

ABSTRACT

A cultural resources survey was conducted by Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Research, Inc. along the proposed U.S. Route 202 (Concord Pike) improvements project in New Castle County, Delaware. This survey consisted of historical document research, architectural assessment and archaeological investigations. The survey resulted in the preparation and submission of the following report.

Investigations were restricted to six properties, one of which contained archaeological resources (Blue Ball Tavern). Architectural descriptions and assessments of significance were done for each property. The descriptions focused on building features and emphasized those which were fine and/or typical examples of the building art at the time of construction. Architectural assessments were made by John McKune, A.I.A. His assessments were supplemented by historical documentation conducted by Julia Colflesh.

The archaeological field investigations of the former site of the Blue Ball Tavern were supervised by John P. McCarthy. Test excavations were conducted throughout the property and concentrated efforts were made at the reported tavern (house) site. Archaeological work resulted in the determination that intact archaeological resources remained below the ground surface.

This report concludes that significant cultural resources, both standing and archaeological, exist within the project area. An assessment of the potential impact of the proposed improvements and recommendations for further action are presented.