

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1996 Matthews, C.N.
It is Quietly Chaotic, It Confuses Time: Final Report of Excavations at the Bordley-Randall Site in Annapolis, Maryland, 1993-1995.
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Sites examined:

18AP50

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III



This report describes the findings of a series of Archaeology in Annapolis (AIA) summer fieldschools in urban archeology conducted at the Bordley-Randall site (18AP50) from 1993-1995. These fieldschools were also carried out as support for dissertation research being carried out by a Columbia University student. Archaeology in Annapolis often receives public monies through the University of Maryland and periodic grants from the City of Annapolis to support their summer field programs.

Project Objectives:

-Determine the overall age of the house and how its various additions/renovations fit together in terms of a sequence of construction.

-Reconstruct the relationship of the house to other landscape features such as gardens, outbuildings, etc. and how they have changed over time.

-Locate evidence, if possible, of any remains related to the resident slaves and servants of the various owner-occupants of this house and lot.

Research Potential:

Excavation work at 18AP50 has demonstrated that intact deposits and features exist at the site, capable of addressing research question related to Maryland history. These deposits assisted in reconstructing the dramatic landscape changes that occupants of the site have made over the past nearly 300 years. In addition, very early intact deposits were encountered that suggest architectural features predating the Bordley occupation of the site. This possibility should be explored should an opportunity for excavation present itself in future. Thus, 18AP50 remains a significant archeological resource.