



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AP88

Site Name: Park Place #2

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

early 20th century brick-lined shaft feature

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9716

Longitude -76.5073

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 14 m

Site slope

Ethnobotany profile available

Maritime site

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) College Creek

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 150 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

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

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:

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? Urban

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

brick-lined shaft feature, privy?, well/cistern?, cesspit?

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken

Historic context samples

Soil samples taken N

Flotation samples taken N

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	<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		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

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	cesspit?	<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: +/- 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:

Site 18AP88, also known as Park Place #2, consists primarily of the remains of an early 20th century brick-lined shaft. It may have served as a dry well catchment for run-off during major storms. The site is situated on an upland flat northeast of Westgate Circle in downtown Annapolis. The location of the site is heavily developed, and a number of existing structures, including dwellings, a store front, auto repair facilities, a railroad bed, and extensive paved parking lots encompass the area. Soils at the site are classified as Annapolis loams and sand, as well as urban land.

The site was first identified as a potential resource during a 2000 Phase I survey for the (then) proposed Park Place Development. Based primarily on historical map analysis, the site was identified as having the potential to include historic archeological resources such as wells, privies, and cisterns. Site 18AP88 was encompassed within a 4.87 X 9.75 m (16 X 32 ft) area at the rear of two West Street lots. Outbuildings were illustrated to the rear of twin houses in this location on the 1913, 1921, and 1950 Sanborn insurance maps. As part of a combined Phase IB/Phase II project later in 2000, backhoe stripping was used to try and identify features associated with these two structures.

Backhoe stripping to undisturbed subsoil, in the location of the early 20th century outbuilding structures, failed to reveal any features. However, slightly to the north, three shallow, circular depressions were identified. Fill and overburden were removed using a backhoe fitted with a smooth-bladed bucket under the direction of consulting archeologists. Features were then mapped, recorded, and examined with mechanically assisted trench excavations. Selected soils were trowelled and sample screened. Selected artifacts were retained for documentation and analysis. Stripping of the three aforementioned depressions revealed two circular brick-lined features (tentatively identified as wells) and one recent episode of asphalt disposal. The easternmost brick-lined shaft was given the site number 18AP88, while the westernmost was given number 18AP87 (see associated synopsis report).

The brick feature at 18AP88 measured 1.47 m (4.82 ft) in exterior diameter and 1.27 m (4.17 ft) in interior diameter. A very narrow builder's trench was identified on the exterior of the brickwork. After the exposed feature was recorded in plan view, doublewide posthole digger holes were excavated through the feature fill to a depth of approximately 91 cm (3 ft). The fill to this depth consisted primarily of loose sandy clay. Part of a modern clear-glass soda bottle was recovered nearly 91 cm from the surface. Based on the lack of evidence of early artifact deposits and the potential depth of the brick structure, it was decided that the feature would be bisected with the backhoe to reveal its structure and content to a greater depth.

The southern half of the brick-lined feature was removed to a depth of approximately 2.44 m (8 ft). The fill to this depth consisted of relatively uniform sandy clay. The base of the feature was not reached before the profile collapsed. Further excavations were not attempted due to the paucity of artifacts as well as safety considerations. Artifacts recovered from the sandy fill of the feature consisted of a peppermint schnapps bottle, a gin bottle, a Styrofoam Pepsi label, and an unidentified rusty iron object. All dated to the late 20th century and none were retained. There was no evidence of the disposal of human waste in the feature as part of an early septic or cesspool disposal system.

The purpose of the brick-lined feature at 18AP88 (as well as the similar one at 18AP87) is somewhat puzzling. Dry-laid brick structures such as these that extend deeply into the earth would generally be wells to supply water. However, the Sanborn insurance maps for the area indicate that public water was available along West Street as early as 1906. Lacking a water-proof lining, these brick structures would not have worked as cisterns. The terracotta pipe connected to the feature at 18AP87 suggests use as a waste receptacle. However, the lack of organic deposits or organic leaching into adjacent soil seems to eliminate its use as a privy or cesspit. Though a substantial structure, the brick-lined shaft may have served as a dry-well used for the disposal of run-off rain from the roofs of adjacent residences. Such systems are prone to eventual failure when drain pipes collapse or become clogged. The feature might have been filled following such a failure, or when the nearby residences on West Street were demolished.

The brick-lined circular shaft at 18AP88 was apparently filled in a single event in the 1970s or 80s, likely the demolition of nearby structures. The fill contained very few artifacts. It is unlikely that these materials are associated with the occupants of the property, and it is also unlikely that this feature or its contents has the potential to provide additional important information about the past. The site should not be considered significant.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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