

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1987 McGuire, P.J.
Preliminary Analysis of Features 1, 2, and 5; Chapel Point (18CH79), Charles County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 00005756 Catalog/Shelving ID: CH 22

Research Firm/Institution:

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
10515 Mackall Road
St. Leonard, MD 20685

Sites examined:

18CH79

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

In early April of 1987, a human skeleton was observed eroding out of the bank at the edge of the site. Further investigation of the area revealed 3 additional grave shafts in various stages of erosion.

Phase III

Thus a decision was made to conduct salvage archeology before erosion caused additional damage.

Project Objectives:

-Excavate all exposed graves and conduct a preliminary analysis of the finds.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CH79.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Curry, D.C. and M. Kavanagh
A New Radiocarbon Date for Popes Creek Ware. Maryland Archeology 29(1&2):31-42.

Library ID No: MDARC29-1

Research Firm/Institution:

The Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.
P.O. Box 1331
Huntingtown, MD 20639

Sites examined:

18CH79

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

In 1988 and 1989, as part of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.'s 18th and 19th Annual Field Sessions in Maryland Archeology, excavations were carried out at the Chapel Point site (18CH79) in Charles County, Maryland. The site, an aboriginal shell midden, was selected for excavation due to severe erosion along the site's southern edge where a four meter bluff overlooks the Port Tobacco River.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

-Conduct and archeological fieldschool, focusing particular attention on areas within the site threatened by erosion.

-Obtain sufficient carbon for dating of the deposit from which a Popes Creek vessel was observed eroding out of the soils.

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Research Potential:

Site 18CH79 appears to have good integrity, containing both intact features and diagnostic artifacts. Provided provisions can be made for the avoidance of historic human remains which may be extant at the site, significant research questions could be answered through additional work at the site. In particular, future research should focus on the Early Woodland deposits and their relationship with later use of the midden, especially any notable differences in the timing of use of the site as evidenced through faunal analysis.