

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1978 Wilke, S. and G. Thompson
Kent County Prehistoric Land Use Study, Artifact Catalog Vol. 1: Tools and Artifact Catalog Vol. 2: Unworn.
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust
University of Washington, Department of Anthropology
Seattle, WA 98195
Library ID No: 00005909 Catalog/Shelving ID: KE 3A

Sites examined:

18KE29

Project Details:

Project Justification:

The information presented in these volume results from the 1973-1976 studies of prehistoric land use in Kent County, Maryland. Volume 1 presents a catalogue of lithic tools collected from 87 land tracts located in the county. The basic provenience information provided in the volume was meant to be used in conjunction with the study's artifact density maps. Volume 2 presents a catalogue of lithic debitage. The basic provenience information provided in the volume was meant to be used in conjunction with the study's artifact density maps.

Project Objectives:

-Provide basic provenience and quantitative information on various functional classes/tool types
-Provide basic provenience and quantitative information on various categories of unworn/lithic debitage types

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18KE29.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1985 Custer, J.F. et al.
Archaeological Investigations at the Arrowhead Farm Site Complex, Kent County, Maryland.
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust
Research Firm/Institution:
Center for Archaeological Research
Department of Anthropology, University of Delaware
Newark, DE 19716
Library ID No: 00005923 Catalog/Shelving ID: KE 15

Sites examined:

18KE29

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

Research at the site, which was funded by a grant administered through the Maryland Historical Trust, was initially undertaken in 1983 because the large site had assumed legendary proportions in the oral tradition of Maryland archeology. The archeological investigations were undertaken in order to determine the validity of the 'legends' and to determine the site's role in local and regional settlement patterns.

Project Objectives:

-Identify features
-Assess the artifact distribution across the site
-Determine the site's boundaries

Research Potential:

The Arrowhead Farm Site (18KE29) is a terminal Late Woodland and Contact period base camp associated with the Minguannan Complex with a small Late Archaic-Middle Woodland occupation. The lack of Potomac Creek ceramics from the site suggested to the excavators that there was no basis in fact for the theory that the site had legendary connections with the Potomac Creek cultural complex of the western Chesapeake. The lack of features such as pits or post holes that are indicative of a single semi-permanent occupation did not suggest the presence of a village. The absence of clearly defined activity areas further indicated that the site probably represents a series of overlapping small occupations rather than a single village. As for the theory that it was the site of the historic Tockwogh town visited by Captain John Smith, it was suggested that the post-1350 date of the occupation and possible Contact period artifacts may have indicated that the site could be identified as a protohistoric Tockwogh site. If 18KE29 were a Tockwogh site, its similarity to other northern Minguannan Complex sites, which are associated with the Lenape, may suggest that differences in the material cultural and settlement pattern of the two groups was minimal.