



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AN790

Site Name: Homeport #1

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

Late Woodland short-term resource procurement camp or small base camp

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9637

Longitude -76.5421

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m Site slope 5-10%

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) Church Creek

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 305 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

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
- Village
- Hamlet
- Base camp
- Rockshelter/cave
- Earthen mound
- Cairn
- Burial area
- Misc. ceremonial
- Rock art
- Shell midden
- STU/lithic scatter
- Quarry/extraction
- Fish weir
- Production area
- Unknown

Other context

artifact scatter

Historic

Urban/Rural?

Domestic

- Homestead
- Farmstead
- Mansion
- Plantation
- Row/townhome
- Cellar
- Privy

Industrial

- Mining-related
- Quarry-related
- Mill
- Black/metalsmith
- Furnace/forge
- Other

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 N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

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

Historic Sherd Types

Earthenware				Ironstone		Staffordshire		Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<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	6	Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	3	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts			
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		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 type="checkbox"/>	Well/cistern	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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"/>		

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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

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Homeport #1 Site (18AN790) is a Late Woodland short-term resource procurement camp or possibly a small base camp near Parole in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The site is situated on a series of subtle terraces that transition to a steep hillside abutting an unnamed tributary of Church Creek. At the time of the site's discovery, the floral setting over most of the site was open and covered with weeds, with the western terminus being covered with mature deciduous forest. The soils in the area are Monmouth-Collington sandy and loamy soils.

The site was first identified during an archeological survey conducted along Church Creek and other drainages connected with the South River. The site was classified as an artifact scatter of the Woodland period. The collection of artifacts included a quartz knife and a quartz-tempered, fabric-impressed pottery sherd. These materials appear to have been surface collected from plowed fields (since grown up in weeds).

The first major archeological work to be undertaken at the site occurred in the late summer and early fall of 2005. At that time a Phase II testing program was conducted at 19AN790 on the Homeport Farm property. The work was carried out pursuant to Title 3, Section 109 of the Anne Arundel County Subdivision, which requires consideration for archeological resources as part of the subdivision review process. The work was ordered by the County Archeologist because of a plan to subdivide the 80.34 acre Homeport Farm property for a housing development.

Phase II fieldwork consisted of shovel testing followed by the excavation of strategically placed test units. First, a grid system of shovel tests was placed over the planned home lot where 18AN790 was situated using 15.24 m (50 ft) spacing intervals. In order to further examine the area where prehistoric resources were recovered, the spacing increment was reduced to 7.62 m (25 ft), and in selected areas, 3.05 and 1.524 m (10 and 5 ft respectively). In total, 80 shovel tests were excavated. Four auger tests were completed within selected shovel test pits (STPs) in order to examine deeply buried soils. All STPs were manually excavated using spade shovels and trowels. The soils were removed stratigraphically (i.e. by natural strata) in order to maintain vertical control over the artifacts recovered. The excavated soils from each shovel test were dry-screened in the field using hardware mesh. A soil profile was drawn for each shovel test and pertinent data was recorded on standardized forms.

After examining the distribution of artifacts, five 91 cm (3 ft) square test units were strategically placed within the grid system and excavated manually using flat shovels and trowels. These units were excavated by arbitrary 3 cm levels when strata were thick, but otherwise in natural strata. All excavated, non-feature soils were dry-screened in the field using hardware cloth. A standardized form was completed for each excavated stratum or arbitrary level within a stratum per test unit. A hand-drawn soil profile was prepared for one wall of each unit as well, before it was photographed.

Only a small cluster of isolated prehistoric materials was identified at 18AN790 and no cultural features or buried artifact deposits were encountered. Only seven prehistoric artifacts were recovered, along with 90 historic artifacts. The prehistoric assemblage consisted of a biface fragment, 4 pieces of debitage, and 2 possible Moyaone or Minguannan sherds. These materials were found in context with historic artifacts, which indicated that the soils lacked good stratigraphic integrity. The historic artifacts included nails, window pane glass, brick fragments, coal, slag, rubber and iron fragments, bullets, whiteware, and container glass. These materials were thought to be affiliated with a nearby 19th/20th century domestic occupation to the northwest of the site. These materials have not been included in the artifact tables above.

Several conclusions were drawn about 18AN790 based on the types and quantity of artifacts recovered. The low quantity of recovered artifacts suggested that the prehistoric occupants were few in number. Perhaps they formed either a small foray or family grouping while occupying the site area. The recovery of a biface fragment and pottery indicated that this group was involved in stone tool manufacture, including the production of projectile points, as well as food preparation or storage. Such evidence indicated the presence of a settlement that was more complex and probably should not be classified as highly transient and very short-term in duration. Given the presence of Woodland period shell middens in the area (18AN791 for example), it is possible that the site represented a splinter foray connected with a more substantial occupation involved in focal resource procurement.

Site 18AN790 was likely a small short-term resource procurement camp or base camp affiliated with the Late Woodland period. Unfortunately, the site does not offer additional research value or appear to be a significant prehistoric resource. This conclusion was based on several factors, including a limited artifact recovery, site soils with poor stratigraphic integrity, and a lack of buried artifact deposits or cultural features. No further archeological work is recommended for this site.

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