



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18BC34

Site Name: Gwin

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

prehistoric lithic scatter, historic artifact scatter

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 7

SCS soil & sediment code U9

Latitude 39.2700

Longitude -76.6561

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 15 m

Site slope 0-5%

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) Gwynns Run

- | Saltwater | | Freshwater | |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> | Estuary/tidal river <input type="checkbox"/> | Stream/river <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Swamp <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tidewater/marsh <input type="checkbox"/> | Lake or pond <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Minimum distance to water is 0 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

- Paleoindian site
- Archaic site
- Early archaic
- Middle archaic
- Late archaic
- Woodland site
- MD Adena
- Early woodland
- Mid. woodland
- Late woodland

- Contact period site
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1780 - 1820
- ca. 1860 - 1900
- ca. 1900 - 1930
- Post 1930

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
- 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

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

N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

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Soil samples taken N

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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	5	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	3	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	5	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	8	Activity item(s)	6
Glass (all)	74	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	30	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	2
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	10
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"/>	Well/cistern	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<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 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 MAC

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Gwin Site (18BC34) is an artifact scatter on the Carroll Park Municipal Golf Course in southwestern Baltimore City. The artifact scatter consists of historic and modern artifacts, as well as prehistoric lithics. The site is situated on a sloping terrace and floodplain near the juncture of Gwynns Falls and Gwynns Run. Most of the surrounding landscape is heavily developed as an urban area. Soils at the site are primarily Sunnyside fine sandy loams and human-introduced soils brought in to create the golf course.

The site was first identified in 1982 when researchers with the Maryland Geological Survey – Division of Archeology conducted a survey of the proposed I-595 corridor which would have connected I-95 and I-270 in Baltimore City. During the survey, three archeological sites were identified, one of which was 18BC34. Two prehistoric flakes were found along the surface of a field road running parallel to the B & O Railroad bed at the site. Shallow shovel test pits (STPs) on a rise east of the field road revealed additional artifacts. Three quartz flakes, a clay marble, and one wrought nail were found in these STPs. The site was recommended for Phase II testing if threatened. The I-595 connector was never built.

Phase II testing was eventually conducted at the site in 1991 as the result of planned expansion of the Carroll Park Golf Course. The expansion project was to consist of the construction of two additional holes for the golf course into the area of the Gwin Site. It is a publicly owned golf course and excavation was conducted in compliance with Article 83B, Section 6-618 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Archeological work entailed literature review, informant interview, archeological survey of the entire expansion area, and Phase II testing at the previously identified Gwin Site.

Phase II work at 18BC34 initially was confined to the site limits as estimated in 1982. Testing commenced with the excavation of STPs placed on a 5 m grid pattern to establish the areal distribution of artifacts across the site. Based on the results from these STPs, the grid was extended in all directions until no additional artifacts were encountered. All of the STPs measured 50 cm square and extended through the topsoil/plowzone and at least 15 cm into the "B" horizon soil. All soils from the STPs were sifted through hardware cloth and examined for cultural material. The soil from each STP was documented according to soil color, composition, and depth, and soils profiles were drawn where soils varied across the locus.

The initial testing scheme included excavating a series of 1 X 1 m test units to identify features. However, this portion of the plan was not carried out when it was determined that all of the artifacts recovered from the STPs represented 20th century trash deposits, and no evidence was recovered indicating that an early historic site existed in the area.

The shovel tests revealed a generally consistent soils profile, with the exception of some areas where deep ruts had been created by off-road vehicles and trail bike traffic through the area. For the entire locus, the plowzone directly overlay the culturally sterile "B" horizon. Testing with a soil auger along the terrace revealed that this subsurface B horizon ranged from 1 to 2 m in depth. Testing was terminated when the auger would no longer cut the soil because it was too compacted. No artifacts were recovered within this zone.

Of the 62 STPs excavated, 23 contained cultural material. The majority of the artifacts were found in the upper 10 cm of the plowzone and all were found totally within this layer. None of the artifacts recovered from the site were difficult to temporally pinpoint and they consisted of clearly-defined modern remains. Virtually all of the artifacts found at the site consisted of 20th century ceramics, bottle glass, metal and nails, and brick fragments. Brick fragments were found in 10 of the STPs and the sample resembled large chunks of modern brick observed scattered along the dirt road bisecting the area.

The Phase II assemblage from 18BC34 (Gwin) consisted of 1 glass marble, 3 pieces of a glass lamp shade, 1 flower pot sherd, 23 brick fragments, 3 window glass fragments, 2 roofing nails, 1 unidentified nail, 5 whiteware sherds, 3 porcelain sherds, 63 container glass fragments, 2 oyster shells, 1 unidentified metal fragment, 8 unidentified glass fragments, and 1 piece of slag.

Based on the numbers and types of artifacts found at the site, it is likely that the material found in the shovel test pits can be attributed to the scattering of trash deposits by traffic along the road and trail bike traffic. Since no artifacts were found which would suggest that the residual remains of an historic or prehistoric site were located in the area of Site 18BC34, staff at the Maryland Historical Trust Office of Archeology were consulted in August of 1991 regarding the results of the shovel testing. At that time it was agreed that the site was non-culturally significant. Therefore, Phase II testing of the site was limited to shovel testing.

The results of Phase II work at 18BC34 revealed that the site was not culturally significant. It has not research potential.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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