

III. PROPERTIES DOCUMENTED IN 1989-90

New Castle County

Site Name: Crossan House

Location: 1591 Pulaski Highway (U. S. Route 40)
Bear Vicinity
New Castle Hundred

Date of Fieldwork: June/July, December 1989

Threat: Demolition by development company for new construction

Type of Documentation: Partial Intensive--4" x 5" black and white photographs, scaled and detailed field notes, data sheet, cultural resource survey form. Dendrochronology samples were taken from the house during the demolition.

Significance: 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.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
LOCUS IDENTIFICATION FORM

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FORM CRS-3

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Quad NEWARK EAST
SPO map # 06-07-33
Hundred NEW CASTLE
DOCUMENT 20-06/78/04/7

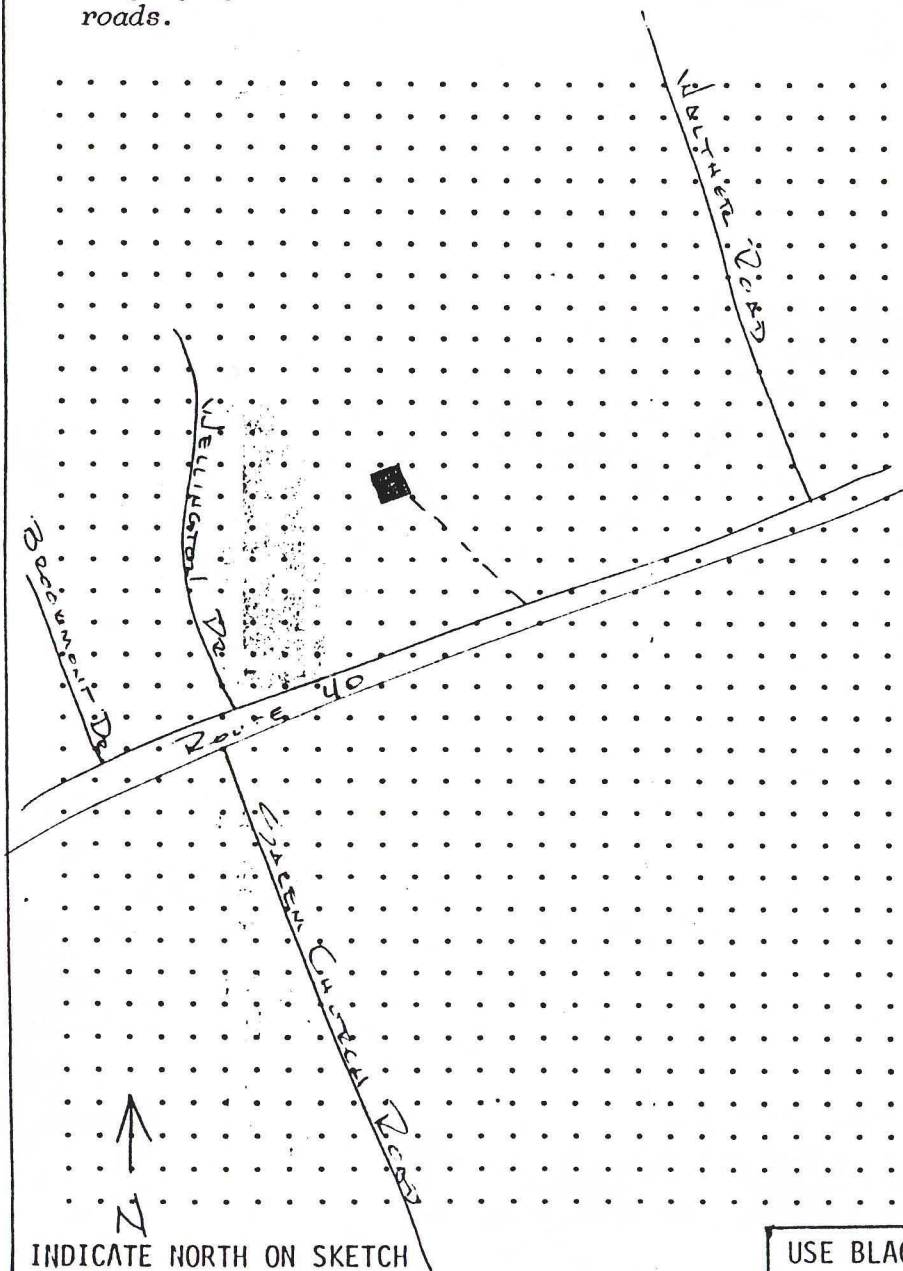
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1. NAME OF LOCUS: E. CROSSAN HOUSE (BERGIERE)
2. STREET LOCATION: 1591 POLASKI HIGHWAY (U.S. ROUTE 40)
WELLINGTON WOODS SUBDIVISION
3. OWNER'S NAME: _____ TEL. # _____
ADDRESS: _____
4. TYPE OF LOCUS: a) structure ☒ b) district _____ c) archaeological site _____
d) other _____
5. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) fallow field ☒ b) cultivated field _____ c) woodland _____
d) scattered buildings _____ e) densely built up _____ f) other _____
6. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) none known _____ b) zoning _____ c) roads _____ d) developers _____
e) deterioration _____ f) other DEMOLITION PERMIT FILED
7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER SURVEYS:
TITLE: LABS RECORDATION IN PROGRESS BY # _____
CENTER FOR HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AND
TITLE: ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE # _____
TITLE: _____ # _____
8. YOUR NAME: VALERIE CESNA TEL. # _____
YOUR ADDRESS: N.C. CO. DEPT. OF PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (if any) _____ DATE: 7-28-89

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8. SKETCH MAP

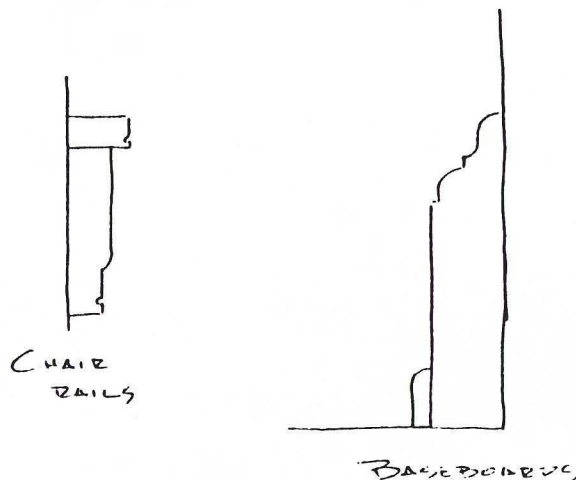
Please indicate position of locus in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and roads.



9. COMMENTS:

Consider the following:

- relationship to setting
- associated traditions or stories
- noteworthy features
- comparison with others in area



10. Comprehensive Planning:

- Time Period(s) 1770-1830 ±
- Cultural Concept LANDSCAPE, ECONOMIC (AG.)

11. Evaluation:

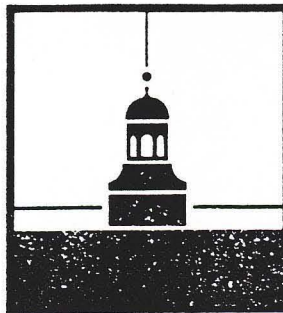
- ☒ Settlement & Development
- ☐ Cultural Historic & Ethnic Issues
- ☒ Built Environment
- ☐ Material Culture
- ☐ not eligible

Survey: Name/Title ESNA / HPI PLANNING
BAHP: Name/Title _____

Date 7-28-89
Date _____

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY STRUCTURAL DATA FORM

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DOCUMENT 20-06/78/08/14

1. ADDRESS OF STRUCTURE : 1591 POLAKI HIGHWAY (U.S. ROUTE 40)

2. DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

CENTER HALL, SINGLE PILE, PLUS REAR WING

a) Overall shape ELL
stories 2

bays 5

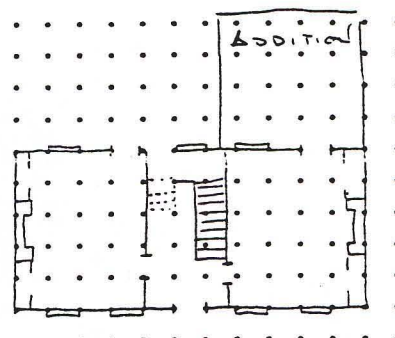
wings 2-STORY, FRAME, GABLE-ROOFED
REAR ADDITION

b) Structural system

BRICK MASONRY

c) Foundation

materials COURSSED RUBBLE STONE
basement FULL



SKETCH PLAN

d) Exterior walls

materials BRICK -- FACADE: FLEMISH BOND -- SIDES + REAR: 5/1 COMMON BOND
color(s) RED

e) Roof

shape: materials GABLE; ASPHALT SHINGLE
cornice MOLDED BRK (LIMA RECT) w/ BED MOLDING
dormers NONE

chimney location(s) 2 BRICK INTERIOR END

ALSO: 20TH C. COPULA WITH WEATHERVANE AT CENTER RIDGE LINE

f) Windows

spacing SYMMETRICAL

type 1ST FL: 9/9 SASH -- 2ND FL: 6/9 SASH

trim MOLDED WOODEN SURROUND PINNED AT CORNERS

shutters REMOVED FROM 1ST FLOOR (HINGE PINS REMAIN)

NO EVIDENCE OF SHUTTERS ON 2ND FLOOR

g) Door

spacing CENTER BAY

type RAISED PANELS (6)

trim PANELED REVEAL

h) Porches

location(s) FACADE -- SCARS ON BRICK WALL INDICATE

materials

supports

trim

THE REMOVAL OF A PORCH THAT
EXTENDED ACROSS 5 BAYS

i) Interior details (if accessible)

UNALTERED FROM FIRST PERIOD -- ON 1ST FLOOR MANTELS ARE
INTACT + FLANKED BY BUILT-IN CUPBOARDS WITH 3 TIER OF BUTTERFLY

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SHELVES; MOLDED CAMELS, MOLDED BASEBOARDS

3. CONDITION: good ☒ deteriorated ☐

remarks: _____

4. INTEGRITY: a) original site ☒ b) moved ☐
c) if moved, when and from where _____
d) list major alterations and dates (if known) _____

5. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1780's

6. ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____

7. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS.

a) barn ☐ b) carriage house ☐ c) garage ☐ d) privy ☐
e) shed ☐ f) greenhouse ☐ g) shop ☐ h) gardens ☐
i) icehouse ☐ j) springhouse ☐ k) other ☐

describe: _____

8. BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE ORIGINAL AND SUBSEQUENT USES OF THE STRUCTURE. NOTE ANY ASSOCIATIONS WITH HISTORIC EVENTS OR PERSONS:

SEE:

HERMAN, BERNARD L. ARCHITECTURE + RURAL LIFE
IN CENTRAL DELAWARE, 1700-1900. THE UNIVERSITY
OF TENNESSEE PRESS, 1987. (PAGES 29-33)

1816 TAX ASSESSMENT LISTS ABRAHAM SHORT AS OWNING
"12.0 [ACRES] IMPROVED WITH 1 LARGE BRICK DWELLING, GOOD
WOODEN BARN + STABLES - 80 [ACRES] WOODLAND + SWAMP"

9. Primary References: (include location of reference).

REA + PRICE MAP (1849): J. SHORT
BEERS' ATLAS (1868): E. CROSSAN
HOPKIN'S MAP (1881): E. CROSSAN 19C A.
BAILEY'S MAP (1893): E. CROSSAN 19C A.

10. Surveyor: VALERIE C. FINE Date of Form: 7-28-89

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