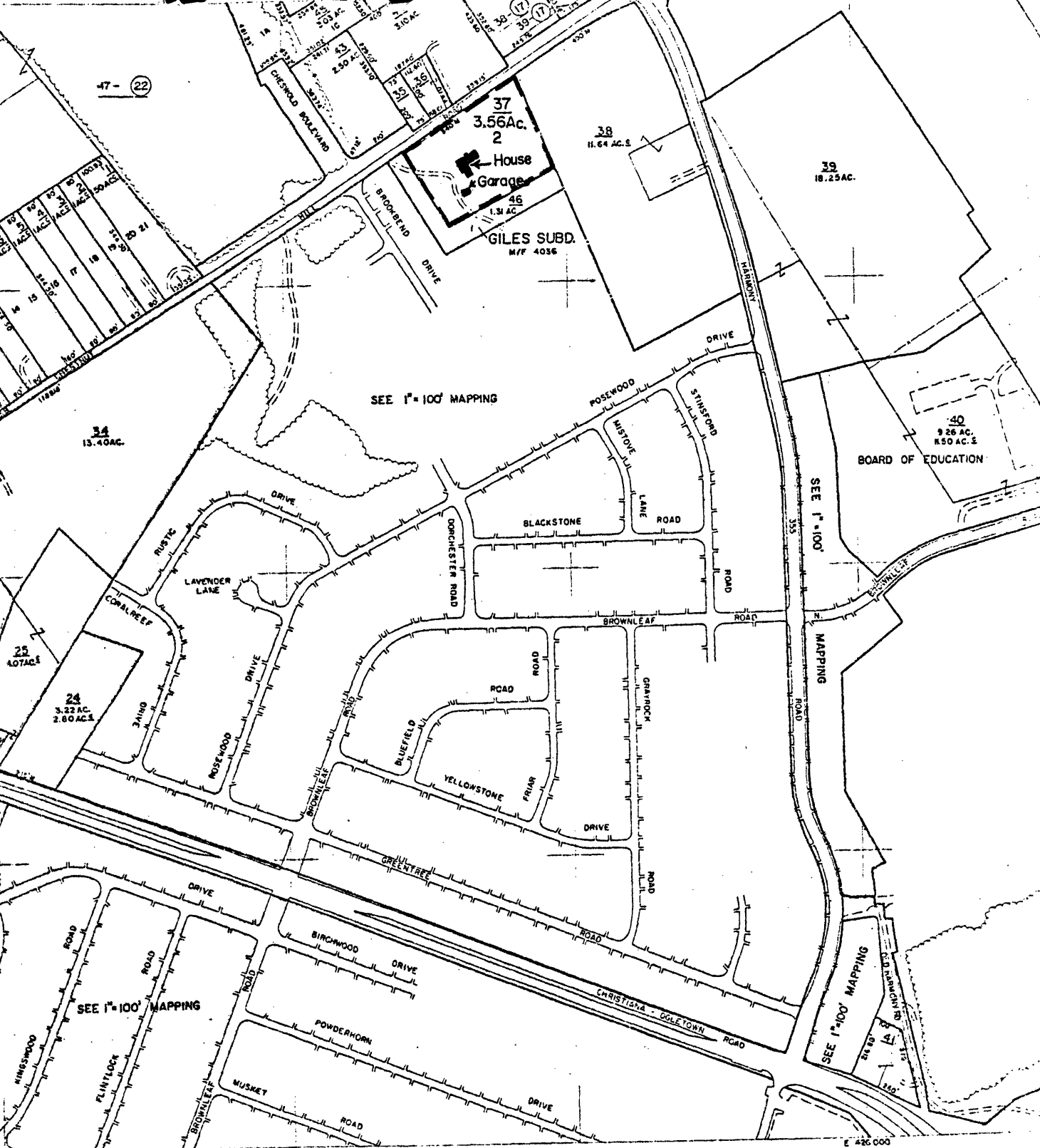
ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7/19/79

Regional Coordinator



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MAP LOCATION

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- INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
- U.S. HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO.
- ROAD, PAVED
- ROAD, UNPAVED
- TRAIL
- R/W ROAD
- RAILROAD

- STATE LINE
- COUNTY LINE
- HUNDRED LINE
- CORPORATE LIMITS
- BRIDGE
- STREAM
- FOND
- FIELD LINE

- CEMETERY
- CHURCH
- SCHOOL
- WOODED AREA
- FENCE
- MARSH
- BENCH MARK
- BLOCK/SECTION



- PARCEL OUTLINE
- INTERIOR PARCEL LINE
- PARCEL HOOK
- PARCEL NUMBER
- 120 AC. TOTAL ASSESSED ACRES
- 128 AC. TOTAL CALCULATED ACRES
- 37-00 PARCEL & CONTROL MAP NO.
- 29 SUBDIVISION LOT NO.

E 424 000

E 426 000

LEGEND