

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1982 Carrigan, J.
The Stokes Site: A Glimpse Into the Nineteenth Century.
Submitted to Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center, St. Mary's City Commission
Library ID No: 00006403 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 22

Research Firm/Institution:

Independent study
St. Mary's College
St. Mary's City, MD

Sites examined:

18ST318

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		Phase I excavations were conducted at the site in 1981 by the then current landowners, James and Caroline Stokes. The work consisted of the removal of soil from the floor area within the ruins of the structure. The work was avocational. J. Carrigan documented that work, re-visited the site, and examined the artifact assemblage.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Conduct historical background research.
-An assessment of the structural remains.
-Examination of the artifact assemblage.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST318.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1985 Riordan, T.B.
Preliminary Field Report on the Test Excavations at the Ivy Hills Site (18 ST 318).
Submitted to Historic St. Mary's City
Library ID No: 00006433 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 50

Research Firm/Institution:

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

Sites examined:

18ST318

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In August of 1985 Phase II investigations were conducted at 18ST318 by members of the Historic St. Mary's City Archaeological Field School. The work was research driven.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Provide data on the accumulation of sheet midden refuse at the site.
-Increase the sample of the 19th century material culture from the site.
-Refine the temporal aspect of the site.

Research Potential:

The Stokes site (18ST318), also called Ivy Hills, is a log tenant house ruin, possibly relating to an African American occupation. Discrepancies in the interpretation for the dates relating to the construction of the cabin suggest that it was either 1830 or ca. 1870; the end date of occupation in ca. 1890 was less disputed. If the site does date to the 1870-1890 period, it represents an important resource for studying the economic readjustment brought on by the freeing of the slaves. It is also important, in a broader sense, as a single component site. Such sites are vital for understanding changes occurring in technology and material culture. If earth moving activities are required at some point in the future, then further mitigation of the site is recommended.