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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Killgore Hall

other names/site number Wroten's Hardware; N-11006

2. Location

street & number 101 North James St. not for publication n/a
city or town Newport, Christiana Hundred vicinity n/a
state Delaware code DE county New Castle code 003
zip code 19804

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] State Historic Preservation Officer 6/1/93
Signature of certifying official Date

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Hall of Records, P.O. Box 1401, Dover, DE 19903
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

entered in the
~~National Register~~
Delaware 2/14/93

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic & Architectural Resources of Newport, DE

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>Specialty store</u>
<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>Meeting hall</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>Specialty store</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Multiple dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS;
Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK
roof METAL
walls BRICK
other WOOD

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance 1883-1913

Significant Dates 1883

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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	18	447680	4396050	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	_____ See continuation sheet.					

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Peter E. Kurtze, Architectural Historian

organization _____ date April 30, 1992

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Description:

Killgore Hall is a three-story brick commercial building constructed in 1883, located at the northwest corner of James and Justis streets. The principal (east) facade faces James Street, and fronts directly on the sidewalk. The south elevation also abuts the sidewalk, extending along Justis Street a distance of five bays.

The three-bay-wide facade comprises a transomed entrance in the southernmost bay, with a mid-20th century plate-glass display window to the north. At the second story, there is a residential-type horizontal-paneled door in the central bay, opening onto a balcony which spans the width of the facade. This second-story door is flanked on either side by two-over-two sash with plain wooden sills, set in openings topped with a single brick soldier course. The third story is fenestrated similarly; on this level, however, the doorway has been closed with brick, and there is no balcony. The building is capped with an overhanging cornice with a plain frieze, scrollwork brackets, and a crown mold (all but two of the brackets have been lost on the east facade, but they survive intact on the north and south elevations). The flat roof is covered with metal.

Masonry is laid in common bond, with seven to nine rows of stretchers between header courses. A typical brick measures 8" long, 3-5/8" wide, and 2 1/4" high; mortar joints average 1/2" wide. The building rests on a brick foundation.

The south elevation was originally six irregular bays wide at street level. A secondary entrance, comprising a residential-type glazed door with a transom set within a segmental-arched opening, occupies the westernmost bay. A large, segmental-arched opening just east of this door presumably held a display window; it has been infilled with brick. Two small, nearly square windows mark the two central bays, with brick rowlock sills and soldier-course lintels. The two eastern bays have been bricked up. On the upper levels of this elevation, five evenly-spaced two-over-two windows, with wooden sills and brick soldier course lintels, are ranged across each of the second and third stories.

One-story, flat-roofed additions span the north and west elevations. Above these areas, the fenestration repeats that of the south and east sides respectively.

Originally intended to serve as meeting rooms for community organizations, the upper floors of Killgore Hall were converted to apartments early in the 20th century. A period photograph of the east facade shows the principal entrance with

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a residential-type glazed door flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom within a segmental-arched opening, and the northern bay of the ground floor holding a double one-over-one window. A three-story porch spanned the east facade, with Colonial Revival columns and square balusters; central doorways gave onto the balconies at the second and third floor levels. Overall, the building retains a good level of integrity; alterations and additions have not obscured its essential form, and it remains the most visually prominent commercial building in town.

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Statement of Significance:

Killgore Hall is architecturally significant as an example of a type of mixed-use commercial building of the late 19th century. The three-story brick building is the tallest historic structure in Newport; its construction on a prominent corner in the crossroads town represented a significant architectural statement. The building derives further significance from its association with the commercial growth of Newport through the later 19th century, and for its association with the Armstrong Lodge No. 26, A. F. & A. M., Newport's oldest community organization.

Killgore Hall was built in 1883 by John W. R. Killgore, replacing a store building which had housed the retail establishment of his father (see N-11007). Constructed at a cost in excess of \$3,000.00, the three-story brick building was designed to provide commercial space on the ground floor, with meeting rooms for fraternal organizations on the second and third stories. The Armstrong Lodge No. 26, A. F. & A. M., of which Killgore was a member and Past Master, paid an annual rent of \$60.00 for the third floor, where they held their meetings until 1913. Following Killgore's death on August 17, 1909, the property was put up for sale to settle the estate; the Masons considered purchasing the property, but found it in poor repair, too small for their increasing membership and not amenable to expansion. Instead, the Lodge undertook in 1913 to construct a new temple on East Market Street (see N-10967). The upper floors of Killgore Hall were converted to apartments early in the 20th century; the building continues in mixed commercial and residential use at present.

Nineteenth-century resources reflecting Newport's commercial development are rare, as most of the town's business district was destroyed by the construction of a major limited-access elevated highway in the 1970s.

The period of significance, 1883-1913, was selected to recognize both the building's architectural and associative significance, by spanning the period from its construction to the date it was vacated by Armstrong Lodge No. 26.

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Major Bibliographical References:

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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of the State of Delaware, 1609-1888. 2 Vols. Philadelphia: L. J. Richards & Co., 1888.

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Geographical Data:

Verbal boundary description: The nominated property includes all of that parcel designated 20-001.00-076 on the Property Map of New Castle County, Delaware, and further indicated by the broken line on the section of the property map which accompanies this nomination.

Boundary justification: The boundaries described above were selected to encompass the single town lot historically associated with the resource.

N-11006
Killigore Hall, 101 N. James St.
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Source: New Castle County Tax Map
Scale: 1" = 100'



STREET

JOHN

DRIVE

JAMES

ETHAN



MARKET

RRSHALL

210

212.30

109.19

104.60

128 154.09

174.45 127

129

195

210.05

130-A

218.49

221.20

130

220.50

131

220

2.16 AC

79

385.32

50.07

48'

48'

97.50

51.96

94.70

132

121

74.58

39.50

120.76

101.50

106.75

94.50

108.34

67'

91.15

84.51

47.01

77.25

132.09

126

131.58

122

74.58

39.50

120.76

101.50

106.75

94.50

MARKET

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138.109

31.83

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