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The expanded APE includes one 50-year-old resource: the Thomas James House (K-2686; Figure 4).

3.1 Background Research

Prior to any field surveys, the files of the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (DESHPO) were examined for previous documentation of resources in the APE. The Thomas James House was previously documented in 1980. However, the resource was not evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register as part of the 1980 survey effort. Additional research on the history of the property was conducted at the Kent County Courthouse and the Delaware State Archives in Dover, Delaware.

3.2 Field Survey

After conducting background research, a field survey was carried out in September 2007 to record the Thomas James House and to field check the previous documentation. During the course of fieldwork, sketch maps and descriptions of the property were prepared, and the property was photographed using black and white 35mm film. Color digital photographs were also taken to supplement the black-and-white film photography as well as to document the expanded project limits. DESHPO Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms were filled out manually in the field, and this information was later entered into computerized forms.

3.3 Documentation and Evaluation

In order to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, a resource (e.g., building, site, structure, object, or district) must meet the 50-year age criterion or meet the criteria consideration for properties achieving significance within the last 50 years. In addition to meeting the age consideration, resources must also meet the Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR § 60.4) and retain sufficient integrity from its period of significance as stated in *National Register Bulletin, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:

- a. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- b. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- c. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- d. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory (National Park Service [NPS] 1997).

Since the property was surveyed in 1980, a CRS Survey Update Form was completed for the Thomas James House and a CRS Secondary Building Form was prepared for the associated tool/wood shed, which was not fully documented in 1980. The property was re-photographed in order to show current conditions. In addition to the CRS forms, a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) form was also completed for the property.

**Figure 4: K-2686 - Thomas James House
Expanded Project Limits And APE Addendum**
SR 1, Little Heaven Intersection
South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware



1,000 0 1,000 Feet



Previous APE
Revised APE

Source: US 1m Orthophotography