



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AP89

Site Name: Park Place #3

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

trash deposit associated with early to mid-20th century store

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9823

Longitude -76.5129

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 14 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) College Creek

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 150 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

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
- 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

Historic

Urban/Rural? Urban

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

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

trash midden

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation 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		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"/>	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

1930-1940s era refuse deposit

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 checked="" 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.	72
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<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 checked="" 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"/>				

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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:

Site 18AP89, also known as Park Place #3, consists of a refuse deposit behind the former "Miller's Grocery", a mid 20th century store east 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 18AP89 was encompassed within the backlots of three adjacent structures fronting on West Street. Outbuildings were illustrated to the rear of these structures on early 20th century 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 structures.

Backhoe stripping to undisturbed subsoil was carried out in the aforementioned backlots in four initial trenches: three running east-west and one running north-south. 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.

While excavating one of the four investigative trenches, a concrete retaining wall was identified at the rear of the lots. Because privies are generally located at rear lot lines it was decided to excavate a trench along the length of this retaining wall. The fill of this trench consisted of an upper layer (Layer A) of gravel approximately 12 cm in depth. This was likely related to modern use of the property as a parking area. Below the gravel layer, Layer B was a dark yellowish brown sandy clay fill on the east side of the trench while layer C was a strong brown sandy clay subsoil. Layer D was a very compact mottled reddish yellow and strong brown sandy clay on the central and western portions of the trench and was found to overlay an extensive trash deposit (later designated 18AP89).

The trash deposit consisted of a series of layers of lenses of soil and artifacts. As a whole, the trash deposit measured approximately 4.75 meters east-west and 4 meters north-south. At its center, it totaled 35 cm in depth. The pit abutted the concrete wall to the north, but tapered gradually to the south. The eastern and western edges were more clearly defined.

One of the largest items identified within the excavation trench was a wagon axle. Its construction suggests a date sometime after 1870, but before 1920 for the wagon, but it may have been discarded at the site as fill much later. Most of the other artifacts retained from the trash deposit were bottles or bottle glass fragments. Milk bottles were particularly numerous. Most of the milk bottles were from the Snesil Dairy in Baltimore. These bottles date from the 1920s to 1930s. A Seafried's Alderney Dairy bottle appears to be from a Washington dairy, based on the address on the bottle. In addition, a U.S.N. Medical Department bottle was recovered. A number of bottles of local Annapolis manufacture were also recovered. Other artifacts recovered include fragments of a stoneware whiskey jug from A.C. Thomson, small quantities of glass tablewares, canning jar lids, ironstone cups, and ironstone serving bowl, a banded ironstone bowl, butchered bone fragments, lamp glass, electrical insulators, a test tube, 2 porcelain doll heads, a decorative milk glass object, and a ceramic pipe stem. In total 72 miscellaneous objects were recovered.

Two rowhouses appear along West Street at this location on the 1906, 1913, and 1921 Sanborn insurance maps as two dwellings. However, on the 1930 Sanborn insurance map, while both the dwellings remain, an addition has been added to the front with the indication that a store is now operating at this location. The store remains on the 1950 Sanborn Map. The 1939 Annapolis City Directory indicates that Harry Miller, grocer, and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in one of the residences, while Louis J. Jones, a clerk at the A&P Tea Company, and his wife Ursula resided at the other.

Based on the Sanborn Maps and the 1939 Annapolis Directory information, it seems that a grocery store began operating at the location sometime after 1921, but probably before 1930. This grocery store appears to have been operational in the 1950s as well. Deed information and other city records suggest that while the grocery was operated by the Millers, they were renters of both the store and one of the dwellings behind it, with the other dwelling being occupied by Louis Jones.

The trash deposit seems to have been formed over a fairly short period of time, perhaps to assist in filling the area south of the concrete retaining wall. The materials may however, have been accumulated over a longer period with their disposal in the is way resulting from the opportunity presented by the need to fill this area. This material seems to have been deposited in the 1930s or 40s, but included materials apparently dating from as early as the late 19th century. In addition to goods used by the Millers, or sold in their store, the deposit also seems to include materials that may pre-date their occupation of the property. Accordingly, the connection of these materials to the Millers and/or their store is not strong. While the deposit may have some potential to provide information regarding the retail consumer market of early 20th century Annapolis in comparison to other studies on the African-American community, that potential does not seem to be sufficient to warrant further archeological investigation. Site 18AP89 should not be considered a significant archeological resource.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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