

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

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Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II	The project was necessitated by salvage efforts in 1996 to recover information about the gravesite, which was eroding out of the bank due to tidal action that is affecting most of the island.	The goal of the investigation was to establish the historical and cultural setting of the burial and to evaluate the significance of the grave for Smith Island and Maryland archeology. Research interests included determining if the grave was an anomaly or part of an as yet unidentified cemetery and if the person in the grave was connected to the landowners of the time as a slave or free black.
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Research Potential:

It seems likely that the Twitch Cove Site (18SO 317) represents an anomalous, or single burial, rather than being a part of larger cemetery. The presence of brick concentrations suggests that there may have been a structure in the vicinity at one time. Additional archival and systematic survey of the project area could potentially provided invaluable information to the body of knowledge regarding slave and free black cemeteries and lifeways in Maryland.