

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2004 Thompson, B.F.
Archaeological Investigations at the Swan Cove Wreck Site (18ST643)/C.S.S. Favorite, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Maritime Archeology Program
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

Library ID No: 95000616 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 238

Sites examined:

18ST643

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: This report describes the findings of several investigations carried at or in the vicinity of 18ST643 as part of the ongoing efforts of the Maryland Maritime Archeology Program to survey and inventory the cultural resources of Maryland waters.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Document the remote sensing and diving operations carried out at 18ST643 in 1994, 1995, 1999, 2001, and 2002.

MAC Accession: 2010.032.082

Research Potential:

Based on the work conducted to date at 18ST643, the site appears to be a significant cultural resource. The site bears information relevant to Maryland and American history and is one of a relatively rare site class: Civil War Period wreck sites. The site should be preserved and monitored to facilitate any future need for data recovery.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1996 Thompson, B.F.
"The Terrible Calamity on the Lower Potomac": An Historical and Archaeological Assessment of the Shipwreck U.S.S. Tulip (18ST644), Potomac River, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the United States Naval Historical Center

Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Historical Trust - Office of Archeology
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

Library ID No: 97000728 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 188

Sites examined:

18ST644

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification: This report describes a 1995-1996 project funded by a Department of Defense Legacy Resource Management Program Grant to the Maryland Maritime Archeological Program (MMAAP). In 1994 MMAAP had identified 5 potential historic period shipwrecks on the lower Potomac River, tentatively identifying one of them as the Civil War gunboat the USS Tulip. The wreck of a Union gunboat would be legally considered property of the US Department of Defense. The aforementioned grant was provided to MMAAP to conduct investigations into past salvage activities on the site, recover artifacts which were removed during those operations, determine the extent of damage to the shipwreck, nominate the site to the National Register of Historic Places, and develop a management plan for the site's protection.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Determine if the wrecksite at 18ST644 is the remains of the Civil War period vessel USS Tulip. -Assess the site's integrity. -Determine the nature and extent of the site's debris field. -Document both the positive and detrimental processes (both natural and manmade) impacting the wreck. -Determine if artifacts removed by unauthorized salvage on the site can be located and voluntarily returned to the US Navy. -Assess whether the salvaged objects, as unprovenienced and secondary evidence, reveal the conditions of life aboard the ship. -Determine if human remains remain in the wrecksite and/or if any skeletal elements have been removed by unauthorized salvage.

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