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The Refuge
910 Vance Neck Road
Odessa vicinity
St. Georges Hundred
New Castle County, Delaware

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Tax parcel # 13-019.00-004

A House

The house is composed of at least four periods of construction. Period I, likely dating to 1800-1825, was a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story, brick, side-passage plan dwelling. Period II, likely built in the late nineteenth century, was a four-bay, two-story, frame addition on the east gable end of the Period I block. Period III represented the expansion of the Period II block on the first floor only, with a shed-roofed, frame addition. Period IV provided a one-story frame enclosed work/storage area off the east end of the Period II/III frame wing.

B Chicken Coop

The chicken coop is constructed of whitewashed, circular-sawn timbers covered with vertical board siding and tin roofing over original wood shingles. This building most likely dates to the mid-twentieth century.

C Fence

D Granary/Corncrib with Shed/Garage

This building was constructed in two periods, with the granary/corncrib dating to the late nineteenth or early twentieth century, and the shed/garage to the mid-twentieth century. The front-gable braced-frame granary/corncrib is two stories tall with a wide central aisle on the first floor. Cribs line the two sides of the aisle, with narrow doorways to permit access to the storage spaces. An open stair along the west wall of the central aisle leads to the second floor, which is currently an open space.

The shed-roofed frame addition on the east elevation was originally an open equipment shed, but was enclosed in the mid-twentieth century to serve as a garage. The interior is now lined with modern wall coverings.

Vertical board siding covers most of the exterior of both sections.

E Milk House

The one-story, front-gable, concrete block milk house was most likely constructed in the 1940s. The exterior is painted red to match the other outbuildings; doors and windows are frame. The interior is lined with tightly fitted horizontal boards,

painted white. A poured concrete cooling trough sits in one corner of the single room.

F Dairy Barn with Cow Shed

The two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, braced-frame barn was likely constructed in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century and then retrofitted to meet early-twentieth-century regulations for dairying. The interior of the main barn is whitewashed and fitted with wooden stanchions for milking. The westernmost bay of the original section was partitioned for stalls and extended with a one-story shed off the south elevation. In the mid-twentieth-century, probably in conjunction with construction of the milk house, this shed was extended further with a one-story, concrete block cow shed, open on the east elevation to the barnyard.

G Silo

Built of poured concrete, the silo was likely constructed between 1930 and 1950, possibly in conjunction with the milk house and cow shed.

H Machine Shed

The gable-roofed machine shed is open on the east elevation. Metal poles on concrete bases support the east edge of the roof, with circular-sawn timbers framing the other three walls. Vertical board siding covers the exterior, and a metal roof covers the original wood shingles. This building likely dates to the first half of the twentieth century.

I Garden