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33. (N-5748):

A. Property Name: 28-34½ Academy Street

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: the building at 28-34½ Academy Street is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Academy Street. The property being nominated includes the structure and parcel on which it stands, having a frontage of 110 feet and a depth of 56.9 feet (Property Tax Map, city of Newark, no. 20, lot no. 47).

C. Owner: Anthony Scarangelo, 102 Old Oak Road, Newark, Delaware 19711

D. Property Description:

This building is a two and one half story frame structure with a stone foundation and sixteen bays at the east main facade. The exterior walls are finished with white weatherboard siding original to the building's construction. The asymmetrical gable roof with a more full pitch at the east facade has exposed notched rafters and tin roofing with raised and folded seams. Three shed roof dormers project from the east roof face; five interior chimneys are also visible. Two-over-two double hung sash windows with plain wooden surrounds are located at each facade. A continuous frame porch with a full length shed roof, supported by squared plain posts, lines the front facade at the ground level. A wrought iron bloustrade and wooden lattice work at the porch base appear to be later additions.

E. Historical Background:

Erected during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, this structure was built to contain apartment and family units. The building appears on Sanborn Insurance Survey Maps from 1915 to 1929 as an eight unit row house. Today the building continues to provide apartment space.

This frame apartment building is unusual to Newark for its material construction and location. Unlike most apartment or row houses built in Newark during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, this structure consists of frame, rather than brick, construction. It is also located off of East Main Street, a central commercial axis, whereas the construction of other local row houses typically gravitated towards industrial sites. This building probably offered inexpensive and convenient apartments near the center of town, at a time when residential development was expanding on either side of East Main Street.

F. Significance

28-34½ Academy Street is a novel example of apartment/row housing built in Newark in the late nineteenth century. It also represents a period when residential building development took place on secondary streets flanking East Main Street.

SKETCH MAP Scale 1"-100'

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28-34 1/2 Academy Street

Property no. ~~20~~ 33
Lot no. 47

