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Historic

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Unknown

## Site Location and Environmental Data:

Maryland Archaeological Research Unit No. 1

SCS soil & sediment code

Latitude 38.2411

Longitude -75.1563

Physiographic province Eastern Shore Coastal P

Terrestrial site

Underwater site

Elevation 2 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) Sinepuxent Bay

- | Saltwater   |  | Freshwater                            |                                |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>                      | Estuary/tidal river <input type="checkbox"/> | Stream/river <input type="checkbox"/> | Swamp <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tidewater/marsh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lake or pond <input type="checkbox"/>        | Spring <input type="checkbox"/>       |                                |
| Minimum distance to water is 0 m                    |  |                                       |                                |

## Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site

Woodland site

Contact period site

ca. 1820 - 1860

Y

Archaic site

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ca. 1630 - 1675

ca. 1860 - 1900

Y

Early archaic

Early woodland

ca. 1675 - 1720

ca. 1900 - 1930

Y

Middle archaic

Mid. woodland

ca. 1720 - 1780

Post 1930

Y

Late archaic

Late woodland

Y

ca. 1780 - 1820

Unknown historic context

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown context

### Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American

Asian American

African American

Unknown

Y

Anglo-American

Other

Hispanic

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 N

N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken

### Historic context samples

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N

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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"/>	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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Tin Glazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	English Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Borderware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mn Mottled	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Whiteware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eng Dry-bodied	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Devon	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Porcelain</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creamware	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pearlware	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<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 checked="" 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faunal material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc. kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		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 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 MAC

Additional raw data may be available online

## Summary Description:

The Salt Point Procurement Site (18WO167) is located on the shore of Sinepuxent Bay in Worcester County. The site sits on a well-drained, sandy rise, next to a saltmarsh. It is a Late Woodland short-term camp with a 19th-20th century artifact scatter. Within the site area there is a diversity of environmental settings such as woodlands, bay basins, open cultivated fields, and tidal marsh land. The soils in the site area are Sassafras sandy loam and Woodstown sandy loam.

Phase I survey was conducted in 1994-1995 ahead of the proposed construction of a golfing community on the western shore of the Sinepuxent Bay. The project would alter the landscape by re-contouring to create the golf course and by clearing of woodlands to accommodate the golf course, a club house, access roads and residential dwellings. The total project area was around 250 acres and encompassed privately owned land and a portion of the land that was to be conveyed to the National Park Service. Prior to field investigations, extensive archival research of the project area was done. Survey consisted of extensive field walking with controlled surface collection. This was followed by excavating shovel test pits (STPs) at intervals never exceeding 15 meters (some areas required shorter interval testing). Seven loci within the project area were assigned roman numerals. The Salt Point Procurement Site (18WO167) was designated as Locus VI.

During Phase I field walking the site appeared as a dark patch of plowzone soil. There were some shells on the surface but no midden build up or evidence in the nearby eroding bluff of subsurface features. The only artifact surface collected was a chalcedony biface. A total of 68 STPs were dug in the site area. Prehistoric finds included a red chert biface base, a triangular projectile point, a possible ceramic sherd, 1 lump of fired clay, 5 flakes, and shell fragments. Historic period artifacts were also found in the plowzone layer of some STPs. These included 1 activity item (a piece of lamp glass from a boat), 19 kitchen items (7 bottle glass shards, 4 white earthenware sherds, 2 white earthenware rim sherds, 1 other earthenware, 4 redware, and 1 unidentified ceramic sherd), and 3 miscellaneous items (2 iron metal fragments and 1 piece of slag). All shell, all brick fragments, all coal, and all charcoal found in the STPs were noted and discarded at the site so there are no absolute counts for those items.

Phase I testing did not reveal the presence of a substantial site or a site that had any depth or artifact density. The purpose of the Phase II evaluations was to determine if the site had defined boundaries and subsurface integrity. Phase II work consisted of opening five 1 meter X 1 meter test units and two 30.48 meter X 1.219 meter (100 foot X 4 foot) machine cut trenches. The total number of shell fragments collected from the site was not reported by the archeologists. Likewise, numbers of other artifacts such as fire-cracked rock, brick, and glass were not always clearly stated. Undisclosed numbers of shell, glass, and brick were discarded. One shell fragment, 1 prehistoric ceramic, and 1 fire-cracked rock were recorded along with 1 nail fragment, 2 (estimated) glass shards, about 6 (estimated) brick fragments, and 1 earthenware sherd.

It should also be noted that a number of artifacts have been collected by individuals in the areas that comprise Locus VI and Locus III (18WO165). These include a nutting stone, a black chert fishtail variant knife, an incomplete fishtail or bifurcate point (these items were photographed and the photos are with the collection at the MAC lab), a reworked point, a red jasper projectile point, and more.

Even though extensive subsurface testing and field walking was executed no clear boundaries or activity areas at the Salt Point Procurement Site (18WO167) could be identified. Few artifacts were recovered and these were a mix of historic and prehistoric items. Without discernable structures, the site is not NRHP eligible and no further work at the site is suggested.

## External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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