



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18ST1-207

Site Name: _____

Prehistoric

Other name(s) _____

Historic

Brief Description:

Late 18th-early 19th century probable slave cabin

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 10

SCS soil & sediment code _____

Latitude 38.1878

Longitude -76.4288

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation _____ m 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) Mill Creek

- | 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 549 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

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|--|---|---|--|
| Paleoindian site <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland site <input type="checkbox"/> | Contact period site <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1820 - 1860 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Archaic site <input type="checkbox"/> | MD Adena <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1630 - 1675 <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1860 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Early archaic <input type="checkbox"/> | Early woodland <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1675 - 1720 <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1900 - 1930 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middle archaic <input type="checkbox"/> | Mid. woodland <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1720 - 1780 <input type="checkbox"/> | Post 1930 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Late archaic <input type="checkbox"/> | Late woodland <input type="checkbox"/> | ca. 1780 - 1820 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Unknown prehistoric context <input type="checkbox"/> | | Unknown historic context <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | Unknown context <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

- | | |
|--|---|
| Native American <input type="checkbox"/> | Asian American <input type="checkbox"/> |
| African American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Anglo-American <input type="checkbox"/> | Other <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Prehistoric

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|---|---|
| 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 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? Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Furnace/forge <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Post-in-ground <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Domestic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other <input type="checkbox"/> | Battlefield <input type="checkbox"/> | Frame-built <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Homestead <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | Fortification <input type="checkbox"/> | Masonry <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Farmstead <input type="checkbox"/> | Canal-related <input type="checkbox"/> | Encampment <input type="checkbox"/> | Other structure <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mansion <input type="checkbox"/> | Road/railroad <input type="checkbox"/> | Townsite <input type="checkbox"/> | Slave related <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Plantation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wharf/landing <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-domestic agri <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Row/townhome <input type="checkbox"/> | Maritime-related <input type="checkbox"/> | Church/mtg house <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cellar <input type="checkbox"/> | Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> | Ch support bldg <input type="checkbox"/> | Midden/dump <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Privy <input type="checkbox"/> | Ford <input type="checkbox"/> | Burial area <input type="checkbox"/> | Artifact scatter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> | Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Cemetery <input type="checkbox"/> | Spring or well <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mining-related <input type="checkbox"/> | Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> | Sepulchre <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quarry-related <input type="checkbox"/> | Trading post <input type="checkbox"/> | Isolated burial <input type="checkbox"/> | Other context <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mill <input type="checkbox"/> | Store <input type="checkbox"/> | Bldg or foundation <input type="checkbox"/> | Other context <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Black/metalsmith <input type="checkbox"/> | Tavern/inn <input type="checkbox"/> | Possible Structure <input type="checkbox"/> | slave quarter <input type="checkbox"/> |

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples Soil samples taken _____
 Flotation samples taken _____ Other samples taken _____

Historic context samples Soil 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	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"/> 3	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/> 2			Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/> 32	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"/> 3	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	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

Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<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"/> 9	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/> 111	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"/> 117
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Const feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Well/cistern	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<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:

Site 18ST1-207 possibly represents a late 18th and early 19th century dwelling site and there is also a small prehistoric artifact scatter. However, limited sampling and a small artifact assemblage make any clear determination as to the character of the site nearly impossible. The site is located in the Athletic Field area on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland, within the bounds of St. Mary's City, a National Historic Landmark and Historic District in Southern Maryland. The total project area encompassed approximately 47 acres. Site 18ST1-207 was located in the portion of the project area designated as 'Mattapany Field'. Mattapany Field was bordered to the south by Mattapany Road, to the west by a cemetery and the College Maintenance facility, and to the east and north by the proposed construction limits and the Athletic Department's need for practice fields. The area is relatively flat with a gentle rise to the north and east. Fisherman's Creek is located about 300 meters north of the site area. Mattapany Field measured about 182.88 m (600') east-west by 144.78 m (475') north-south. Three sites were identified in the Field. Site 18ST1-207 is situated in the northeastern portion of the field. It is roughly square in shape and measures approximately 47 m by 47 m.

The purpose of the project was to evaluate the significance of any cultural resources that might have been impacted by the construction of new parking lots and by proposed realignments of the existing athletic fields. The goals of the study were (1) to locate and determine the condition of known sites within the project area, (2) to identify all previously unidentified cultural resources, and (3) to assess the potential archeological significance of those resources and their eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Prior to the Phase I field work an extensive archival search was conducted. It indicated that from the 17th century through the early 20th century, the land encompassed by the total project area was utilized for both domestic and agricultural activity. In the late 1640's, an 800 acre farm called St. John's Freehold encompassed all of the property evaluated during the archeological investigations. The property included the main dwelling and quarters adjacent to the house and the owner had at least 20 servants including a tailor, a leather worker, and possibly a blacksmith. The property was a major tobacco plantation and on the land, Lord Baltimore's cattle and sheep were kept. In 1661, Charles Calvert, the newly arrived governor purchased the property. Calvert expanded the number of structures on the property and delved into agricultural practices as well as let some his land to a leather tanner. In 1723 a house was built to the southeast of the old St. John's house. By the early 1800's the land within the project area was owned by a man known to have had 39 slaves. During the early 1900's a Slavonic community was formed at St. Mary's City. The National Slavonic Association divided an area that encompasses the archeological survey area and deeded the land to refugees. Between that time and the college's acquisition of the property, only a handful of small structures were built on land within the project area. In the 1960's a portion of the property was acquired by St. Mary's College and converted into athletic fields. By the 1970's the entire survey area was converted from domestic and agricultural use into the campus of St. Mary's College.

The Phase I field work consisted of surface collection in 3.048 m (10') squares within 30.48 m (100') blocks. Each 3.048 m square was collected individually. All artifacts with the exception of shell were saved and the shell was counted then redeposited in the collection block. A total of 2,633 blocks were collected in the Mattapany Field area. The total number of those specifically related to Site 18ST1-207 is not stated in the report and is difficult to determine from the maps. The artifact inventory for Phase I is combined with the totals from the Phase II study.

In areas where potential sites were identified during Phase I, and in areas where the College had proposed future development, a Phase II level investigation was undertaken. First, the site was divided into 3.048 m square units, following the State Grid. The units were numbered starting with #1 in the northwest corner of the site and continued sequentially from west to east and north to south. Then each 3.048 m square was divided into 1.524 m² (5'X5') quadrants that were excavated separately and the soil was screened through 3/8" mesh. All cultural material was collected except for shell, for which volume was recorded, and then the shell was counted and discarded. The project's work scope did not include feature excavation, therefore, in most cases work on a unit was finished after the plowzone was removed and the features were defined and mapped.

During the Phase II investigation at Site 18ST1-207, a single excavation unit was dug. Very limited testing was conducted at Site 18ST1-207 because it was located outside the area of construction impact. The plowzone in unit 860B was removed and the underlying subsoil revealed a complex of features. The features appeared to be agricultural (such as plow scars) rather than structural in nature.

Historic and prehistoric artifact counts from the surface collection are listed as general categories in the text, or in some case not at all. More specific information was pulled from a list of all artifacts surface collected from the Mattapany Field in the artifact inventory in Appendix XIII. An attempt was made to use northings and eastings to determine which artifacts related to site 18ST1-207, although the exact boundaries were difficult to determine as the map with the site location was not very detailed. Northings between 30075-30275 and eastings between 6100-6200 were used because these units cover the bulk of the site.

A total of 248 historic artifacts were collected during the Phase I and II investigations. There were 111 architectural items (106 brick fragments, 1 piece of window glass, 1 wrought nail, 1 unidentifiable nail, 1 washer, and 1 bolt). There were 19 kitchen-related items (3 Buckley ware, 1 Liverpool-like earthenware, 1 tin glazed earthenware, 2 pearlware, 1 white salt-glazed stoneware, 1 stamped white stoneware, 3 bottle glass shards, 7 oyster shell fragments). There were 117 miscellaneous items (98 pieces of charcoal, 15 pieces of coal, 3 fragments of iron, and 1 piece of limestone). Tobacco-related items included 1 white clay pipe stem fragment.

In the report, the prehistoric artifacts from the excavated units in the Mattapany Field are discussed together rather than site by site. Therefore, the total number of artifacts recovered from the excavated units is taken from the appendix. This is combined with the number of artifacts surface collected to give the total number of prehistoric artifacts from 18ST1-207. There were a total of 37 prehistoric artifacts collected during the Phase I and II investigations. There were 28 flakes, 3 unspecified quartz tools, and 1 quartz projectile point. There were 2 ceramic sherds (1 shell-tempered, 1 sand-tempered). There were 3 fire-cracked rocks. Quartz was the most abundant material at the site. This was followed by quartzite. The predominant lithic resources in the project area are sandstones, and cobble quartz and quartzite.

The nature of Site 18ST1-207 is somewhat uncertain due to the small artifact assemblage and site exposure. It sits just outside the area of potential impact and was therefore not subjected to intensive subsurface investigations. It appears from the artifact types that the site is probably contemporaneous with its nearest neighbors, 18ST1-205 and 18ST1-206. It is possible that 18ST1-207 is an area where a small dwelling once stood, possibly occupied for a shorter time than its neighbors. The limited number of prehistoric artifacts and the general lack of diagnostic types provide little information about the early period of

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use at the site. Unless construction is proposed within the site area in the future, there is no need for further investigation at the site.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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