

ABSTRACT

A preliminary cultural resource survey was undertaken at the Cantrell Warehouse/Enterprise Mill on Stein Highway, Seaford, Sussex County, Delaware. Archival research revealed that the mill had been constructed in the last years of the 19th century. The claim of a mid-19th century origin of the mill and the uniqueness of its steam method of power as well as the claim that former Governor Ross was the first owner was disproven. Archaeological research concluded that while undisturbed deposits related to the industrial use of the property were present at the site, the deposits were not informative of the chronology, technology, or worker's habits of the mill operation. It was also concluded that while the architecture of the structure was a good representation of terminal brace and frame construction, the integrity and significance both locally and regionally was low. Based on the accumulated evidence, the mill and property were considered unlikely to yield additional significant information to be determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. No further work was recommended at the site.