



# Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number:

Site Name:

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

Unknown

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No.

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude

Longitude

Physiographic province

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation

Site slope

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)

- | 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 <input type="text" value="300 m"/> |  |  |                                |

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Contact period site  ca. 1820 - 1860

ca. 1630 - 1675  ca. 1860 - 1900

Archaic site

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ca. 1675 - 1720  ca. 1900 - 1930

Early archaic

Early woodland

ca. 1720 - 1780  Post 1930

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

ca. 1780 - 1820

Late archaic

Late woodland

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown context

### Ethnic Associations (historic only)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Native American <input type="checkbox"/>  | Asian American <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| African American <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| Anglo-American <input type="checkbox"/>   | Other <input type="text" value="Y"/>     |
| Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>         | German-American <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?

### 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

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

cooporage?

## Interpretive Sampling Data:

### Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken

### Historic 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"/>	77	Tin Glazed	2	English Brown	3
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	Whiteware	1125	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	Porcelain	99	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	271	North Devon			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Pearlware			Wt Salt-glazed	3

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

## Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	4	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"/>	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 type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	4984	Activity item(s)	411
Glass (all)	4566	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	4131	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	20	Misc. kitchen	902
Arms	16	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	61	Misc.	1615
Personal items	34	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Historic Features

Const feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well/cistern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	midden	<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"/>		

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## 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:

Site 18FR638 lies adjacent to the Sebastian Derr House, built in 1755, on the Dearbought Farm. It is situated on a gentle slope above the west bank floodplain of the Monocacy River near Ceresville, Frederick County, MD. In addition to the 1 ½-story log and stone house, a log corn crib, a 2 ½-story stone building known as the "cooperage", 2 modern structures, and several wells/cisterns are located on the property. Soils at the site are Hagerstown gravelly loams. The gravel ranges up to cobble-sized rocks and consists of quartz, limestone, and shale.

The Sebastian Derr house is listed on the Maryland Historic Sites Inventory and is associated with the initial settlement of the area by German farmers, the development of agriculture as a major economic force in Frederick County, and important members of the late 18th/early 19th century community of Frederick. The prospect of development of single and multiple-family homes and commercial spaces on the Dearbought Farm property led to the implementation of a Phase I intensive survey of the area in 1988/1989. Site 18FR638 (also known as the Maerk 2 site) archeological deposits were identified during the survey and characterized as a concentration of 19th century artifacts to the west of the Sebastian Derr house and east of the nearby "cooperage". Upon completion of the Phase I survey, eight archeological sites had been investigated and 18FR638 was recommended for further work as avoidance was not possible.

The entire Dearbought Farm property was originally located within "Tasker's Chance," a 7000 acre tract of land patented to Benjamin Tasker in 1727. Six early German immigrants attempted to buy the tract from Tasker in 1736 for £2000. Unable to raise the requisite funds, they convinced Daniel Dulaney, a prominent land speculator in Western Maryland, to purchase the land on the condition that each of the six immigrants would be allowed to buy the parcel on which he had settled. In July of 1746, Dulaney issued 21 deeds on Tasker's Chance. One of these tracts was surveyed for Melchior Werfel, but it was sold instead to a Stephen Ramsburg in 1753. Two years later, Ramsburg sold his 307.25 acre lot (referred to as "Dearbought") to Sebastian Derr, a cooper from the Palatinate area of Germany. Sebastian Derr built the first house on Dearbought in 1755 near the center of the tract. The house was built of log and stone and covered with clapboard. It was referred to in tax records as the "frame house", and by family members as the "old house". The stone cooperage north of and facing the main house probably was built around the same time. A second house was built on the property in 1775 as a wedding gift for one of Derr's sons, possibly incorporating into its structure an older, smaller building which at one time served as a tavern. Both houses contain a central fireplace and reflect the German origins of the Derr family. As a cooper and farmer, Sebastian became a wealthy member of the Frederick community. Unlike most German farmers in northern Maryland, he was a slave-owner; he bequeathed nine black slaves to various family members at his death. He purchased several additional properties and incorporated them into his large farming operations. Despite re-parceling and public sales of some portions of the property over the course of its history, Dearbought remained largely intact and within family ownership until the modern era when it was subdivided following the Dearbought Farm development project.

The 1988/1989 Phase I survey entailed two stages of fieldwork at the Dearbought Farm property. The initial testing stage applied systematic pedestrian survey and surface collection, augmented by a second stage involving systematic subsurface testing of surface collected areas. Of the 311 acres within Dearbought Farms, 170 acres are in the floodplain. Because no construction was planned for these 170 floodplain acres, archeological survey was only conducted on the remaining 141 acres. Following establishment of a datum, a 20 X 20 m control grid was established over the entire parcel. The cultivated portions of the farm were surveyed and systematically surface collected. Surface collections were accomplished in 10 X 10 m quadrants within the 20 m grid squares. Because the fields recently had been plowed, surface visibility was good. The remaining acreage was shovel tested at 20 m intervals to 40 cm or 10 cm into the subsoil, whichever came first. In the vicinity of 18FR638, both surface collection and shovel testing were utilized.

The Phase I collection from the Sebastian Derr House Site (18FR638) consisted of 61 activity items, 286 architectural objects, 10 clothing-related artifacts, 1094 kitchen-related items, 2 personal objects, a tobacco-related object, 2 arms pieces, and 111 miscellaneous items. However, all of these counts, as well as those provided below for the Phase II collection are approximate due to apparent discrepancies in the original site reports. The activity items included 9 toys (3 glass marbles, 2 doll parts, 2 plastic toys, a rubber toy, and a child's record), 7 lamp glass fragments, 4 pieces of non-electric wire, a metal washer, 23 unidentified pieces of hardware, part of an axe, a battery part, 2 pieces of storage container lid, an iron buckle, 2 horseshoes, and 10 fragments of flower pot (s). The architectural assemblage included 4 ceramic tiles, 115 pieces of brick, 4 mortar fragments, a piece of plaster, 4 cement/concrete fragments, 52 window glass shards, 18 roofing objects (4 fragments of slate, 10 asbestos shingle fragments, and 4 roofing tiles), 58 nails (9 cut, 9 wire, 40 unidentified), a screw, a staple, 2 pieces of construction hardware, 9 electrical parts (insulators, etc.), a piece of electrical wire, a door handle, 14 ceramic drainage/sewer pipe fragments, and a gas/plumbing fixture. Clothing-related objects were 2 buttons (1 is glass), 1 metal and 2 rubber shoe parts, 2 cloth fragments, a rubber piece of clothing, and 2 miscellaneous items. The large kitchen assemblage consisted 657 ceramic sherds, 22 glass lid liner pieces, 12 table glass fragments, 23 machine-made bottle shards, 339 bottle/container glass fragments, a metal pull tab, 1 plastic lid, part of a plastic plate/cup, 1 utensil, 27 animal bones, 9 pieces of oyster shell, and 1 miscellaneous kitchen item. The kitchen ceramics consisted of 8 buff-bodied earthenware sherds, 1 creamware sherd, 20 pearlware sherds, 1 early and 19 later porcelain sherds, 52 ironstone fragments, 138 whiteware, 3 yellowware, 329 redware, a white salt-glazed stoneware sherd, 3 English Brown stoneware sherds, 41 Domestic Brown stoneware sherds, 29 gray stoneware sherds, 1 piece of miscellaneous stoneware, 7 miscellaneous ceramic sherds, and 4 unidentifiable ceramics. The personal items recovered were part of a perfume bottle, and a mirror fragment. The only tobacco related items was part of an ash tray. The two arms-related objects were a center fire cartridge (caliber unspecified) and a percussion cap. And finally, the miscellaneous items from the site include 25 pieces of metal, 9 unidentified synthetic pieces (plastic), 2 pieces of rubber, 2 stone and 12 wood fragments, 42 pieces of coal, 14 pieces of charcoal, and 5 chunks of slag.

Following Phase I survey, 18FR638 was recommended for Phase II testing due to the inability to alter development plans in favor of avoidance. Development of the Dearbought Farm and the project area included multiple and single family homes, as well as commercial space. The construction of foundations and subsurface utility lines, as well as the surface grading of roads, would affect any buried cultural resources located in the project area. However, the Sebastian Derr house and its associated outbuildings were preserved. The site grid from the Phase I survey was re-established, and excavation units were located within it. Twenty-eight 1 X 1 meter units were placed within an area of artifact concentration located south and west of the Derr house during Phase I work. Seven 1 X 1 meter units were excavated in the center of a second concentration located east of the "cooperage". All excavations followed natural strata, or arbitrary levels in natural strata. All soils were screened except for an area containing modern fill deposit, where only a 25% sample of the soils was screened. Each unit was excavated to sterile soil unless archeological features were encountered. Features were not excavated. In several cases, units were excavated differentially in order to isolate features and to determine the depths of cultural deposits below the level in which features were encountered.

These 35 test units contained a series of disturbed soil deposits, including plowzone, fill, and possibly garden tilled soils. Intact cultural deposits were



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identified in only a few units. Twenty-two features were recorded within the excavation units near the Derr house; these features were not excavated at this time. The majority of these features were small soil stains located at the top of the subsoil deposit; these features represent either historic post holes or rodent disturbances. Several features containing mottled subsoil and stones may represent pipe trenches or other subsurface features constructed within the property. The two features identified near the "cooperage" consisted of stone concentrations. One of these features was a stone pavement, containing bricks and other artifacts and the other may represent supports for a post associated with the pavement. Over 13,000 artifacts were recovered during these investigations. These materials indicate that the greatest period of deposition within the site was the 19th century; only a handful of artifacts from the 18th century were recovered.

A total of 350 activity items were recovered including 51 toys (5 glass marbles, 3 ceramic marbles, a doll part, 2 toy harmonica pieces, 2 child's records, 2 fragments of a porcelain toy dish, 3 antique metal toys, 31 plastic toy pieces, a rubber toy, and 1 modern toy), 47 pieces of lamp glass, 6 light bulb fragments, 91 non-electrical wire fragments, a piece of wire insulation, 18 unidentified hardware pieces, 10 metal straps, 4 springs, 1 metal nut, a piece of rope, a file, 2 saw parts, 13 miscellaneous tools, 2 tool handles, 13 automotive parts, 20 tin can parts, 26 machine parts, 3 glass activity objects, 17 iron buckles, a horseshoe, 17 plastic and ceramic flower pot fragments, an ink bottle, and 4 miscellaneous activity items. The architectural assemblage from the Phase II study contains 17 pieces of architectural stone, approximately 226 brick pieces, a piece of cut lumber, 161 mortar fragments, 89 plaster pieces, 9 concrete/cement fragments, 1391 pieces of window glass, 37 pieces of safety glass, 42 roofing objects (28 slate fragments & 14 asbestos shingles), 1717 nail fragments (309 machine cut, 5 wrought nails, 81 roseheads, 3 L-head nails, 9 T-head nails, 295 wire nails, and 1015 unidentified nail fragments), 7 spike, 7 construction screws, 17 staples, 49 pieces of construction hardware, 6 ceramic tiles, 5 ceramic drain/sewerage pipes, 2 gas/plumbing fixtures, 2 miscellaneous ceramic objects, 6 electrical parts, 41 electrical wire fragments, and 13 miscellaneous metal objects. Fifty-one clothing items were encountered including 31 buttons (6 metal, 2 plastic, 1 wooden, 11 brass, 9 glass, 1 shell, and 1 bakelite), 4 metal snaps, 3 eyelets, 5 metal buckles, a zipper, 1 metal clothing object, 4 pieces of fabric, a thimble, and a needle/pin holder. Twenty furniture-related objects were found, such as 16 plastic furniture fragments, a ceramic drawer pull, a metal drawer pull, a brass tack, and a piece of mirror glass. The total of 7,777 kitchen-related objects include 2 tin-glazed earthenware sherds, 270 creamware sherds, 374 pearlware sherds, 61 buff-bodied earthenware sherds, 11 early porcelain sherds, 68 later porcelain sherds, 25 ironstone fragments, 987 whiteware, 48 yellowware, 2231 redware sherds, 2 white salt-glazed stoneware sherds, 56 domestic brown stoneware, 56 domestic gray stoneware, 13 miscellaneous stoneware sherds, 34 miscellaneous stoneware sherds, 89 unidentified ceramics, 2 hand-turned bottle glass fragments, 34 blown-in-mold glass pieces, 2 plate mold glass fragments, 1480 machine-made container glass fragments, 910 unidentified bottle glass shards, 21 miscellaneous glass fragments (pontil pieces, etc.), 54 fragments of table glass, 53 glass lid liners, 33 milk glass fragments, 2 crown bottle caps, 4 metal screw caps, 3 plastic lid pieces, 2 pull tabs, 10 pieces of kitchen cellophane, 21 bits of foil, 7 pieces of Styrofoam, 7 utensils, 6 plastic service/straw/utensil pieces, 93 plastic bag fragments, 4 metal pot pieces, 41 kitchen container fragments (Tupperware, cans, etc.), 488 animal bones, 157 oyster shells, 2 clam shells, 10 unidentified shell fragments, 2 nuts/seeds/pits, and 2 miscellaneous kitchen items. The Phase II pits yielded 32 personal items, such as 3 beads (ceramic, glass, and plastic), 4 other jewelry pieces (2 misc. parts, 2 watch parts), 2 razor blades, 2 coins (a penny and a nickel), 4 plastic perfume bottle fragments, 3 unspecified metal objects, 2 personal stone objects, and 12 plastic personal items. Twenty-four tobacco-related items were recovered; 10 bowls and 14 stems (mostly kaolin). The fourteen arms-related objects were a percussion cap, 2 metal arms (unspecified), eight .22 rimfire cartridges, two .25 rimfire cartridges, and a .45 centerfire cartridge. And finally, 1504 miscellaneous items were recovered including 140 metal, 113 plastic, 1 glass, 46 melted glass, and 85 wood objects. Other miscellaneous items were 941 chunks of coal, 44 pieces of charcoal, 24 cinders, 71 slag fragments, 32 pieces of stone, and 7 cellophane fragments.

In addition to the historic objects listed above, a small prehistoric lithic assemblage was also encountered. It included 1 quartz flake and 3 pieces of quartz block/shatter.

Survey and testing of the Sebastian Derr House Site (18FR638) indicates that the majority of the cultural deposits within the site are disturbed. None of the intact deposits contain significant information relevant to local or regional themes. The features identified appear primarily to date to the mid to late 19th century. These features do not contain data of the quality of significance to meet the National Register criteria. Further investigations at 18FR638 are unlikely to yield information which substantially alters our understanding of the site or the period of occupation in a broader context, and are not recommended. However, the Derr House itself and the "cooperage" should be protected from future construction impacts.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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