I. INTRODUCTION

The Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. (LBA), has carried out Phase I/II archaeological studies at the John Henry Site (7NC-J-223) in Pine Tree Corners, New Castle County, Delaware. The project area, which measures approximately 1.1 acres, is the yard of the John Henry House (CRS #N-5876), a standing structure at the intersection of U.S. Route 13 and Blackbird Landing Road (Figure 1). The John Henry House was constructed before 1882 on the west side of U.S. Route 13, across the road from where it now stands. In 1882 it was purchased by Arthur John Henry, a free black man, who lived in the house until his death in 1927. In 1920, during the construction of the Dupont Highway, the house was moved to the east side of the highway. It was moved again, to its current position, in 1931. The standing house has been separately studied by Rebecca J. Siders of the Center for Historic Architecture at the University of Delaware.

Since the John Henry House had already been identified as a historic property, no separate Phase I survey of the project area was carried out. Instead, fieldwork proceeded immediately to testing at the Phase II level. The goals of the fieldwork were to identify any areas of intact yard deposits, search for architectural features that might provide clues to the layout of the property, and look for any features that might include well-preserved artifact deposits more than 50 years old. This project has also included the development of a preliminary historic context for African-American "House and Garden" sites from the 1865 to 1930 period in Delaware.

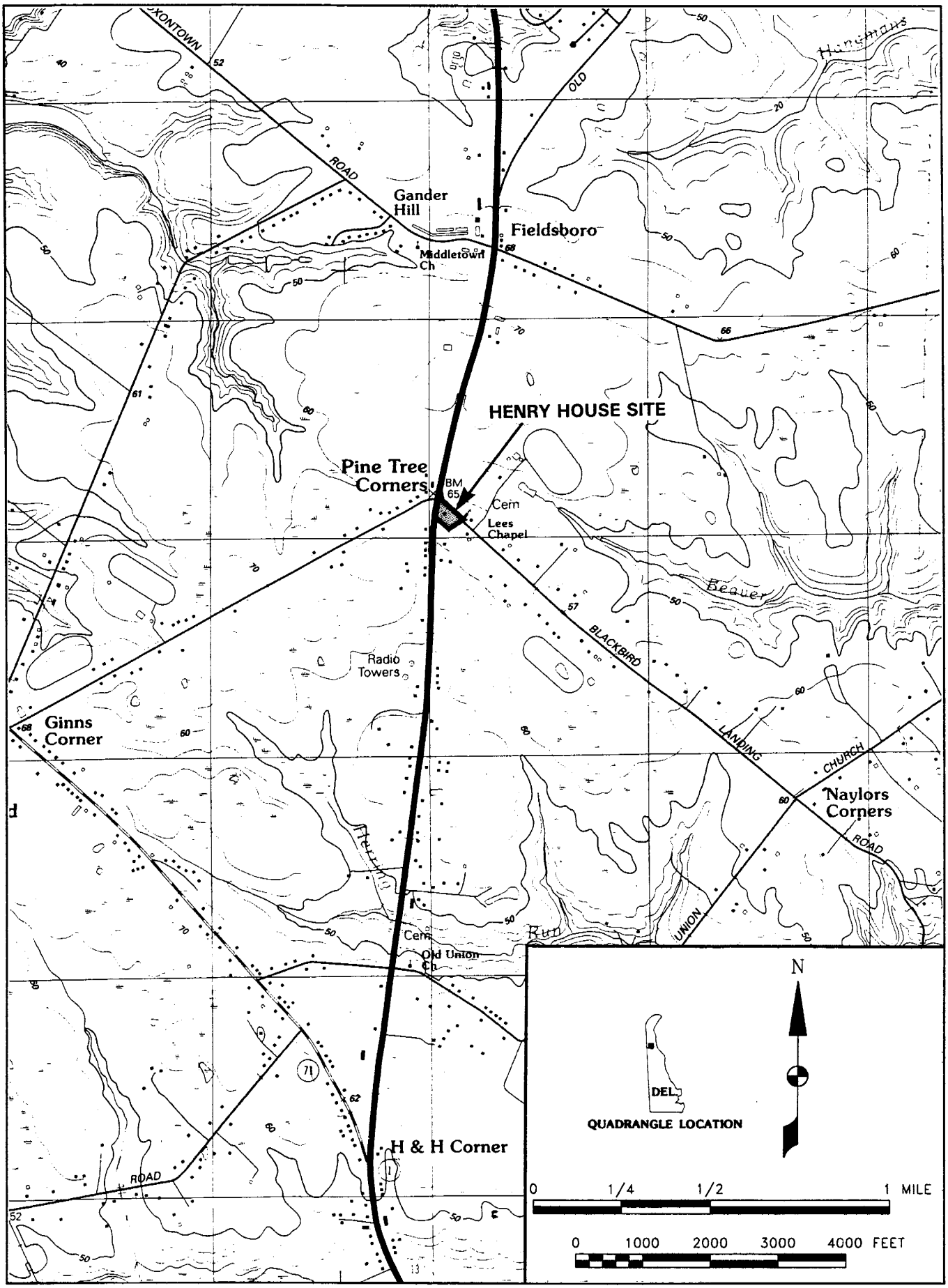

FIGURE 1: Location of the John Henry Site *SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Middletown, Del. 1963*