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1849 C Street, N.W.  
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The attached property, the Johnson School, as part of the Nanticoke Indian Community, in Sussex County, Delaware, reference number 79003313, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 4/26/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, Part II, Vol.45, No. 54, page 17451. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

  
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Nanticoke Indian Community

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Significance: The Indian Mission School was built and maintained by the separatist faction of the Nanticoke community after the school reforms of the early-twentieth century caused their children to be placed in schools with black students and teachers. It has served as the institutional focus of separatist and nativists activities throughout the twentieth century, and is now the focal point of ethnic identity through the Nanticoke Indian Association.

Acreage: One acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The property nominated includes only that parcel of land owned by the Nanticoke Indian Association on which this structure is located, and consists of a lot 210 feet by 175 feet and fronting on Route 24. It is surrounded on the south, east, and west by cultivated fields, and on the north by Route 24.

UTM: 18/481540/4272860

7. Johnson School (Warwick No. 203) (S-756)

Location: Johnson School is located on the north side of Route 24 roadway between County Roads 309 and 310.

Description: The Johnson School was built as an educational facility in the early 1920's. The frame structure is covered with wood shingles and features a gable roof with composition shingles, box cornice, and returns. The three-bay facade displays 6/6 double-hung sashes and a pedimented entrance portico supported by doric columns and plain pilasters. The colonial revival style of this building is typical of the schools constructed for minority communities under the school reforms of the early-twentieth century.

Significance: Johnson School was built in the early 1920's as a separate educational facility for blacks, and was attended by some children whose families claimed Indian descent. This property illustrates the assimilation of part of the Indian River Nanticoke Community into the black community.

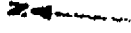
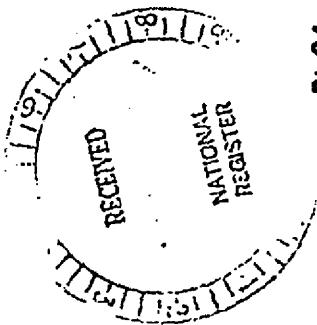
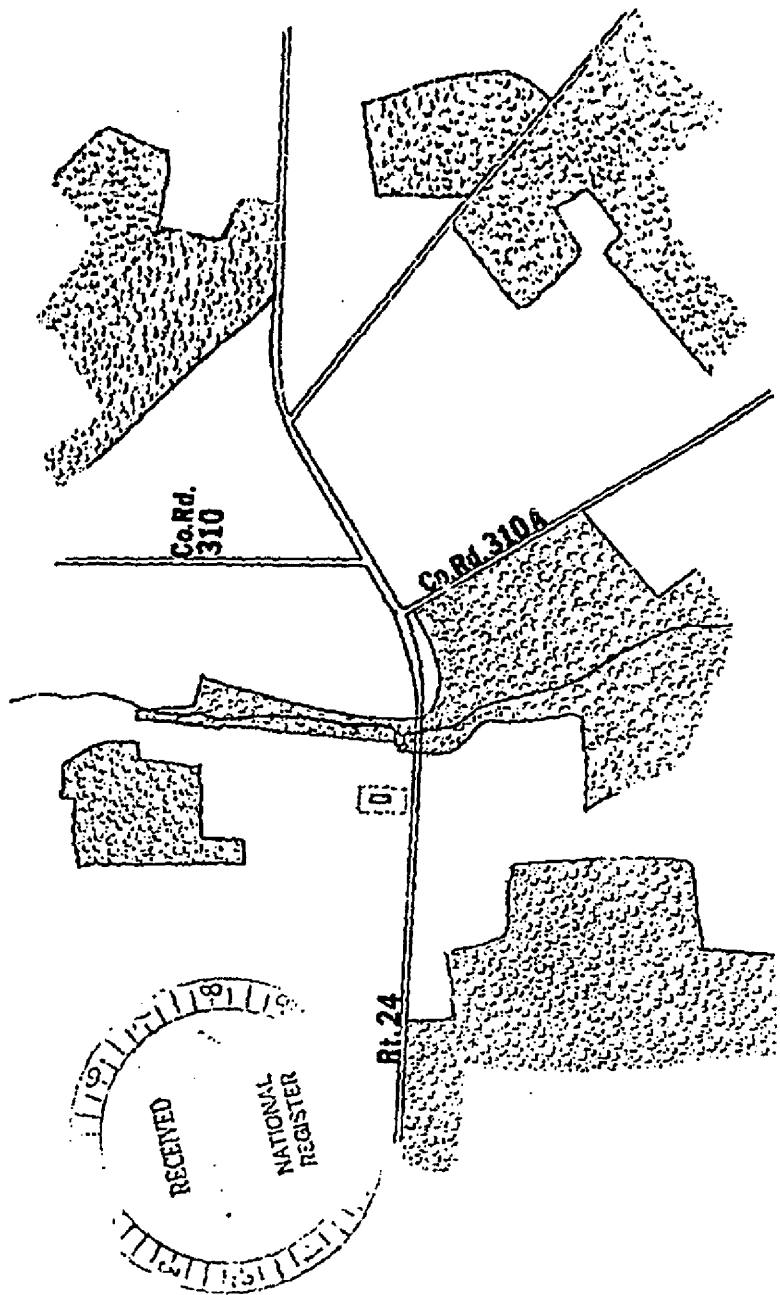
Acreage: Less than one acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: Johnson School fronts Route 24 and is surrounded by cultivated fields and private residences. The nominated property consists only of the parcel of state-owned land on which the school is located.

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*Johnston Survey (University) (Nanticoke, Del.)*

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Name: Johnson School

Location: Rt. 24; near Millsboro, Delaware

Photographer: Frank W. Porter III

Date: September 1977

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