



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18QU973

Site Name: Gibson's Grant 6

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

late 19th century artifact concentration, possible outbuilding

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 5

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.9792

Longitude -76.2642

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 5 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) Chester River

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 375 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

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 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? 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

refuse scatter or outbuilding

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken

Historic context samples

Soil samples taken N

Flotation samples taken N

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	1	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	4	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	2	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Wt Salt-glazed	4

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	1	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	1	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)	8	Activity item(s)	2
Glass (all)	6	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	37	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	10
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	1	Misc.	3
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	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

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

Gibson's Grant 6 (18QU973) consists of a late 19th century artifact and dense brick and shell scatter. 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 an agricultural field south of an extant farm complex. A typical soil profile for the site consists of a shallow 10 YR 4/4 silty loam plowzone above 10 YR 5/6 silty loam subsoil. The site measures about 60 x 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 18QU973.

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 18QU973 was identified in the central portion of the project area as Site 6. It was defined as a dense brick and shell scatter that encompassed an area of 3,750 square meters.

In all, 13 historic artifacts were recovered from the site during the Phase I survey. There were 2 activity items (a railroad spike and a plow blade), 9 kitchen-related items (1 bottle glass shard and 8 ceramic sherds: 1 redware, 4 white salt-glazed stoneware, 1 creamware, 2 red-glazed stoneware), and 2 miscellaneous items (1 unidentified metal object and 1 piece of coal).

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 18QU973. Archeological investigations consisted of excavating 52 shovel test pits (STPs) laid out at 10 m intervals and 2 test units (TU 10 and TU 28) measuring 1x1 m. The test unit excavations were halted at the subsoil after verification that no cultural features were present.

A total of 58 historic artifacts were collected from the site during the Phase II testing. There were 37 architectural items (30 brick fragments, 4 window glass shards, and 3 unidentified nails) and 1 clothing item (a porcelain button). There were 19 kitchen-related items (1 bottle glass fragment, 8 ceramic sherds: 4 whiteware, 1 tin-glazed earthenware, 1 creamware, 1 American gray stoneware, 1 redware, and 10 shell fragments) and 1 miscellaneous artifact (a piece of plastic). In addition to the historic materials, 1 prehistoric chert flake and 1 fire-cracked rock fragment were also found.

Gibson's Grant 6 (18QU973) was interpreted as a low density scatter of late 19th century material. The excavators postulated that the location of the site in the middle of an agricultural field suggested that the artifacts were not the result of refuse dumping, but may possibly represent an outbuilding or temporary structure located within the site area some time during the 19th century. 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 18QU973 was recommended ineligible for listing on the National Register.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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