

VIRGINIANA FILE

PARCEL: 141A

PWC - Historic Sites

Fairfax County Archeological Survey

Grayson's Hill

Preliminary Site Report (Site A)

Prince William Public Library
Manassas, Va.

Site Name: "Grayson's Hill"

Site Number: 44 ~~11~~ PW

Map Reference: (USGS, Fairfax County)

Quantico QUAD: U.T.M. zone 18, Easting 297690, Northing 4271710

Pr. William Fairfax Quad 11S, VA. Grid zone North, Easting 2336175, Northing 331512

Type of Site:

1. time period- prehistoric component (undetermined period)
mid to late eighteenth century (possibly earlier)
2. function- domestic residence

3. importance- associated with William Grayson (d. 1790): first U. S. Senator from Virginia, aide-de-camp to Washington in Revolution, Col. Prince Wm. militia, delegate to Virginia Const. ratifying convention.

Owner/address:

Tenant/address:

Informant/address:

Robert Davis
Northgate
Woodbridge., Va.

N/A

Donald Wilson
14810 Haymarket Lane
Centreville, Va.
22020

Attitude toward investigation:

Reportedly favorable

Remarks:

1. condition of site- being cleared of trees in preparation for housing development; extensively pot-hunted

2. observations-

Architectural: Large amounts of brick rubble, evidencing wall foundation; large slabs of cut slate (possible roofing material)

Artifactual: (from random surface collection of site area)

--Ceramics: coarse red earthenwares (8½%); Rhenish stoneware (3%); Chinese blue-white porcelain (23%); creamware, incl. royal and featheredge (17%); delftware, incl. fireplace tile (14%); white saltglaze stoneware (34%).**

--Other: rosehead nails, spur fragment, iron pot fragment, possible padlock strap, boar's tusk, other faunal (bone) sidenotched point, slate, heavily ground: undetermined style

Documentary: chain of title is complete back to 1786. How Grayson got property has not yet been determined due to incomplete records. Tax lists indicate no improvements on the property after 1820. Grayson's Spring (headwaters of Grayson's Creek) is noted on accompanying map as site F.

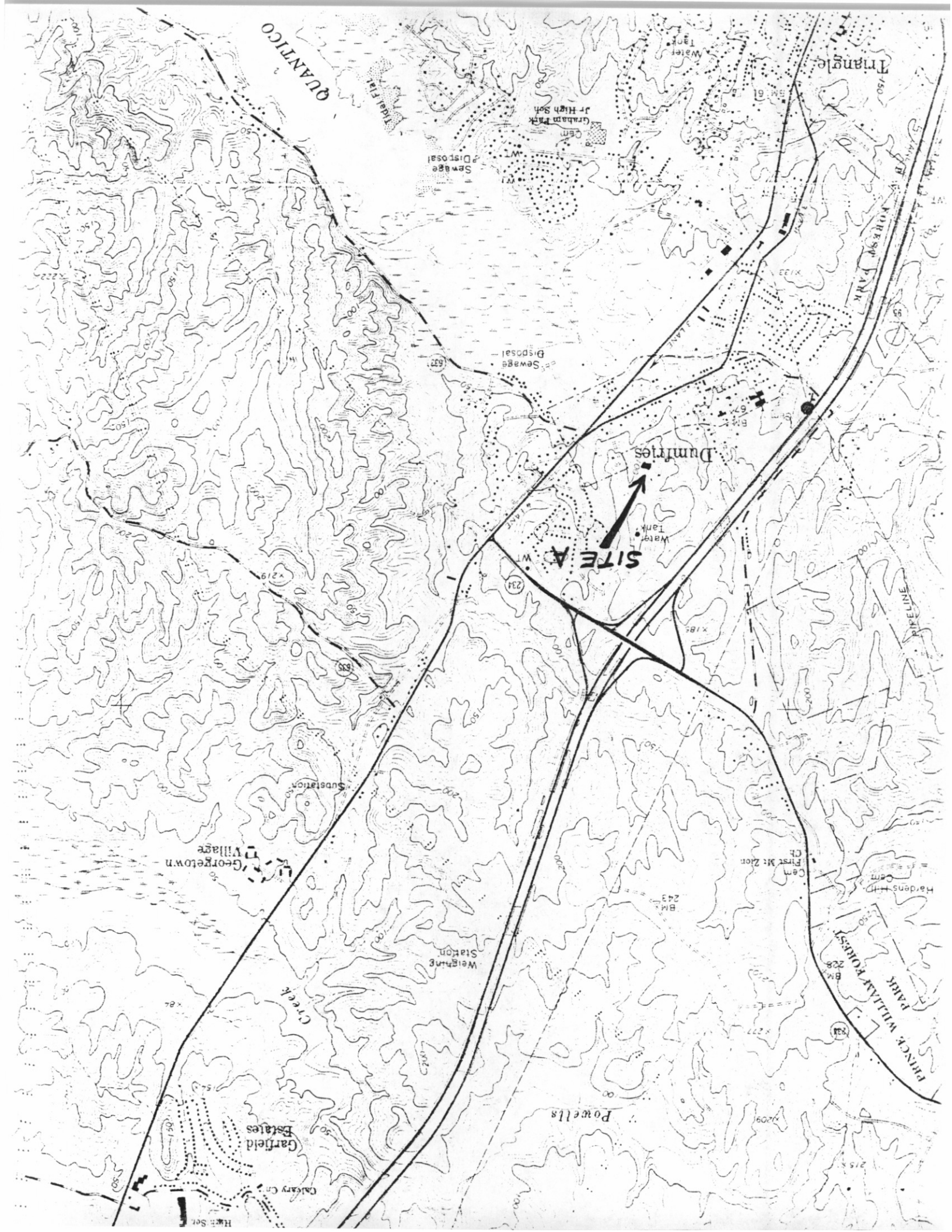
Reporter:

Date:

Donald Wilson

July 15, 1983

**Local collector has also retrieved a virtually complete Bellarmine jug from this site.



KEY

- A: Grayson's Hill house site #1
- B: Grayson's Hill fortification
- C: "Battery Hill"
- D: Grayson's Hill house site #2
- E: Grayson's Hill gun emplacement
- F: Grayson's spring

