



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18CH665

Site Name: Homeland Prehistoric

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

Archaic lithic scatter, short-term resource procurement, 19th-20th century artifact scatter

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 38.5229 Longitude -76.7726

Elevation 55 m Site slope

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 9

SCS soil & sediment code

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

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) Indian Creek

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

Minimum distance to water is 549 m

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 <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> |
| African American <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Anglo-American <input type="checkbox"/> | Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Prehistoric

- | | |
|---|--|
| Multi-component <input type="checkbox"/> | Misc. ceremonial <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Village <input type="checkbox"/> | Rock art <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hamlet <input type="checkbox"/> | Shell midden <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Base camp <input type="checkbox"/> | STU/lithic scatter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Rockshelter/cave <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarry/extraction <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Earthen mound <input type="checkbox"/> | Fish weir <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cairn <input type="checkbox"/> | Production area <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Burial area <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other context <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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

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

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

Historic context samples

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

| Projectile Point Types | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Clovis | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Hardaway-Dalton | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Palmer | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Kirk (notch) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Kirk (stem) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Le Croy | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Morrow Mntn | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Guilford | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Brewerton | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Otter Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Koens-Crispin | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Perkiomen | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Susquehana | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Vernon | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Piscataway | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Calvert | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Selby Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Jacks Rf (notch) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Jacks Rf (pent) | <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"/> | 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 | | | | Stoneware | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Astbury | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ironstone | 3 | Staffordshire | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Borderware | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jackfield | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tin Glazed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buckley | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mn Mottled | <input type="checkbox"/> | Whiteware | 13 |
| Creamware | <input type="checkbox"/> | North Devon | <input type="checkbox"/> | Porcelain | 2 |
| | | Pearlware | 1 | English Brown | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | Eng Dry-bodied | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | Nottingham | <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 | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Flaked stone | 48 | |
| Ground stone | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Stone bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fire-cracked rock | 35 | |
| Other lithics (all) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Ceramics (all) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Rimsherds | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other fired clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Human remain(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Modified faunal | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Unmod faunal | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Oyster shell | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Floral material | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Uncommon Obj. | <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

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

Dated features present at site

| Historic Artifacts | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Pottery (all) | 30 | |
| Glass (all) | 20 | |
| Architectural | 109 | |
| Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Personal items | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tobacco related | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Activity item(s) | 29 | |
| Human remain(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Faunal material | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Misc. kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Floral material | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Misc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Historic Features

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Const feature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Privy/outhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> | Depression/mound | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Well/cistern | <input type="checkbox"/> | Burial(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cellar hole/cellar | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trash pit/dump | <input type="checkbox"/> | Railroad bed | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Hearth/chimney | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sheet midden | <input type="checkbox"/> | Earthworks | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Postholes/molds | <input type="checkbox"/> | Planting feature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mill raceway | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Paling ditch/fence | <input type="checkbox"/> | Road/walkway | <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 MAC

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Homeland Prehistoric Site (18CH665) is an Archaic period lithic scatter as well as a scattering of 19th-20th century artifacts. The site is located near Hughesville in Charles County, Maryland. The site is situated on a slightly elevated bench in an agricultural field at the head of a small, unnamed stream. The site's underlying soils are of the Beltsville series.

In 1998 the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) sponsored a Phase I archeological survey of 2 proposed alternatives for expansion of Maryland Route 5 through Hughesville. The purpose of the survey was to determine the presence or absence of archeological sites, define their approximate boundaries, assess the potential integrity of the sites, and provide a preliminary evaluation of their potential eligibility for the NRHP. Site 18CH665 was identified during the Phase I investigations. Phase I work at the site was carried out in 3 separate stages. The first involved two staggered parallel rows of shovel test pits (STPs) at 10 meter intervals across the site area. Subsequent to this, the site area was gridded off into 10 meter squares in order to conduct a controlled surface collection. Six complete 10 X 10 meter block units and six partial 10 X 10 meter block units were collected within the site area.

The partial units fell on the edge of the field bordering a nearby road. Field counts from this latter task showed that the site could be divided into 2 separate and low density artifact concentrations. These 2 concentrations were defined primarily on the basis of higher counts of fire-cracked rock and debitage. These two concentrations probably marked the loci of two or more hearths that had been disturbed by plowing. Each concentration was further sampled by placement of a 1 meter test unit to determine if any remaining artifactual content was present. Both units revealed moderately shallow plowzones resting on weak B-horizons. Excavation into subsoil deposits within the site area did not reveal any cultural material or features. Archeological context at the site is limited strictly to the plowzone. Any features that may have existed, e.g. the hearths represented by the fire-cracked rock scatters, have long been plowed into oblivion.

The Phase I assemblage from site 18CH665 included 71 prehistoric stone artifacts and 5 historic objects. No prehistoric ceramics were recovered. The prehistoric artifacts include 2 projectile points (1 Halifax or Vernon, 1 Lamoka), 2 quartzite biface fragments, 6 quartz cores or core fragments, 14 quartzite flakes, 12 quartz flakes, and 35 pieces of fire-cracked rock. Historic remains included a sherd of pearlware, a piece of brick, 2 machine-made container glass fragments, and a piece of whiteware. Thus, the site was interpreted to represent a small prehistoric lithic scatter of Middle and Late Archaic age, with evidence of historic field scatter as well. The lack of cultural material from an unplowed context suggested that the site had little potential to yield additional important information.

Nevertheless, researchers returned to the site in October of 1999 to conduct testing. This was performed in an effort to answer questions regarding a nearby historic brick clamp site at 18CH664 (see synopsis report). One of the most pressing research issues in that study was the identification of the historic structure for which the bricks fired at the clamp were intended. During routine walkover survey of the 4.25 acre field west of 18CH664, within which 18CH665 is located, historic artifacts (including bricks) were noted. After reviewing the Phase I findings from 1998, the relatively few historic remains encountered during that study took on more significant meaning. In the search to identify the structure associated with the 18CH664 brick clamp, a controlled surface collection was conducted in the field and through 18CH665.

To facilitate the surface collection, a 10 m grid was laid across the field and each quadrant was individually collected. Since much of the field was overgrown at the time of the survey, it was deemed necessary to substitute shovel testing for surface reconnaissance in the central portion of the field. A total of 56 shovel tests were excavated on the grid points originally laid out for the surface collection in this area. STPs measured 50 cm in diameter and extended 10 cm into natural subsoil. All excavated soils were passed through hardware cloth.

Based upon the surface reconnaissance and on the results of shovel testing, three 1 X 1 m units were excavated in the southwestern and northwestern portions of the field. The artifact scatters in the field, were determined to be unrelated to 18CH664 and instead were thought to be more of the historic field scatter that was originally identified as part of 18CH665. This resulted in an expansion of the site boundaries for 18CH665.

Artifacts encountered during the 1999 Phase II work at 18CH665 include 12 prehistoric artifacts, 29 historic activity items, 108 historic architectural artifacts, and 45 historic kitchen items. The prehistoric assemblage consisted of 1 quartz biface, 1 quartzite biface, 1 quartz core, a tested jasper cobble, 9 quartz flakes, 2 quartzite flakes, and 7 quartz debris/debitage fragments. Historic oyster shell (29 pieces) was counted as an activity item at 18CH665, because its widespread distribution at the site suggests it was being utilized as a soil-treating agent rather than serving a more domestic purpose. Historic architectural remains include 107 handmade brick fragments and 1 piece of window glass. And finally, the kitchen assemblage consisted of 28 ceramic sherds (3 ironstone, 1 domestic brown stoneware, 4 domestic gray stoneware, 3 gray salt-glazed stoneware, 2 hard-paste porcelain, 12 whiteware, 3 redware) and 17 glass fragments (a canning jar lid liner, 2 table glass fragments, 2 embossed glass fragments, 1 blown-in-mold glass container fragment, 2 machine-made container fragments, and 9 miscellaneous glass bottle shards). Most of the artifact date to the 19th and 20th centuries.

In summary, Site 18CH665 appears to be a simple Archaic lithic scatter as well as a 19th-20th century artifact scatter. The site has been extensively disturbed by plowing. It likely has no significant research potential.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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