

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to describe architectural investigations of the proposed Route 7 North Corridor in northern New Castle County, Delaware. The fieldwork and report preparation, occurring between February and April, 1986, 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 evaluate the effects of the proposed relocation of Delaware Route 7 on significant, or potentially significant, architectural resources as defined by the National Register of Historic Places (36CFR60, sec. 1202). Historic and prehistoric archaeological investigations of the proposed Route 7 North Corridor were conducted in 1984 and 1985 by the University of Delaware Center for Archaeological Research. The results have been issued as No. 47 in the DelDot Archaeological Series, to which this architectural report may be considered a companion document.

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## METHODS

The purpose of the architectural investigation was to examine buildings and structures of potential architectural significance that would likely be affected by proposed relocation of Route 7 north. The investigation was carried out through implementation of these steps:

1. Preliminary data collection, through examination of historic maps, U.S.G.S. maps, previous surveys, published historical works, and files of the Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.
2. Intensive field survey during which 16 properties were recorded on field inventory forms designed to collect basic physical data about each structure.
3. Site-specific historical research, focusing primarily on potentially significant properties, to obtain additional information about their history. Deeds, wills, inventories and tax lists were the principal sources consulted.
4. Assembly of site-specific data on location, physical characteristics, and historical associations; preliminary evaluations of significance.
5. Consultation with the Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation on the potential eligibility of the recorded resources for the National Register of Historic Places.

6. Preparation of Determination of Eligibility forms, updated BAHP Cultural Resource Survey forms, and a report summarizing the findings of the architectural investigation.