

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18BC140

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes the findings of a 1998 archeological study at the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, Maryland. At the time, the Star-Spangled Banner House Association, Inc. planned to construct a working beehive oven over the foundations of the original oven present at the house, to use in interpretive demonstrations. The Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology (BCUA) undertook excavations in the 3.05 X 2.3 m (10 X 7.5 ft) area adjacent to the north wall of the kitchen of the house where the reconstructed oven was to be built. Funds for research and restoration were provided by a non-capital grant from the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT).

Project Objectives:

- Determine if an archeological footprint for the beehive oven is still present.
- Determine the plan size of the original oven.
- Determine if any remains of a roofed structure over the beehive oven are still extant.
- Look for remains of a structure shown in an 1894 sketch of the site.
- Delineate site stratigraphy.
- Search for other features which might be buried in the area adjacent to the kitchen.

Research Potential:

Based on the documentation of relatively intact features and diagnostic artifacts, as well as their connection to significant persons and events in Maryland and American history, Site 18BC140 is an exceptional site. The likelihood of encountering additional intact deposits on-site is unknown as no systematic survey has been carried out across the grounds or within the cellar areas of the structure itself. These could be promising avenues for future research. In addition, at least one privy feature (known as Feature 20) was left unexcavated at the site.