

Delaware Archaeology Month 2011

The Delaware Department of Transportation will be building a new U.S. 301 highway in New Castle County. Archaeologists are finding some amazing early historic sites associated with 17th- and 18th-century road systems, such as Augustine Herman's Cart Road from Bohemia Landing to Appoquinimink.

The U.S. Route 301 Project

A variety of 18th century buttons from a domestic site near Scott Run.



Flint artifacts.

Top: two musket sized small type gunflints made from a mottled grey flint.
Bottom (left to right): Strike-a-lights or cores leftover from local gunflint productions.



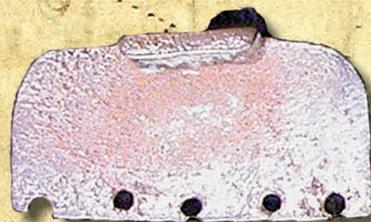
A topshell *Trochus niloticus* exhibiting holes resulting from the extraction of button blanks.



Brass Chinese coin with square hole in center, marked Kung Pu (Board of Public Works) in Boo-Yuwan (Peking/Beijing). Minted during the Qing/Ching Dynasty under Emperor Kao-Tsung, between 1736 and 1795.



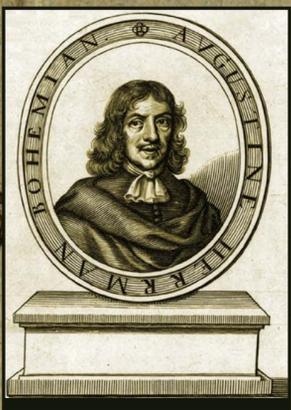
Brass book hinge.



Early 18th century cellar hole. Phase IB survey, Section 1, Borrow Area 7.



Cast iron cauldron ear.



Augustine Herman (c. 1621 - 1686) established the early cart road from Bohemia Manor to the Appoquinimink. Image from the Herrman, Augustine. Map of Virigina and Maryland. 1673.

Background: Manuscript Map of Bohemia Landing and Adjacent Lands at the Head of the Bohemia River. Circa 1740. (Source: Rumsey Family Papers, Box 5, Folder 2, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.)

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