



# Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18DO76

Site Name: Brooks

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

Late Woodland shell midden

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 4

SCS soil & sediment code GaB

Latitude 38.5867

Longitude -76.1067

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation -20 m

Site slope 0-5%

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) Choptank River

#### Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Spring

#### Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 0 m

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

Archaic site

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ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1860 - 1900

Early archaic

Early woodland

ca. 1675 - 1720

ca. 1900 - 1930

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

ca. 1720 - 1780

Post 1930

Late archaic

Late woodland

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric 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
- 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?

#### 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"/>	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	10	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			
Flaked stone	10	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)	1	Oyster shell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	10	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Midden	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

One pit feature and 1 lens feature assoc. w/ Townsend ceramics

Historic Artifacts			
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco related	1
Glass (all)	4	Activity item(s)	1
Architectural	102	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	11
		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 Brooks Site (18DO76) represents a possible Late Woodland period base camp or short-term resource procurement site, and historic artifact scatter. The site is located on a high, terraced bank of the Choptank River near the town of Cambridge in Dorchester County. Soils at the site are Galestown loamy sands.

Archeological investigation was required ahead of the proposed construction of a 30.48 m (100') section of bulkhead. The Brooks site is located only a short distance from the Sandy Hill Site (an important Woodland period site) and Maryland Historical Trust personnel suggested that the Brooks Site may contain significant cultural resources. Therefore, Section 106 compliance was required.

Phase I investigations of the site area were conducted during a two day period in late December 1978 by an archeologist from the Army Corp of Engineers. During the Phase I study, 6 shovel tests were placed at 3 m intervals on a line 2 m from, and parallel to, the river bank. The shovel tests were excavated to a depth of 1 m and the soil was screened through hardware mesh. Three test units (TU 1- TU 3) were excavated 2 m from the river bank along the same line as the shovel test pits. There was a disturbed soil lens 0-50 cm deep that contained mixed historic rubble and prehistoric debris. A depression in the ground next to the site was noticed by the archeologist and might suggest a cellar or foundation for a historic structure that once stood on the property. A buried A-horizon associated with Late Woodland period artifacts was identified 80-110 cm below the surface.

A total of 51 prehistoric artifacts were recovered. There were 3 quartz flakes and 1 quartz fragment, 7 shell-tempered sherds belonging to the Townsend series, and 40 oyster shell fragments. The shell count is a minimum estimate. A total of 115 historic artifacts were recovered. The only activity item was a piece of non-electrical wire. Architecture-related items include 42 brick fragments, 6 nails, 50 mortar fragments, and 4 glass shards. The brick and mortar counts are minimum estimates. Miscellaneous items include 2 iron fragments, 1 piece of slate, 4 pieces of coal, and 4 pieces of charcoal. The only tobacco-related item was a pipe fragment. Further sampling at the site and determination of the site's boundaries was recommended by T. Bastian, the State Archeologist, and W. Clarke, archeologist for the Maryland Historical Trust.

In 1979, a Phase II study was undertaken by staff from the Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) and a member of the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM) and partially funded by a Maryland Historical Trust's grant-in-aid. The goals of the Phase II field testing were to determine if the cultural resource was significant, to determine the site's eligibility for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, and to determine the effects of the proposed project on the site. The study was to coincide with the start of bulkheading. Prior to the archeologists' arrival at the site, a 5 m X 14 m rectangular area that was 2 m deep had been mechanically removed from across the middle of the site. This was to be the platform for a crane during construction of the bulkhead. The rectangular pit coincided with the location of the Phase I shovel tests, and 2 of the meter squares (TUs 1-3) were covered by backdirt piles. Phase II field work consisted of profiling the south and east walls of the trench and excavating 3 m<sup>2</sup> test units. In the trench, the MGS located a shallow shell lens (Feature 1) in the east wall, and a small pit (Feature 2) in the south wall. Feature 1 contained 1 Townsend sherd, 1 rhyolite and 5 quartz flakes, 1 possible hammerstone, 1 bone fragment, 7 snail shell fragments, and small charcoal fragments. The shell lens extended about a meter along the profile and was 2.5 cm thick. The only artifact recovered from Feature 2 was a shell-tempered Townsend ware sherd. A second Townsend fabric-impressed sherd was recovered from the south profile wall. No artifacts were recovered from any of the 3 test units.

The Brooks Site (18DO76) represents the remnants of a Late Woodland base camp or short-term resource procurement camp. There is also a historic component that represents an artifact scatter mixed with prehistoric material in the uppermost strata of the site. This may indicate that at one time a historic period structure was located in the site vicinity. However, the site has largely been destroyed by landscaping to the south and from shoreline erosion to the west. A major portion of what remained of the site was destroyed in the excavation of the 5 m X 14 m trench. Grading of the property at the completion of the bulkhead construction would largely remove the rest of the site. Therefore, 18DO76 is not considered a significant archeological resource and no further work is recommended at the site.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

00000176, 00000211