



# Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18TA234

Site Name: Graves

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Unknown

Brief Description:

burials, cemetery, possibly 19th century

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 4

SCS soil & sediment code KpB2

Latitude 38.7634

Longitude -76.2234

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation -18 m

Site slope 0-5%

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
- Shoreline

### Ownership

- Private
- Federal
- State of MD
- Regional/county/city
- Unknown

### Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) San Domingo Creek

#### Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is

#### Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

0 m

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Archaic site

MD Adena

Early archaic

Early woodland

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

Late archaic

Late woodland

Unknown prehistoric context

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

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ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1860 - 1900

P

ca. 1675 - 1720

ca. 1900 - 1930

ca. 1720 - 1780

Post 1930

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown context

### Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

Asian American

African American

Unknown

Anglo-American

Other

Hispanic

Y

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

## Site Function Contextual Data:

### Prehistoric

Multi-component

Misc. ceremonial

Village

Rock art

Hamlet

Shell midden

Base camp

STU/lithic scatter

Rockshelter/cave

Quarry/extraction

Earthen mound

Fish weir

Cairn

Production area

Burial 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

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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"/>	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

<b>Earthenware</b>		Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staffordshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stoneware</b>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Porcelain</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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			
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"/>	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			
Pottery (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco related	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass (all)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human remain(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	32	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	5	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	1
		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 checked="" 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 possibly MAC Lab/JPPM, Smithsonian

Additional raw data may be available online

## Summary Description:

The Graves Site (18TA234) represents the historic burials of 2 or 3 individuals eroding out of a shoreline. The remains may be part of a family cemetery dated to the 19th century. The site is located on the southern bank of Broad Creek in Talbot County. The bank is fairly low above Broad Creek at the site, ca. 1.524 m (5'), and the ground rises 0.304-0.609 m (1-2') within 1.524 m of the bank. The grave may have occupied a slight knoll located near the bank in a moderately low area in the corner of the property.

In 1985, tenants on the property discovered a grave eroding out of the bank along the Broad Creek shoreline. Remains collected by the tenants included left and right femurs, 2 tibias, a fibula, and a left ulna. In November 1985, personnel from Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) visited the site and excavated the coffin and remains. The remains represented an extended burial in a tapered wood coffin. The coffin construction indicated a pre-20th century date for the burial. The bottom board at the head of the coffin was located approximately 0.914 m (3') below the surface. Most of one skeleton including the left ulna, left radius, left humerus, the skull, ribs, and left pelvis, and possibly a femur or tibia mid-section from another skeleton, were retrieved. The lower extremities, the right pelvis and an arm were no longer in place. Apart from coffin wood fragments and nails, the only artifacts collected were a few small green stains located in the upper left chest and upper pelvic areas, which proved to be tiny hook-and-eyes, presumably from clothing or a burial shroud.

In January 1986, a second burial was discovered. MGS archeologists visited the site and collected a human skull, long bones, and fragments of coffin wood, none of which was in situ. The long bones were found during low tide on the beach about 6.096-9.144 m (20-30') from the skull. According to the site drawing, the coffins remains measured approximately .685 m (27") long by 0.20 m (8") wide. The skull was found .9144 m (36") from the bank and 1.27 m (50") from the center of the first (1985) burial. It is unclear from the available documentation if this represented the burial of a small child or if the measurements stated were for partial coffin remains.

In the summer of 1986, another skeleton was found on the property shoreline. Between January and June the shoreline had been bulkheaded. The new burial was exposed under ca. 0.1524 m (6") of water 0.86-1.14 m (34-45") from the bulkhead. The coffin outline and most of the long bones were in evidence. During a site visit, a long bone and bone fragments were collected by MGS staff. MGS archeologists returned to the site and excavated the eroding burial and coffin, collecting 2 fibula, 2 tibia, and feet and pelvis fragments, along with an 11.43 cm (4 1/4") long pin and nails.

Physical anthropologists from University of Maryland, College Park conducted a study on the first (1985) and third (summer 1986) set of bones collected at 18TA234. The remains were those of two adult Caucasian individuals, one male and one female. The female showed evidence of having carried heavy burdens.

According to the drawings done at the time of the excavations, 22 square/cut coffin nails were collected in addition to 10 wood fragments (minimum estimate). These items were recorded under furniture in the table above. A minimum estimate of 5 corroded eye-and-hook fragments were also collected (recorded as clothing in the table above). A single pin was also collected; it is unsure whether the pin was coffin furniture or clothing related therefore, it was cataloged as a miscellaneous item in the table above. The excavations conducted at the site are best described as unsystematic Phase III data recovery.

According to records at Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) the human skeletal remains were moved from the MHT to the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum/Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory on 8/19/2009, along with originals of the 11/25/1985 sketch maps and an 11/27/85 Banner Newspapers article, of which copies were retained at MHT. According to the Site File, several of the human remains (if not all) were placed at the Smithsonian Institute.

The Graves site (18TA234) consisted of 2 or 3 human burials that eroded out of the riverbank as a result of natural shoreline erosion. They may indicate the presence of a small family cemetery at the site. No datable artifacts were recovered in association with the burials. However, the coffin construction did indicate a pre-20th date for the interments. The square nails may further suggest a date in the 19th century. If further burials were to be uncovered at the site, then based on prior cooperation, the landowners would likely notify MHT.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

Site Files (18TA234 SF)