



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18WA16

Site Name: Hagers Fancy

Prehistoric

Other name(s) Jonathan Hager House

Historic

Brief Description:

Middle-Late Archaic small base camp, 18th-20th century standing house

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 19

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 39.6412

Longitude -77.7325

Physiographic province Great Valley

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 165 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

Ownership

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

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) unnamed spring

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

Minimum distance to water is 100 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Archaic site

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Early archaic

Early woodland

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

Late archaic

Late woodland

Unknown prehistoric context

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1860 - 1900

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

German-American

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

N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

Historic context samples

Soil samples taken N

N

Flotation 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	Staffordshire	Stoneware	
Astbury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhenish	<input type="checkbox"/>
	170		3	Wt Salt-glazed	16

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts		Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	73	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)	1	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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Lithic reduc area	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Lithic Material

Jasper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>	European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input 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		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	2712	Activity item(s)	142
Glass (all)	7424	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	5286	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	3	Misc. kitchen	763
Arms	14	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	31	Misc.	652
Personal items	34	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Earthworks	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Postholes/molds	<input checked="" 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:

The Hager House is a 2 story stone dwelling placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1968. It is surrounded by 18WA16, the remnants of the surrounding contemporaneous farmstead and associated historic and prehistoric components. It is located within Hagerstown City Park, on the southwest side of Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. A marsh-type environment, fed by six local springs, was once present in the general vicinity of 18WA16.

The first archeological investigations around the Hager House were conducted by Dr. H. Chandlee Forman and Mary Vernon Mish of the Washington County Historical Society during the restoration of the house in 1952-53. A very significant collection of artifacts was generated from the front porch and side of the stone structure. This collection has never been catalogued or analyzed. Dr. Forman apparently did maintain a site plan of his excavations of the foundation near the north wall of the house, but this plan and any field notes that he kept have not been located, and published sources mentioning the Forman excavation are brief and not detailed. A 1952 article entitled "An Archaeological Bonanza: The Hager House Midden" by Mrs. Mish provides a brief description and location for some of the artifacts recovered during the house restoration.

Phase I reconnaissance and Phase II testing were conducted as part of a Frostburg State University summer field school for undergraduates in 1994. The focus of the summer program was the preliminary investigation of the land lying immediately adjacent to and northeast of the standing eighteenth century structure. The work was designed to provide information on site boundaries, integrity, and composition.

The Phase I work consisted of carefully controlled excavations of approximately 200 shovel test units placed at 3.048 meter (10 foot) intervals across a land parcel adjacent to and northeast of the standing stone house. These shovel tests were stratigraphically excavated to an average of 0.6096 (2 feet) below surface level with soil screened through ¼ inch wire mesh. The grid system established for the project was aligned to the Hager House and Museum rather than compass directions. The Phase I work lead to the identification of several areas of artifact concentration. This information was then used in the placement of the Phase II test units.

Five 1.524 X 1.524 meter (5 X 5 foot) excavation units were located within artifact concentrations defined by the shovel testing phase of field work. Units 1 and 2 were adjacent to one another, as were units 3 and 4. Excavations were conducted in typical unit-level fashion using 9 cm (0.3 foot) arbitrary levels to sterile subsoil and soil was screened through ¼" mesh. The subsoil was explored for potential hidden horizons by auger or deep shovel tests. No mechanical excavation was performed.

Excavation units illustrated good stratigraphic integrity across most of the site and several potential outbuilding locations were found on the basis of artifact concentrations. A brick floor was uncovered in one shovel test pit. Another area may represent the remnants of a barn, illustrated in historic photographs of the property. In addition to the historic component, a Late Archaic component was discovered at 18WA16.

Several probable prehistoric and historic features were encountered including multiple postmolds (historic), a shallow unlined firepit containing charcoal and ash deposits (prehistoric), and a sheet midden (historic) that extended through multiple test units.

Artifact totals from the site are quite difficult to ascertain from Frostburg State's final site report. Many of the artifact tallies presented in the body of the text or in associated tables do not match the quantities reported in the tables appended to the end of the report (those by excavation unit). For this reason, all numbers reported here should be considered approximate. The appended tables are used as the source for artifact quantities herein, with the exception of the prehistoric artifact data. The source for that material is the table of prehistoric artifact quantities provided in the body of the report.

During the Phase I portion of the Frostburg State project, approximately 32 activity items were recovered. This assemblage includes 2 writing instruments (a fountain pen part and pencil lead), 8 lighting-related objects, an iron chisel, 1 copper ring, 12 metal can parts, 1 zinc battery part, 4 bolts, 1 washer, and 3 miscellaneous pieces of hardware. Roughly 631 architectural objects came from the Phase I shovel tests. Most of these were brick, nails, and window glass. Sixteen fragments of safety glass and 262 fragments of regular plate window glass were recovered. Twelve slate fragments (possibly roof tiles?) were excavated. One ornamented brick fragments, 133 regular brick fragments, and 16 bits of mortar were encountered. One hundred and fifty-six nails were recovered, including 21 square, 5 hand-forged, 23 machined, 2 cut, 62 wire, and 43 unidentified nail fragments. A five inch spike was also excavated. Four miscellaneous electrical parts were encountered (connectors, rubber wire coating, insulators). Seven terra-cotta tiles, an asbestos tile, a brick tile, and two tile fragments were recovered. Other miscellaneous architectural items recovered included a piece of fire brick, 2 fragments of concrete, 2 fragments of plaster, 9 wood fragments, 2 shingles, a piece of flu liner, and 2 fragments of linoleum. Only five clothing objects were recovered; a mother of pearl button, a pewter button, a suspender buckle, and 2 shoe parts. The kitchen assemblage from the Phase I work reached a total of around 974 items, mostly ceramics and glass. Seven creamware sherds and 17 pearlware sherds were recovered. Other kitchen ceramics were 2 Spongware sherds, 1 other earthenware sherd, 105 whiteware sherds, 10 sherds of porcelain, 27 of stoneware, 2 brown knobwares, 10 sherds of unglazed redware, 118 redware, 1 orange redware, 3 sherds of a miscellaneous clay pot, and 3 unidentified ceramics. One tin can part, 609 glass fragments (mostly bottle shards), and 24 milk glass fragments were also recovered. There were 58 faunal objects encountered (assumed to be kitchen remains) including 15 fragments of animal bone, 39 oyster shell fragments, 2 clam shells, and 2 other shell fragments. Four personal items were excavated; a plastic audio record, a Bakelite audio record, a comb fragment, and a tortoise-shell pin with clasp. A single kaolin pipe stem was the only tobacco-related object recovered during Phase I and a .22 shell casing was the only arms-related object. One hundred and eighty-nine miscellaneous objects were also retrieved (mostly unidentifiable glass, iron, and metal).

A great many more objects were recovered during Phase II testing. The activity assemblage consisted of 110 objects. Nineteen of these are toys; 8 whole and 1 half of ceramic marbles, 2 glass marbles, and 8 porcelain doll fragments. Three pieces of pencil lead, 7 lighting-related objects, a coil spring, and part of a chain were also recovered. A total of 42 hardware items were encountered (nuts, bolts, washers, springs, staples, tack heads, etc.). Three engine/motor items were recovered. The rest of the activity items were a shovel blade, a brass tool, a carbon battery rod, 2 tire studs, 2 tin seals, a metal can, 2 tin can solders, a brass sleigh bell fragment, an iron stirrup, and 19 flower pot fragments (mostly terra-cotta). Three furniture objects were encountered, including a nickel plated knob or pull, a brass upholstery tack, and a caster. The architectural assemblage included 4,655 items such as 2,973 plate window glass fragments, 7 slate fragments, 72 brick bits, 5 pieces of plaster, 1 of mortar, 24 square nails, 15 hand forged nails, 71 machined nails, 524 wire nails, and 834 unidentified nail fragments. Six screws, a door handle, a brass hinge, a curtain bracket, 33 electrical parts, 17 roofing shingles, 37 terra-cotta tile fragments, a porcelain tile piece, 32 terra-cotta sewer pipe fragments, and a piece of linoleum were also recovered. Twenty-six clothing remnants were retrieved, 15 of which were buttons. A mother of pearl button, 2 ceramic buttons, 5 plastic buttons, 2 glass buttons, a pewter button, a brass button, 3 buttons of unidentified material, 12



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shoe parts, and an iron button make up the clothing assemblage. The kitchen assemblage included 2407 ceramics, including 163 creamware sherds, 74 pearlware, 4 of Whieldonware, 1 sherd of brown transferware, 115 other earthenware sherds, 783 of whiteware, 100 sherds of porcelain, 1 sherd of grey salt-glazed stoneware, 105 of stoneware, 22 of unglazed stoneware, 1017 sherds of redware, 13 of yellowware, 3 ironstone sherds, 2 hand-painted polychrome sherds, and 4 miscellaneous ceramic sherds. Kitchen glass totaled 3465 objects, including part of a glass jar, a glass stopper, 32 probable table glass shards, 87 fragments of milk glass, and 3344 misc. kitchen glass shards (mostly bottles). One brim ring and a significant faunal assemblage were the only other objects recovered. The faunal assemblage consisted of 363 animal bones, 3 animal claws, 283 oyster shells, 33 clam shells, and 21 other shells. Thirty personal objects were encountered. Four plastic audio records and a Bakelite audio record were excavated. Five beads (1 carved, 3 of glass, 1 plastic), a bright blue gem stone, a Victorian brooch, a jeweled brass watch back, a mirror fragment, 2 combs, and a lipstick casing were also found in the Phase II test units. Four coins (apparently modern), a metal token, a thermometer part, 6 clock parts, and part of a stoneware chamberpot complete the personal item assemblage. Eleven tobacco-related items were found; 8 kaolin pipe parts, 1 other clay pipe part, and 2 other pipe parts. Thirteen arms-related objects were encountered; eleven .22 shell fragments, a 12 gauge shell bottom, and a .45 caliber shell. Four-hundred and sixty-three miscellaneous objects were also retrieved (mostly unidentifiable glass, iron, plastic, and metal).

The site also yielded a total of 74 prehistoric items (both Phase I and II). This includes 1 projectile point (a Late Archaic Brewerton point), 3 projectile point fragments, 4 bifaces (a knife and scrapers), 64 flakes, 1 core, and 1 hammerstone. Most of the objects are made of rhyolite, followed by quartzite, jasper (some apparently heat-treated) and chert. It is not certain how many of the faunal objects categorized above may be from prehistoric times due to a lack of clear stratigraphy. No C-14 tests were run on the charcoal recovered from prehistoric features.

18WA16 was also located in Area VIII of a later (1995) Phase I Survey of the entire City Park. Two positive shovel tests 70 meters in back of the Hager House resulted in an expansion of the site boundaries beyond the area defined as the site by the Fropstburg State shovel tests.

Ultimately, the research that has been conducted at Hager's Fancy has shown that 18WA16 has excellent potential to yield scientific information on the prehistory and history of Washington County. Approximately 10% of the overall historic assemblage dates to the period prior to 1800, most of it after 1760. The bulk of the remainder is representative of the nineteenth and early 20th century components at the site. Although the history of the property points towards long periods of occupation by prominent members of the local community, the artifact analysis shows a very unremarkable assemblage of a somewhat austere nature. A significant prehistoric component appears to underlay much of the historic site, though not much has been excavated.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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