

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1992 Lowery, D.L.
Archaeological Survey of Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Tilghman Beach Drive
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust, Kent Island Heritage Society, University of Delaware Tilghman, MD 21671
Center for Archaeological Research
Library ID No: 00000828 Catalog/Shelving ID: QU 31

Sites examined:

18QU254 18QU256

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Due to the destruction that archeological resources on Kent Island have undergone in recent years as a result of natural erosion and residential and commercial development, it was decided that a survey of resources on the island was necessary. A survey was conducted in 1992.
Phase II		
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Locating and recording as many new sites as possible, including relocating previously identified sites

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18QU254.

See below for remaining research questions at 18QU256.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Lowery, D.L.
A Supplementary Report of the 1992 Archaeological Survey of Kent Island. Tilghman Beach Drive
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust, Kent Island Heritage Society, University of Delaware Tilghman, MD 21671
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Sites examined:

18QU254 18QU256

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification: Based on the results of the Phase I survey, and the potential for destruction of the sites through natural erosion processes, it was determined that 18QU254 and 18QU256 required further archeological examination. Further archeological investigation was conducted at the site in 1992.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Determine the age of the sites -More accurately define the boundaries of the sites
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Research Potential:

Chamberlain's Pipestem (18QU254) represents the remains of a multicomponent site with evidence for early Colonial (17th and 18th century), and 19th century occupations in the vicinity. It was concluded that the feature represented a refuse pile associated with a residential site which has probably been completely destroyed by erosion. One possibility is that the site is associated with the ca. 1629 William Claiborne trading post known to have been located on the southeastern side of Kent Island. However, with the level of erosion and damage done to the site, and limited historical reference, it may never be known who occupied the location.

Mattapeake (18QU256), also called the Chamberlain Shell Midden, represents a multicomponent resource procurement site primarily comprised of a large shell midden feature. Artifacts recovered from the site range from the Middle Archaic to the Late Woodland periods. It was suggested that, given the morphology of the site and the rise of sea level in the last several thousand years, intact living surfaces may still be present at the site but are currently submerged. It was further postulated that the main area of habitation at the site was located on a well-drained terrace adjacent to a slightly lower terrace of well-drained soils that were occasionally affected by run-off. The final recommendation regarding disturbance of the site was that any shoreline erosion repair activities be allowed to proceed as long as subsurface disturbance was minimized.

