

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archeological Monitoring at the Federated Charities Offices, 22 South Market Street,
Frederick, Maryland and Excavation of a Brick-lined Privy at 18FR787.
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Sites examined:

18FR787

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

In August of 2001, archeological monitoring was conducted during demolition and excavation activities at the Federated Charities offices in downtown Frederick. Construction included the removal of extant outbuildings, and the construction of an additional wing and an elevator shaft on the historic house at 22 South Market Street. No significant cultural features were noted, and no additional artifacts were recovered during monitoring. Soon after completion of monitoring in the specified construction area, the archeological contractor was notified that a brick feature, possibly a privy, had been impacted during deep excavation for footer installation in an adjacent area. This adjacent area had not been slated for deep excavation, and had not been included in the Scope-of-Services for monitoring. Data recovery was undertaken on the impacted feature.

Project Objectives:

- Attain a physical description of the construction of the privy and make comparisons to practices in other communities in the region.
- Date the construction of the privy and the deposits within it.
- Determine, to the extent possible, information relating to diet in 19th century Frederick.
- Pay attention to the question of status, particularly through use of archival data, and ceramic analysis.

Research Potential:

Because of the general level of both historic and modern disturbance evident in the vicinity of 18FR787, it is unlikely that any additional features related to the early 19th century occupation at the site have survived. It is apparent from the archival record that numerous building and filling episodes have taken place in this area. It is likely that the lower levels of the privy feature survived not only because of the depth of the feature, but also because it was covered with fill soils and a stable was constructed above it.