

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1984 Basalik, K.J., A.R. Brown, and T.W. Epperson
 Archaeological Investigations at the Brice House, A National Historic Landmark, Annapolis, Maryland.
 Submitted to Edmonson & Gallagher

Research Firm/Institution:

Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc.
 PO Box 1154
 Brookhaven, PA 19015

Library ID No: 00000117 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 15

Sites examined:

18AP38

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:	This report presents the results of preliminary archeological testing at the James Brice House. The house is a National Landmark located in the Annapolis Historic District. The house is being restored under a program sponsored by the International Masonry Institute (IMI). Archeological work was conducted in the west yard of the house due to the expressed need for archeological information to support the final restoration design of the west wing. It was also required because restoration work in this area was expected to disturb the subsurface soils. Subsequent to the award of the contract for archeological work, additional excavation was required in the north yard in an area where utility lines were to be laid. Near the end of the project, the IMI's plans were again expanded to include stairway construction, installation of brick walkways, and other improvements within both the South and North yards of the house. A series of excavation units was then placed in the South yard, and several additional units were excavated in the North yard.
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Project Objectives:	-Locate and interpret evidence on the original uses of the West Wing (particularly evidence of the location and size of West Wing openings). -Identify the original topography of the yard, including original paths, walls, carriage ways and planting beds. -Locate and interpret evidence of changes in the topography of the yard, uses of the West Wing, and construction of the west wall to modern times.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP38.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2000 Harmon, J.M.
 Archaeological Investigations at the James Brice House (18AP38), A National Historic Landmark Site, 42 East Street, City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
 Submitted to the International Masonry Institute

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeology in Annapolis
 1111 Woods Hall
 College Park, MD 20742-7415

Library ID No: 97000687 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 87

Sites examined:

18AP38

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:	This report describes a multi-phased archeological investigation in and around the James Brice House, a National Historic Landmark with associated archeological deposits (18AP38). The initial purpose of this investigation was to conduct test excavations in the South Yard of the Brice House property prior to the installation of a new front-loading stairway that would provide the main access to the house. In addition, the property owners had planned improvements to the interiors of the East and West Wings and Hyphens of the building as a portion of the development of a conference center and library. Archeological work was performed
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Phase III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:	-Locate any archeological deposits of potential significance within the areas that will be impacted by construction at 18AP38. -Define the horizontal and vertical extent of identified archeological deposits. -Interpret the nature of the deposits and their potential significance in answering ongoing research questions related to Maryland history.
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in these spaces to identify and evaluate the significance of archeological resources that would be impacted by this construction, and to recover data from deposits previously determined to be significant. While the initial fieldwork was being conducted additional plans came to light for the south yard and other outdoor spaces on the property. Additional work and monitoring was carried out to mitigate these impacts as well. Funding for the project was provided by the International Masonry Institute (the property owners) and the Maryland Historical Trust.

-Assess the need for further treatment of identified resources and, where appropriate, conduct data recovery.

-In areas requiring data recovery, obtain a basic sample to describe the deposits in question, develop and answer specified research questions, and determine the spatial and chronological variability of the deposit.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP38.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2002 Hopkins III, J.W.
Letter Report: Grading on the yard behind the East Wing of the Brice House.
Submitted to the MHT Easement Committee
Library ID No: 97001738 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 97

Research Firm/Institution:

Joseph Hopkins Associates, Inc.
3211 Berkshire Road
Baltimore, MD 21214

Sites examined:

18AP38

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Project Justification:
This letter reports briefly on archeological monitoring at the Brice House (18AP38) in 2002. The monitoring was necessitated by grading of the yard area behind the East Wing of the house and for impacts related to the repair of gas and sewer lines on the property. Since the original 20th century placement of the gas/sewer lines would have disturbed any intact archeological resources, work focused on recording the profiles of the sewer trenches after they were exposed in these areas to gain information to guide further work. Monitoring was required by MHT, which holds a historic preservation easement on the property.

Project Objectives:
-Monitor the archeological excavations at 18AP38 for the repair of gas and sewer lines and the grading of the East Wing area.

Research Potential:

Based on the findings of many years of archeological investigation at 18AP38, the site would appear to have significant archeological potential. Many portions of the site preserve intact features and artifact deposits capable of addressing ongoing research questions related to Maryland's history. The site should continue to be considered a significant archeological resource.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2017 Chisholm, A., H. Baldwin, & S. Sperling
Assessment of previous work and archaeological recommendations.
Library ID No: 95003391 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 129

Research Firm/Institution:

The Lost Towns Project, LLC

Sites examined:

18AP38

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I **Project Justification:**
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This work is being undertaken as part of an extensive and multi-year project that will restore the Brice House to its original period of ca. 1774.

Project Objectives:
This report's goals was in assessing and investigating the State-owned site by conducting a comprehensive literature review of past archeological work at the Brice House (18AP38), and developing a firm set of recommendations for archaeological investigations and re-interpretation of previous work.

Research Potential:

Archaeologists have found these highlights: the foundation of the sandstone wall in the West Wing and North West Yard, and the associated stairs which pre-date the construction of the Brice House. Of particular interest, the eighteenth century architectural features that have been found are the East/West foundation of a brick wall cutting the West Wing into North and South rooms, potential original floor joists in the West Wing, the original floor of the East Wing of mortar and joist construction, and that the fireplaces and dividing wall of the East Wing existed with the original construction of the house.
