

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1999 Leone, M.P., P.A. Shackel, and C.A. O'Reilly
The Sands House - Final Site Report.

Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 00005669 Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 75

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic Annapolis, Inc.
18 Pinkney Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AP47

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes excavations at the Sands House (18AP47) in downtown Annapolis conducted on behalf of the Historic Annapolis Foundation in the winter/early spring of 1988. According to oral tradition, the structure may have been built as early as the 1680s. Historical documentation has indicated that this house was erected by at least 1706. In either case, it is the earliest standing dwelling of frame construction, and was constructed on the Annapolis Harbor long before it was to reach its full economic potential in the late 18th century. During the early months of 1988, Mrs. Margaret Dowsett, proprietor of the Sands House informed Historic Annapolis, Inc. of renovations being performed to her house which would disturb portions of the property. Mitigation was deemed necessary in order to collect and record significant archeological resources and possibly help determine a construction date for the house.

Project Objectives:

- Mitigate the impacts of construction by collecting and recording significant archeological resources at the Sands House.
- Determine the original construction date of the house.
- Collect data that might aid in the interpretation of architectural features.
- Examine the social and economic history of the 18th century city of Annapolis.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP47.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2010 Kille, J.E., S. Sharpe, and A. Luckenbach
Limited Archeological Testing at the Sands House, Annapolis, Maryland.

Submitted to the Four Rivers Heritage Area

Library ID No: AALT-2010

Research Firm/Institution:

Lost Towns Project
2664 Riva Road, MS 6402
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AP47

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes limited archeological testing carried out in the spring of 2010 at the Sand House (18AP47) in downtown Annapolis. The effort was an attempt to shed more light on the structure's early history and building sequence. The project was sponsored by the Four Rivers Heritage Area and Sands House Foundation as part a FY2010 Mini-Grant. The research design for this project was approved by the Chief of Historic Preservation for the City of Annapolis.

Project Objectives:

- Locate data relevant to the early construction history of the Sands House.

Research Potential:

Past archeological work at 18AP47 has revealed intact features and artifact deposits, including materials that are diagnostic to the various periods of occupation at the Sands House. The most recent research exposed previously undocumented features, but did not fully expose said features. It is highly likely that other intact features relevant to the history of one of the earliest frame dwellings in Annapolis would be encountered should future work be conducted at the site.
