



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18QU970

Site Name: Gibson's Grant 3

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

prehistoric lithic scatter, Early to Mid 19th century artifact concentration, possible outbuilding

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 5

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9878

Longitude -76.2738

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 5 m

Site slope 0-2%

Ethnobotany profile available Maritime site

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) Chester River

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 90 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

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

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
- 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

Flotation samples taken N

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"/>
Dames Qtr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coulbourn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selden Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accokeek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mockley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wolfe Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clemson Island	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vinette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shepard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minguannan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shenks Ferry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moyaone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yeocomico	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monongahela	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susquehannock	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Historic Sherd Types		Ironstone		Staffordshire		Stoneware	
Earthenware		1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/> 3					Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/> 2

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> 2	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"/>
Midden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shell midden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input type="checkbox"/>
House pattern(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palisade(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lithic reduc area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage/trash pit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ossuary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lithic Material		Fer quartzite		Sil sandstone	
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 checked="" 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features		Privy/outhouse		Depression/mound		Unknown	
Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well/cistern	<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 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"/>						

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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:

Gibson's Grant 3 (18QU970) consists of a prehistoric lithic scatter and an early to mid-19th century artifact concentration, possibly representing the location of an outbuilding. The site is located at the north end of Kent Island, east of Stevensville, in Queen Anne's County. The site is situated in open field on a high, flat knoll. A concrete duck blind was built into the knoll that the site occupies. A typical soil profile for the site consists of a shallow 10 YR 4/4 sandy loam plowzone above 10 YR 5/6 sandy loam subsoil. The site measures about 60 by 80 meters.

Archival research indicated that the colonial history of the general site location began in 1656 when 150 acres was first patented to John Gibson and Henry Stoop. The parcel was then called Stoopley-Gibson. An additional 250 acres were added to the tract in 1657, and in 1658, 125 acres were sold to Andrew Elinor. The chain of title is unclear between 1674 and 1730 but in 1732 Francis Bright purchased Stoopley-Gibson. By 1798, Bright's household and property (then 176 acres) included 2 free blacks and 11 slaves, a house, a barn, and a corn house. The primary feature of the property is the 18th century manor house called White's Heritage (MIHP # QU-222). The dwelling was most likely built by Bright between 1760 and 1780. The Bright family maintained ownership of the property until 1865. In 1868, Marmaduke White purchased the land tract and it remained in the White family until 1934. At that time, the land was purchased by Gertrude McGuckin, during whose family's ownership the house was renovated, restored, and added to. From 1955 to 1971, the property was owned by John Sause who re-titled the property under the name of White's Heritage. In 1971, the property was sold to Luther Gregory who then sold it in 2002 to the White's Heritage Development Partnership, LLC. At the north center of the property, east of the main dwelling, an extant barn complex remains from an early 20th century tenant farm operation. The tenant farm house was demolished sometime after 2002. Historic maps did not indicate the presence of a structure within the boundaries of site 18QU970.

Phase I archeological survey was conducted in 2002 prior to construction of the proposed Gibson's Grant subdivision. The developers were planning to subdivide a 148 acre parcel for the construction of a residential development. The Phase I field survey consisted of systematic pedestrian reconnaissance of areas scheduled for development. Site 18QU970 was identified in the northern portion of the project area as Site 3. It was defined as a multicomponent site with an 18th and 19th century historic scatter and a prehistoric component of unknown date. It encompassed an area of 2,250 square meters.

In all, 44 historic artifacts were recovered from the site during the Phase I survey. There were 4 architectural items (2 brick fragments, 1 window glass, 1 wrought nail), 38 kitchen-related items (9 bottle glass shards, 1 table glass fragment, 1 milk glass piece, 26 ceramic sherds: 1 Rockingham, 1 Elers ware, 6 pearlware, 1 whiteware, 1 late porcelain, 4 redware, 2 white salt-glazed stoneware, 3 creamware, 7 unidentified salt-glazed stoneware, and 1 animal bone), and 1 miscellaneous item (a piece of coal). A single arms-related item was also found (1 bullet). In addition to the historic materials, 6 prehistoric artifacts were also found (2 pieces of quartz debitage, 1 quartz core, 1 quartz biface and 2 quartz fire-cracked rock fragments).

Five of the sites recorded during the Phase I survey, 18QU968, 18QU970, 18QU971, 18QU972, and 18QU973, were identified as possessing the potential to yield information important to prehistory or history, and were therefore recommended for Phase II evaluation in order to assess the eligibility of the sites for listing on the National Register. Between January and April 2006, Phase II testing was undertaken at Site 18QU970. Archeological investigations consisted of excavating 41 shovel test pits (STPs) laid out at 10 m intervals and 1 test unit (TU 8) measuring 1x1 m. The test unit excavation was halted at the subsoil after verification that no cultural features were present. The diagnostic artifacts represented a solid 19th century date. In addition, some late 18th-20th century artifacts were also recovered from the test unit.

A total of 44 historic artifacts were collected from the site during the Phase II testing. There were 8 architectural items (6 brick fragments and 2 window glass shards). There were 33 kitchen-related items (3 bottle glass fragments, 28 ceramic sherds: 9 whiteware, 7 pearlware, 1 Astbury, 5 American gray stoneware, 2 Buckley, 1 redware, 1 refined earthenware, 1 ironstone, 1 black basalt dry-bodied stoneware, and 2 shell fragments). There were 3 miscellaneous artifacts (2 unidentified metal objects and 1 piece of coal). Although a prehistoric presence was indicated on the site form located in the original report, no artifact types or counts were provided.

Gibson's Grant 3 (18QU970) consists of an insignificant prehistoric lithic scatter and an early to mid-19th century artifact concentration. The excavators suggested that the historic artifact assemblage indicated the presence of a 19th century occupation, possibly a non-permanent wooden structure that did not leave subsurface traces. Site function could not be determined from the limited quantity of cultural materials, but both domestic and utilitarian items were recovered. Due to its limited research potential, site 18QU970 was recommended ineligible for listing on the National Register and no further work at the site was considered necessary.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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