

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1978 Orr, K.G. and R.G. Orr  
The Conjectured First Free School Site of Anne Arundel County, Maryland: an Intensive Archeological Survey.  
Submitted to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education  
Library ID No: 00000462 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 6

## Research Firm/Institution:

Orr and Orr, Consulting Archaeologists  
2221 Cowan Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

## Sites examined:

18AN252

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> Beginning in the 1970s, the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association and the Anne Arundel County Board of Education began to take interest in the possible restoration of a former one-room schoolhouse believed to have once served as one of the first free schools established in the American colonies. Though archival and architectural research seemed to support the idea that the school might prove to be a free school built in 1724 by the Maryland colonial government, it was felt that an archeological survey of the property might be able to confirm the site's use as such. The property was already under a perpetual archeological and historical easement when the archeological work was carried out in 1978, and MHT was obviously, very involved in oversight of work conducted on an easement property.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Determine if the house structure (and adjacent ruins) at 18AN252 are actually remnants of the 'Free School' described in the archival and historical records of Anne Arundel County.  -Compare the 1724 Visitors of the Free School architects plan for the school building with the structures encountered through excavation.  -Assess the chronological position of the structures and strata encountered while digging.  -Determine the possible function of the site.
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## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN252.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1990 Myers, L.D. and D.C. Linck  
An Archaeological Investigation of the Anne Arundel Free School, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association  
Library ID No: 00000612 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 120

## Research Firm/Institution:

Epochs Past  
339 Fairhaven Road  
Dunkirk, MD 20754

## Sites examined:

18AN252

## Project Details:

Phase I		<b>Project Justification:</b> In 1989, the Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association, under a grant from MHT, requested an archeological testing program at 18AN252. The Association was attempting to restore the property and two areas of the site would be disturbed by installation of a well and septic system. MHT held a perpetual archeological and historical easement on the property which necessitated the work.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Locate, identify, and assess all archeological resources in the areas that will be impacted by the well and septic line installation.
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## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN252.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1992 Shaver, D.T. and H.L. Sappington  
A Brief History of the Anne Arundell Free School.

Sites examined:

18AN252

Project Details:

<b>Project Justification:</b>
This work was an overview of the history of both the free school at 18AN252 and a history of the research conducted at the site. It appears to have been created for a more general audience and served as an accounting of the public monies spent on the property up until 1992.

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Document the history of the Anne Arundel County Free School.
-Document the history of archival, archeological, and architectural research conducted at the site.

Research Potential:

Site 18AN252 likely still retains significant research potential. Additional work to the south of the standing Free School structure has the potential to yield intact archeological deposits dating to the 18th century use of the school. Potentially, data could be obtained of a unique nature relating to Colonial-era free education, a rarity not just in Maryland, but in North America. The site should be considered a significant archeological resource.

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