

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18BC59

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

This report describes 1987 archeological investigations conducted at the Brown's Wharf site as part of a larger redevelopment effort in downtown Baltimore. The excavation was conducted in partial fulfillment of requirements necessary to obtain Historic Tax Credits under the guidance of the Maryland Historical Trust. Construction plans required the removal of several modern structures. During the spring of 1987, this was accomplished. There were no basements in use in the demolished structures and flooring appeared to a cement cap or pad. There was some suspicion that there may have existed under the flooring, historical subsurface remains from 18th century dwellings including basements and crawl spaces. Thus, archeologists were called in to monitor removal of the cement flooring caps and excavation followed in July of 1987.

Project Objectives:

- Locate any evidence of the original shoreline and subsequent land alterations that can be detected archeologically.
- If ship hulls have been utilized as fill, study (to the extent possible) changes in ship building technology through time.
- Document a representative sample of artifacts and features and interpret the data in terms of economic (Commercial/Industrial) and social (Educational/Cultural) activities.
- Explore past land-use patterns at the site.

Research Potential:

No additional archeological investigations were recommended at 18BC59, following completion of the trench excavations in 1987. Further trench excavations were not expected to reveal additional significant information or resources. Subsequent construction in the vicinity likely destroyed any remaining archeological deposits or features. Thus, Site 18BC59 has no significant remaining research potential.