MARYLAND ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE SURVEY

Name of site: Bennett's Point, Md. (Ice House Point)  
Number:  

Other designations:  
County: Queen Anne's  

Type of site: Historical  
Cultural affiliation:  

How to reach site: South on Rt 18 from Rt 50, east of where Rts 50 and 301 join. South on Rt 18 1.2 miles to a sign marked Bennett Point Road. Turn left and follow this road until it leads between two brick pillars showing a Bennett's Point sign, about 5.8 miles. Follow gravel road down point to 2nd farm house, go east by barn into field.  

Landmarks to aid in finding site:  

Position of site with respect to surrounding terrain: Right at water's edge on Wye River.  

Latitude: 38° 52' 7" north. Longitude: 76° 11' 39.6" west.  
(or distance from printed edge of map: bottom edge, right edge)  

Map used (name, producer, scale, date): Topo St. Michaels Quad. 7.5' Series 1942  

Owner/tenant of site, address and attitude toward investigation:  
Mr. Frank Hardy, Belle Point Queenstown, Md. Has permitted excavation, if no interference with development plans.  

Description of site (size, depth, soil, features, test pits):  
17th/18th century house foundation in field near river bank. Top of foundation has been damaged by plowing in field most recently used for sheep pasture. 66% of foundation exposed by excavating and several test pits made. House about 22x80'outside  

Present use and condition of site, erosion: Bank eroding but about 5' from end of found.  

Reports or evidence of disturbance by excavation, construction or "pothunting": Only plow damage which has been extensive in places. Land to be sold for development.  

Nature, direction and distance of natural water supply (fresh or salt): Tide water  

Natural fauna and flora:  

Specimens collected (specify kinds and quantities of artifacts and materials):  
Most historical-17th/18th cent. Some 5/6, Indian pieces- Archaic axe and celt, triangular point, one piece pottery, several broken knives or projectile points.  

Specimens observed, owner, address:  

Specimens reported, owner, address:  

Other records (notes, photos, maps, bibliography):  

Recommendations for further investigations:  
J.L.L. trying to excavate all possible before land development stops work.  

Informant: John L. Ludlow  
Address: 211 Edgewood Dr.  
Wilmington, Del 19809  
Date: Jan. 1, 1973  

Site visited by:  
Recorded by:  

(Use reverse side of sheet and additional pages for sketches of site and artifacts)  

Send completed form to: State Archeologist, Maryland Geological Survey  
The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. 21218
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1 " = 24.242 perches  
1 perch = 0.04125".

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2/20/72
**Bennett's Point**

JLL, CCMoller & ZL

**NO SCALE**

**Procedure:**

Strings set up along X, Y, D, Y and DZ by finding end points: X, Z & Y, and probing along string to ensure wall was under agreement generally good. (V marks show approx. locations of the probe spots) ORIENTATION of strings checked by compass. These readings do not check on careful plot of linear measurements so compass readings are in error. Plot indicates LD is 94° and L Y is 79°. All measurements are on outside of point on outside wall and at west end of pit.

**Points A, B, C & XY are where the tape measured a minimum distance when swinging plot opposite end.**

These measurements are consistent (except for compass bearings).
9/17/70

Note: I need to check that there are 65 of thunderers near N-NE to BP-2 that are not indigenous to the area. These should be checked out in future as they may be part of an old fault.

Diagram:

- Dimension D: 30' 4"
- Dimension B: 26' 4"
- Dimension C: 35' 4"
- NE: B = 23' 5"
- D = 33' 1"
- C = 37' 11" 1/4" (or possibly 37' 11" 3/4"
- Take 1/6 of 1'

In addition:

- 2" 5' 10" from plant
- 5' 37 1/2"

Handwritten note:

- Ellipsa

- 37
9/17/70

Bench mark dug by CCR/ACR

When pit started water was at 11' and mud
fell in going out. Dug with hands and a pick and
put on screen and washed in miners. The pit
was 2' down to clay layer. Two 171/8 century
bottle bottoms and whittled wood pick heads
with RC-1100.8 after these pieces had been
washed in miner water. To keep pressure from

[Diagram with hand-drawn annotations]
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1. Review trench - look for heading trench -
2. Review site plan - image once our
    foundation looking for breaches
3. Review at front - note of smoke

Work

1. Review artifacts found to consider what is
   going on our sites. What is general off
   date range.
2. Review graph of trihgraph - re-examine data
   - here to relate 'ice house' structure to 'new' foundation
3. Graph scoring of mortar - did any
   historic have time been seen grade
4. Compare antique pages
5. Look for fluted block - rounded
   corner through -
6. Look for wood grain on mortar
7. Look for evidence of elements of
   main joints - on 1, 2, 3, etc

Todo

Deck
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9/17/70  C.S. Aller, JTC & JIC at Bennett Pond

Beach pit dug by 9/5/72. When pit was flushed water was at east end of pit and tide was going out. Dug with shovels and spade, used screen and washed in river. Much of screen discarded in river. Total depth was 21/2"—down to clay layer from beach level. Two 17/8 century battle bottoms and whittled wooden stick. Treated with RC-11028 (cut 50% with ice water) after three pieces had been washed in river water to help preserve them. Water level was around 100 (estimated) from normal high water level. Very few finds have been taken due to prevailing wind out of North.

Orienteration of pit from point C:

Stakes left on bank:

A: 35'  B: 21'

9/17/70
- artifacts from beach pit included:
  - bottle glass fragments, in very poor condition
  - some nails (a small quantity)
  - bricks (all broken fragments)
  - shells (large quantity, all oyster)
  - pipe fragments
  - other metal artifacts
  - a small number of potshards
  - one gunflint.

There were, just under the ground's surface, several artifacts (i.e., bottle fragments and tin cans) of more recent vintage.

Stakrad
9/5/70  Bennett's Point

It appears that there are lots of shoreline west (N-NW) to parking area beach on 9/5/70 (52-80) that are not insignificant to the area. These should be checked out in the future as they may be part of an old sewer, etc.

Mary: The plot of the measurements made on the site within BCD are quite internally consistent except for the compass measurements.

I plotted the second system in and found that the system is 3.2" on north/south sides and 2.7" on the east/west sides. Check this to see how accurately the plot can predict. Also, the north-west coordinates of the system are in error. I would guess, from plot measurements, that they should be:

B = 25°10'  not 24°15'1/2"
C = 37°0'   not 37°9'
D = 29°3'2/2"

This demonstrates the value of using three coordinates and not two.
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OBJECTS OF STUDY:

1. **FUNCTION OF ICEHOUSE POINT STRUCTURE:**
   - Home, office, lean-to, storage.
   - Look for: size, shape, location of chimneys or fireplaces, doors, well, drip line, builders trenches.

2. **AGE OF STRUCTURES & NUMBER:**
   - From artifacts, different types of mortar.

3. **LOCATION OR SOURCE OF LARGE PICHA COBBLES:**
   - From “quays.”

4. **REVIEW OBJECT FROM PIT NEXT (NORTH) OF BLOUNT HOUSE — ANYTHING OLD?”**
Things to do at Pit A:

Measurements:
1. Dilation to east end of house
2. Dilation to corners of recent pits
3. Complete at cemetery
4. Good compass measurements
5. Position of Pit A

Probing:
1. Find wall outline on east end - make triangulations
2. Items from IR pictures
   1. Magenta #1 - lives
   2. "Parentheses?"
   3. "Compass" - cemetery circle
4. Dark spot near compass
5. North sheep lot - circles & line
6. Circle on garden field
7. Long line from fence
8. Bare spot near beach - north
9. At present house
10. North boundary sheep lot
11. "Watkin's基站" in No. swamp

Digging:
1. Complete squares west of cisterns
2. Squares south of cisterns to wall
3. North west corner
4. Break on north wall opposite Nero coin pit
5. Exploratory square on west end
6. Continue & trench up beach
7. Cemetery - west corner, outer wall
8. Cemetery - rubble fourth of outer wall
9. Into in yard west of house
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Mean hole diam. 4.39
Year - 1763.89

June 16, 1972
at Ludlow's

16 sq. ft./story

1.5 gage

2 - 3½" dia
73" x 55" or 7" x 55"
2½" x 5

22 post woods
15 ½" opening

Francis said, 1000 Pk Goose
1500 2200

Amagawn shows ESW

Dirt Stove PE

The Pedestal without