



Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Station Rowe and Monroe, Massachusetts

Date of Performance: 2001–present

Client: Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Station

Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Station has contracted with CLF Ventures, Inc., the nonprofit consulting arm of the Conservation Law Foundation, to assist with a site closure strategy as part of the plant decommissioning and license termination process initiated in 1993. The Yankee Rowe property comprises approximately 2,200 heavily wooded acres along the Deerfield River in Rowe and Monroe, Massachusetts. Yankee Rowe was the third nuclear power plant built in the United States and the first built in New England. In 1992, the plant permanently shut down after more than 31 years of producing electricity for New England electric consumers. Yankee Rowe made a commitment to the community to safely decommission the Yankee Rowe plant and prepare the site for future use. As part of its decommissioning plan, Yankee Rowe requested an archaeological reconnaissance survey and associated *Archaeological Resources Management Plan* (ARMP) to provide guidance for land re-use by establishing baseline archaeological resource information and long-term stewardship guidelines.

The walkover survey identified 12 historic period sites including two impressive farm complexes, an early nineteenth-century cemetery, sugarhouses, and a sawmill. Research at the Rowe Historical Society and Library provided information about the occupants and owners of the buildings, as well as detailed anecdotal histories about this sparsely populated portion of the state. With the exception of the destruction of several sites along the eastern shoreline of the river during the construction of Sherman Dam in 1924, most of the historic resources within the property boundary are in fair to good condition, and provide a glimpse into relict agrarian landscapes and lifestyles of the community.



*Historic Structural Remains of the
ca 18th – 19th c J. Wheeler House*

The ARMP provides clear and concise directions about how to treat historic properties, including archaeological resources and standing structures, within the project boundaries. The plan meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44738-39) and the MHC guidelines.

PAL SERVICES

- **SECTION 106 CONSULTATION**
- **ARCHIVAL RESEARCH**
- **HISTORIC CONTEXT DEVELOPMENT**
- **ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS**
- **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN**