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Property Name: Belleview, built ca. 1845

Location and Verbal Boundary Description:

Belleview is located on the west side of route 428 approximately .8 miles south of its junction with route 15. The house is situated in a predominantly agricultural area which has recently begun to be subdivided into suburban lots. The nominated area includes one acre containing a small brick outbuilding associated with the house. Excluded from the nomination are the numerous modern farm structures located behind and west of the house.

The nominated parcel begins at a point 250 feet northeast of the intersection of the present driveway, extends northwest for 800 feet, turns southwest at 90° and runs 500 feet to a point where it turns 90° and runs southeast back to route 428. The final line closes the boundary between the northeast and southwest boundary along route 428. The nominated acreage includes all grounds, buildings, and sufficient acreage to protect the nominated setting a whole.

UTM 18.42800.71280 Tax parcel 13.013.00-013

Owner: Ruth Tindall

R. D. 1, Box 70

Middletown, Delaware

Description:

Bellevue is a three-story L-Shaped five-by-five bay, brick structure. The exterior brick is laid in seven course common bond. The foundation is uncoursed rubble field-stone while the interior of the basement has been lined with brick and whitewashed. There is a separate root cellar.

The house, in the Italianate tradition has a shallow hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves and bracketed cornice. The chimneys are located on the interior endwall and have corbelled caps for each of the two piles in the main block and the one in the rear wing.

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The windows are four-over-four-sash on the first and second floor and two-over-two on the third. All have marble lintels and sills, but no shutters.

The center front passage is a single leaf wooden six-panelled door with transom and sidelights.

The porches, which are on the front (southeast) and the southwest facades, are both three bays and built on brick foundations supporting four square wood columns with recessed panels. The porches have small brackets in the cornice repeating the trim in the roof's cornice.

Historic Background and Significance:

This structure was built prior to 1849 by J. H. Cannon as it appears on the Rea & Price atlas drawn in that year. The 1850 census lists John and Mary Cannon with seven children under the age of 15, and three black laborers, all of whom were born in Delaware. The farm was sold before 1868 when the name J. F. Shallcross appears on the 1868 D. G. Beers atlas. In 1870, the 210 acre farm was valued at \$40,000 and produced wheat, Indian corn, Irish potatoes and butter. The livestock included milch (sic) cows, horses, mules and a significant number of sheep for this area (58). Twelve tons of hay were produced to feed the livestock. A major portion of the Shallcross farm income was derived from orchard products. There is no indication on the 1870 agricultural census as to what those products were. The farm passed on to James Shallcross by 1881 when the Hopkins' atlas was compiled. The acreage had increased by 110 acres to 320 acres. This acreage remained the same and the farm continued to be owned by James Shallcross in 1893, as recorded on the Baist atlas. The architectural details and spatial arrangements of the James Shallcross house reflect those of the surrounding area and the era of re-building in southern New Castle County.

Nomination by Bert Jicha and Trish Bensinger