

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Wheeler, H.M.
A Search for the "City of Saint Maries": Report on the 1981 Excavations in St. Mary's City, Maryland.
Submitted to St. Mary's City Commission

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
P.O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 00006459 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 77

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A 4 year project, starting in 1981, was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Maryland. The purpose of the project was to study spatial patterning and the evolution of spatial behavior during the colonial period in the Chesapeake.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate the center of Maryland's first European settlement and 17th century capital.
-Identify specific properties within it.
-Link the historical documents to the archeological record.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1986 Miller, H.M., et.al.
Discovering Maryland's First City: A Summary Report on the 1981-1984 Archaeological Excavations in St. Mary's City, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
P.O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 00006441 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 58

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report summarizes the findings from 4 years of excavation at St. Mary's that was started in 1981. The investigation was for research purposes.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate the center of Maryland's first European settlement and 17th century capital.
-Identify specific properties within it.
-Link the historical documents to the archeological record.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Koski-Karell, D.
Investigations of a Sunken Vessel in the St. Mary's River, Maryland 18ST1-118.
Submitted to St. Mary's City Commission

Research Firm/Institution:

Karell Archeological Services
P.O. Box 342
Washington, DC 20044

Library ID No: 00006488 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 106

Sites examined:

18ST1-118

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Work was conducted by Karell Archeological Services for the St. Mary's City Commission. The investigation was to precede the proposed removal of what was thought to be an old wharf or bulkhead structure.
Phase III	

Project Objectives:
-Determine the nature of the cultural remains and document them.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-118.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1989 Riordan, T. B.
Preliminary Report on the 1988 Excavations in the Chapel Field at St. Mary's City.

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
P.O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 00006449 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 66

Sites examined:

18ST1-103

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The archeological investigations were a three year research project at Historic St. Mary's City.
Phase III	

Project Objectives:
-Search for evidence of an earlier wooden chapel suspected to be on the site.
-Excavate the west entrance of the brick chapel of 1667.
-Test the middens around the "Priest's Residence".
-Explore the western edge of the chapel yard for any unknown features or structures.

Research Potential:

The structures that comprise site 18ST1-103 can provide valuable information concerning the place of religion in early Maryland society. They demonstrate the unique role that Maryland played in the development of the concept of religious tolerance. The site also plays an important role in understanding the overall structure of early Historic St. Mary's City. The archeological investigations at the Wooden Chapel and the Priest's House continued from 1988 through 1990. While the 1988 report is on file at MHT, MHT has not been able to gain success to the later reports. If they become available at some point, then the results from those investigations will be included in this report. Currently, that information is available at HSMC.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Riordan, T.B., S.D. Hurry, and H.M. Miller
"A Good Brick Chappell", The Archaeology of the c. 1667 Catholic Chapel at St. Mary's City, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
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St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 00006535 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 152

Sites examined:

18ST1-103

Project Details:

Project Justification:
This is the final rough draft of the Brick Chapel report. The Brick Chapel is one of the archeological components that comprises site 18ST1-103.

Project Objectives:
The report is provided solely for the dissemination of information to interested parties.

Research Potential:

See above for remaining research questions at 18ST1-103.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Miller, H.M.
 An Executive Summary for an Archaeological Survey of the Greene's Freehold Tract (ST 1-640), St. Mary's City, Maryland.
 Submitted to St. Mary's City Commission

Library ID No: 00006501 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 119

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18ST1-640

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The Greene's Freehold tract was selected by the Historic St. Mary's City Commission as the relocation site for the 1840's Brome-Howard plantation structures. Prior to that relocation, an 8-acre portion of the field was subjected to archeological investigations in 1992 and 1993.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Identify the cultural resources within the potential area of impact.

Research Potential:

The Greene's Freehold site (18ST1-640) has components that contribute particularly to the 17th century occupation and the Late Woodland/Contact period at St. Mary's City. The Late Archaic/Early Woodland period and the Middle Woodland period are also well-represented in the material assemblage from the site. The Middle Woodland period and the Contact period are not well understood in Maryland archeology. Therefore, preservation of the 17th century and Woodland components of the site was strongly recommended. The significance of the 18th and 19th century components of the site is less certain. An adjustment to the Brome house placement was made to avoid the prehistoric ceramic feature. However, portions of the prehistoric, 17th century, and 19th century occupations will be impacted by the placement of the Brome structures.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2006 Miller, H.M., et.al.
 Archaeological Survey and Testing for the 17th-Century "Mattapanay Path" Road System, St. Mary's City, Maryland 18ST1 (Pt. I and Pt. II).
 Submitted to Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 97002839 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 231

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
 P.O. Box 39
 St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Phase I and Phase II testing was conducted in St. Mary's City from 1993 to 1995. The purpose of the investigation was to evaluate specific sections of the 17th century city for cultural resources and to collect data on the original road system that developed within it. The Historic St. Mary's City Commission decided to reconstruct portions of the historic city including its roads.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate as many of the cultural resources within the survey zone as possible.
-Determine the general date of those resources.
-Assess the potential significance of those resources.
-Evaluate the colonial sites and other findings in regard to the origin and development of the 17th century Mattapanay Path Road System of the city.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Thompson, B.
 A Phase I Survey for Submerged Archaeological Resources on the St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
 Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)

Library ID No: 00006522 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 139

Research Firm/Institution:

MHT
 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD

Sites examined:

18ST1-118

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: In 1994, the site was re-inspected by B. Thompson and J. Embrey of the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program (MMAP), part of the Maryland Historical Trust's Office of Archeology. They were conducting a 5-day reconnaissance level survey of the St. Mary's River.
Phase II		
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Assess the condition of the site.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-118.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2000 Riordan, T. B.
Dig a Grave Both Wide and Deep, An Archeological Investigation of Mortuary Practices in the 17th-Century Cemetery at St. Mary's City, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City
P.O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 97001955 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 217

Sites examined:

18ST1-103

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II		Excavations were conducted by HSMC around the foundation of the Brick Chapel in 1995-6. This additional investigation was necessitated by planned reconstruction of the chapel on the site.
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Record and remove any archeological resources threatened by the planned reconstruction.
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Research Potential:

See above for remaining research questions at 18ST1-103.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1998 Watts, G.P. and J.D. Morris
Phase I Terrestrial and Phase I & II underwater Archeological Investigations at Rose Croft, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Mr. G. Tydings, Rose Croft Partnership

Research Firm/Institution:

Tidewater Atlantic Research, Inc.
P.O. Box 763
Clarksville, MD 21029

Library ID No: 00006531 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 148

Sites examined:

18ST1-61

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	As a result of continuing shoreline erosion along Rose Croft Point, the property owners applied for a federal permit to construct a stone revetment to stabilize the shoreline and minimize erosion. This would also include the construction of a vehicle access ramp and grading of the bluff to a 2:1 slope. Archeological mitigation of the site, which constitutes a portion of the project area, became necessary.
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Determine if any archeological features were present and to define any boundaries for those features located within the project area.
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Research Potential:

The Rose Croft Plantation site (18ST1-61) represents a mid-18th to late 19th century plantation site. There is also a late 19th century component that represents use of the site as a boarding school. A small prehistoric component, possibly dating to the Middle Woodland period as suggested by the quartz-tempered sherds, is also in evidence. The proposed construction of a stone revetment would not have directly impacted any of the features located along the shoreline. Construction of the revetment would instead prevent further erosion of the features out of the bluff. However, construction of the access ramp and grading of the bluff would have an adverse affect on the cultural resources. The archeologists recommended further investigations of features eroding out of the bluff if construction activities were to take place south or east of STP 12. No further investigations were recommended for the submerged portion of the project area unless the scope of the proposed project was expanded.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2001 Miller, H.M., R.M. Mitchell and J.W. Embrey
A Phase One Archaeological Survey of the Beach and Nearshore Areas at St. Mary's City,
St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Baltimore District

Library ID No: 97000722 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 187

Research Firm/Institution:
Historic St. Mary's City
P.O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Sites examined:

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Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		This was a Phase I archeological survey conducted to assess potential cultural resources along the shoreline of St. Mary's City, Maryland. The study was prompted by a proposal to stabilize the eroding shoreline of the St. Mary's City National Historic Landmark District.
Phase III		

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

The St. Mary's Shipwreck site (18ST1-118) represents the Chesapeake's "Golden Age" of the late 19th century and is part of the all-but-extinct Chesapeake boat-building tradition for vernacular sailing craft. However, given its current condition, the vessel offers little further opportunity to make significant contributions to Maryland's underwater archeology. Some of the major timbers may still be salvaged for analysis but the vessel lacks integrity. This destruction of the site from riprap construction serves as a clear indication that wrecks of this type need to be assessed during shoreline stabilization projects.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2009 Riordan, T.B.
Preliminary Report on the 2008 Excavations at the Leonard Calvert House, St. Mary's City,
Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 18ST1-13SF Catalog/Shelving ID: Site Files

Research Firm/Institution:
Historic St. Mary's City
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Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Report on progress by Historic St. Mary's City researchers submitted for inclusion in MHT Site Files (see 18ST1-13 folder).	-Locate the remains of the 18th century exterior chimney and companion pents. -Locate the remnants of the chimney on the 19th century addition. -Investigate architectural detail at the front and back entrances of the original building. -Locate and describe any associated outbuildings.
Phase III			

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2011 Riordan, T. B.

Research Firm/Institution:
HSMC Department of Research

Library ID No: 95001560 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 254

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification: This report describes the 2009 and 2010 excavations at 18ST1-13, part of a multi-year research project investigating the 17th century Calvert House, surrounding yards and landscape. The work was carried out on behalf of Historic Saint Mary's City (HSMC), which at the time was planning to develop an exhibit building on the site. Expanded models of the site's development were needed to accurately reconstruct the architecture, fencing, and outbuildings as interpretive aides.	Project Objectives: -Investigate the defenses of the north wall of Pope's Fort. -Investigate an unusual circular feature located in the northwest portion of the yard. -Define a possible outbuilding northeast of the Calvert House. -Test a midden area southwest of the Calvert House. -Trace out and test fences associated with the Calvert House.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Phase III		

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Riordan, T. B.
Preliminary Report on the 2012 HSMC Archaeological Field School Excavations at the Calvert House Site (18ST1-13), St. Mary's City, Maryland.
Submitted to Historic St. Mary's City

Research Firm/Institution:

HSMC Department of Research
18559 Hogaboom Lane
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 95002048 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 258

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification: This report describes the 2012 excavations at 18ST1-13, part of a multi-year research project investigating the 17th century Calvert House, surrounding yards and landscape. The work was carried out on behalf of Historic Saint Mary's City (HSMC), which at the time was planning to develop an exhibit building on the site. Expanded models of the site's development were needed to accurately reconstruct the architecture, fencing, and outbuildings as interpretive aides.	Project Objectives: -Trace out and test fences associated with the Calvert House. -Investigate the north wall of Pope's Fort. -Search for 17th century outbuildings. -Complete work begun in 1995 in and around the Brome Outbuildings.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Phase III		

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST1-13.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2014 Riordan, T. B.
Preliminary Report on the 2013 HSMC Archaeological Field School Excavations at the Calvert House Site (18ST1-13), St. Mary's City, Maryland.
Submitted to Historic St. Mary's City

Research Firm/Institution:

HSMC Department of Research
18559 Hogaboom Lane
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Library ID No: 95002376 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST-266

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes the 2012 excavations at 18ST1-13, part of a multi-year research project investigating the 17th century Calvert House, surrounding yards and landscape. The work was carried out on behalf of Historic Saint Mary's City (HSMC), which at the time was planning to develop an exhibit building on the site. Expanded models of the site's development were needed to accurately reconstruct the architecture, fencing, and outbuildings as interpretive aides.
Phase III	

Project Objectives:
-Determine if any of the original west wall of the foundation remains.
-Search for evidence of a porch referred to in the historical documents.
-Investigate a large circular feature possibly associated with Pope's Fort.
-Test a feature identified as a cellar in the north section of the house.
-Trace out and test fences associated with the Calvert House.

Research Potential:

St. Mary's Town Center (18ST1-13) consists of a complex of sites from the Late Archaic and Early and Late Woodland prehistoric periods, the 17th century European settlement, and a 19th century farmstead. The discovery of the Calvert/Country's House and the 1634 Pope's Fort are significant and demonstrate that remains from the first months of settlement are preserved. In addition, identification of a number of subsurface features, including multiple generations of fence lines, revealed the locations of key town center structures such as Cordea's Hope (east of Calvert House), Smith's Ordinary (to the south), and possibly the Lawyer's Messuages (between Calvert House and Smith's house), as well as a variety of outbuildings. The plan of St. Mary's hints at this being the first Baroque designed village in the New World. Over the last several years, details of the construction and landscape of the Calvert House are emerging. Additionally, the prehistoric and Contact periods in the village were recognized in an extensive artifact assemblage and revealed that the area had been the focus of settlement for thousands of years before the colonists arrived. The site is maintained by the St. Mary's City Commission and excavation work continues. All work done at the site follows strict guidelines and preservation is a key issue.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2017 Parno, T.
 Interim report of 2016 archaeological investigations at the Calvert House site (18ST1-13), Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland.
 Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust
 Library ID No: 95002766 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 280

Research Firm/Institution:

Historic St. Mary's City

Sites examined:

18ST1-13

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reconstruction of the Calvert House is currently in the Maryland capital budget program with additional archaeological work and exhibit planning tentatively scheduled to begin in FY2019. Before such a project can be completed, or even begin, many questions about the architecture of the house and the use of the yards around it need to be answered. The current investigations began in 2008 with the intention of addressing some of these questions.
Phase III	

Project Objectives:
1. Refine the shape and, if possible, identify the function of the rounded rectangular trench feature first identified in 1981
2. Locate any evidence of possible outbuildings located in north yard
3. Add to existing evidence of 17th-century fence lines

Research Potential:

See below.