

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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18BA437

NRHP Eligible: N

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Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

The Chatsworth Barn and Chimney Site (18BA437) was located within the proposed Reisterstown Village Subdivision, land slotted for residential development. Phase II archeological investigations were undertaken at the site in June 1994. This included detailed archival research and subsurface testing. At the time of the archeological testing, the 1.6 hectare (4 ac) project area had been cleared for cultivation.

Phase III

MAC Accession: 1995.009

Project Objectives:

- Determine the site boundaries
- Establish the site's cultural affiliation and function
- Determine its integrity
- Determine its significance and eligibility for listing to the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Chatsworth Barn and Chimney Site (18BA437) consists of a late 19th century barn and a 20th century standing chimney. While portions of the barn remained intact, the majority of the structure had been destroyed by invasive tree roots. It was postulated that the buildings materials (stone and brick) were removed from the site after it went into disuse. It was further postulated that the nearby chimney may have been constructed from the barn foundation stones. The artifacts necessary for dating and describing the functions of the barn through time were not recovered during the archeological investigations. Therefore, activities which may have taken place in the structure and an association with various owners was not possible. While the spatial limits within the proposed project locus were established, Site 18BA437 did not meet the eligibility criteria for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. No additional study was recommended for this site. However, the tenant house mentioned on the 1918 tax ledger may actually be located outside the area archeologically examined thus far, somewhere to the east of the barn. A Phase I archeological investigation is recommended in this area ahead of any proposed future construction. Note: Only the excavation records are stored at the MAC Lab; the artifacts were returned to the landowner.