

## ABSTRACT

This historic structures survey presents the results of studies and eligibility assessments conducted as part of the proposed BR 159 James Street over Christina River replacement project. The project is located within parts of the Town of Newport and New Castle Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The BR 159 James Street over Christina River proposed project involves replacement of the existing bascule bridge with a fixed bridge span. This report was completed on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to fulfill the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This report addresses only above-ground historic resources. Archaeological resources are investigated in a separate survey report.

The scope of work for the current project was determined in consultation with DelDOT Cultural Resources Staff. The project team prepared an Area of Potential Effects (APE) to encompass all properties within or adjacent to the proposed bridge replacement project. The APE includes those areas of direct and indirect potential impacts associated with the proposed project. Generally, the APE is limited to all properties adjacent to the proposed project bridge site and includes 59.68 acres total area. Initial background research was undertaken in February and March 2012. DelDOT, McCormick Taylor, Inc., and representatives from BASF Corporation conducted a site visit in February 2012. BASF Site Manager Rudy Merstetter met with the project team to discuss the project and cultural resources. Peter Liebermann, with BASF Corporation, provided a tour of the plant.

A total of three (3) resources 50 years in age or older were identified within the project study area. Two (2) of the resources have been previously surveyed: Joseph Tatnall House (N12807) and BR 159 James Street over Christina River (N04294). The Joseph Tatnall House was previously listed in the National Register. The BR 159 James Street over Christina River was previously determined not eligible for the National Register. McCormick Taylor, Inc. documented and evaluated one (1) newly identified resource, the Krebs Pigment & Color Corporation Building A-47 (N12806.001). The Krebs Pigment & Color Corporation Building A-47 is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a result of this study. By its own individual merit, the building is being recommended eligible under Criteria A and C. Although not commensurate with the undertaking and beyond the scope of this work effort to fully determine, the building is significantly associated with the Krebs Pigment Plant and could be contributing to a much larger plant facilities operation. A preliminary assessment condition to the overall Krebs plant is offered to this study, but was not a necessary objective to first determine the historic status of the entire property and plant operation.

Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms and related documentation for the Krebs Pigment & Color Corporation Building A-47 and BR 159 James Street over Christina River are being submitted with this report to the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DE SHPO) for review of the eligibility recommendations for the National Register. All original repository forms and report information are held at the DE SHPO and at DelDOT. Both offices are located in Dover, Delaware.