

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Limited Excavations at the Gassaway-Feldmeyer House, 18AP49, 194 Prince George Street,  
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## Sites examined:

18AP49

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

In the spring of 1988, the Historic Annapolis Foundation requested that archeological staff with the Archaeology in Annapolis consortium (a partnership between the University of Maryland and Historic Annapolis) undertake the examination of an area in the rear yard of a property (the Gassaway-Feldmeyer property) owned by the Foundation. The area under examination had been disturbed to an undetermined extent by recent tree plantings. An easement is held on this property by the Maryland Historical Trust, and permission had been negotiated in 1983 between Historic Annapolis and MHT to use the rear of the Gassaway-Feldmeyer property as a nursery for immature plants for the rear yard of the nearby William Paca Garden. Early in 1987, memos were circulated among the garden staff of the properties regarding planned horticultural use of the Gassaway-Feldmeyer yards, but before archeological work could commence in compliance with easement stipulations, tree planting had already commenced. When the planting activities became known to administrators with the Historic Annapolis Foundation, archeologists were called in to record and minimize further disturbance to the site.

### Project Objectives:

- Monitor and record the impacts of the ground-disturbing activities at 18AP49.
- Conduct salvage operations in the areas of planned impact(s).

## Research Potential:

Excavators at 18AP49 found evidence of some intact 19th century levels, but no trace of an 18th century occupation of the site. Unfortunately, parts of the site were disturbed by 20th century gardening activities. However, since the property is located near numerous national and local historic sites, and is in a designated National Historic District, there is still potential for information related to 19th century Annapolis. Any further yard work should undergo similar monitoring (or initial excavation of the planting holes) by professional archeologists.