

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

2016 Otter, E.  
Phase I archaeological survey. Donohue property, 808 South 5th Avenue, Denton, Caroline County, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

Edward Otter, Inc.  
1704 Camden Avenue  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

Library ID No: 95002710 Catalog/Shelving ID: CA 35

## Sites examined:

18CA247

NRHP Eligible:  N

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

A Phase I survey was conducted for a proposed medical office in Denton, Caroline County, Maryland. Because of required permitting, this project is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic reservation Act of 1966, as amended.

### Project Objectives:

The goal of this project was to gain an understanding of the cultural resources on the property so that any cultural resources present can be addressed during property improvement and development.

## Research Potential:

Close to the house buried soil horizons containing 18th and 19th century artifacts were found. Most of the cultural material is from the Dukes family occupation of the house. It is believed, based on this work, that there may be significant archaeological deposits to the west and south of the house for a distance of about 100 feet.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

2017 Otter, E.  
Phase II archaeological investigation: Plaindealing (18CA247), 808 South 5th Avenue, Denton, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

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Library ID No: 95003385 Catalog/Shelving ID: CA 37

## Sites examined:

18CA247

NRHP Eligible:  N

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

In 2016 Edward Otter, Inc. conducted a Phase I archaeological survey for a proposed medical office building in Denton, Caroline County, Maryland. The site is known as the Donohue property or 808 South 5th Avenue, Denton. That study was conducted in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. A series of events occurred in late 2016 that resulted in the developer abandoning the project. The town of Denton injected themselves into the project and through negotiations with the medical company and the State of Maryland salvaged the project. Part of the arrangement was that the Phase II archaeological study would be conducted. Phase II investigations focused around the house, which, by the time of the field work, had been demolished.

Phase II

### Project Objectives:

The goal of this project was to determine whether the archaeological deposits of Plaindealing meet requirements for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Phase I testing identified the limits of the site. Age and function were documented through historic research. For the Phase II study, the critical issue was to determine if there was sufficient integrity to the archaeological deposits to allow for meaningful scientific analysis.

Phase III

## Research Potential:

With a lack of integrity 18CA247 has little potential to provide meaningful scientific information. It is concluded that this site does not meet the standards for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. No additional archaeological work is recommended.