

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Preliminary Archaeological Investigations at Hager's Fancy (18WA16), Washington County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18WA16

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Research was conducted at the Hager's Fancy site in 1994 as part of a field school in Historical Archaeology at Hagerstown City Park in Washington County, Maryland. Sponsored by Frostburg State University – Hagerstown Center, the purpose of the field school was to provide field training for students within a research context equivalent to Phase I and Phase II investigations of the property. The focus of the summer program was the preliminary investigation of the land lying immediately adjacent to and northeast of the standing eighteenth century structure.
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Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Obtain information on the site's boundaries. -Assess the integrity of the archeological deposits at the site. -Obtain basic information relating to site stratigraphy and composition.

Research Potential:

18WA16 is a site which certainly deserves its status as a National Register property. Hager's Fancy has excellent potential to yield scientific information on the history AND prehistory of Washington County. Historic period remains span the period c.1760-1930 but were noticeably lacking in evidence from the earlier period of 1739-1760. In general, artifacts from the pre 1800 period were relatively rare and comprised only about 10% of the total historic period assemblage. Testing revealed that the backyard area at the site had excellent stratigraphic integrity and the ground surface has been only minimally impacted by later improvements to the property. Several shovel tests identified possible outbuildings which have not yet been fully explored, including the possible location of a historic barn. Excavations revealed well defined soil strata from the historic period which yielded high densities of artifacts. The discovery of a Late Archaic component at the site was a surprise, only a small portion of this component has been examined.
