

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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A phase III data recovery investigations of the Ryon site (18PR934), Washington Post (Jemal's Post) property, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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Sites examined:

18PR934

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

The Phase III data recovery was designed to address the requirements of the Prince George's County Subdivision Regulations.

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Project Objectives:

The Phase III data recovery excavations sought to derive as much archaeological information regarding the site as possible prior to its subsequent destruction. In general, we attempted to define the extent, age, and details about the occupants of the archaeological resources previously identified. The research questions used to guide the Phase III data recovery are as follows:

- 1) What structural features are represented in association with Feature 10? In what way was the structure aligned? How does the cellar hole relate to the structure above? Are there any stylistic attributes discernible? How large was the overlying house?
- 2) When was the site occupied? Does it appear to have served a different function later in its life?
- 3) Who is likely to have lived here?
- 4) What were the material circumstances (patterns of consumption of manufactured goods, diet, etc.) of the residents? and how do these compare to other sites from this time period? Have they changed over time?
- 5) In what ways, if at all, can the actions/behaviors of servants or slaves be distinguished from those of the plantation owners/tenants?
- 6) How does the Ryon Site compare with similar sites in Prince George's County?

Research Potential:

The archaeological survey was completed in order to be Site 18PR934 has provided significant information that could not be obtained in any other fashion about the Antebellum period in Prince George's County. This site can be used for comparative purposes for similar sites around Prince George's County.