



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AG43

Site Name: Moore Village

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Late Woodland, Monongahela palisaded village site

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 21

SCS soil & sediment code MnA, MnB

Latitude 39.5369

Longitude -78.6061

Physiographic province Ridge and Valley

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m

Site slope 0-8%

Ethnobotany profile available

Maritime site

Site setting

-Site Setting restricted

-Lat/Long accurate to within 1 sq. mile, user may need to make slight adjustments in mapping to account for sites near state/county lines or streams

Topography

- Floodplain
- Hilltop/bluff
- Interior flat
- Upland flat
- Ridgetop
- Terrace
- Low terrace
- High terrace
- Rockshelter/cave
- Hillslope
- Unknown
- Other

Ownership

- Private
- Federal
- State of MD
- Regional/county/city
- Unknown

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) N. Branch Potomac

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 183 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Archaic site

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Early archaic

Early woodland

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

Late archaic

Late woodland

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1860 - 1900

ca. 1675 - 1720

ca. 1900 - 1930

ca. 1720 - 1780

Post 1930

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown context

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

Asian American

African American

Unknown

Anglo-American

Other

Hispanic

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Prehistoric

Multi-component

Misc. ceremonial

Village

Rock art

Hamlet

Shell midden

Base camp

STU/lithic scatter

Rockshelter/cave

Quarry/extraction

Earthen mound

Fish weir

Cairn

Production area

Burial area

Unknown

Other context

Historic

Urban/Rural?

Domestic

Homestead

Farmstead

Mansion

Plantation

Row/townhome

Cellar

Privy

Industrial

Mining-related

Quarry-related

Mill

Black/metalsmith

Furnace/forge

Other

Transportation

Canal-related

Road/railroad

Wharf/landing

Maritime-related

Bridge

Ford

Educational

Commercial

Trading post

Store

Tavern/inn

Military

Battlefield

Fortification

Encampment

Townsite

Religious

Church/mtg house

Ch support bldg

Burial area

Cemetery

Sepulchre

Isolated burial

Bldg or foundation

Possible Structure

Post-in-ground

Frame-built

Masonry

Other structure

Slave related

Non-domestic agri

Recreational

Midden/dump

Artifact scatter

Spring or well

Unknown

Other context

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken

Faunal analysis

Historic context samples

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types		Koens-Crispin	
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehanna	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Madison/Potomac	<input type="checkbox"/> 127
Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Levanna	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

Prehistoric Sherd Types

Marcey Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Popes Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dames Qtr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coulbourn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yeocomico	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selden Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minguannan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monongahela	<input type="checkbox"/> 8994
Accokeek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mockley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehannock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wolfe Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clemson Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shenks Ferry	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Vinette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moyaone	<input type="checkbox"/>		
				Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Historic Sherd Types

Earthenware		Ironstone		Staffordshire		Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/> 1			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/> 22433	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/> 248
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/> 25812
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 96	Floral material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 9016	Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/> 38
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/> 132	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	daub, shell beads

Prehistoric Features

Mound(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storage/trash pit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Midden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shell midden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ossuary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
House pattern(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Palisade(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	trenches	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lithic reduc area	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Lithic Material

Jasper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	siltstone	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Features 103, 255, & 284 -all trenches associated with palisade construction

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheet midden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthworks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth/chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planting feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mill raceway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Road/walkway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel pit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paling ditch/fence	<input type="checkbox"/>				

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Radiocarbon Data:

Sample 1: <input type="checkbox"/> 200 +/- <input type="checkbox"/> 50 years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/> Low	Sample 2: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 +/- <input type="checkbox"/> 50 years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/> High	Sample 3: <input type="checkbox"/> 450 +/- <input type="checkbox"/> 50 years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/> 50
B-6782: Charcoal combined from 3 in situ samples out of palisade trench (Feature 103) & 1 sample recovered from screened fill		B-6783: A charcoal sample collected in situ from Feature 255 (a palisade trench)		B-6784: A charcoal sample collected in situ from Feature 284 (a palisade trench)	
Sample 4: <input type="checkbox"/> 550 +/- <input type="checkbox"/> 70 years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/> Mod	Sample 5: <input type="checkbox"/> 555 +/- <input type="checkbox"/> 60 years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/> Low	Sample 6: <input type="checkbox"/> +/- <input type="checkbox"/> years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/>
DIC-2639: Charcoal combined from 2 in situ samples from Feature 284 (a palisade trench)		SI-6501: Unknown sample from Feature 284 (a palisade trench). Good date, context unknown.			
Sample 7: <input type="checkbox"/> +/- <input type="checkbox"/> years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/>	Sample 8: <input type="checkbox"/> +/- <input type="checkbox"/> years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/>	Sample 9: <input type="checkbox"/> +/- <input type="checkbox"/> years BP	Reliability <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional radiocarbon results available



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External Samples/Data:

Collection curated at NPS

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The site was tested in order to provide enough detail to support a NRHP nomination by the National Park Service on behalf of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park (in which it is located). The site was first encountered by Russell G. Handsman during systematic survey of the region in the late 1970s. The excavation in 1982 by the NPS indicates that Moore represents a Late Prehistoric palisaded village with a mixed horticulture/hunting/collecting subsistence base. Culturally it is related to Monongahela and Luray focus sites.

A series of shovel test pits and one meter square excavation units were used during the 1976 reconnaissance work, which identified the boundaries of the site, a Late Woodland date, and the presence of a probable palisade. The 1982 investigation centered primarily on identifying features related to the site palisade. Two transects (perpendicular to each other) were laid out across the north-south and east-west axes of the site, extending beyond its boundaries as identified in the earlier study. Shovel test pits were dug at regular intervals and artifact quantities were tallied, but objects were then reburied. Shovel tests yielded the greatest numbers within a doughnut shaped soil stain seen in aerial photos. As the 1976 study focused on the southern and eastern portions of the site, the 1982 excavation focused on the northern and western limits. 1.524 X 1.524 meter (5 ft. by 5 ft.) excavation units were opened up in these areas. Soil coring was also used (to identify the extent of large features) at regular intervals throughout the site.

Area 1, on the western edge of the site yielded 202 postmolds (124 probable, 78 possible). The larger (avg. 0.12m in diameter), more deeply buried, and more regularly spaced postmolds were in the western-most test units and are likely part of the same palisade. Two trenches are situated immediately east of these postmolds and were probably used to both embank the palisade and supply clay for daub. A C-14 sample was taken from one portion of the palisade trench (Feature 103 – see above). Other postmolds are probably related to houses and other structures. Possible hearths and storage pits were also identified.

Area 2, on the northern periphery of the site yielded fewer postmolds (25 probable, 44 possible). However, it appears that two palisades may actually be present in this portion of the site. One utilized posts comparable in size to those in the Area 1 palisade. Another utilized even larger (and more deeply buried) posts. Two trench segments, separated by a considerable distance, also seem to indicate the presence of two palisades. One may have been dismantled and subsequent structures were built atop it as the village expanded slightly northward. One C-14 sample was taken from the outer palisade trench (Feature 255), and two C-14 samples were taken from the inner trench (Feature 284).

Nearly all of the pottery fragments recovered at the site are consistent with shell-tempered Monongahela Cordmarked (and Plain) types, and with those of its Potomac Valley/Shenandoah Valley variant, Keyser Cordmarked. A total of 8,862 shell-tempered body/base sherds (7 atypical) were recovered and 132 rimsherds were collected. 16 sherds with other temper types (less than 1% of the ceramic assemblage) were recovered (sand, crushed quartz, non-tempered). 13 prehistoric clay pipes were also found.

Lithics consisted primarily of debitage (some 21,270 objects). Projectile points (mostly small triangular points) numbered 248 and other bifaces such as knives totaled to 100 objects. There were an additional 815 flaked stone tools found. 5 celts/adzes, 8 hammerstones, 12 anvilstones, 4 stone pipe/pendant/discooidal fragments, and 85 other objects round out the ground stone artifact assemblage.

The faunal assemblage consisted of both worked ornaments or tools, and unworked dietary remains. The former assemblage included 185 bone beads (mostly bird), 24 eastern box turtle carapace cup fragments (at least 4 cups), 14 other bone objects, and 19 antler objects (tools for knapping, 2 tine projectile points, beads, gaming pieces, and more). Dietary remains indicate year-round occupation of the site. The most important species appear to be elk, whitetail deer, and black bear. Fish species were also eaten, as evidenced by flotation data, as well as freshwater mussels. Wild turkey, opossum, squirrel, beaver, raccoon, and panther, among even rarer species were used less frequently.

Artifacts of a somewhat exotic nature were also recovered. 38 marginella shell beads were collected at the site. Six other shell objects were found. These were also beads, with one exception, a possible shell gorget.

In situ recovery and soil sifting yielded 126 identifiable botanical specimens, while flotation samples yielded several additional seeds. See ethnobotany profile for more detail. A handful of historic artifacts were also recovered.

The features discovered (postmolds, pits, and trench segments) are similar in form and location to features found at other Monongahela sites. They together with the distribution of the artifacts and faunal remains at the site, indicate that the village consisted of a plaza ringed by houses, which were themselves surrounded by a palisade or stockade for protection. This Late Woodland village was occupied year-round and has high research potential for further study.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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