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ABSTRACT

In January, 1987, an architectural assessment was conducted along that portion of State Route 7 lying between U.S. Route 13 and Interstate 95 in New Castle and White Clay Creek Hundreds, and also at Milltown Road in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The work was undertaken by the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The purpose of the survey was to provide information for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in the Bureau of Archaeology Historic Preservation (BAHP). A program of documentary and research and field investigation was employed to inventory four properties on Route 7 ranging in date from the late 18th to late 19th centuries. Three of these were once associated with agricultural activities; the fourth property includes a former gristmill and a dwelling associated with the crossroads community of Milltown. In consultation with the BAHP, DelDOT and FHWA, three properties were evaluated as meeting the standards of integrity and architectural importance necessary for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

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