



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18ST711

Site Name: West St. Mary's Manor

Prehistoric

Other name(s) MIHP # SM-2

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

17th-20th century farmstead, early 18th cen. frame structure, cemetery & 20th century Colonial Revival garden

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 10

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.1775

Longitude -76.4550

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) St. Mary's 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 170 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 Y
- ca. 1630 - 1675 Y
- ca. 1675 - 1720 Y
- ca. 1720 - 1780 Y
- ca. 1780 - 1820 Y
- Unknown historic context
- Unknown context

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

- Native American
- African American
- Anglo-American Y
- 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

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

Other 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"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	20	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	20	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rhenish	<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)	60	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	60	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	80	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	20
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	20
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> coal

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	dry-pack mortared surface	
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:

West St. Mary's Manor (18ST711) represents a 17th-20th century farmstead, with an early 18th century brick-and-frame constructed manor house, a family cemetery and a 20th century Colonial Revival garden on the property. West St. Mary's Manor lies on the east side of West St. Mary's Manor Road, in Drayden, St. Mary's County. It is situated on a hilltop overlooking the St. Mary's River to the east, across the river from Historic St. Mary's City.

Constructed ca. 1700-1730, West St. Mary's Manor is a 1 1/2 story house with gable roof, brick basement and end walls, and front and rear walls of clapboards. Tall exterior double chimneys, with a one-story brick pent between them, rise at each gable end. The house is 12.192 m (40') long and 9.448 m (31') wide. The Colonial Revival garden was designed by Alden Hopkins in late 1930's-40's. Downslope areas immediately east of the house may contain unmarked graves of humans and household pets. Previously, markers were salvaged from this area, replaced in an area just east of the Colonial Revival garden and enclosed by a picket fence. During the early- to mid-20th century, the yard area around the house was stripped, the house was raised up, and the cellar/basement was excavated.

Alterations to the architectural fabric of West St. Mary's Manor are subject to an interior and exterior architectural easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust. In light of this, the owners sought and gained design approval for proposed additions to the northeast side of the house. A Phase I/II archeological evaluation was undertaken in March 1999. Prior to subsurface testing, limited background research was conducted. While there are no written records documenting past excavations on the property, previous archaeological work may have been conducted by Henry Chandlee Forman in the mid-20th century. Records of this work may be on file at Colonial Williamsburg. It is possible that some archeological surveying was conducted at the site in 1939/40 and again ca. 1949 when alterations were made to the garden. Also, there was some evidence of restoration work at the manor possibly in the 1990's but those documents are missing from the file at the Founders' Archives.

Phase I/II fieldwork consisted of the excavation of five 0.914 m² (3'x3') test units. Four units in the northeast yard were excavated, as well as one unit within the garden to be impacted by the construction. Past landscaping activity and the construction of an ornamental outbuilding in the south-central portion of the project area suggested that those areas were likely to have had their archeological integrity compromised.

Unit S06/E09 was opened in order to evaluate the impact of the installation of the 1940's Colonial Revival garden on cultural resources. The unit was placed just outside the kitchen door on the east side of the house. The unit reached a depth of 1.542 m (5.06') below the ground surface. Twelve separate strata and one feature (a mortared surface known as dry-pack, commonly used as a base for masonry in the 1920s, 30s, and 1940s) were encountered. Water pipes from an earlier well were encountered in the northeast quadrant of the unit. These would have been in use when the kitchen was located in the basement of the house. Of particular interest was 1.075 m (3.53') of redeposited cellar fill which would have been associated with the jacking up of the house and excavation of its cellar/basement during reconstruction work in the early- to mid-20th century. Although some of the artifacts pre-dated the 20th century, the level of disturbance caused by redepositing the cellar fill and the likely stripping of the yard area, which is depicted in a late 1920's/1930's photograph, would have totally obliterated the existence of early intact cultural-bearing deposits in the northeast yard area. Redeposited cellar fill was also evident in the four other test units, which were located to the northeast of the house. No other features were encountered.

At the time that the executive summary was submitted, no total artifact counts were available, thus the numbers in the table above are to be taken as minimum estimates. It is possible that since then a complete site report has been written but has not as yet been made available to the Maryland Historical Trust's library. It also appeared from the executive summary that soil samples were taken for flotation analysis, the results of which will presumably be available in the final report. Artifacts recovered from the site included 80 architectural items (20 glazed and unglazed brick fragments, 20 cut nails, 20 wire nails, 20 pieces of clear window glass), 120 kitchen-related items (20 bottle glass fragments, 20 whiteware, 20 porcelain, 20 stoneware, 20 milk glass, 20 oyster shells), and 20 miscellaneous items (20 pieces of coal clinker).

West St. Mary's Manor (18ST711) is an outstanding example of a small William and Mary brick-and-frame country house. The manor house illustrates a point in the shift from the one- and two-room plans of the 17th century to the larger and more symmetrical room arrangements of 18th century structures. The yard areas to the east and north of the house appeared to contain no intact cultural deposits as a result of various construction and landscaping activities through time. On the basis of the Phase I/II results, no further archeological investigation was deemed necessary prior to the construction of the proposed additions. It was recommended that archeological monitoring be conducted when earth-moving machinery cleared portions of the footprint covered by boxwoods and the ornamental outbuilding that were not accessible at the time of the Phase I/II survey. The proposed additions were constructed.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

97001951, Site Files