INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of Phase III data recovery excavations conducted at the H. Grant Tenancy site (7NC-B-6) in New Castle County, Delaware by Thunderbird Archeological Associates, Inc. (TAA). The excavations were completed at the request of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), and were designed to mitigate adverse effects resulting from proposed construction activity connected with improvements to the intersection of Route 48 (Lancaster Pike) and Route 141 (Centre Road). The Route 141 improvement plan in general consists of the construction of a four lane corridor along the present right-of-way. Specifically in the project area, the construction consists of the building of a spur from Route 141 down Lancaster Pike to Little Mill Creek. This work was carried out in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106) as well as with the regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, the Delaware Department of Transportation, the State Historic Preservation Office and appropriate State laws.

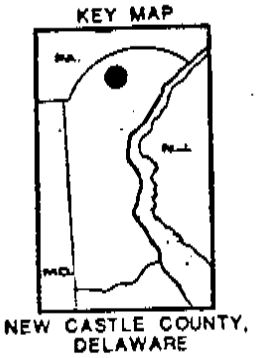
The H. Grant Tenancy site is situated in the northwestern corner of a field bounded by the intersection of Route 141 and Route 48 (Figure 1 and Plates 1 & 2). It is located on a relatively flat bench of land bounded to the north by a spring and associated drainage ravine, while on the west, the land drops off gently towards Little Mill Creek. The field had been under cultivation until just prior to the onset of the initial archeological investigations. Preliminary findings suggested that the site was a domestic occupation dating to the early to mid 19th century and the site was tentatively identified as a tenancy (Barse 1985).

Background and archival investigations were conducted at various times from July, 1985 to January, 1986. Field investigations were conducted during August through September of 1985. Dr. William M. Gardner served as principal investigator on the project, Timothy A. Thompson conducted the archival investigations and Randolph K. Taylor served as field director.

FIGURE 1

TENANCY SITE

WILMINGTON NORTH U.S.G.S. QUAD.



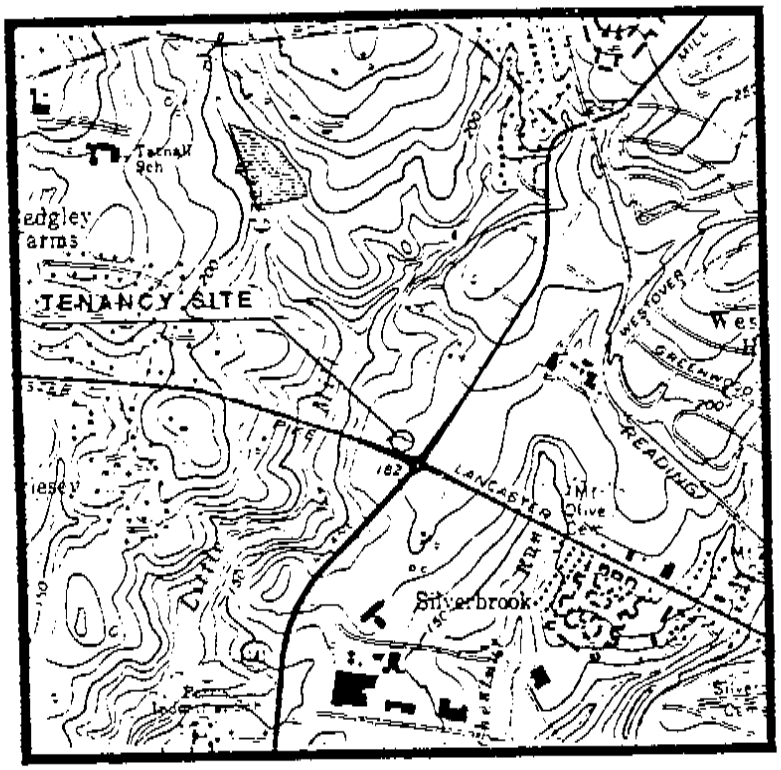


PLATE 1

AERIAL VIEW

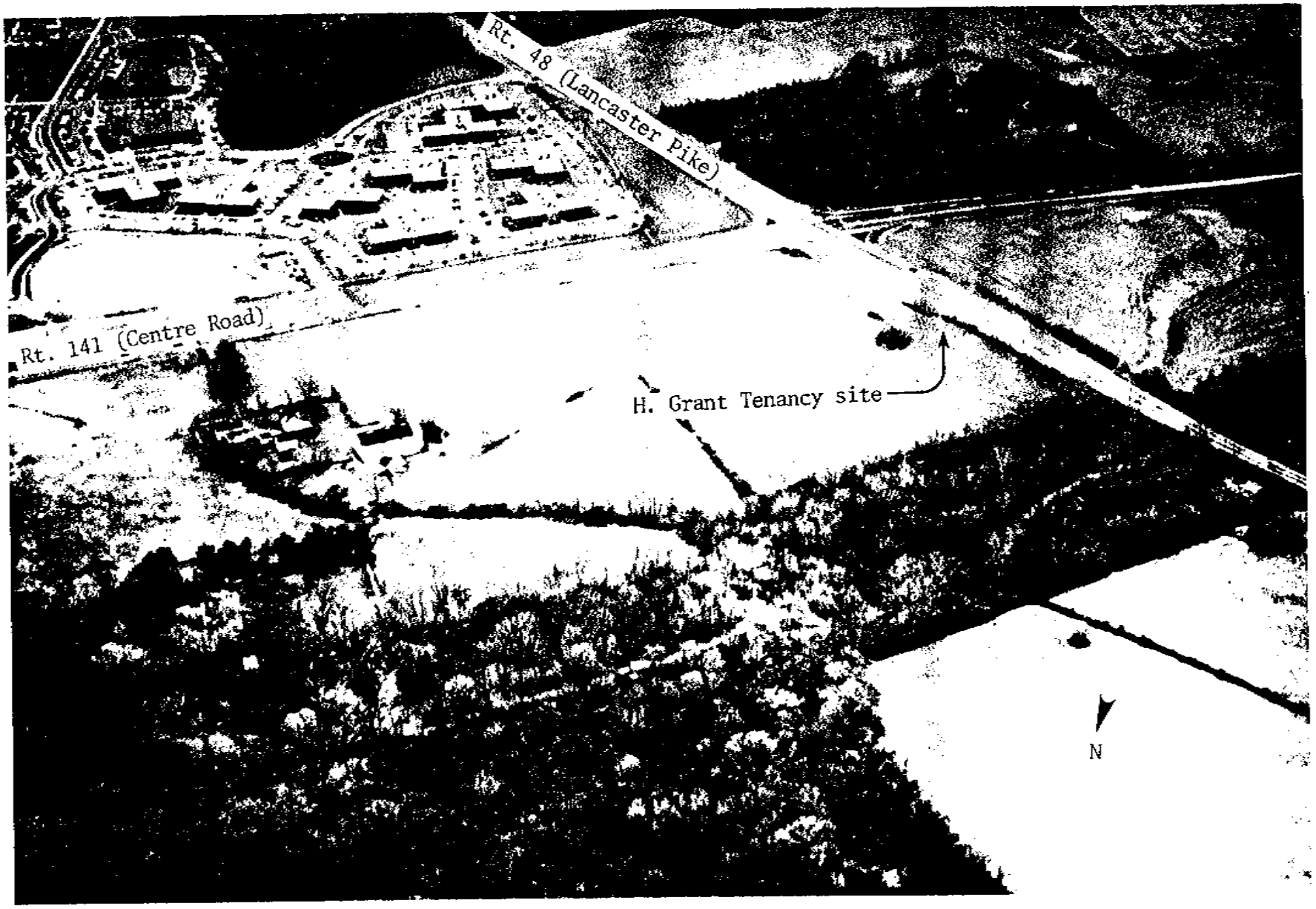
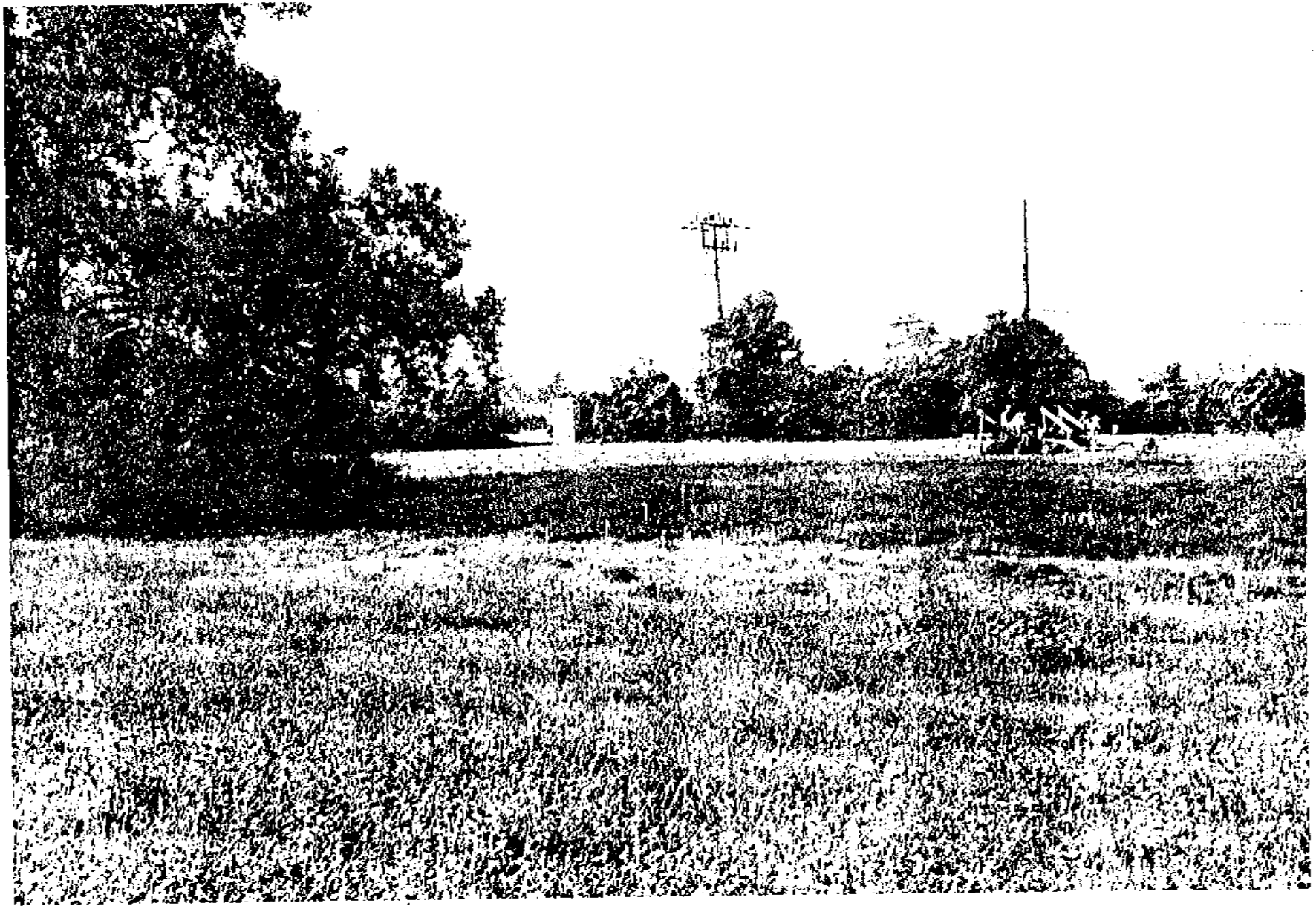


PLATE 2

GENERAL VIEW OF SITE LOOKING SOUTH



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