



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AN951

Site Name: Hockley Plantation House

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Other name(s) Hockley Plantation Cemetery

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

18th - 20th century plantation and cemetery

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9905

Longitude -76.5569

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 29 m

Site slope

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 stream

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Spring

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 417 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

Unknown prehistoric context

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 context

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

Asian American

African American

Unknown

Anglo-American

Other

Hispanic

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

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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		Koens-Crispin	
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehana	<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"/>	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"/>
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Madison/Potomac	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter Creek	<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	58	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	16	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	1	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		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<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

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

Dated features present at site

18th Century burial enclosure

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	149	Activity item(s)	16
Glass (all)	352	Human remain(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	1018	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	136
Arms	1	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	4	Misc.	79
Personal items	2	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Const feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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"/>				

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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 Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Hockley Plantation House & Cemetery, or 18AN951, is the remnants of a circa 1735-1860 plantation house, 18th century cemetery, and later 20th century occupation west of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The site is situated what was originally an interior upland flat that was significantly altered in the early 1960s for the construction of a Baltimore Gas and Electric (BG&E) service facility. The surrounding landscape consists of level to gently rolling terrain. No major water courses are situated in the immediate vicinity of the site. Soils at the site consist of Monmouth, Dolonton, and Collington fine sandy loams.

The Hockley Plantation (also known as "Hockley in the Hole") was established on land patented by the Dorsey family in the 17th century. After the original plantation house burned in the 1730's, a new one was erected about 1.5 miles away near the southern end of the plantation property. The circa 1730 house and farm buildings are believed to have been located on the BG&E property (i.e. at 18AN951). Various members of the Dorsey family were buried near the plantation house during the 1700s. That residence was destroyed by fire in the 1860s and replaced by a 2 storey frame residence built at the same location. The circa 1860 residence and all of the nearby farm buildings were demolished in the 1960s after BG&E purchased the property to establish a large service facility.

It was with the prospect of locating any intact remains from the 18th and 19th century plantation structures that the site was first examined archeologically in 1994. At that time, Phase I Survey and Phase II Evaluations were conducted on the BG&E property prior to the sale of the property to Home Depot, Inc. of Atlanta, GA for a new development. The Home Depot development consisted of a retail home improvement facility for the Home Depot, Inc., associated parking areas, utility lines, other commercial establishments, and roadway improvements. The phase I survey covered the parcel of land making up the project area (about 20.7 acres), and the Phase II study investigated remnants of the only archeological site identified, (18AN951). The work was performed pursuant to an Anne Arundel County ordinance covering historic resources. It was sponsored by both BG&E and Home Depot as both parties desired to be knowledgeable of any archeological or historical resources on the property prior to final settlement.

Phase I fieldwork involved systematic pedestrian survey of the entire development project area. The entire project area was examined using east-west transects spaced 20 meters apart. In the vicinity of the demolished Hockley House, transects were spaced 1.5 meters apart. Terrain that had not been heavily disturbed was then tested with shovel test pits (STPs) placed using a 20 meter sampling grid, again, with the exception of the Hockley House area, where a 1.5 m grid was used. All STPs were no less than 30 cm in diameter, and extended to the level of undisturbed subsoil. The soil from each STP was screened through hardware cloth and appropriate data were recorded on standardized forms. A total of 77 STPs were excavated at 20 meter intervals, while 232 STPs were placed near the Hockley House.

During the Phase I shovel testing, a brick grave enclosure was encountered. To define its boundaries, the upper surface of the top course of bricks was exposed, mapped, and photographed before being backfilled. The results of the STP survey were analyzed and the location of the Hockley House and Cemetery (18AN951) was conclusively determined. These results were determined to be potentially significant and plans began immediately to proceed to a Phase II level of analysis.

The Phase II evaluation involved two main field techniques: further STP excavations, and 2 X 2 m test unit and exploratory trench excavations. Supplementary STPs were placed at intervals of between 0.3 to 1.2 meters (1 to 4 ft) in undisturbed terrain in the vicinity of the Hockley House site. Those supplementary STPs were excavated to better identify the characteristics of the Hockley House vicinity, including the location, boundaries, and configuration of subsurface remains. STP excavation methods were identical to those used during the Phase I survey. In total, 304 shovel test pits would be excavated at the site.

The overall findings of the Phase I and II STPs were analyzed and used to determine the positioning of six 2 X 2 m test excavation units. These were placed where available evidence indicated the potential presence of subsurface cultural features of archeological interest. The available evidence consisted of both STP data and the presence of several mature boxwoods and other landscaping features that suggested areas which were not impacted by the demolition of the 19th century plantation house and outbuildings in the 1960s. Each test unit was excavated by natural soil strata with the soil being screened through hardware mesh. Information on cultural materials encountered and soil strata characteristics were drawn on standardized forms, stratigraphic profiles and plan maps were drawn, and photographs were taken.

In addition to the 2 X 2 m test units, an exploratory trench was excavated at the location of a circular brick feature that was encountered. The trench was 3 meters in length. The upper surface of the brick feature was exposed, mapped, and photographed before being backfilled.

The Phase II testing showed that the site had been heavily disturbed and largely obliterated by construction activity during the 1960s. Five cultural features were encountered during the work at 18AN951.

Only one 18th century cultural feature was encountered. This was the intact and well preserved brick grave enclosure first discovered during the Phase I survey. It was an intact and well preserved brick grave enclosure of middle to late 18th century vintage. This cultural property was evaluated as being of historical significance. The brick grave enclosure was documented and left in place, with the decision made to protect it from disturbance during the development of the Home Depot facilities. Except for the grave enclosure, the cultural remains associated with 18AN951 had been previously disturbed or consisted of archeological materials that did not merit being considered historically significant.

The other four features encountered during Phase II work included an early 20th century privy pit and a brick walkway associated with it, a 20th century circular brick flower bed enclosure, and a buried concentration of disturbed stone rubble and artifacts from the burial of the burned debris from the 18th Century Hockley house which was destroyed by fire in 1860.

Artifacts recovered during the excavation at 18AN951 included 16 activity items, 1,018 architectural artifacts, 4 clothing items (2 brass buttons, 1 glass button, and an iron buckle), 509 kitchen-related artifacts, 2 personal items (a key and a plastic hair brush), 2 kaolin tobacco pipe fragments, and an ammunition casing. The activity items were 2 plastic toys, 2 auto tire fragments, 5 leash chain fragments, 2 farm tools, a terra-cotta flowerpot fragment, 2 rubber suction cups, an armored cable fragment, and a horseshoe. Architectural artifact included 560 pieces of brick, 46 sandstone fragments, 18 pieces of tar paper, 8 cement/asphalt fragments, 111 pieces of mortar and plaster, 128 pieces of window glass, 2 wood fragments, a vinyl floor tile, 128 nails, and 16 miscellaneous



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hardware fragments. The kitchen assemblage consisted of 149 ceramic sherds (), 224 pieces of glass (), 3 bottle caps, 3 plastic caps, 7 metal can fragments, 36 metal pan fragments, 29 pieces of animal bone, 57 oyster shell fragments, and a seed.

The 1994 investigation's findings indicated that archeological site 18AN951 contains a brick burial enclosure of 18th century vintage that is significant to the history of Anne Arundel County. The remainder of Site 18AN951 consists of a disturbed archeological deposit with three cultural features that do not merit being considered historically significant. The locations of the Hockley House and its associated outbuildings were obliterated in the 1960s during construction of the BG&E Service Center facility. The Home Depot development plans were altered to protect the aforementioned grave enclosure (as per Anne Arundel County law) and it was left undisturbed during construction. It should be preserved indefinitely. The remainder of the site was even more significantly altered during construction of the Home Depot and associated facilities.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):