

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18CV431

## Project Details:

Phase I



### Project Justification:

This report describes a 2000 Phase I survey at the Linden National Register Historic Site (18CV431) and Phase III data recovery of a cistern or dry well at the site. At the time, the Calvert County Historical Society was proposing a program of building restoration, improvement and construction at Linden. Proposed improvements included construction of an addition, path, service lane, parking lot, and driveway, and the installation of a waterline and drainage facilities. Owned by the Board of Commissioners of Calvert County and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Linden was to serve as the new headquarters for the Society. Under the terms of a historical easement on the entire 4.3 acre property granted by the owners to the Maryland Historical Trust, and the provisions of Calvert County's Prince Frederick Zoning Ordinance (III, B.1), the Society commissioned a Phase I archeological survey of those portions of the site slated for improvements (approximately 1 acre). The Society subsequently authorized a change in the scope of work, in consultation with MHT, to fully expose and partially excavate a cistern or dry well located directly behind the dwelling and squarely within the footprint of a proposed library addition.

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Phase II

Phase III

### Project Objectives:

-Identify and evaluate archeological resources in all areas of the property that will be affected by development.

-Contribute to our understanding of the historical development of the site and the community of which it is a part.

## Research Potential:

All of the field and laboratory findings, combined with some limited documentary material and oral history, suggest that Linden (18CV431) was an "urban farmstead". The evidence points to a transition from a household that produced perishable goods and many services for its own consumption to one that relied increasingly on purchased goods and services provided largely by government and commercial enterprises beginning in the 1920s or 1930s. The unusual nature of the household (two unmarried women providing room and board to unmarried female school teachers) may have prolonged this transition through the 1930s and 1940s, but comparative material from other forms of households in the area are not currently available. The proposed construction of the new Calvert County Historical Society facilities would not significantly diminish the research potential of 18CV431 and the improvements were carried out. The site should be considered a significant archeological resource.