

FINAL ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

US 9 Intersection Improvements at Gravel Hill Road (SR 30), Hudson/Fisher Roads and Sweetbriar/Dairy Farm Roads

Sussex County, Delaware

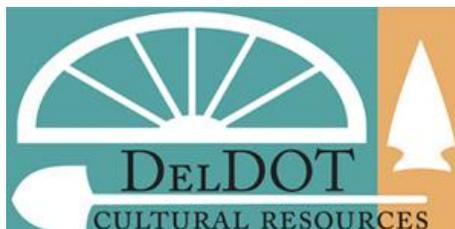
State Contract No. 28-009-01

**prepared by:
Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.**

**Edited and Reformatted by Delaware Department of Transportation
Environmental Studies Office**

October 2010

ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL CONSULTANTS, INC.



FINAL ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

**US 9 Intersection Improvements
at
Gravel Hill Road (SR 30),
Hudson/Fisher Roads, and
Sweetbriar/Dairy Farm Roads**

**Georgetown, Broadkilm and Lewes & Rehoboth Hundreds
Sussex County, Delaware**

Contract No. 28-009-01

**DRAFT PREPARED BY:
Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.
Wendy Zug-Gilbert, Principal Investigator
March 2010**

**FINAL REPORT
EDITED and REFORMATTED BY:
Delaware Department of Transportation Environmental Studies Office
Michael C. Hahn, AICP
Nathaniel Delesline
October 2010**

ABSTRACT

In November of 2009 a historic resources survey was conducted for the proposed US 9 Intersection Improvements at Gravel Hill Road (SR 30), Hudson/Fisher Roads, and Sweetbriar/Dairy Farm Roads in Sussex County, Delaware. As a undertaking lead by the Federal Highway Administration, the purpose of this survey was to identify all buildings and structures, 50 years old or older (built prior to 1962), situated within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the project. Previous studies resulted in the identification of seven historic architectural resources on six individual properties, including S-861, S-8491 (no longer extant), S-8492, S-8493 and S-8494 (occupy a single property), S-8495 and S-8496. No formal evaluations were ever confirmed by responsible agencies. Fieldwork associated with this project resulted in the identification of eight additional resources/properties within the APE. The National Register criteria were applied to all 13 properties with extant historic buildings. One property had two principal dwellings, while another had both commercial and a residential building distinguished from other another. So, there were a total of 14 individual evaluations undertaken for this report. Recommendations regarding National Register eligibility are presented in this document. All of the historic properties were recommended as not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The report provides a historical narrative of the project area and of each resource. The report also lists applicable historic contexts and property types. Based on the eligibility criteria developed for each of the property types, the NRHP criteria for evaluation is applied for each historic resource identified. The conclusion of each property/resource write-up features an assessment of NRHP eligibility based on the significance and integrity of the resource. Typical criteria used to establish and identify any defining characteristics of the property type are also used to justify the final eligibility recommendation

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
ABSTRACT	3
TABLE OF CONTENTS	4
LIST OF FIGURES AND TABLES	5
1.0 INTRODUCTION	6
1.1 Project Location and Description	6
1.2 Purpose and Need with Historic Compliance Background	6
1.3 Area of Potential Effects	7
2.0 METHODS	13
2.1 Background Research	13
2.2 Previous Cultural Resources Studies	13
2.3 Field Survey	14
3.0 HISTORIC CONTEXT	14
3.1 Exploration and Frontier Settlement (1630-1730)	15
3.2 Intensified and Durable Occupation (1730-1770)	17
3.3 Early Industrialization (1770-1830)	18
3.4 Industrialization and Early Urbanization (1830-1880)	20
3.5 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization (1880-1940)	22
Suburbanization and Ex-urbanization (1940-1960)	
4.0 SUMMARY OF EXPECTED RESULTS AND HISTORIC PROPERTY TYPES	26
4.1 Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts	26
4.2 Retailing and Wholesaling	30
4.3 Agriculture	30
5.0 CRS PROPERTY EVALUATIONS	31
5.1 Survey Results	31
5.2 Evaluations	33
6.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS	98
7.0 REFERENCES CITED	100
APPENDIX A	103
APPENDIX B	106
APPENDIX C	107
RESUMES OF KEY PROJECT PERSONNEL	
CRS FORMS FOR PREVIOUSLY INVENTORIED HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES	
CRS FORMS FOR HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE	

LIST OF FIGURES AND TABLES

Figures

		Page
1	Vicinity of the US 9 Intersection Improvement Project	9
2	APE for the US 9-Gravel Hill Road (SR 30) Intersection	10
3	APE for the US 9-Hudson/Fisher Road (SR 30) Intersection	11
4	APE for the US 9-Sweetbriar/Dairy Farm Road (SR 30) Intersection	12
5	1757 map showing Lewes and the King's Highway (T. Kitchen)	17
6	1804 map of Delaware showing the developing road network in Sussex County (Lewis)	20
7	Beers' 1868 map of Sussex County, showing the development along the county road between Lewes and Georgetown (now US 9)	22
8	US 9 between Lewes and Georgetown in 1917-1918. A scattering of villages included Gravel Hill, Harbeson, Cool Spring, and Belltown (USGS 1917-1918)	24
9	Historic Architectural Resources Surveyed for the US 9 Intersection Improvements Project	32

Tables

1	Previously Inventoried Resources in the Sussex East-West Corridor Study	14
2	Historic Architectural Resources within the US 9 Intersection Improvements Project APE	98