

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archaeological Investigations at the Charles Sumner Post #25, Grand Army of the Republic Lodge (18KE370), Chestertown, Maryland.

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Sites examined:

18KE370

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

Archeological excavations conducted at 18KE370 were designed to assess subsurface resources prior to an extensive rehabilitation of the structure. The renovation required excavation for new footings and some additional site disturbance on the lot. The archeological field investigations, monitoring during construction, and lab analysis and report writing were funded by the Maryland Historical Trust's Non-Capital Grant Fund. Subsurface testing was undertaken from June-July in 2005 by archeology staff and students from Washington College.

Project Objectives:

-Assess subsurface resources prior to an extensive rehabilitation of the structure

Research Potential:

The Charles Sumner Post #25 (18KE370) is a standing early 20th century structure. The site, although extensively disturbed, contained evidence for earlier 18th and 19th century utilization of the land. The site stratigraphy showed evidence of various phases of cutting, filling, and excavation of intrusive features such as utility trenches. No evidence of plowing was present, and the A horizon was discontinuous. The excavations revealed evidence of 18th century activity on the site, but no intact features or deposits from that period were encountered. Similarly, it appeared to the excavators that the early to mid-19th century deposits on the property have been disturbed and perhaps removed. It was concluded that, while the C. Sumner Post site was badly disturbed, additional archeological investigations in conjunction with archival research conducted on adjacent lots may provide more information about this part of Chestertown's history. Restoration of the structure was completed.