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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Killgore, Joseph, House

other names/site number N-11007

2. Location

street & number 107 North James St. not for publication n/a  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.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau



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

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling  
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE  
Other: Vernacular hall-parlor plan  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK  
roof ASPHALT  
walls ASBESTOS  
other WOOD  
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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  
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Period of Significance ca. 1850  
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Significant Dates N/A  
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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	<u>18</u>	<u>447680</u>	<u>4396060</u>	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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Description:

The Joseph Killgore House is a two-story frame building probably constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century. It is located on the west side of North James Street, north of Justis Street, and faces east. The house is set back from the sidewalk a short distance, and surrounded by a small lawn. Killgore Hall (N-11006), a late 19th century commercial building which was developed by the resident of the house, is located on the adjacent property to the south.

The Killgore House stands three bays wide with a central entrance. Large six-over-six windows flank the door, which is sheltered by a small gabled porch. Three smaller two-over-two windows are ranged across the upper story. The facade is capped with a simple boxed cornice. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick interior chimney exits from the peak of the north gable, and features a pair of decorative terra cotta chimney pots. A smaller chimney, with a single chimney pot, rises from inside the south wall about halfway down the rear slope of the roof. The exterior is covered with asbestos shingles; the original cladding material is undetermined. The interior was unavailable for examination.

Exterior architectural evidence suggests that the house began as a 1½ story, hall-parlor plan building, and achieved its current two-story height in an expansion later in the 19th century. The extended rear slope of its gable roof results in a "saltbox" configuration, uncommon in the vernacular architecture of the region.

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Statement of Significance:

The Joseph Killgore House is significant for its architecture, exemplifying the hall-parlor plan type which characterized the majority of middle class housing in the lower Delaware Valley (and the Delmarva peninsula generally) during the 18th century and well into the 19th.<sup>1</sup> Although this plan type was once common in the region, surviving examples are increasingly rare; this is especially true of frame specimens. The Killgore House is further distinguished by its "saltbox" configuration, probably achieved in one or more 19th-century expansions, resulting in a form which is uncommon in the vernacular architecture of the region. The house is among the earliest surviving dwellings in Newport.

In the mid-19th century, the Joseph Killgore family operated a small shop located next door to this house on the south, at the corner of Justis and James streets. The Killgores were gardeners and beekeepers, and also had an orchard on the opposite side of James Street, including the parcel where the Bank is now located. They sold produce at the market in Wilmington. The son, John W. R. Killgore, remained at home with his parents; in 1883, John W. R. Killgore demolished the shop on the corner lot and replaced it with the three-story brick building known as Killgore Hall (N-11006).

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<sup>1</sup> for a discussion of the social and temporal distribution of the hall-parlor plan type in the region, see Bernard L. Herman, Architecture and Rural Life in Central Delaware, 1700-1900. (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 1987), pp. 19-22.

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Major Bibliographical References:

- Herman, Bernard L., Architecture and Rural Life in Central Delaware, 1700-1900.  
Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 1987.
- Johnson, Ella Weldin. Story of Newport: a Square Little Town in the State of Delaware. Wilmington, DE: Paragon Press, 1963, pp. 116-117.

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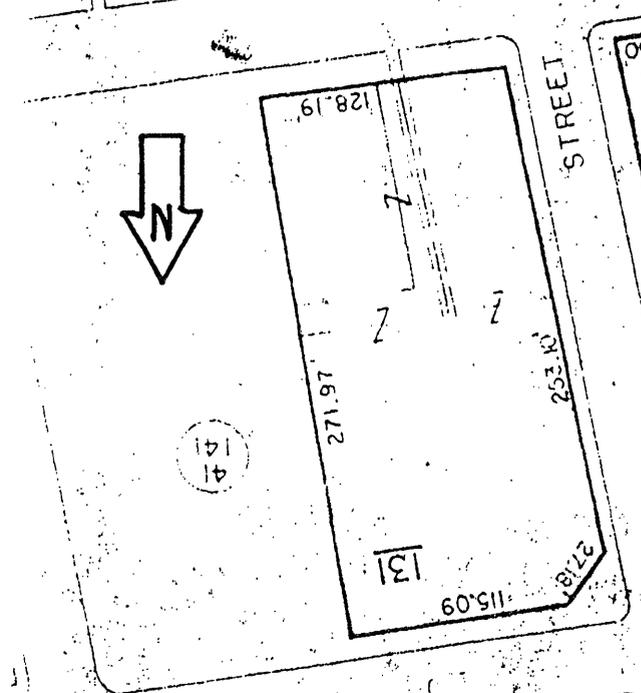
Geographical Data:

Verbal boundary description: The nominated property includes all of that parcel designated 20-001.00-075 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.

Killgore House, 107 N. James St.  
 Historic & Architectural Resources of  
 Newport, Delaware  
 Source: New Castle County Tax Map  
 Scale: 1"=100'

N-11007



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