

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1990 Read, E.D.
Archaeological Excavation of State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland.
Submitted to the City of Annapolis

Library ID No: 00000132 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 30

Research Firm/Institution:

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

Sites examined:

18AP55 Others

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

Archaeology in Annapolis, a cooperative program between the University of Maryland, College Park and the Historic Annapolis Foundation, conducted archeological excavations at State Circle in Annapolis during the winter of 1989-1990. The work was conducted for the City of Annapolis in order to satisfy the conditions for compliance set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 83b, sections 5-617 and 5-618, prior to the undergrounding of electrical wires by the City of Annapolis. Funding for the State Circle Archaeological Project was provided by a matching grant from the Maryland State Department of General Services and the City of Annapolis.

Project Objectives:

- Document changes in the design of State Circle over time and the meaning of these changes for the growth and development of Annapolis.
- Determine if the designer of the circle used converging streets to enhance the view of monumental architecture (i.e. the State House).
- Assess whether changes to State Circle over time have accommodated the original plan or radically altered it.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP55.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1994 Galke, L. and L. Jones
Archaeological Testing at 10 Francis Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 18AP55.
Submitted to the City of Annapolis

Library ID No: 00000160 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 58

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18AP55

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

Researchers with Archaeology in Annapolis returned to the site in August of 1990. The primary reason excavation were carried out was to determine the age of the house at 18AP55. There has been some debate among architectural historians about whether this property represents the site of the Kentish Inn (built ca. 1694), or whether it is the Donaldson House (built ca. 1720 or 1730). Documentary evidence seems to support the latter.

Project Objectives:

- Locate a builder's trench (if present) along the house to provide a date for the building's construction.
- Document the stratigraphy on the property.

Research Potential:

The house on the property at 18AP55 is one of the older houses (at least ca. 1730s) in Annapolis, and the property has been continuously occupied since the early 18th century. There were at least 2 outbuildings on the property in the past. The site has significant research potential and therefore, before any landscaping or future building is done at the site which would disturb the intact archeological layers, further excavations should be carried out.