



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AN1156

Site Name: Adamiski

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Early 20th century house site

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 39.1821 Longitude -76.7082

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Elevation 46 m Site slope

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

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) unnamed tributary

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 677 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

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

Unknown prehistoric context

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1675 - 1720

ca. 1720 - 1780

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown context

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

African American

Anglo-American

Hispanic

Asian American

Unknown

Other

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? 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

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types		
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Koens-Crispin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Susquehana	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Madison/Potomac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Levanna	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Prehistoric Features

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

Lithic Material

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

Dated features present at site

Early 20th century cinderblock foundation.

Historic Artifacts		
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	16
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	272
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	136
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	95
Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	54
Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	715
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Historic Features

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

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Radiocarbon Data:

Sample 1: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 2: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 3: +/- years BP Reliability

Sample 4: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 5: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 6: +/- years BP Reliability

Sample 7: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 8: +/- years BP Reliability Sample 9: +/- years BP Reliability

Additional radiocarbon results available



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External Samples/Data:

Collection curated at MAC

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Adamiski Site (18AN1156) is an early 20th century house site near Hanover in northern Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The site is situated both on the crest of a knoll and its adjacent slope leading down to an unnamed tributary of Stoney Creek, just west of the Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport. The site was primarily wooded in pine when it was first discovered in 1999. Soils at the site were primarily Christiana silty loams and Sassafras sandy loams.

The site was first identified in 1999 as the result of a Combined Phase I/II investigation of a 116 acre area either owned or of interest to the Maryland Aviation Administration west of the BWI Airport. The work was conducted in the fall of that year to determine the impact of potential development of the area, related to airport operations. The nature of future development plans required archeological investigation to assess any potential adverse effects to any cultural resources present under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Article 83B, paragraph 5-618 (g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Phase I work in the vicinity of 18AN1156 entailed the excavation of 28 systematic shovel test pits (STPs) at 20 meter intervals. STPs were excavated according to stratigraphic layers and all excavated material was passed through hardware cloth screens for uniformity of artifact recovery.

The Adamiski Site was identified by a cluster of positive STPs roughly 121.92 X 79.25 m (400 X 260 ft) in area, as well of the above-ground remnants of a cinderblock foundation and a bottle/garbage dump. In the immediate area around the foundations, wire and cut nails, plastic, coal, brick, bottle and lamp glass, and pieces of ceramic were recovered. The dumping site contained pieces of metal, bottle, lamp and window glass, ceramics, coal, bone, oyster shell, and asphalt. Most of the ceramic fragments recovered were whiteware, although a piece of salt-glazed stoneware, and one piece of redware were also excavated from the site during Phase I work. The Phase I assemblage is included in the description of artifacts below, along with the Phase II materials.

Another feature was located by one of the Phase I STPs along the western edge of the site. At approximately 40 cm below ground surface, a thin iron utility pipe was discovered running east-west through the STP. In the dark yellowish-brown silty loam soils in the layer above the pipe, a quartz Piscataway projectile point and several quartz flakes were recovered. The reddish-yellow loamy clay soils that encompassed the pipe yielded neither historic nor prehistoric artifacts. The presence of the pipe possibly links the feature with the structural foundation located east of the shovel test pit. The soils around the pipe were taken down to 55 cm below ground surface, but no other artifacts were recovered from the shovel test pit. Soil profiles within the northeastern portion of the site indicate extensive grading damage, but this damage does not extend into the rest of the site.

Based on the analysis of Phase I STPs, the decision was made to proceed to a Phase II level of testing and two 1 X 1 m test unit were excavated to examine soil stratigraphy and site integrity at 18AN1156. The test units were situated just north of the cinderblock foundation (between 2 previously identified artifact clusters), and on a terrace southwest of the foundation and east of the dump feature. Each test unit was excavated at least 10 cm into sterile subsoil. Test units were excavated using 10 cm arbitrary levels within natural soils layers.

The test unit north of the cinderblock foundation revealed evidence of severe disturbance that occurred during the destruction of the former structure that rested on the foundation. The only feature identified was another section of the aforementioned utility (water) pipe and associated trench. The terrace unit demonstrated that the dump deposit did not extend onto the terrace above the dump slope. It also did not yield any features or a significant quantity of artifacts that would have helped in determining yard usage. Although two test units were excavated within the site boundaries, neither was very productive, and only 78 artifacts were recovered from the test units. All of the artifacts recovered were consistent with an early 20th century domestic occupation of the site. Land records suggest that a mid 19th century residence or household should also have been present, but no archeological evidence of such was found.

The full artifact assemblage collected in 1999 (both Phase I and II work) included 95 activity items (including 30 pieces of lamp glass, a horseshoe, curved metal stripping, and a large quantity of fencing wire fragments), 136 architectural artifacts, 254 kitchen-related artifacts, and 715 miscellaneous or modern artifacts. The architectural assemblage consisted of 88 pieces of window glass, 24 nails (9 cut, 3 wire, 12 unidentifiable), 11 brick fragments, 8 metal fasteners, metalwork decorations, a door hasp, burned wood, and asphalt and tar roofing shingles. The kitchen-related artifacts were 16 ceramic sherds (8 whiteware, 1 refined earthenware, 5 redware, and 2 miscellaneous stoneware), 173 pieces of bottle glass, 11 glass tableware fragments, 1 faunal object, and 53 other items. Miscellaneous objects included 360 unidentified objects, 9 modern items, 155 pieces of charcoal, and 191 utilities-related items (coal and cinders, etc.).

In addition, one prehistoric component was identified by Phase I investigations at the site. The prehistoric component was located in the northwestern corner of the Adamiski Site. This concentration yielded several quartz flakes, and a quartz Piscataway projectile point. However, in the level just below where the point was recovered, the iron utility pipe feature was discovered. This pipe possibly brought water to a structure east of the concentration. The pipe and pipe trench compromised the integrity of the prehistoric component.

Although the cinderblock house site and surrounding yard deposits have been substantially disturbed, it and most of the other materials at the site appear to represent a period (the early 20th century) for which there are numerous other representative sites and alternative research methods (i.e. oral history, etc.). The site does not appear to be significant. Subsequent to the 1999 archeological work, facilities at BWI have expanded and the site was likely destroyed.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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