



# Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18CE288

Site Name: Kieffer Farmstead

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

late 18th century farmstead

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 6

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 39.6064

Longitude -75.8595

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

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) Little Elk Creek

#### Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

#### Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 150 m

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Contact period site  ca. 1820 - 1860

ca. 1630 - 1675  ca. 1860 - 1900

Archaic site

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ca. 1675 - 1720  ca. 1900 - 1930

Early archaic

Early woodland

ca. 1720 - 1780  Post 1930

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

ca. 1780 - 1820

Late archaic

Late woodland

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown context

### Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

Asian American

African American

Unknown

Anglo-American

Other

Hispanic

German

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? Rural

#### 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

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken

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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

<b>Earthenware</b>		Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stoneware</b>	
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"/>	<b>Porcelain</b>	<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"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	6	Activity item(s)	1
Glass (all)	7	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	16	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.	2
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"/>				

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:

The Kieffer Farmstead Site (18CE288) is a late 18th century farmstead located west of the town of Elkton in Cecil County. The site is situated on a relatively level upper terrace and a lower terrace of Little Elk Creek. The upper terrace consists of open fields, which have been used for agriculture for the last 200 years, and a wooded area around the dwelling. The farmstead consists of two standing structures, an 18th or 19th century bank barn that is located on the lower terrace and an 18th century dwelling with 19th century additions that is located on the upper terrace. The dwelling is also known as the Pinder House (MIHP# CE-133). The house possesses a high degree of integrity in terms of architectural style, although questions remain regarding changes to its fabric. The integrity of the late 18th century residence has been compromised in numerous ways: the conversion of the window to a sliding glass door, a modern addition constructed on the north elevation, the chimney was rebuilt, it has an asbestos shingle roof, and a replacement railing was put on the 2-story porch. The barn is located approximately 125 m to the southwest of the dwelling and is in an extreme state of disrepair.

The site was first recorded in 1992 during the Phase I reconnaissance of the YMCA project area. The YMCA was planning to build new facilities on a 35 acre tract, including administrative offices and facilities. The site boundaries for 18CE288 as defined on the GIS quadrangle map at the Maryland Historical Trust were dictated by the limits of the Phase I project area. Site 18CE288 is bounded on the east by a power line right-of-way and on the west by a road and the eastern extent of site 18CE287. The northern and southern boundaries were arbitrarily designated. The barn was situated within the Phase I project boundaries; however, the Kieffer house was not. Also, the barn is not included within the site boundaries for 18CE288 as delineated on the GIS quadrangle map at the Maryland Historical Trust.

In all, 13 shovel test pits (STPs), 2 test trenches measuring 0.457 m x 9.144 m and 0.457 m x 7.62 m (1.5'x30' and 1.5'x25'), and 2 test units measuring 0.40 m x 8 m and 0.40 m x 6.5 m were excavated in the area around the house, but within the project boundary. The shovel test pits were located in the area between the dwelling and the eastern extent of 18CE287. A total of 16 historic artifacts were recovered from 5 of the 13 STPs. The test trenches and test units were located north and northeast of the house. The trenches and the units were excavated pursuant to an 1830's deed that gave specific metes and bounds for the laying out of a 15.24 m x 15.24 m (50'x50') lot for a cemetery. No artifacts were recovered from either of the trenches and only 4 artifacts (all historic) were recovered from the test units. No cultural features were identified during any of the subsurface testing. Six test trenches were excavated on the lower terrace. One test trench was excavated approximately 30 m southeast of the barn. No artifacts were recovered from that trench but 1 historic artifact was recovered from Trench 3 and 1 from Trench 5. Seven additional artifacts (historic only) were recovered from 4 of the 9 shovel tests that were also dug on the lower terrace.

Also during the Phase I survey, several historic period artifacts were located during the surface collection conducted in the field west of the house. However, those artifacts were not collected as they were determined to represent field scatter and were considered not to be a significant component within the survey area. Only prehistoric artifacts were recovered from surface collection units at that time. The only subsurface testing done in the field was the excavation of 8 STPs, from which a total of 4 prehistoric items were recovered.

During the subsequent Phase II investigations at 18CE287 (the prehistoric site) a total of 532 historic artifacts, primarily dated to the 19th and 20th centuries, were also collected. Included were buttons, numerous architectural and kitchen-related/domestic items, and activity items. These objects most likely relate to the 18th-20th century occupation of the Kieffer Farmstead. Details of those materials can be found in the synopsis for site 18CE287.

A total of 29 historic artifacts were retrieved from the excavated units during the Phase I study. There was 1 activity item (a brass cogged gear), 16 architectural items (5 brick fragments, 3 window glass fragments, 1 wrought spike, 6 cut nails, 1 copper rivet), 10 kitchen-related items (3 bottle glass fragments, 1 milk glass fragment, 2 redware sherd, 2 whiteware sherds, 1 unidentified earthenware sherd, and 1 pearlware sherd), and 2 miscellaneous items (1 piece of slag, 1 piece of coal).

The Kieffer Farmstead Site (18CE288) is a late 18th century farmstead that consists of two standing structures, an 18th or 19th century bank barn that is located on a lower terrace and an 18th century dwelling that is located on the upper terrace. The YMCA has built their facility on the tract. The barn, which is located on the YMCA's property, is still standing and the house, which is adjacent to the east side of the YMCA's property, is occupied. The bank barn lacks integrity, owing to the fact that the fabric of the structure has been substantially altered and compromised by 20th century additions and reconstructions. The dwelling was determined to be ineligible for nomination to the National Register because the original 18th century portion has been compromised by substantial renovations.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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