

## ABSTRACT

The C. Kimmey Tenant Farm Site (7K-C-119, K-6440) is located just south of Dover in East Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware. Phase III archaeological data recovery excavations were undertaken at the site prior to the construction of the Early Action Segment of State Route 1. The project was funded by the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Located in a plowed field adjacent to Route 113, the C. Kimmey Tenant Farm Site was a tenant- and owner-occupied farmstead dating from ca. 1842 to 1970. One hundred and ninety cultural features were identified and excavated including the remains of a brick and balloon-framed house, seven concrete foundation outbuildings, one post-in-ground outbuilding, a gravity-fed water tower, a windmill, a vineyard, trash disposal features, and a septic system. Archival and archaeological research indicate the presence of a series of tenant occupations during the nineteenth century and owner occupants during the twentieth century. Analyses of out-building placement, distributions of soil chemicals, and distributions of artifacts show that the layout of the farmstead changed over time. In general, the farmstead took on a more complex arrangement of buildings when the site was inhabited by owner occupants.

For most of the nineteenth century, the site was a livestock farm where pigs, cattle, and sheep were raised for both domestic and commercial use. During the twentieth century, the site occupants concentrated more on dairy operations and potato farming. The majority of the artifacts recovered were fragments of farm tools, machinery parts, and late nineteenth and twentieth century bottle glass sherds. Artifact distributions show that there was not a clear-cut trash disposal area of the site. Instead, empty holes in the ground, such as privies and fuel tanks were used as trash middens.

Cover Illustration: The cover illustration shows the loading of potatoes at the C. Kimmey Tenant Farm Site ca. 1950 during its occupation by the Zimmerman family.