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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY New Castle Hundred
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Short House (Rea & Price Map, 1849) Crossan House (Beers Atlas, 1868)		HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1591 Pulaski Highway (U.S. Route 40)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1798-1804	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Crossan House is an important example of the domestic architecture built by New Castle County's rural elite population of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It is significant because it retains nearly all of its original interior finish, including mantels, baseboards, and chair rails.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Coursed rubble stone foundation. Brick walls laid in continuous Flemish bond on front facade and common bond on sides and rear.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Main block measures 18'0" x 42'4"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Two story center hall, single pile, 5-bay structure with attached rear wing. Roof constructed of common rafters mortised at ridge and notched over plate. There is evidence of a pedimented door surround with flanking columns on the front facade.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center hall, double parlor floor plan with interior gable chimneys is unaltered from first period. First floor mantels are flanked by built-in cupboards with 3 tiers of butterfly shelves. Center hall & first floor parlors furnished with molded chair rails and molded baseboards.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Late 19th or early 20th century wing added in same location as earlier, pre-1820 addition.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished December 1989		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Rea & Price Map (1849); Beer's Atlas (1868); Hopkin's Map (1881); Baist' Map (1893). Herman, Bernard L. Architecture & Rural Life in Central Delaware, 1700-1900. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 1987, 29-33; Cultural Resource Survey Locus identification form, CRS-3, CRS # N-12,400, Document 20-06/78/04/7		
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