

ABSTRACT

In winter 2002/2003, McCormick Taylor, Inc. conducted a Cultural Resources Survey of the proposed S.R. 24 Planning Study in Lewes & Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

The purpose of the historic structures survey was to identify all buildings and structures, fifty years in age or older, situated within the Love Creek to Route 1 Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the S.R. 24 Planning Study. Previous studies conducted within the APE resulted in three (3) identified properties; however, no determinations were made. Of the three (3) previously identified resources, property identification forms and main building forms were found for all and included in Appendix A.

Field surveys resulted in the identification of eleven (11) additional resources meeting the 50 year old or older guideline for historic evaluation within the APE. This Historic Structures Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report includes Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms for fourteen (14) resources (3 previous and 11 current). The CRS forms for these resources are contained in *Appendix A*. The original forms for the previously identified resources are situated behind the CRS forms completed for the current survey.

The National Register Criteria for Evaluation were applied to each resource. In addition to assessing the integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, each of the four (4) criteria were considered: (A) association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; (B) association with the lives of persons significant in our past; (C) embodiment of distinctive characteristics of a type, method and/or period of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; and (D) an ability to yield, or likelihood to yield, information important to prehistory or history (National Register Bulletin, No. 15).

Out of the properties surveyed, two (2) resources are being recommended individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Hart Property (S-1003) and the Powell Property (S-1005) are both recommended eligible under Criterion C as good examples of vernacular farmhouses.