

PREFACE

The archaeological investigations conducted by Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Research, Inc. of Newark, Delaware within the ROW of the proposed Wilmington Boulevard in Wilmington, Delaware were initiated when the Department of Transportation was advised that cultural resources of potential historical significance might be impacted by the proposed construction operations. The DOT's Division of Highways, Bureau of Project Planning was given the responsibility of obtaining the necessary services to evaluate the potential impact of the project. With the assistance of the Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, State of Delaware, a Scope of Services was drawn up and bids were solicited for an organization to conduct the work.

Project management was vested in Mr. Joseph Wutka, Environmental Engineer working under the supervision of Glen Pusey, Project Planning Director. Mr. Wutka was assisted by Nick Blendy of the Project Planning staff. The Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Daniel R. Griffith, Chief, assigned Ms. Faye Stocum, Cultural Resource Planner to oversee the research program. Mrs. Cara L. Wise assisted in the review process.

Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Research, Inc. assigned a staff consisting of a Historical Documentor, a Project Director and laboratory and field crew members to the Wilmington Boulevard project. Ronald A. Thomas served as Principal Investigator. The Project Director was Richard A. Regensburg. Among this field and laboratory staff were: James B. Akerman, David C. Bachman, Kenneth J. Basalik, Phil Bernnard, Sharon Ann Burnston, John H. Cresson, Ronald Delivuk, Edward J. Flanagan, Michael Gardner, Richard L. Green, John P. McCarthy, Glen S. Mellin, Deborah J. Mut, Raymond F. Page, William Sandy, Leslie Schnall, Ronald Selin, William J.A. Thomas, Ronald A. Tirpak, and Robert Schultz. Historical documentation was conducted by Charles Stump, Julie Colflesh and Roberta Robertson. Janet Worne of the MAAR staff did the the graphics for the project report.

The primary purpose in conducting these excavations and background research was to determine the cultural significance of the archaeological resources present within the Wilmington Boulevard project area and to demonstrate the contextual integrity of those resources. A secondary purpose was to develop and test a research model and to make recommendations based on that testing as well as on the overall data recovered during the investigations. It is felt that both the primary and the secondary purposes have been accomplished. The following report illustrates the validity of this statement.