



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18DO418

Site Name: Stanley Institute

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

late 19th-20th century African-American frame school

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 4

SCS soil & sediment code Ota

Latitude 38.5409

Longitude -76.1052

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m

Site slope 0-2%

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) Southeast Branch Fishing

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 362 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Archaic site

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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

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

school

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"/>	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		Staffordshire		Stoneware	
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"/>	Porcelain	<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

Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	19	Activity item(s)	23
Glass (all)	652	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	400	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	4	Misc. kitchen	80
Arms	1	Floral material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	6	Misc.	54
Personal items	1	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Const feature	<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 checked="" 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 Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc.

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Stanley Institute Site (18DO418) consists of a small frame structure that post-dates the Civil War which housed the Stanley Institute, a late 19th and early 20th century community-owned African-American primary school. The Stanley Institute is located southwest of Cambridge in Dorchester County. It is situated on a small (0.34 acre) triangular parcel of land at the intersection of a state highway and a local road. The headwaters of Fishing Creek flow nearby. The ground cover at the site consists of grassy lawn and a lightly graveled driveway along the eastern boundary. At the southern and western edges of the site there are substantial roadside ditches that have recently been improved in conjunction with road widening activities. The soils at the site are primarily Keyport silt loams.

Phase I/II survey was conducted at 18DO418 in order to identify all historic archeological resources, to evaluate the research potential and significance of those resources, and to develop appropriate recommendations for the management of significant resources. The Phase II study in particular was conducted in order to determine the site's eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The archeological investigations were funded by a Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant through the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and were conducted in full consultation with MHT.

Archival research revealed that the Stanley Institute was opened in 1867. The 1877 atlas showed a school and a church at Christ Rock. The building was used for both a school and a church until the Christ Rock Methodist Church was built in the 1870's. The one room school was used for the first 7 grades from 1867 until 1944, when in 1945 it was used for the first 6 grades. The school was closed in 1967. The building may have been constructed as early as 1790 or 1800 and was moved to its current location. There are no records in any of the county historical documents that suggest where the building might have come from. The structure is a brace-framed building that measures 5.48 m (18') wide and 6.7 m (22') long. A 2.43 m (8') addition was added to the rear of the building after it was moved. There is an enclosed front vestibule and the entire structure sits on brick piers. A water well was dug on the property in the 1930's. Interviews with Christ Rock locals indicated that at one point there had also been a coal house on the property. The coal house was divided into 3 sections: the middle section was used to store coal and wood and there were privies for the students on either side. After its use as a school, the main building was used as a community center and then as a museum. The coal/privy building was torn down in the 1970's.

Phase I archeological survey consisted of the excavation of 38 shovel test pits along a 7.62 m (25') grid in the area directly around the structure. Shovel tests were excavated at 1.52 m intervals in the northern portion of the property where the outbuildings were reported to have been located. Additional judgmental shovel test units were placed in areas around the structure to more clearly define the artifact distribution and activity areas around the structure. The distribution of artifacts along with the identification of features in the northern portion of the study area confirmed the presence of an outbuilding in that location. Several activity areas were also identified during Phase I shovel testing. First, outside the front door of the Institute there was a higher concentration of kitchen and personal items. The kitchen item probably relate to children eating while attending school. Second, a basketball court was located to the north of the structure. The court was located at the interface of strata A and B within the shovel tests. Third, the coal shed/privy outbuilding was identified by an increased artifact concentration along with 2 other possible features. Feature 1 (F1) was identified as a possible pit. The pit fill was a dark grayish brown silty loam that extended approximately 20 cm into the subsoil. Feature 2 (F2) was a rotted post within a posthole.

Phase II archeological survey consisted of the excavation of two 0.76 X 1.52 m (2.5'X5') units, two 1.52 m² (5'X5') units, and the mechanical stripping of about 102 m² (336 sq. ft.) in the area surrounding the location of the coal house/privies. Seven features were identified during the Phase II investigation. All the feature fills contained architectural and domestic debris as well as artifacts representing the use of the building as a school.

Features 3-5 (F 3-F5) were identified within Excavation Unit 1, just above the subsoil. This unit was placed south and west of the front of the building in an area with a high artifact concentration. The features appeared to be postholes that were possibly related to the erection of signs on the property. They were roughly circular stains that measured 35.56 cm (14") in diameter. F1 and F2 were re-identified in Excavation Unit 3. F1 was interpreted as a possible privy pit and F2 was a posthole. Feature 6 (F6) was a possible trash pit identified within Excavation Unit 4. This feature appeared to correspond with a surface depression. It was an oblong stain measuring about 76 cm X 91 cm (2.5' X 3') and extended east into the wall of the unit. There were 2 distinct parts of the soil matrix in the feature. The first part was an exterior band with mottled yellowish brown, gray, and dark gray soils. The second part was the central portion of the feature that had a dark grayish brown soil. Both the inner and outer parts had coal inclusions. Features 7-9 (F7-F9) were identified during mechanical stripping. F7 was roughly rectangular in plan and bowl-shaped in profile. The fill was loosely-packed very dark grayish brown and had a depth of only 12.7 cm (5"). F8 was located south of, and near to, F6. F8 was likely a trash pit representing a depositional episode earlier to the one that formed F6. Feature 9 (F9) was identified just north of F1. According to the plan view, the western portions of F1 and F9 appear to merge and make up one large feature. F9 was bowl-shaped and measured about 11.43 cm (4.5") deep. F1 was bisected and was also bowl-shaped and measured about 22.86 cm (9") deep. In addition to the features, within Excavation Unit 2 an in situ configuration of unmortared bricks was located which represents a segment of a walkway.

In the site report, it is reported that 925 artifacts were found at the site. However, the inventory in the appendix lists a total of 994 artifacts as having been recovered during the Phase I/II investigations at 18DO418. The inventory total is the one used here (perhaps the excavators did not count miscellaneous material and more modern items in their report). Only the weights, rather than the counts, for brick, coal, and mortar were given in the report; therefore, the counts of those objects here are bare minimums (every time a weight was given, '1' was added to the total counts column for that item). Artifacts cataloged by the excavators as "decorative or embossed machine made glass" were put into the table glass category because they were not clearly distinguished as the "machine made bottle glass" was.

There were 23 activity items including 2 Nerf balls, 1 thumb tack, 2 pen parts, 1 pencil sharpener, 2 pieces of lead/graphite, 1 piece of chalk, 3 desk fragments, 7 pieces of lamp glass, 1 fragment of lighting hardware, 1 pad lock, 1 battery core, and 1 fragment of barb wire. There were 400 architectural items including 6 brick fragments, 20 cut nails, 62 wire nails, 1 roofing nail, 51 unidentified nails, 249 shards of window glass, 1 piece of window caulk, 5 pieces of lime mortar, 1 spike, and 1 nut. There were 6 clothing items (1 glass button, 2 hard rubber buttons, and 3 shell buttons). Furniture-related items included 1 tack and 3 fragments of a Formica countertop. There were 502 kitchen-related items (35 bottle glass fragments, 208 machine made bottle glass fragments, 45 fragments of free/hand blown bottle glass, 46 fragments of screw lid glass jars, 1 clear glass lid fragment, 8 pieces of milk glass, 60 shards of table glass, 1 whiteware sherd, 1 redware sherd, four 20th century porcelain sherds, 11 ironstone sherds, 1 unidentified sherd, 2 pop tops, 4 tablecloth pieces, 7 tin can fragments, 9 pieces of plastic flatware, 3 animal bone fragments, and 55 oyster shell fragments). There were 54 miscellaneous items (31 pieces of burned glass, 9 fragments of unidentified metal, 1 piece of rubber, 8 pieces of plastic, 1 floral board, 1 plastic bandage, 2 coal pieces, and 1 Styrofoam Pepsi label). The only personal item was a brass straight pin. The only tobacco-related item was a cigar filter. The only arms-related item was a modern bullet.



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The Stanley Institute Site (18DO418) has and can provide information concerning the late 19th and early 20th century education of African Americans in a rural context. The archeological deposits uncovered during investigations at 18DO418 revealed or confirmed information regarding the property's users and their lifestyles. The site has contributed information concerning the historic trend of segregated African American schools during the late 19th and early 20th centuries as well as information about the community of Christ Rock. The Stanley Institute Site is an important cultural resource on the Delmarva Peninsula.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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