

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archaeological Investigations at Reynolds Tavern, 4 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18AP23

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

During most of the 20th century the Reynolds Tavern building was used to house the Annapolis Public Library. By 1974, the library had outgrown the building and it was transferred to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). The NTHP, then, leased the property to the Historic Annapolis Foundation. In 1978, the Historic Annapolis Foundation requested that an archeological excavation be conducted prior to planned renovations. This report describes the findings of the 1978 Phase III project in the vicinity of the renovations. The excavations centered on finding out how the original tavern was constructed and what changes were made through the years to aide in appropriate restoration.

Project Objectives:

- Locate evidence of the grade line across the front elevation, placement of the front cellar windows and possible entrances/bulkheads, and porch floor, stoop, and old pavement configurations.
- Define the cellar entrance at the Franklin Street end of the tavern.
- Excavate test pits in the tavern yard to assess the need for further excavation.

Research Potential:

It was determined that the remainder of Site 18AP23 had tremendous potential to yield additional intact features and deposits. Intensive archeological survey was recommended in the backyard area if additional renovations were to be undertaken or additional data is needed for interpretation. No additional archeological work has been documented since that time, and the site should still be regarded as a significant resource.
