

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Tubby, R. and G.P. Watts
Phase I Archaeological Investigation of Proposed Realignment Related to Development Sites
NAWCAD, Patuxent River, Maryland.
Submitted to Turner Collie & Braden, Inc.

Library ID No: 00006508 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 126

Research Firm/Institution:

Tidewater Atlantic Research, Inc.
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Sites examined:

18ST642

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		As a result of the US military's 1993 Base Realignment and Closure decisions the Patuxent River Naval Air Station was selected for expansion to accommodate the realignment of facilities and personnel from the NAVAIR Headquarters in Virginia and activities from the Naval Air Warfare Center in New Jersey. The Phase I background and archeological research conducted in 1994 was designed to assess potential impacts of the proposed project on cultural resources in the vicinity of the proposed NAVAIR Headquarters Facility, as well as a new Propulsion Systems Evaluation Facility, fuel and fiber optic line corridors, Base Road widening and Child Development Center Expansion.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Identification of archeological sites in danger of being impacted by the construction, upgrading, or replacing of existing facilities

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST642.

REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archaeological Investigation of the NAVAIR Site – 18 ST 642.
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Sites examined:

18ST642

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Based on the Phase I study, it was determined that due to the association with the historical Sewall manor lands, and because proposed construction would directly impact the site area, Phase II investigation was necessary if site avoidance was not possible. Phase II work commenced in the fall of 1994. The research was designed to locate any significant features that could provide insight into the occupational history of the site and to provide sufficient information to make a determination of the site's eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Define the extents of the site
-Recover information concerning landscape patterns of tenant structures on the periphery of a plantation complex

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST642.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1998 Tubby, R. and G.P. Watts

Research Firm/Institution:

Tidewater Atlantic Research, Inc.

Library ID No: 00007666 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST172

Sites examined:

18ST642

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

	Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase I	Due to the NAVAIR site's association with the Mattapany-Sewall plantation complex, and the archeological data it preserves concerning secondary plantation structures and manorial lifeways of the 18th century, the site was considered eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed construction of the NAVAIR Headquarters building was to directly impact the site. Therefore, Phase III data recovery was recommended. Phase III archeological investigation was conducted in September and October 1995.	-Produce a detailed topographic survey of the site area
Phase II		-Further delineate the extent of the site
Phase III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		-Sample the plowzone -Feature documentation

Research Potential:

The NAVAIR Site (18ST642) is a mid-late 18th century house site and associated yard, possibly the remains of slave or tenant quarters associated with the Mattapany-Sewall plantation complex. Since the site contained information concerning secondary plantation structures and manorial lifeways of the 18th century, archeological investigations were designed to explore themes of agriculture, structural and landscape architecture, and material culture affiliation. The relatively short occupation of the site may be explained by the economic, social, and political change occurring at the time. Soil exhaustion as a result of tobacco farming may have also been a reason for abandonment of the site. There is also a small, multicomponent prehistoric presence at the site. Diagnostic artifacts indicate short-term use of the site during the Early and Middle Archaic periods and the Early Woodland period. The site has been impacted by the construction of the NAVAIR Headquarters Facility. As additional work is conducted on sections of the NAS encompassing the old Mattapany-Sewall manor lands, new information may become available to support additional interpretations of the site.
