



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18CE115

Site Name: W-T, CE-W14

Prehistoric

Other name(s) Mount Harmon Lot 4

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description: prehistoric lithic scatter

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 6

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 39.3899

Longitude -75.9449

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 6 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) Forman Creek, marsh

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 61 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Archaic site

MD Adena

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?

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"/> |
| Dames Qtr | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coulbourn | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Selden Island | <input type="checkbox"/> | Watson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Accokeek | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mockley | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wolfe Neck | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clemson Island | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vinette | <input type="checkbox"/> | Page | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shepard | <input type="checkbox"/> | Townsend | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yeocomico | <input type="checkbox"/> | Minguannan | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monongahela | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sullivan Cove | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Susquehannock | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shenks Ferry | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Moyaone | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Potomac Crk | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Historic Sherd Types | | Ironstone | | Staffordshire | | Stoneware | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Earthenware | | Jackfield | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tin Glazed | <input type="checkbox"/> | English Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Astbury | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mn Mottled | <input type="checkbox"/> | Whiteware | <input type="checkbox"/> | Eng Dry-bodied | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Borderware | <input type="checkbox"/> | North Devon | <input type="checkbox"/> | Porcelain | 4 | Nottingham | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buckley | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pearlware | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | Rhenish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Creamware | 1 | | | | | Wt Salt-glazed | <input type="checkbox"/> |

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

| Prehistoric Artifacts | | Other fired clay | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Flaked stone | 47 | 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 | 3 | 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"/> |
| Midden | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shell midden | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Postholes/molds | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| House pattern(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Palisade(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hearth(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lithic reduc area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Storage/trash pit | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burial(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ossuary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Dated features present at site

| Historic Artifacts | | Tobacco related | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Pottery (all) | 9 | Activity item(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Glass (all) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Human remain(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural | 7 | Faunal material | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Misc. kitchen | 2 |
| Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> | Floral material | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Misc. | 1 |
| Personal items | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Historic Features | | Privy/outhouse | | Depression/mound | | Unknown | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Const feature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Well/cistern | <input type="checkbox"/> | Burial(s) | <input 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 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 WT, CE-W14 (18CE115) represents a prehistoric lithic scatter of unknown cultural affiliation and a small historic artifact scatter. The site is located within the Mount Harmon National Register District on Grove Neck, in Cecil County. It is situated partly in an agricultural field and partly in a wooded area on a rise overlooking Foreman Creek, a tributary of the Sassafras River, and its associated wetlands. The wooded portion of the site is steeply sloped. Soils in the site area are sandy loam with 2-5% slope of the Collington series. The site measures approximately 6 m long by 6 m wide. Soil stratigraphy at the site was a light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) silty sand plowzone capping a yellow brown (10YR 5/6) silty sand subsoil.

Prior to the arrival of the European colonists, the land that encompasses the site area was occupied by the Tockwogh, a little-known Algonquian-speaking tribe. In 1608, their population was estimated at 335 individuals. The Mount Harmon plantation originated as a 350-acre land grant in 1651. The manor house was built sometime between 1721 and 1737 by the Ward family. After two centuries of changing ownership, several fires, repairs and additions, the land was sold to Mrs. Boden in 1963. Mrs. Boden was a direct descendant of the third land owners who held the property in the late 1700's. She restored the manor house and the property to its 1780's style (the time of her family). In 1974, Mrs. Boden donated the property to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1984, the Natural Lands Trust assumed ownership and the management of Mount Harmon.

The site was first recorded in the late 1970's during a survey that included portions of Mount Harmon. Artifacts recovered at the time were limited to 5 quartz flakes.

An archeological study was initiated in 1986 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to evaluate cultural resources at their Mount Harmon property. Four proposed house lots (Lots 1-4) and a proposed dock were investigated as part of the Phase I survey. Phase II testing was then conducted at 3 of the house lots (Lots 2-4) with the goal of determining the sites' eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places which included delimiting the horizontal and vertical extent of the sites and if possible interpreting their cultural affiliations, time span, and function. Test units were excavated in arbitrary 5 cm levels within the natural stratigraphy. Soil samples were taken for flotation from each stratum (no results from flotation were cited in the original report). The remaining soil was screened through ¼" mesh and all artifacts were retained.

Site 18CE115 was identified in Lot 4. Phase I investigations involved surface survey and the excavation of 42 shovel test pits (STPs) placed at 50 m intervals. A total of 4 porcelain sherds and 1 quartz flake were recovered from 2 STPs (7 and 14) during the Phase I testing. Phase II testing at the site included the excavation of four 1 m x 2 m test units. The units were placed where the Phase I finds were concentrated. No cultural features were encountered during the investigations.

A total of 44 prehistoric artifacts were recovered as a result of the Phase II testing. The artifact counts were taken from the inventory in Appendix C of the original site report. The chipped stone assemblage (n=41) was comprised entirely of debitage manufactured from local material with the exception of an ironstone flake. Artifacts included 27 quartz flakes, 4 chert flakes, 2 jasper flakes, 4 quartzite flakes, 1 ironstone flake, 2 quartz cores, and a fragmentary early stage quartz biface. 32% of the material was cortical and 68% of the flakes were products of late stage biface thinning/retooling. It was suggested that possibly on site quarrying (of local cobble material) and early stage reduction and tool rejuvenation activities were conducted at this site. A total of 3 FCR fragments were also recovered. It was suggested that the FCR indicated the presence of disassembled hearths.

Historic material (n=15) recovered as a result of the Phase II testing included 7 architectural items (brick fragments) and 7 kitchen-related items (1 yellowware sherd, 2 redware sherds, 2 creamware sherds, 1 clam shell and 1 oyster shell fragment). All of the shell within the Phase II project area was found in units that contained both prehistoric and historic materials; no shell (except for one fragment in Lot 2) was found in units that contained only prehistoric material. There was 1 miscellaneous item (an unidentified piece of metal). The presence of the historic artifacts was thought to reflect 19th century field dumping at the site location.

Site WT, CE-W14 (18CE115) represents a prehistoric lithic scatter of unknown cultural affiliation and a small historic artifact scatter. The site appears to be confined to the plowzone and not to have subsurface integrity. Site 18CE115 was determined to not be significant under National Register criterion and no further archeological work was recommended for the site. Recent aerial photos show a structure in the immediate site area.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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