



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18CH332

Site Name: Quarters/Tenant House

Prehistoric

Other name(s): Habre-de-Venture, Thomas Stone NHS

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

prehistoric lithic scatter, mid-19th to 20th century slave quarters/tenant house

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 11

SCS soil & sediment code GmD

Latitude 38.5309 Longitude -77.0441

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m Site slope 0-30%

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) Unnamed tributary of Hogh

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 50 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? 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

Post-in-ground

Battlefield

Fortification

Encampment

Townsite

Religious

Church/mtg house

Ch support bldg

Burial area

Cemetery

Sepulchre

Isolated burial

Bldg or foundation

Possible Structure

tenant house, possible slave cabin

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples Soil samples taken N

Flotation samples taken N Other samples taken

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types			
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Koens-Crispin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehana	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Madison/Potomac	<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"/>
Minguannan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shenks Ferry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moyaone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yeocomico	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monongahela	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susquehannock	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts			
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uncommon Obj.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other <input type="checkbox"/>	<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			
Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts			
Pottery (all)	184	Tobacco related	2
Glass (all)	218	Activity item(s)	3
Architectural	173	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	5
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	1
		Other <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features			
Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth/chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paling ditch/fence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Earthworks	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mill raceway	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Wheel pit	<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 Quarters/Tenant House Site (18CH332) is the purported location of slave quarters associated with Habre de Venture, an 18th century plantation owned by Thomas Stone. Stone was one of Maryland's signers of the Declaration of Independence. The site is located north of Port Tobacco in Charles County, Maryland on what is today known as the Thomas Stone National Historic Site. The park consists of the remains of an 18th century dwelling built by Stone as well as several outbuildings, including a garage located just west of the main house and an abandoned tenant house roughly 140 meters to the southwest. Site 18CH332 is located in the vicinity of the tenant house, which may actually be one of several slave cabins originally located here. The surrounding landscape is characterized by a slightly sloping topography and mixed hardwoods such as scrub oak and Virginia pines. Soils on the property and in the vicinity of 18CH332 are primarily Beltsville series silt loams.

Archival research conducted on Thomas Stone and Habre de Venture is provided in the synopsis report for 18CH331. The first and only archeological work to focus on the vicinity surrounding the tenant house (18CH332) was conducted in November of 1987. A Phase III-level project was undertaken focusing on work in 5 areas identified through previous geophysical work, historical research, and informant interviews. It was information from a local informant that led to the attention on the area near the standing tenant house, where local lore stated that "slave cabins" associated with Stone's tenure on the plantation had once been located. Archeological investigations in this area were directed at finding the physical remains of this slave community. A total of thirty 1.524 X 1.524 meter (5 X 5 ft) units was excavated throughout the park (both 18CH331 and 18CH332), fifteen of which were located near the tenant house, in a row along the eastern edge of a narrow plateau overlooking a small stream (known as Area 6). Test units were distributed along this stretch of land at locations along the stream of minor topographic anomalies. The excavation of these units proceeded by natural stratigraphy with trowels, shovels, and/or picks. Strata were kept separate and screened through hardware cloth. All artifacts were retained, except brick which was only weighed and then discarded. The profiles of all units were drawn and plan views were recorded if they contained features. All units were photographed.

The test results from the excavation of these units revealed two concentrations of artifactual scatter. One concentration was very close to the extant remains of the tenant house and the other was near the southern edge of the narrow plateau. No structural remains were found. The only features encountered consisted of two shallow pipe trenches (probably associated with the tenant house), a steel post mark/stain, a post hole, and plow scars at the interface of the artifact bearing strata with sterile subsoil in every unit. Among the artifacts recovered were mid to late 19th century materials (primarily kitchen and architectural debris) and a few prehistoric objects (quartz flakes). All material was found in a disturbed context within the plowzone. No evidence was recovered to corroborate the identification of the area as a location for 18th century slave quarters.

Historic artifacts encountered during the 1987 Phase III excavations at 18CH332 included 3 activity items (2 grommets and a staple), 173 architectural objects, 335 kitchen-related objects, 2 tobacco-related objects (stoneware pipe bowl fragments), and 1 miscellaneous object (a piece of oyster shell). The architectural objects include a piece of roofing slate, 72 fragments of window glass, 97 cut nails, 2 wire nails, and an iron finial. Kitchen-related artifacts included 184 ceramic sherds (1 buff-bodied sherd, a sherd of manganese-mottled earthenware, 2 creamware sherds, 97 pearlware sherds, 2 cream-colored sherds, 17 porcelain sherds, 45 whiteware sherds, 14 redware sherds, 1 Rockingham sherd, and 4 miscellaneous stoneware sherds), 3 pieces of table glass, 143 bottle/container glass fragments, 4 animal bones/teeth, and a piece of tin foil.

While excavations in the vicinity of the tenant house (18CH332) did not reveal the presence of any structural remains. Concentrations of artifacts did suggest the possibility of structural locations dating primarily to the mid-19th century. Our understanding of 18CH332 would be aided by geophysical study followed by ground-truthing test excavations. Work focusing on the tenant house itself, both interior and exterior excavations, would help clear up remaining questions concerning its date of construction and the possibility that it is itself an adapted slave cabin.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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