



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18ST407

Site Name: Swann #2

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

Early Woodland lithic scatter, 18th century and late 19th-early 20th century field scatter

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 10

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.4361

Longitude -76.8096

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation m Site slope 0

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) Lacy Run

- | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Spring <input type="checkbox"/> | |
- Minimum distance to water is 88 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. 1630 - 1675
- ca. 1675 - 1720
- ca. 1720 - 1780
- ca. 1780 - 1820
- Unknown historic context
- Unknown context
- ca. 1820 - 1860
- ca. 1860 - 1900
- ca. 1900 - 1930
- Post 1930

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

Historic context samples

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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types		
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Otter Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Koens-Crispin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Susquehana	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Madison/Potomac	<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	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wt Salt-glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rimsherds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Uncommon Obj.	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
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 JPPM

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Swann #2 Site (18ST407) is a possible Late Archaic/Early Woodland period short-term camp site, with an 18th-20th century refuse scatter component. The site is located in an agricultural field on a high knoll just north of an unnamed tributary of Coffee Hill Run, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. It is situated on upland within the Chaptico Creek drainage system. The soils in the area are of the Beltsville-Croom-Sassafras association. The site boundaries roughly measure 49 m x 94 m.

In May 1982, a Phase I investigation was undertaken to assess the archeological resources along an 11 mile right-of-way (ROW) of the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative proposed Ryceville to Loveville transmission line, from Charles County to St. Mary's County, Maryland. The majority of the ROW is in St. Mary's County. The goals of the project were to locate archeological sites and obtain basic information concerning site age, function, depth of deposits, and horizontal extent where possible, and to make recommendations for construction. Field methods included the excavation of shovel test pits and/or surface collection. During the surface collection, only a representative sample of the various categories of artifacts present was collected, rather than attempting to collect everything encountered. The ROW was divided into 8 parcels, each parcel roughly corresponding to discrete drainages and/or geographic areas. During the survey, a total of 36 sites were identified, including 18ST407, which was located in the 'Ryceville Substation to the Head of Lacy Run' parcel.

18ST407 was located by surface reconnaissance. The site was defined by a combination of both prehistoric flaking debris and historic material scattered across the top of the knoll. Several flakes with cortex were observed in the field (only 1 was collected) indicating that quarrying and reduction activities probably occurred at the site. Overall, the small prehistoric component suggested that the site was used periodically as a small, transient hunting camp. The historic component consisted of 18th century material. There was also late 19th and early 20th century material which was not collected. Burned and glazed brick, nails, and charcoal were most likely the remains of a nearby burnt down barn that were scattered in the field.

Prehistoric artifacts collected during the Phase I surface collection included 1 quartz Piscataway point fragment dating to the Late Archaic/Early Woodland period, and 2 flakes (1 quartz, 1 quartzite).

A total of 19 historic period artifacts were collected. Architectural items included 5 unidentified nails and 2 brick fragments (minimum estimate). Kitchen-related items included 1 white salt-glazed stoneware, 1 gray salt-glazed stoneware, 1 lead-glazed earthenware, 1 creamware, 1 whiteware, and 2 unidentified sherds (burnt). Miscellaneous items included 1 slate fragment and 2 wire pieces (minimum estimate, unclear if electric wire or other). Arms-related items included 2 pieces of English gunflint, 1 of which may have been used as a strike-a-lite.

A Phase II investigation at the site was undertaken in May of 1983. The main goal of the study was to determine what information the site could contribute to an understanding of Maryland prehistory and history. Investigations involved archival research, the excavation of 19 shovel test pits (STPs), and the excavation of two 1 m² test units in the areas of artifact concentrations. A datum was placed on the center line of the ROW approximately in the center of the previously designated site area. All excavated material was screened through ¼" mesh and all artifacts were retained.

Archival research indicated that the parcel 18ST407 is located on was part of a tract known as Cawood's Discovery, patented to Steven Cawood in 1774. Within 4 years of the acquisition, Cawood had subdivided and sold off the tract. The only record of improvements on the property was the barn built there in the 20th century which has since burned down. Therefore, it was postulated that the 18th component represented a transitory hunting camp, an isolated slave quarter belonging to a larger holding with a main settlement located elsewhere, or a tenant farm associated with either an absentee landlord or a larger holding with a main settlement located elsewhere.

Two positive STPs (W20, S20) became the NW corners for both test units (Unit C and Unit D). The soil profile for the units was a yellowish brown sandy loam with mottling. Artifacts were only recovered from the plowzone. Results of the Phase II investigation indicated that there is too little evidence to assess the prehistoric component of the site, and the historic period material could be attributed to modern refuse. No 18th century material was noted or recovered.

No prehistoric material was recovered during the Phase II investigations.

A total of 7 historic artifacts were collected. There were 3 architectural items (brick fragments). There were 3 kitchen-related items including 2 bottle glass fragments and 1 bird bone fragment. There was 1 miscellaneous item (a charred wood fragment).

While the Swann #2 Site (18ST407) represents a prehistoric lithic scatter, the almost complete lack of diagnostic material impedes assessment of the duration and variation of prehistoric utilization of the site. Additional study would not further enhance the understanding of the full range of activities that may have been carried out within the site area. 18ST407 can contribute little to the understanding of utilization of upland sites in Southern Maryland. Furthermore, the 18th-20th century refuse scatter cannot further contribute to an understanding of life ways in the historic past. No further work was recommended at the site and the transmission line was given clearance to proceed as planned without additional archeological testing or data recovery prior to construction.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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