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Property Name: Store and dwelling, 218 High Street

Location and Boundary Description: 218 High Street, Seaford, Delaware; Sussex

UTM Reference: 18 446720 4276910

Owner: Seaford Federal Credit Union

P. O. Box 146 Seaford, DE 19973

Description: This is a two-bay, two-story, front gable, frame house that was built before 1885 and converted to a store around 1910. The moulded cornice returns at the front gable end. A lunette is in the attic gable end. On the second story facade, there are two six-over-six, double hung windows. A multipaned showcase window and recessed doorway are on the first story; these were added after the dwelling was converted to a store. Six-over-six, double hung sash windows are on the first and second stories of the west side. A screened porch with arched supports is to the west. To the rear is a transverse wing. The dwelling/store is covered with aluminum siding.

Significance: The building is significant because it is an example of an intact dwelling-commercial building that was owned by the Joshua Webster Cox family who ran a dry goods store just to the west (S-6986). It is shown as a dwelling on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps until after 1910 when it is shown as a store with a dwelling to the rear. The multi-paned showcase window and recessed doorway are exceptionally fine examples of their type. Importantly, the first floor exterior retains its 1910 appearance. While the interior first floor has been converted to banking use it retains sufficient internal details to show its use as a commercial building.