

ABSTRACT

The Phase II cultural resource survey of all historic sites within the Early Action Segment of the State Route 1 Relief Route, which covers 17.0 miles of proposed right-of-way between Dover and Smyrna, Delaware, was conducted between January 1988 and June 1989. A total of eleven historic archaeological sites dating from the mid-eighteenth century to the 1940s within the Proposed Right-of-Way were tested during the survey. Phase II testing was undertaken to determine the limits, significance, and eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. Seven of the sites that may be adversely affected by the proposed project were determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D "that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history." Two of these sites, the Buchanan-Savin Farm Site (N-6272, 7NC-J-175) and the Moore Taylor House Site (K-6432, 7K-C-380), are mid- to late-nineteenth century owner-occupied farms. The remaining five eligible sites are agricultural tenancies. Three of these tenancies, the Mannee-Cahoon Site (K-6446, 7K-A-117), Lewis-E Site (K-6385; 7K-C-362), and Loockerman's Range Site (K-6388B; 7K-C-365B) were occupied during the mid- to late-eighteenth century. The two remaining tenancies, the H. Wilson-Lewis Tenant Farm Site (K-6414-7K-C-375) and the C. Kimmey Tenant Farm Site (K-6440; 7K-D-119), were occupied from the mid-nineteenth until the early twentieth centuries.

Further work is recommended on these sites if avoidance is impossible. Four sites that may be adversely affected were determined not to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Two of these sites are agriculturally-related: the G. W. Cummins House Outbuildings Component (K-156.2; 7K-A-104), the remains of late nineteenth and early twentieth century farm outbuildings, and the Izat-Dyer House Site (K-493; 7K-D-3), a mid-nineteenth century tenant farm. Two other site areas, the John Denny House and nearby Denny Family Cemetery, were not located by Phase II testing.