

APPENDIX C
EXCAVATION SCHEDULE AND
PROVENIENCE RECORDATION
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The order in which each block was to be studied was determined by highway construction schedules and was established before fieldwork began. Each block was assigned a stage number indicating its position in the schedule. Phase I and Phase II investigations were to be conducted consecutively on each block when that block was studied. The letter designations assigned to each block for accession purposes reflect the order in which they were actually excavated (Table 1).

Accession numbers were assigned in the field, using a variation of the excavation register system described by Noel Hume (1968:89-91). This system had been in use for historic site excavations in the state of Delaware since 1972. The accession numbers used for this project consist of the following:

1. The Delaware Cultural Resource Survey number for the Wilmington Boulevard Historic District (N5259).
2. A letter designating the area or block.
3. An Excavation Register (ER) number designating the excavation unit. These numbers were assigned in numerical order as excavation units were opened. Features were also assigned Excavation Register numbers.
4. A letter designating the deposit within a given excavation unit or feature.
5. A number indicating a division, usually arbitrary, within a deposit.

Thus, N5259A16E1 would be the accession number assigned to artifacts from Area A (Orange Street to Tatnall Street block), the sixteenth excavation unit or feature opened (in this case, 30N/110W from the southeast corner stake), the fifth level within that unit, and the first 0.5 foot of that level. In the discussion of the field results which follows, deposits and features will both be designated by their block letters and excavation register numbers and field numbers (e.g. Feature No. 17).

Following the completion of fieldwork, and at the request of the Department of Transportation, utility trenching activities associated with the construction of Wilmington Boulevard were monitored. When major refuse-bearing features, such as privies, were exposed by the construction, we recorded their location and obtained a sample of the artifacts present within the features.

TABLE 1. Block Designations

Area A:	Orange Street to Tatnall Street
Area B:	ShIPLEY Street to Orange Street
Area C:	ShIPLEY Street to Market Street
Area D:	Market Street to King Street, south half
Area E:	Market Street to King Street, north half
Area F:	Market Street to King Street, designation for all backhoe trenches
Area G:	Tatnall Street to West Street
Area H:	West Street to Washington Street
Area I:	Justison Street to Washington Street
