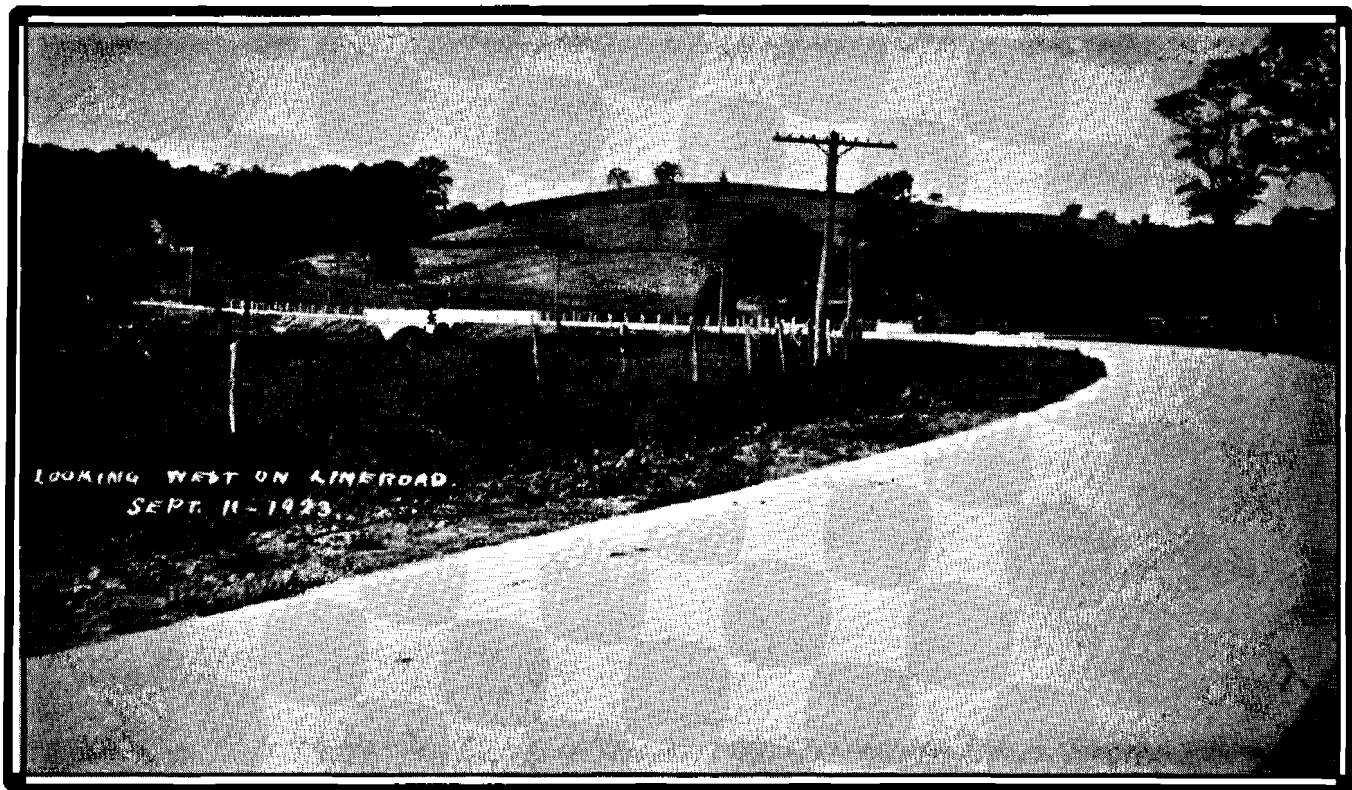


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## **ABSTRACT**

A Cultural Resource Survey of the Route 7 (Limestone Road) corridor, extending from the Milltown Road intersection to the Pennsylvania State Line, was conducted by archaeologists from the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research between February and June of 1985. Funding for the project was provided by the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Archival research and archaeological testing were carried out to identify, locate, and determine the significance of all cultural resources in the project area. A total of sixteen cultural resources, both historic and prehistoric, were identified. Due to access problems, the significance and integrity of five of the historic resources identified were not able to be determined, and Phase II testing at these sites will have to be completed at a future date. These sites are the Mermaid Tavern Site complex, the Tweed's Tavern Site, and the G. Klair House Site. Three of the sites identified were found to be sufficiently significant for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These sites are the Armor Site, the Hockessin Valley Site, and the Beeson Yeatman House Site.

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to describe Phase I and II archaeological investigations of the proposed Route 7 North corridor. The project area is located in northern New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1), and includes approximately 5.3 miles of right of way (Figure 2). The field work and report preparation took place between October 1984 and November 1985. The survey work was undertaken by the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research for the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to evaluate the effects of the proposed relocation of Delaware Route 7 on significant, or potentially significant, cultural resources as defined by the National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 60). The built environment of standing structures is not considered in this report.

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Overviews of the regional environmental setting of the project area and the regional prehistory and history are presented below.

**Environmental Setting**

The Route 7 North project area is located in the Delaware Piedmont Uplands. The summary of the local environmental setting presented below is abstracted from the work of Custer (1984:23-25) and Custer and DeSantis (1985a).