



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18QU971

Site Name: Gibson's Grant 4

Prehistoric

Other name(s) Gibson's Grant IV/V, 18QU971/2

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description: 19th to 20th century field scatter

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 38.9761 Longitude -76.2755
Elevation 5 m Site slope 0-2%

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 5

SCS soil & sediment code

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater 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) Chester River

Saltwater		Freshwater	
Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>	Estuary/tidal river <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stream/river <input 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 300 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. 1860 - 1900
- ca. 1900 - 1930
- Post 1930
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- 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
- 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
- field scatter

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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<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"/>	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 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

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

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Gibson's Grant 4 site (18QU971) is a low density 19th to 20th century artifact scatter that was interpreted as a domestic refuse scatter associated with an adjacent barn complex. The site is located at the north end of Kent Island, east of Stevensville, in Queen Anne's County. It is situated on a small knoll in a field southeast of an extant barn complex. A typical soil profile for the site consists of 10 YR 4/4 sandy loam plowzone above 10 YR 5/6 sandy loam subsoil.

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 18QU971.

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. Sites 18QU971 and adjacent site 18QU972 were identified in the north central portion of the project area and designated as Site 4 and Site 5 respectively. It was thought at the time of the Phase I study that the 2 sites probably constitute a single larger site.

Only 3 artifacts were recovered from 18QU971 during the Phase I study. There were 2 kitchen items, 1 creamware sherd and 1 pearlware sherd, and 1 miscellaneous piece of slag. The site also consisted of a dense scatter of brick and shell covering an area of approximately 50 x 100 meters. No quantities or weights of those materials were provided in the original report.

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 Sites 18QU971 and 18QU972. While the Phase I survey initially identified 18QU971 and 18QU972 as two separate sites, the material from them was contemporaneous and the sites were less than 30.48 m apart. The two sites were excavated as 18QU971/2 at the Phase II level. Together, the sites measured about 100 x 75 meters. Archeological investigations consisted of excavating 112 shovel test pits (STPs) laid out at 10 m intervals and 2 test units (TU 9 and TU 11) measuring 1x1 m. Only shell and brick were recovered from the test units and no cultural features were identified.

A total of 89 historic artifacts were collected from the site during the Phase II testing. There were 52 architectural items (46 brick fragments and 6 window glass shards). There were 33 kitchen-related items (3 bottle glass fragments, 1 table glass fragment, 8 ceramic sherds: 1 whiteware, 2 pearlware, 1 white salt-glazed stoneware, 1 refined earthenware, 1 ironstone, 2 American blue & gray stoneware, and 21 oyster shell fragments). There were 3 miscellaneous artifacts (1 piece of charcoal, and 2 pieces of coal). The single arms-related item was a modern shotgun shell wad. In addition to the historic materials, 1 prehistoric chert flake was also recovered.

The Gibson's Grant 4 (18QU971) and Gibson's Grant 5 (18QU972) sites were temporally identical and spatially adjacent and were identified as the same site by the archeological surveys. The artifact assemblage for 18QU971/2 indicated the presence of a 19th-20th century debris scatter. The site, which is situated adjacent to an extant barn complex, is likely the result of plow drag from the barn area. Due to its limited research potential, site 18QU971/2 was recommended ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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