

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1991 Preston, M.L. Jr.
A Preliminary Report on the Archaeological Investigations at the Patapsco Female Institute, Ellicott City, Maryland, 18HO143.
Submitted to the Howard County Recreation and Parks Dept.
Library ID No: 00005869 Catalog/Shelving ID: HO 49

Research Firm/Institution:

Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group
3691 Sarah's Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sites examined:

18HO143

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: In 1985, the Howard County Recreation and Parks Department began developing plans to reconstruct the gardens surrounding the Institute and to stabilize the ruins that remained of the main structure. An archeological reconnaissance and testing regime was requested to determine the impact on any sub-surface features and to identify features associated with the sites' 150 year history. This work was carried out by volunteers from local schools, residents, and members of the Upper Patuxent Archeology Group.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Determine the impact of pathways/plantings on sub-surface features associated with the various occupations of the site. -Determine the impact of changes to the original structure through time. -Conduct extensive archival research in conjunction with the fieldwork, particularly toward the building's original use as a school for girls. -Determine the impact of fill dirt and physical changes on the site's stratigraphy.

Research Potential:

While a lot of excavation effort has been put into Site18HO143, less energy has been put into interpretation of the artifact assemblage and publication of the results. The artifacts recovered from the excavations at the site could be used to focus attention on a number of research themes/questions concerning the school and changes in the site's function through time. This would aid tremendously in interpretive efforts. As it now stands, researchers are simply unaware of what the assemblage consists of and therefore have not developed said research questions. It is only after thorough interpretation of the existing assemblage that any assessment can be made of the research potential of the site if extensive data recovery were to ever be carried out there.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2021 Palich, K.
Archaeological site report - archaeological investigations at the Patapsco Female Institute (18HO143), Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland (1989-2019).
Library ID No: 95008843 Catalog/Shelving ID: HO 143

Sites examined:

18H0143

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification: Monitoring was required during the grinding of the stump, in order to assure that no intact cultural features would be disturbed.
Phase II		
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: This report presents the findings from all previous archaeological investigations. Interpretation is limited, as initial site documentation was not completed to standards. This report also describes the monitoring conducted in 2019, and notes an intact feature that should be studied further.
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MAC Accession: N/A

Research Potential:

Much of what was excavated over the past thirty-two years consisted of architectural debris and fill related to several periods of demolition; while there is little evidence in the collection from the school era, many questions remained unanswered as to the landscape and land use during the sites' golden era of education.