

ABSTRACT

Phase I and II archaeological surveys were conducted by Delaware Department of Transportation archaeologists along the proposed right-of-way for the widening of New Churchman's Road, near Christiana, New Castle County, Delaware. The Phase I investigation, conducted in 1981, revealed the location of a cluster of 18th, 19th, and 20th century historic artifacts and associated features which were thought to be the remains of a demolished farmstead. A Phase II survey conducted at this location in 1982 revealed this to be the former W.M. Hawthorn farmstead, in use from at least the early 19th century to the mid 20th century and demolished about 20 years ago. In addition, the Phase II survey disclosed the presence of a partially undisturbed Late Archaic or Woodland I Period (ca. 4000 B.C. - A.D. 1000) prehistoric site with features and associated artifacts. Research was oriented toward placing both components in the context of local and regional cultural development and both were subsequently declared eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Both components of the site will be partially destroyed by the proposed widening of New Churchman's Road. Research designs and data recovery plans have been developed for each.