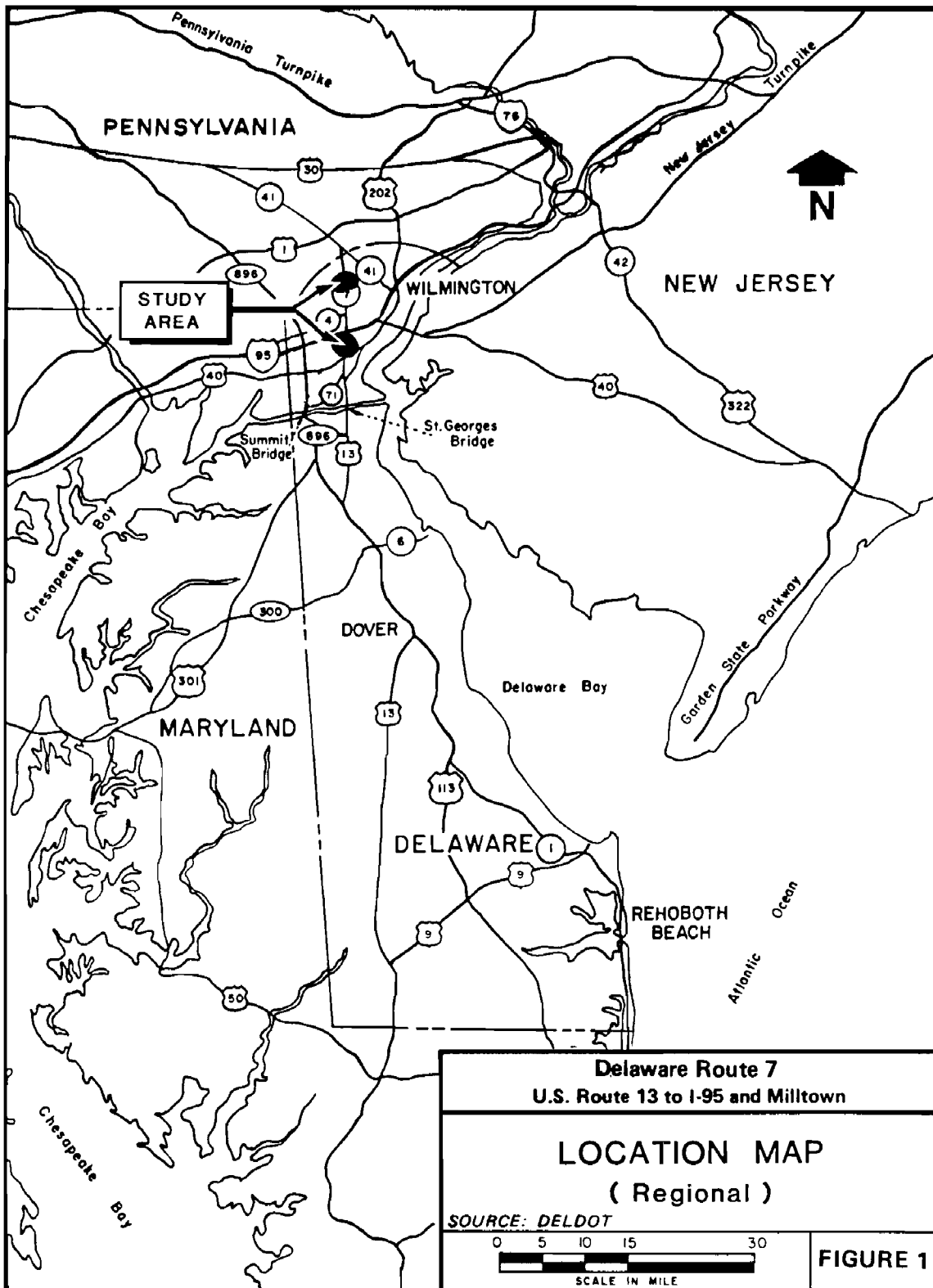


INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to describe architectural investigations at two locations on State Route 7 in New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1). The fieldwork and report preparation, occurring between January and April, 1987, were conducted by the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. for the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. As specified under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the goal was to identify significant, or potentially significant, architectural resources as defined by the National Register of Historic Places (36CFR60, sec. 1202) in and near areas of proposed relocation of Route 7. New Castle County, along with the rest of Delaware, has been the subject of the BAHP's on-going surveys of the state's pre-1945 cultural resources. For this particular highway project, more intensive historic and prehistoric archaeological investigations along Route 7 between I-95 and U.S. Route 13 were conducted in 1981-82 by DelDOT and in 1985-6 by the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research, and the results were issued as No. 58 in the DelDOT Archaeological Series. That portion of Route 7 north of Milltown has also been subject to archaeological and architectural investigations (Catts et al. 1986; Bowers 1986) on behalf of DelDOT and FHWA.



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