



Phase II and Phase III Archaeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18WA451

Site Name: Area A

Prehistoric

Other name(s)

Historic

Brief Description:

19th century possible structure, artifact concentration

Unknown

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 19

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 39.6331

Longitude -77.7296

Physiographic province Great Valley

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 168 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) City Park Lake, Cold Spring

Saltwater

Ocean

Estuary/tidal river

Tidewater/marsh

Minimum distance to water is 12 m

Freshwater

Stream/river

Swamp

Lake or pond

Spring

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

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

isolated find

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 N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

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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	23	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcelain	5	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	8	Pearlware	58			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

Fer quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sil sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chalcedony	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chert	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhyolite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steatite	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quartzite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandstone	<input type="checkbox"/>
		European flint	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts		Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	242	Activity item(s)	9
Glass (all)	104	Human remain(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	266	Faunal material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	748
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	108
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Features

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

Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

In the fall of 1992, a Phase I archeological survey of land adjacent to the Washington County Fine Arts Museum in Hagerstown, Maryland located and defined one archeological site (18WA451) which was within the potential impact zone of a planned museum expansion project. Located within the confines of Hagerstown City Park, this historic-period site is approximately 300 yards south of Hager's Fancy (18WA16) a well known circa 1730 National Register property associated with Jonathan Hager, the founder of Hagerstown. Following the Phase I survey, some redesign of the original construction plans was accomplished to avoid significant portion of the site. However, Phase II testing had to be conducted on a strip of land between the old parking lot and an existing road.

Phase II testing consisted of controlled surface collection followed by the excavation of six 1.524 X 1.524 meter (5 foot X 5 foot) square test units placed near the areas of highest artifact concentration. The units were arranged in a linear but unaligned configuration due to the elongated nature of the unpaved area. Unit excavation was carried out in 9.144 centimeter (.3 foot) arbitrary levels. Excavation was abandoned after sterile subsoil had been reached. Historical documentary research was conducted concurrently with excavations and included a review of primary documents associated with the property and the construction of a deed chain of land ownership. The results of the document search found no specific references which cite a structure in the immediate vicinity of 18WA451. No link between the study area and Hager's Fancy was suggested based upon original documents reviewed for this study.

Stratigraphy at the site was very disturbed, especially in the areas of highest artifact densities. At some point, the original top soil layer was totally removed from most of the site and mixed with red clay subsoil and then redeposited as fill. No subsurface features of any type were encountered during excavations. Brick fragments, nails, cut limestone, and some architectural materials such as window glass were found within the fill horizon, but no foundations or other building features were found in association with this rubble.

The site yielded a total of 1474 artifacts, primarily from disturbed contexts in the test units. Recovered artifacts dated from the period 1760-1850 with a small percentage from the later 19th century. Nine activity items were recovered from the site, seven of which were pieces of miscellaneous hardware. Two activity items were related to stabling activities, a hand-forged horseshoe and horseshoe nail. Architectural items recovered include 3 fragments of window glass, 23 nails, and 240 fragments of brick. A total of 990 kitchen items were recovered, 242 of which were ceramics. The ceramic assemblage included 122 redware sherds, 8 sherds of creamware, 58 pearlware sherds, 23 whiteware sherds, 1 grey salt-glazed stoneware sherd, 2 Chinese export porcelain pieces, 1 hand-painted porcelain sherd, 2 pieces of white porcelain, 10 shell/feathered wares, 4 mochaware sherds, 2 Spatter (sieved) wares, and 9 annular ware sherds. Other kitchen-related objects include 101 glass container pieces (mostly bottles), 51 animal bones, and 697 shell fragments. The animal bones can be further subdivided by species. The faunal assemblage included 2 cow bones, 4 pig bones, 9 white-tailed deer bones, 1 dog bone, 1 turkey bone, 2 chicken bones, 27 medium mammal bones, 2 small mammal bones, and 3 bird bones. One hundred and eight miscellaneous objects were recovered. Coals and cinders account for 77 of these objects. Five items are miscellaneous plastic, a hand-forged iron bolt plate, a fairly modern carriage bolt, and 24 other items (mostly scrap metal).

The lack of intact soil stratigraphy, lack of features, and lack of historical documentation indicating the household of origin for artifacts make the site unlikely to yield scientific information of value to research in historical archaeology. While some broad interpretations of the site can be drawn from what remains, the testing of specific hypotheses dependent upon unaltered context and artifact provenience, cannot be accomplished from the site as seen from the Phase II excavations.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):