

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1984 Ward, H.H.
Steelman House Archaeological Project.

Submitted to The Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 00005722 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 15

Research Firm/Institution:

Center for Archaeological Research
University of Delaware, Department of
Anthropology
Newark, DE 19711

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: In 1984, archeological investigations were undertaken at the stone structure commonly believed to be the dwelling associated with John Steelman. The purpose of the survey was to determine if the existing structure was the Steelman residence/trading post constructed prior to 1697 and/or if the vicinity of the stone house contains the remains of Steelman's original trading post which was apparently active before the stone house was built.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Determine the date of the buildings construction if possible
-Identify the location of the non-extant log structure to which the stone house was originally attached
-Determine the age of the non-extant log structure if possible

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE60.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2002 Pickett, D.W., K. Heinrich, and C. Groben
Phase I Archaeological Survey and Limited Phase II Testing at Historic Elk Landing, Elkton,
Maryland.
Submitted to The Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc.

Library ID No: 97001884 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 53

1521 Woodcroft Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27609

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The Historic Elk Landing Foundation signed a 99-year lease with the Town of Elkton for the restoration, management, and operation of Elk Landing as a living history museum. Archeological survey and testing at Historic Elk Landing was commissioned in order to provide data that would aid in interpreting the historic and prehistoric past in a living history format. Work at Historic Elk Landing was conducted in the early spring of 2002. Included within the testing boundaries were portions of sites 18CE29 and 18CE60.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Provide data documenting human activity on the land
-Identify all cultural resources located within project area

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE60.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2002 Pickett, D.W.
Limited Archaeological Testing Within the Foundation of the Log Structure at Historic Elk
Landing, Elkton, Maryland.
Submitted to The Elk Landing Foundation, Inc.

Library ID No: 97001885 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 54

1521 Woodcroft Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27609

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification: Archeological testing was renewed at the Elk Landing Site (18CE60) in the fall of 2002. The research was focused on the date of construction, periods of occupation, and structural changes of the non-extant log building that was once attached to the Stone House.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	

Project Objectives: -Determine whether the area inside the previously identified foundation was disturbed -Find any evidence to support the theory that Steelman used the log building as a trading post in the 1690s if possible
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE60.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2003 Gibb, James
 Phase II Archaeological Site Examination of the North Façade of Hollingsworth House, Elk Landing Site (18CE60), Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland.
 Submitted to The Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc.

 Library ID No: 97001881 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 55

Research Firm/Institution:
 Gibb Archaeological Consulting
 2554 Carrollton Road
 Annapolis, MD 21403

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification: In the summer of 2003, Phase II archeological excavations were conducted along the north façade of the Hollingsworth House. The work was initiated ahead of proposed construction of an access ramp and the installation of an air-conditioning unit on the north side of the house. The work was part of the ongoing restoration efforts on part of the Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc. The test excavations were not intended to answer specific questions about the Hollingsworth House or Elk Landing in general but to evaluate if cultural deposits would be adversely impacted by the proposed improvements.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	

Project Objectives: -Determine if intact cultural deposits exist in the area of potential effect -Assess the vertical extent and temporal affiliation of those deposits -Determine necessary mitigation procedures
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE60.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2004 Pickett, D.W.
 Archaeological Excavations and Monitoring of Construction Activities at Historic Elk Landing (18CE60), Elkton, Maryland.
 Submitted to the Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc.

 Library ID No: 95001469 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 75

Research Firm/Institution:
 Dwayne W. Pickett
 1713 Falls Church Rd.
 Raleigh, NC 27609

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification: This report documents the results of archeological excavations and monitoring of construction activities at Historic Elk Landing (18CE60) in Elkton, MD. The work was carried out in July of 2004 and was commissioned by the Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc. (HELFF) in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust, which has a historic preservation easement on sections of the property. HELFF, a non-profit organization that has a 99-year
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	

Project Objectives: -Observe and record any archeological findings as well as to prevent the destruction of any significant archeological remains.
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renewable lease with the Town of Elkton to operate the site as an interpretive living history museum, is in the process of restoring two historic structures on the property, the Hollingsworth House and the John Hanson Steelman stone house (both MIHP# CE-132). As part of the restoration efforts a handicap ramp was to be constructed on the north side of the Hollingsworth House and electricity would be restored to both structures. In order to mitigate any adverse effects these activities would have on the archeological resources, excavations were undertaken in the area where the handicap ramp would go and the mechanical digging of postholes, a utility trench, and drains was monitored in order to observe and record any archeological findings as well as to prevent the destruction of any significant archeological remains.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE60.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2007 Corle, B. and C. Cheek
Archeological Investigation Associated with Stabilization of the Stone House at Site 18CE60,
Elk Landing, Maryland.
Submitted to the Historic Elk Landing Foundation

Library ID No: 95001248 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 71

Research Firm/Institution:

John Milner Associates, Inc.
5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22304

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:
Phase II	This report describes archeological investigations within the cellar and along the exterior west wall of the Stone House at 18CE60, located in the town of Elkton, Cecil County. The archeological investigations were conducted prior to ground-disturbing activities associated with the stabilization of the remaining structure of the Stone House. The ground-disturbing activities include the placing of two central columns and footers within the central portion of the cellar. The stabilization includes excavating a drainage trench around the interior of the cellar wall and underpinning the northwest corner will require a trench on the exterior. The Maryland Historical Trust holds a historic preservation easement on the property and, thus, archeological investigation was required prior to ground disturbing activities at the site.
Phase III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Determine if the proposed stabilization plans will destroy potentially significant archeological resources related to the occupation and use of the house.

Research Potential:

The Elk Landing Site (18CE60) is a multicomponent site comprised of two 18th century buildings (the Hollingsworth House and the Stone House), the possible remains of Fort Hollingsworth, 19th and 20th century outbuildings (as yet not investigated archeologically), and a prehistoric component associated with adjacent site 18CE29. The vicinities of the Hollingsworth House and the Stone House have been the most extensively tested and those buildings have undergone extensive restorations. There is still a great deal to be learned about the occupational history of Historic Elk Landing. While extensive archival research has located various occupants on the land, particularly the Hollingsworth family, a systematic plat reconstruction would help to clarify a few salient points. Further archeological investigations are also necessary in the area southeast of the Stone House that is the possible location either of Fort Hollingsworth or another structure related to the Hollingsworth Farm. Additionally, the location of the 17th century Steelman trading post at the site of the non-extant log structure could not be conclusively proven. It may still be located within the boundaries of site 18CE60 or lie just outside the site elsewhere on Elk Landing. It is strongly recommended that any ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of site 18CE60, or Elk Landing more generally, should be preceded by archeological investigation.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Gibb, J., W. Stephens, and P. Quantock
Little guns on the Big Elk: discovering Fort Hollingsworth, Elk Landing Site (18CE60), Elkton,
Cecil County, Maryland.
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 95003765 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 103

Research Firm/Institution:

Gibb Archaeological Consulting
2554 Carrollton Road
Annapolis, MD 21403

Sites examined:

18CE60

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The 2012 Tyler Bastian Annual Field Session in Archeology was held at the Elk Landing site (18CE60) between May 25 and June 4. The goal of the project was to confirm the location of Fort Hollingsworth (1813-1815) as revealed by geophysical survey, soil borings, and detailed topographic mapping conducted since July 2011.	The work reported herein aims solely at identifying the location and collecting structural information on Fort Hollingsworth. Researchers focused on collecting magnetic, radar, topographic, and excavation data.
Phase III			

MAC Accession: N/A

Research Potential:

A resurvey with radar that encompasses the 2012 survey area, mapped within the current site-wide system, should allow definitive definition of the ditch, and possibly of portions of the rampart base. Deposits immediately outside of the ditch (relative to the rampart) may contain well-preserved aboriginal deposits dating to the Middle Archaic through Late Woodland periods. We also recommend further archaeological investigations at Fort Hollingsworth to define the east and west ramparts, identify better preserved portions of the ramparts, and to explore the internal structure of the fort. Specific features that should be sought include: gun emplacements (as many as eleven); bombproof or other storage facilities; and evidence of militia bivouacs.
