

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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The Search for the Court House at Moore's Lodge, Charles County's First County Seat.
Submitted to the Citizens of Charles County
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Research Firm/Institution:

St. Mary's College of Maryland
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St. Mary's City, MD, 20686-3001

Sites examined:

18CH777

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a 2007-2008 archeological survey and testing program with the goal of locating and describing the site of Charles County's first county seat: the 17th century Courthouse at Moore's Lodge. On the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the county's creation by the Maryland colonial assembly, Charles County businessman and historian Michael Sullivan began assembling a team including a genealogist, professional land surveyor, and local archeologists to attempt locating the former courthouse. The principal investigator for the project was and archeologist and Professor of Anthropology at Saint Mary's College of Maryland. Professional and operational support for the project was provided by MHT personnel assigned to the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) in nearby Calvert County.
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Locate the site of the original Charles County Courthouse at Moore's Lodge.
-Make preliminary characterizations of the site and its integrity.

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Research Potential:

Archeological Site 18CH777 was recommended as eligible for listing on the national register of historic places under criterion A (sites associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history) and D (sites that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history). The site should be considered a significant archeological resource for future research.
