



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18ST712

Site Name: Hodgdon House

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

Early 20th century mansion foundation

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 38.2960 Longitude -76.4584
Elevation m Site slope 0-3%

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 9

SCS soil & sediment code

Physiographic province Western Shore Coastal

Terrestrial site Underwater site

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hilltop/bluff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior flat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upland flat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ridgetop	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terrace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Low terrace	<input type="checkbox"/>
High terrace	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockshelter/cave	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hillslope	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ownership	
Private	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State of MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional/county/city	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Nearest Surface Water	
Name (if any)	Patuxent River
Saltwater	
Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freshwater	
Stream/river	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estuary/tidal 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	60 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archaic site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early archaic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle archaic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late archaic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown prehistoric context	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodland site	<input type="checkbox"/>
MD Adena	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid. woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown historic context	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown context	<input type="checkbox"/>

Contact period site	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1820 - 1860	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1630 - 1675	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1675 - 1720	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1720 - 1780	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1780 - 1820	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1860 - 1900	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ca. 1900 - 1930	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Post 1930	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown historic context	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown context	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ethnic Associations (historic only)	
Native American	<input type="checkbox"/>
African American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anglo-American	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Prehistoric	
Multi-component	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamlet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Base camp	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rockshelter/cave	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthen mound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cairn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burial area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other context	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misc. ceremonial	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rock art	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shell midden	<input type="checkbox"/>
STU/lithic scatter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quarry/extraction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish weir	<input type="checkbox"/>
Production area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples	Soil samples taken	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flotation samples taken	Other samples taken	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic context samples	Soil samples taken	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Flotation samples taken	Other samples taken	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types			
Clovis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Koens-Crispin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardaway-Dalton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perkiomen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susquehana	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kirk (stem)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Piscataway	<input type="checkbox"/>
Le Croy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calvert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morrow Mntn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selby Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guilford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (notch)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brewerton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacks Rf (pent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter Creek	<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"/>
Dames Qtr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coulbourn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selden Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accokeek	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mockley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wolfe Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clemson Island	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vinette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shepard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Townsend	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minguannan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shenks Ferry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moyaone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potomac Crk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keyser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yeocomico	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monongahela	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susquehannock	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Historic Sherd Types		Stoneware	
Earthenware	Ironstone	Staffordshire	English Brown
Astbury	Jackfield	Tin Glazed	Eng Dry-bodied
Borderware	Mn Mottled	Whiteware	Nottingham
Buckley	North Devon	Porcelain	Rhenish
Creamware	Pearlware		Wt Salt-glazed

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts			
Flaked stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other fired clay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ground stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone bowls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Modified faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire-cracked rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmod faunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other lithics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oyster shell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rimsherds	<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"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts			
Pottery (all)	6	Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	19	Activity item(s)	6
Architectural	234	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	16
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	23
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features			
Const feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Privy/outhouse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Depression/mound	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cellar hole/cellar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burial(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearth/chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash pit/dump	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postholes/molds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheet midden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paling ditch/fence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planting feature	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mill raceway	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Road/walkway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Wheel pit	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<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 MAC Lab/JPPM

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Hodgdon House site (18ST712) consists of the poured concrete foundation remains of a 22-room mansion constructed in the early 20th century by Alexander Hodgdon, a wealthy Baltimore physician. The site lies in the western portion of the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NASPAX) main installation, at Cedar Point in St. Mary's County. It is situated south of the south bank of the Patuxent River. Soils in the area are predominately Keyport silt loams.

Deeds records for the property were traced back to 1888. Between that time and 1906, the property had several owners. In 1906, Sarah Hodgdon acquired the land at an estate auction and the Hodgdon family lived there until the Navy's acquisition of the land. Apparently, the sole source of documentation of the Hodgdon house was a cultural resources survey conducted in 1942 by the Navy. Based on architectural features and the land ownership documents, a date of ca. 1910 was suggested for the date of construction of the mansion. Prior to 1942, and throughout most of its 350-year Euro-American history, the land was rural and primarily used for agriculture. The establishment of NASPAX in 1942 resulted in significant alteration of much of the physical environment at Cedar Point with extensive construction, grading, filling, and landscaping. Following federal acquisition of the Hodgdon property, the mansion was used as a Chief Petty Officers' Club until it was razed sometime during the early 1960s.

Site 18ST712 was originally recorded during a 1997 Phase I survey of the West Basin Campground in the northwestern portion of the NASPAX main installation. The facility was planning modifications to two parcels of land located within their boundaries, including the 18 acre West Basin Campground parcel. During the 1997 survey, the areas surrounding the house site were subjected to intensive shovel testing at 15 m intervals, recovering a light distribution of 20th century artifacts. A cluster of 25 positive shovel tests was excavated around the house foundation and another cluster of 5 shovel tests was excavated in an area designated as "Location 2" situated approximately 76.2 m (250') south of the mansion foundation and adjacent to Davis Road. The western portion of the project area (west of the foundation) did not contain any cultural material or features. The ground in the north-central portion of the project area had fill deposits containing coke, clinker, and slag, which was used to construct a parking lot for the demolished mansion/Chief Petty Officers club. A brick foundation feature was identified on the west side of the concrete house foundation, which were located in the center of the project area. The limits of archeological finds helped in determining the site boundaries.

At the time of the 1997 survey, a small collection of artifacts related to site 18ST712 was retained. There were 6 activity-related items (5 pieces of barbed wire and 1 plastic thimble fragment). There were 234 architectural-related items (174 brick fragments, 23 mortar fragments, 11 wire nails, 3 pieces of clear flat glass, 11 brick tile fragments, 3 terra cotta tile fragments, 8 iron wire pieces, and 1 iron brace). There were 33 kitchen-related items (16 bottle glass fragments, 6 whiteware sherds, and 11 oyster shells). There were 22 miscellaneous items (5 pieces of charcoal, 2 coal bits, 13 unidentified metal objects, 1 cement piece, and 1 piece of slag).

In 2003, a Phase I/II study was conducted at the site as part of a larger systematic archeological survey of approximately 3,250 acres of primarily undeveloped land at the facility. The survey was conducted in accordance with Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, which requires federal agencies to inventory and evaluate the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) significance of all archeological resources located under their control. The objectives of the survey were to identify all archeological sites within the survey area and derive preliminary indications of their age, horizontal and vertical extent, and level of integrity. This also involved the re-examination of 14 previously recorded sites including 18ST712. The site was revisited in order to determine the potential for buried subsurface features or deposits, the level of disturbances, and to provide a recommendation of NRHP eligibility.

The Hodgdon House site (18ST712) was located in Priority Area 1-4 of the survey area. During the Phase I/II study, 6 machine trenches were excavated adjacent to and within the surrounding grounds of the Hodgdon House concrete foundation in order to expose deep soil profiles, access site integrity, and investigate the potential for buried cultural features and/or artifact deposits. Trenches were mechanically excavated using a 2 ft. wide bucket. Trenches 1, 2, 3, and 4 were excavated adjacent to the Hodgdon House foundation and within artifact loci that had been identified during the previous Phase I survey. Trenches 5 and 6 were excavated to the northwest of the mansion foundation within the West Basin Campground along the former Patuxent River shoreline in order to examine soil stratigraphy in that area. Results of the investigations revealed that the site had been severely impacted by stripping and grading. Trench I was placed in the area where the brick cluster had been identified during the Phase I study; it was interpreted as a modern landscaping deposit. A test unit (GMI-1) was placed within the trench to investigate a soil anomaly that was determined to be natural in origin. No artifact concentration or subsurface features were identified in Trenches 1-6.

A shovel test was excavated in the area designated as "Location 2" which was previously recorded within the boundaries of site 18ST712, in order to investigate a circular depression anomaly observed there. The shovel test revealed disarticulated red brick and expansion of the shovel test uncovered a circular pattern of in situ bricks at about 30 cm below the surface. Further exposure revealed it to be the upper portion of a brick-lined well. The well was constructed with machine made bricks and measured 130 cm in diameter. However, the well feature was interpreted as being associated with site 18ST778 located just to the south rather than with the Hodgdon House. The archeological and documentary evidence suggested that the dwelling at site 18ST778 preceded the construction of the Hodgdon House. A second shovel test was dug just outside the well feature location.

During the 2003 survey at the site, several fragments of bottle glass, brick, and mortar were observed but not collected. In addition, a single whiteware sherd was noted in the Location 2 shovel test but was not collected. The only artifacts collected derived from test unit GMI-1: 1 miscellaneous iron concretion (recorded as miscellaneous) and 5 oyster shell fragments (recorded as miscellaneous kitchen).

The Hodgdon House site (18ST712) represents the concrete foundation remains of a mansion constructed in the early 20th century. No potentially significant features or deposits were identified at the site. The site area, as well as the shoreline deposits, was found to have been significantly altered by past grading and landscaping. Site 18ST712 was recommended ineligible for listing to the National Register.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

97001049, 97001828