

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM-PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Bureau of Historic Preservation

P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code/Tax Parcel/Other _____ Multiple _____

Municipality: _____ Whitpain Township

Address: _____ County: _____ Montgomery

Historic Name/Other Name: _____ Jolly Road / DeKalb Pike Group

SITE PLAN

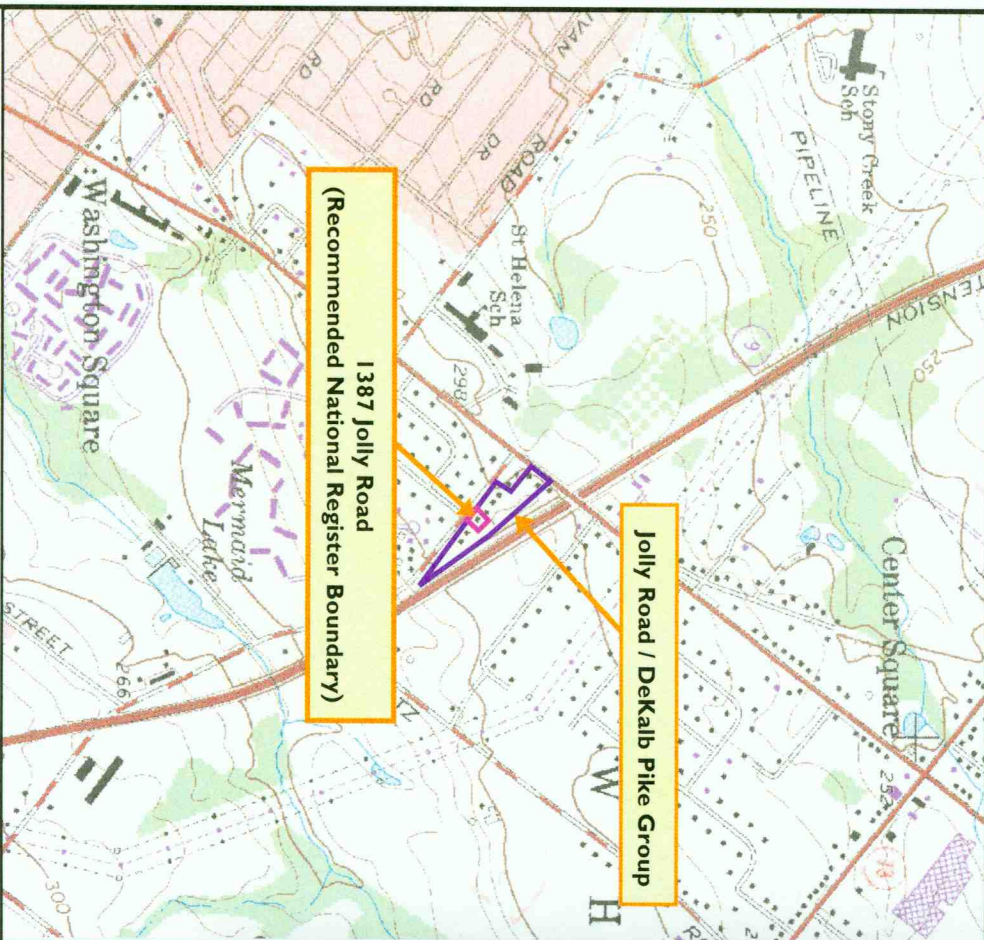
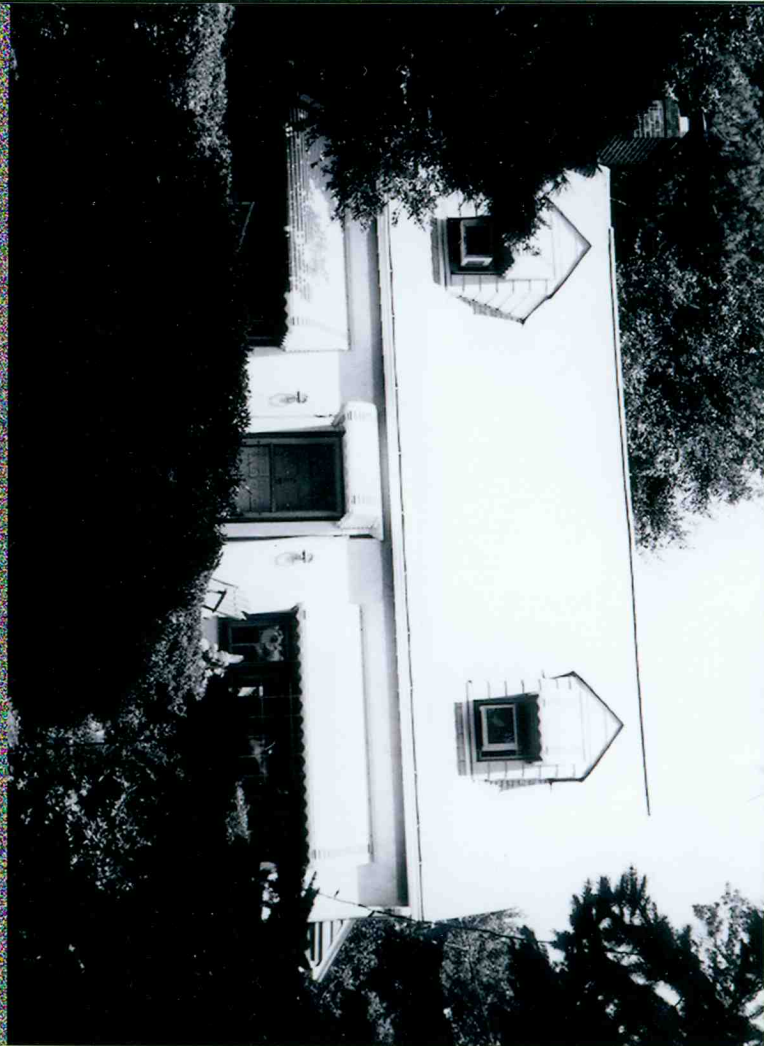
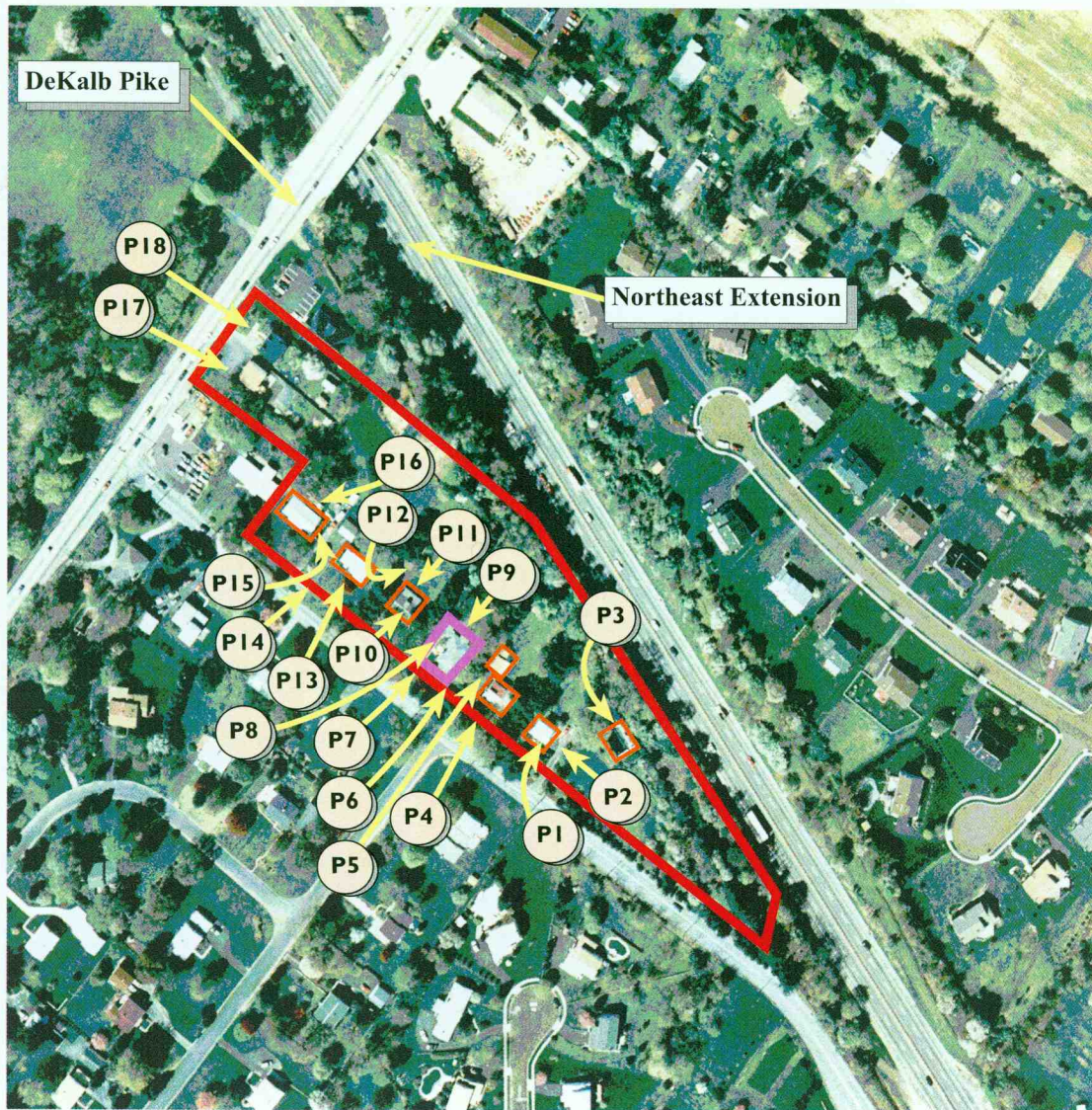






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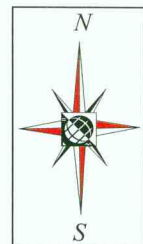


Number	Description of View	Direction of Camera
P1	1379 Jolly Road, Front	NE
P2	1379 Jolly Road, View Looking Northwest	NW
P3	1379 Jolly Road, Pool Shed	S
P4	1385 Jolly Road, Front	N
P5	1385 Jolly Road, Garage	NE
P6-19	Please see attached sheet	
Photographer Name: Erin Hammerstedt		Date: July 2001

Jolly Road/DeKalb Pike Group



-  Recommended National Register Boundary
-  Building Location
-  - Photo Location
-  Jolly Road/DeKalb Pike Grouping



PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation
P. O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Survey Code: _____ **Tax Parcel/Other No:** multiple
County: Montgomery (091)
Municipality: Whitpain Township
Address: Jolly Road and Dekalb Road
Historic Name:
Other Name: Jolly Road/DeKalb Pike Group
Owner Name/Address: multiple
Owner Category:
 Private ☒ **Public-Local**
 Public-State **Public-Federal**
Resource Category:
 Building ☒ **District**
 Site **Structure**
 Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form: 8
USGS Quad: Lansdale
UTM References:
 A. 474558E 4445188N **B.** 474690E 4445081N **C.** 474823E 4445863N **D.** 474558E 4445011N
 E. 474584E 4445102N **F.** 474528E 4445147N

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS

Historic Function Category:	Subcategory:	Code:
A. Domestic	Single Dwelling	01A
B.		
C.		
D.		
Particular Type:		
A.		
B.		
C.		
D.		
Current Function Category:	Subcategory:	Code:
A. Domestic	Single Dwelling	01A
B.		
C.		
D.		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification:
A: Colonial Revival (55)
B:
C:
D:

EXTERIOR MATERIALS

Foundation: Brick (30)

Roof: Asphalt (63)

Walls: Brick (30)

Structural System: Brick (30)

Other:

Width: 3 bays (C)

Depth: 2 rooms (B)

Stories/Height: 1-1/2 (A) to 2 1/2 (B)

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: 1947-1952

Additions/Alterations Dates:

Basis for Dating:

Documentary: X

Physical: X

Explain: Dates were derived from the buildings' styles, historic maps, tax assessment records, and deed records.

Cultural/Ethnic Affiliation: 1.

2.

Associated Individuals: 1.

2.

Associated Events: 1.

2.

Architects/Engineers: 1.

2.

Builders: 1.

2.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

Please see attached bibliography

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

None

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: 1387 Jolly Road appears to be individually eligible under Criterion C. None of the remaining properties are eligible either individually or as a district.

Explain: Please see attached narrative

Contributes to Potential District: No

District Name/Status:

Threats:

1. None X

2. Public Development

3. Private Development

4. Neglect

5. Other

Explain:

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Surveyor Name: Erin Hammerstedt and Lauren Archibald

A.D. Marble & Company

Date: July 2001

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**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM-
NARRATIVE SHEET 96CBR
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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Survey Code:

County: Montgomery

Municipality: Whitpain

Address: Jolly Road and Dekalb Pike (multiple)

Historic/Other Name: Jolly Road/DeKalb Pike Group

I. Physical Description

1384 DeKalb Pike: This resource is a two-story frame dwelling, with a first level that has been converted for commercial use. The building has a rectangular plan, is three bays wide and two rooms deep, and has a side gable roof. The exterior of the building is clad in stucco and vinyl siding. There is a pent roof across the front façade, along with a central door flanked by altered modern windows. The building houses a barbershop, has a two-story deck across the rear façade, and has a large parking area in front of the house. It was built in 1947.

1372 DeKalb Pike: This resource is a single-family residence in the Cape Cod style, and was built around 1947. It is rectangular in plan; one and one half stories high, two rooms deep, with a steeply pitched side gable roof. The building is constructed of stucco over what was likely concrete block. There are two large gable roofed dormers on the main façade. There is an external end chimney along the side façade. The main façade has three bays with a central entrance flanked by two sets of multipane picture windows. The building has an asphalt shingle roof. The house has four bedrooms, one bath, and a basement crawl space.

1393 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence built around 1951 in the vernacular Cape Cod style. It is L-shaped in plan, one and one half stories high, and two rooms deep, with a side gable roof and side porch. The building is constructed of frame with a brick veneer. There is an external end chimney along the front façade, with an attached shed-roofed porch on the side facade. The main façade has three asymmetrically placed bays with an off-center entrance flanked by a single window to the side and the cross gable portion of the building on the other side. The house has two bedrooms, one and one-half baths, and a full basement.

1395 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence in the Ranch style. It is rectangular in plan, one story high, and two rooms deep, with a side gable roof. The building is irregular in that it has a centrally placed cross gable wing with a chimney on the front façade of the wing. The building is constructed of veneer brick, with aluminum siding at the gable ends. The house has a wood deck across the rear façade and a shed roof porch across a portion of the main façade. The building has three bedrooms, one and one-half baths, a full basement, and was constructed about 1951.

1391 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence in the Cape Cod style. The building is one and one half stories, rectangular in plan, with a side gable roof. The main façade has three symmetrical bays: two single windows flanking a central entry. There are two dormers across the main façade, both with gable roofs. The house is clad in aluminum siding. There is a shed roof porch across the rear façade, and a concrete block chimney along the side façade. The property also has a garage. The house was constructed about 1952 and has three bedrooms, one and one half baths, and a full basement.

1387 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence in the Prairie style, and was built around 1948. The building is one story high, roughly rectangular in plan, with a rounded front section and a garage attached by a breezeway. The main portion of the house is centered on a large stepped brick chimney, integrated into the main wall of the house. The house is constructed of white brick, with decorative red brick banding around the window and door openings. The rounded front portion of the house appears to be an enclosed living room or porch, having banded windows across the entire sweep of the façade. The roof is shallow and hipped, clad in asphalt shingles. Many of the windows are casement type, typical of the style. The building has three bedrooms, one and one half baths, and a full basement.

1385 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence in the vernacular Bungalow style. The building is one and one-half stories, rectangular in plan, with a side gable roof. The main façade has three asymmetrically placed bays, with the entry offset from the center. The two large windows flanking the central entry are multi-paned picture windows with shutters. There is a large gable roofed dormer in the center of the main façade, with paired double-hung windows. The house is partially clad with wooden siding, and partially with stucco. There is a side wing on the house, as well as a side gable end chimney. There is a wooden frame garage on the property; it has two bays, and is covered with stucco on parts. The residence was built in the 1950s, and has four bedrooms, one and one half baths, and a full basement.

1379 Jolly Road: This resource is a single-family residence, built around 1951, in the Cape Cod style. It is rectangular in plan; one and one half stories high, two rooms deep, with a steeply pitched side gable roof. The building is constructed of stucco over what was likely concrete block. There are two gable-roofed dormers on the main façade. There is an external end chimney along the side façade. The main façade has three bays with a central entrance flanked by two sets of multipane picture windows. Aluminum awnings shield all of the windows. The building has an asphalt shingle roof. The house has three bedrooms, one and one half baths, and a basement.

II. Historical Narrative

Around 1950, what is now this section of Jolly Road was called Center Square Road, probably named after the crossroads community of Center Square to the north at the intersection of DeKalb Pike (S.R. 0202) and Skippack Pike (S.R. 0073). There was a Jolly Road at that time, but it was farther to the south in Plymouth Township. By the time the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was built in the late 1950s, parts of Center Square Road had been removed, but this portion remained and was joined with Jolly Road to the south. Sometime between 1948

and 1950, there were eight lots laid out along this part of Jolly Road (Grantor Index 1947-1948, Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds). The 1951 USGS topographic map shows four standing buildings on the east side of the road. The survey was made by John V. Hoey, dated September 22, 1948, and revised on May 22, 1949 (MCDB 2002 1949:512). At that time, most or all of the land was under the ownership of His Eminence Dennis J. Dougherty, Cardinal Archbishop of Philadelphia (ibid.).

The house at 1387 Jolly Road, which included Lot 6 of Hoey's plan, was probably the first in the group to be built. Stephen Condra acquired the lot from Archbishop Dougherty on June 6, 1949 (MCDB 2002 1949:451). Tax assessment records indicate that the house was built in 1948. According to the next-door neighbors at 1391 Jolly Road, who had their own residence built around 1952, Mr. Condra was "in the construction business," and he had his house built for him (Lentz, personal communication 2001).

III. Determination of Eligibility

Based upon the criteria outlined in *National Register Bulletin: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation* (National Park Service 1997), 1391, 1385, 1379, 1395, and 1393 Jolly Road, and 1384 and 1372 DeKalb Pike do not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register either individually or as contributing elements of a district. None of these properties are associated with events or broad patterns that have contributed to our history, and so they are not significant under Criterion A. None of these properties are associated with any individuals of particular importance in the area; thus they are not eligible under Criterion B. Because none of these houses are representative of a particular type, period, or method of construction, and do not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic values, they are not significant under Criterion C. Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time because archaeological investigations at this property have not yet been concluded.

The house at 1387 Jolly Road appears to meet the requirements for eligibility under Criterion C. The architect or designer for the house is not known, but it is by far the most stylish and unusual residence from its period in the area, with its prominent curvilinear sunroom/living room across the front of the building. These features, along with the ribbon windows; broad, flat chimneys, hip roof, low proportions, and casement windows were characteristic of Prairie-style architecture that originated in the Mid-West and was mastered by Frank Lloyd Wright and his followers. The heyday of Prairie-style architecture was diminishing after about 1915, and this house was built about 33 years later. Although it makes important references to the Prairie style, some of its attributes were also quite contemporary for the late 1940s. Many Prairie houses from the early twentieth century had more diverse wall treatments, broad overhanging eaves, and somewhat more decorative windows than this house. The house at 1387 Jolly Road is a pared-down version that was more in keeping with the day; it features smooth wall surfaces, it has only one story, and is somewhat smaller in the manner of Frank Lloyd Wright's later "Usonian" houses. The smoother wall surfaces and the curved, one-story sections such as the one on this house were also employed during the later Art Moderne period. The property at 1387 Jolly Road is a fine, very late or revival example of a Prairie house in the manner of the late 1940s. As such, the property at 1387 Jolly Road should be considered individually

eligible under Criterion C for listing in the National Register. The recommended National Register boundary for the property includes the portion of Montgomery County tax parcel 66-00-02959-008 that contains the single family dwelling and the semi-attached garage. The recommended National Register boundary excludes land northeast of the dwelling and garage that does not relate to the property's significance under Criterion C. The resource is not individually significant under Criteria A or B. Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time because archaeological investigations have not yet been concluded.

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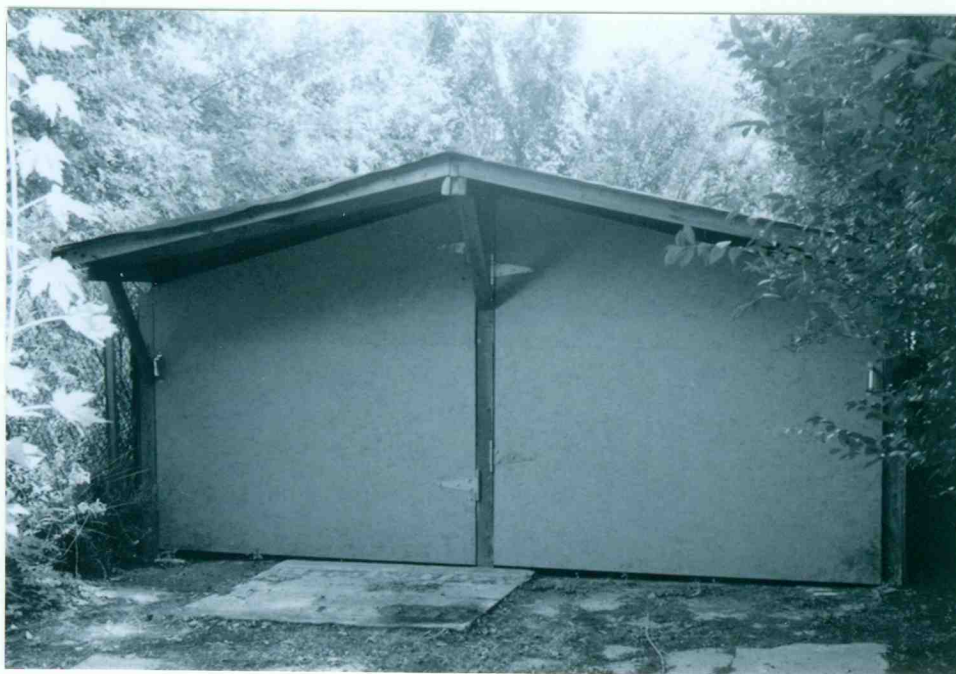
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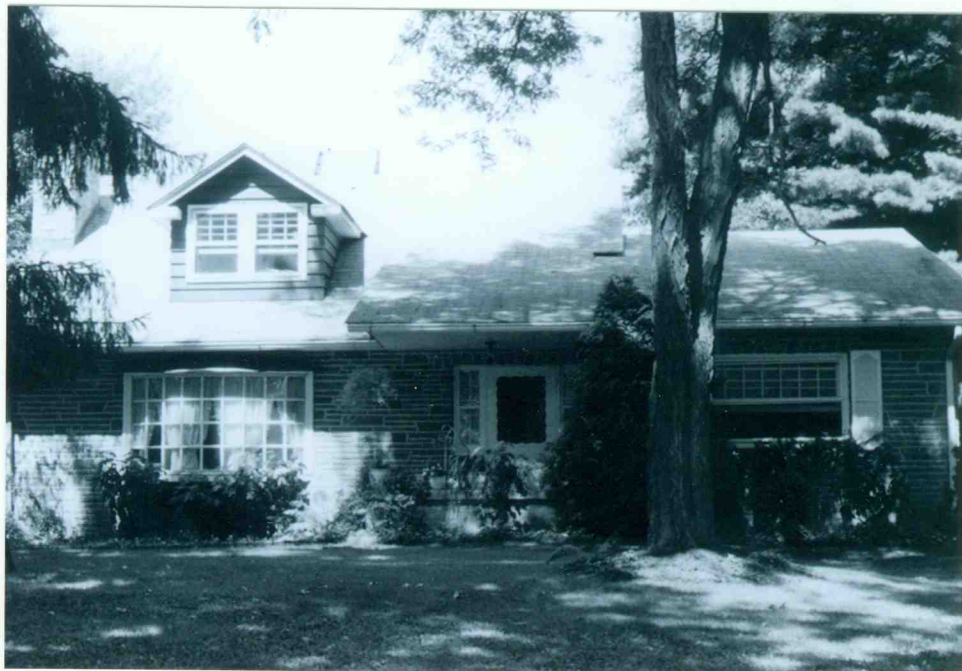
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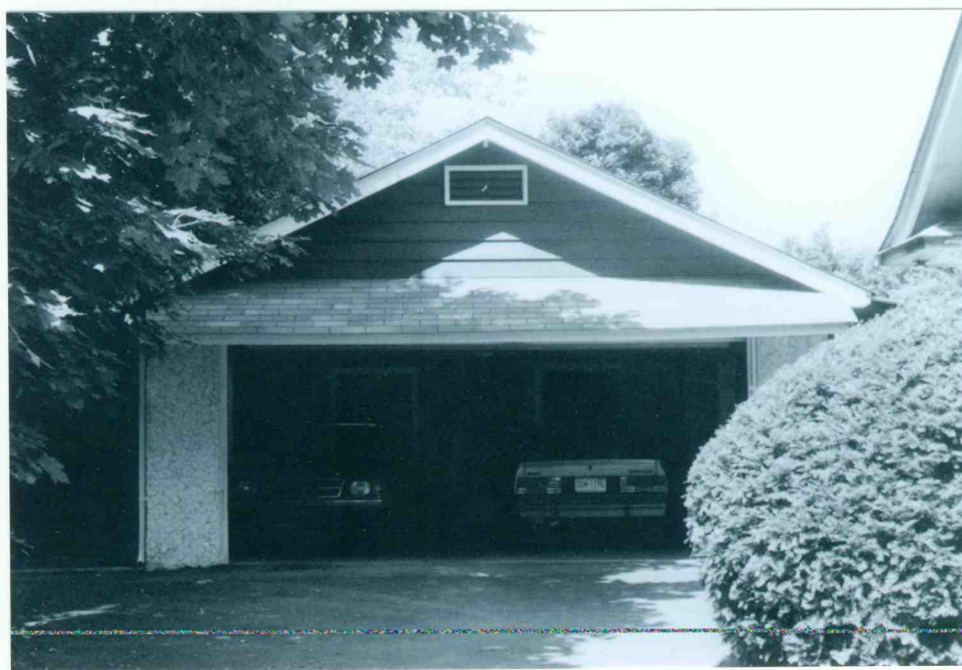
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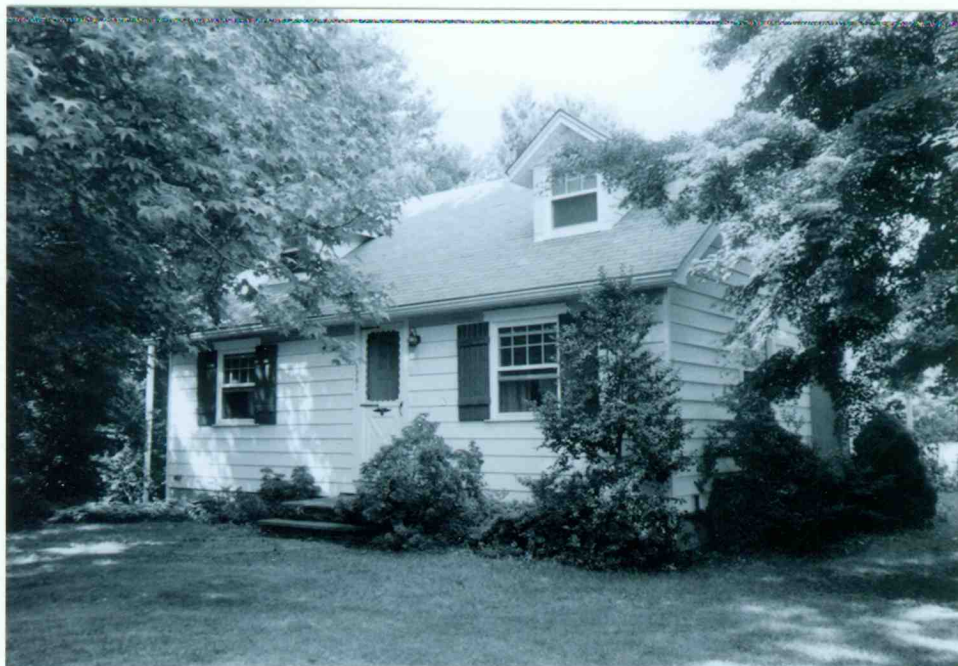
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Photograph 4: 1385 Jolly Road, Front (July 2001).



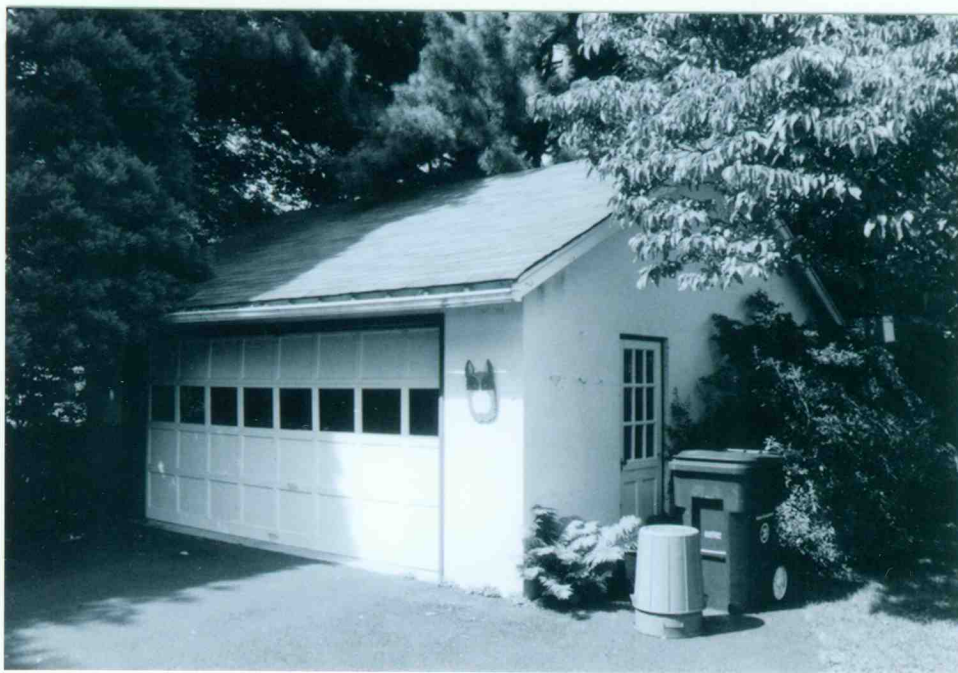
Photograph 5: 1385 Jolly Road, Garage (July 2001).



Photograph 10: 1391 Jolly Road, Front, Looking Northeast (July 2001).



Photograph 11: 1391 Jolly Road, Rear, Looking East (July 2001).



Photograph 12: 1391 Jolly Road, Garage (July 2001).



Photograph 13: 1393 Jolly Road, View Looking Northeast (July 2001).



Photograph 14: 1393 Jolly Road, Garage (July 2001).



Photograph 15: 1395 Jolly Road, View Looking Northwest (July 2001).



Photograph 16: 1395 Jolly Road, View Looking Southwest (July 2001).



Photograph 17: 1384 DeKalb Pike, View Looking Southeast (July 2001).



Photograph 18: 1372 DeKalb Pike, View Looking Southeast (July 2001).