Urban Archaeology:  
Kielkopf House Site  
DelDOT Odessa Turn Lane

An archaeological survey in the historic town of Odessa was conducted to provide clearance for a turn lane from Highway 13 Southbound and Route 299, part of the ongoing State Route 1 Project. Construction of the turn lane, sidewalk, and drainage system, will impact portions of the Kielkopf House and Blacksmith Shop Site (1888-1990), razed just prior to acquisition by the State of Delaware in the late 1980s.

The investigations provided a good avenue for public outreach for the DelDOT project. One of the Kielkopf descendants became involved with the project, and provided dozens of photographs to aid the archaeologists in both the placement of excavation units and in site interpretation.

In the excavations, archaeologists uncovered:
- Two brick-lined wells (1880s)
- Stone cellar walls (1880s)
- Blacksmith shop foundations (1920s)
- Buried historic sidewalk (1920s)
- WPA era privies (1930s)

Ceramic sherds excavated at the Kielkopf House.

Larkin Soap Co. bottle (early 20th century).