



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18DO182

Site Name: MD 313-7/Taylor

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Middle Woodland scatter and late 18th and 19th century house site

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 3

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.5685

Longitude -75.7595

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 5 m

Site slope 0

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) Becky Taylor Branch

- | 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 20 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
- Unknown prehistoric context

- Contact period site
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1780 - 1820
- 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? 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 N

N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

Historic context samples

Soil samples taken N

N

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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"/>	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"/>	6	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stoneware		
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	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"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>	61		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	<input type="checkbox"/>	90	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"/>	29	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	silicified slate	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts					
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	288	Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>	13
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	303	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	18
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	743	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	194
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>		Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>		Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	101
			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 checked="" 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 MD 313-7/Taylor Site (18DO182) is a multicomponent site with a late 19th century dwelling that may have been associated with the Taylor/Wilson sawmill (18DO177), located just to the east, and a late 17th/early 18th century occupation as well. There is also a small, possibly Middle Woodland, prehistoric component. The site is located on the stream terrace above Becky Taylor Branch in Dorchester County, MD. Soils at the site are Runclint sands.

The site was identified in 1990 during Phase Ib intensive archeological survey of areas to be affected by the proposed widening and curve realignments in a section of MD 313. The purpose of the project was to determine the presence or absence of potentially significant archeological sites within the project area. The total project area consists of 6.44 km (4 miles) of existing right-of-way that parallels MD 313.

Archival research indicates that the nearby sawmill was owned by J. Wilson, the son of Mrs. R. Taylor (who remarried after Wilson's father's death). Tax records from 1876 indicate that Wilson built a dwelling for the sawyer, who presumably ran the mill for Wilson. Neither the sawmill nor the dwelling are depicted on the 1905 map suggesting that the house may have been abandoned about the same time as the sawmill. There are no records of an earlier dwelling located within the site area. The site was identified on the basis of 6 positive shovel test pits (STPs) excavated during Phase Ib. The artifacts collected during the Phase Ib investigation are included with the totals from the Phase II investigation.

Phase II investigations at the site involved historical background research as well as the excavation of 42 STPs placed on a 10 m interval grid, and the excavation of seven 1 m X 1 m test units. Four of the test units were placed within the right-of-way and 3 test units were placed in areas of high artifacts density as determined by the STPs. The approximate site size is 70 by 45 meters. Portions of the site have been disturbed by plowing activities, construction activities, and the 1978 flood. The site is bounded on the west by the edge of the stream valley, to the north by Route 313, and to the south and the east boundaries were determined the absence of artifacts.

Eight possible historic features were identified during the Phase II study. Feature 1 was a posthole identified in an STP that measured 15 cm in diameter with a depth of 11 cm from surface level. It may represent a line of posts that at one time edged the road. Feature 2 was a plow scar in unit 2. Features 3 and 4 were shallow pits adjacent to one another in unit 1. Both features contained charcoal but no artifacts. Feature 3 may have been a posthole but is rather shallow and Feature 4 was most likely non-cultural. Feature 5 was a plow scar, also in unit 1. Feature 6 may have been a posthole in unit 4 but was probably related to Features 7 and 8. Both Feature 7 and Feature 8 were determined to be non-cultural (organic staining) and contained no artifacts. No prehistoric features were located.

A total of 1569 historic artifacts were recovered from the site. The 18 activities-related items include 13 lamp glass fragments, 2 pieces of non-electrical wire, 1 miscellaneous hardware, 1 staple, and 1 terracotta flower pot fragment. There were 743 architectural items (456 brick fragments, 163 cut nails and nail fragments, 2 wire nails, 97 shards of window glass, 15 pieces of mortar, 1 screw, 1 metal knob, 1 piece of roofing slate, 5 asphalt shingle fragments, and 2 plumbing pipes). Three furniture items include 1 cast iron stove part and 2 mirror pieces. There were 688 kitchen items (185 bottle glass fragments, 2 machine made bottle fragments, 4 blown in mold bottle fragments, 13 pieces of table glass, 2 glass jar lid liners, 1 Majolica tin-enameled earthenware, 29 creamware, 61 pearlware, 1 porcelain, 6 ironstone, 2 domestic brown stoneware with Albany slip, 5 domestic gray stoneware, 2 other stoneware, 3 buff-bodied earthenware, 2 Rockingham/Bennington yellowware, 1 slipware, 7 yellowware, 82 whiteware, 46 redware, and 40 unidentified ceramic sherds, 24 tin can fragments, 1 unidentified utensil handle, 29 pieces of animal bone, 139 oyster shells and shell fragments, and 1 unidentified floral objects). There were 101 miscellaneous objects (74 pieces of unidentified metal, 9 pieces of plastic, 1 piece of coal, 16 pieces of coal ash, and 1 charcoal fragment). The 13 tobacco items were 8 clay pipe stem fragments and 5 clay pipe bowl fragments. Three arms-related items consist of 1 rimfire cartridge, 1 metal percussion cap, and 1 bullet.

A total of 120 prehistoric items were recovered from the site. There were 2 broken biface fragments. Debitage consists of 87 flakes and 1 piece of shatter. There were 29 fire-cracked rocks (23 from one STP). One piece of Mockley ware was the only prehistoric ceramic found.

The two historic occupations are not clearly separated vertically across the site due to plowing although there are some observable spatial distributions. The earliest material is located primarily in the north central portion of the site and the later material is centered on the west edge of the tested area. There was an anomalous concentration of prehistoric artifacts within unit 4 (not associated with any of the features identified in that unit). Otherwise, prehistoric artifacts were scattered across the site.

The MD 313-7/Taylor Site (18DO182) had one prehistoric and two historic components. The historic components have been disturbed by plowing and clearing. Only one possible feature (a posthole) could be located. Furthermore, the major part of the site is outside the right-of-way. The prehistoric component is sparse and no diagnostic artifacts were recovered. Therefore, 18DO182 would provide no further significant data concerning the historic or prehistoric periods in Dorchester County or the Delmarva Peninsula.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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