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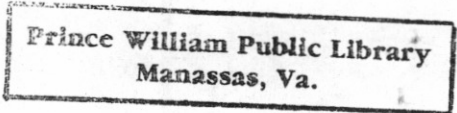
PWC - Historic Sites

GRAYSON'S

HILL

Fairfax County Archeological Survey

Preliminary Site Report (Site E)



Site Name: Grayson's Hill Gun emplacement

Site Number: 44 PW

Map Reference: (USGS, Fairfax County)

Quantico QUAD: U.T.M. zone 18, Easting 297600, Northing 4271600

Prince Wm. Fairfax/Quad 11S, VA. Grid zone North, Easting 2336050, Northing 331200

Type of Site:

- 1. time period-mid-nineteenth century or earlier (probably Civil War)
2. function- gun emplacement, overlooking U. S. Route #1
3. importance- evidence of military activity in Prince William County

Owner/address:

Robert Davis
Northgate
Woodbridge, Va.

Tenant/address:

N/A

Informant/address:

Donald Wilson
14810 Haymarket Lane
Centreville, Va.
22020

Attitude toward investigation:

reportedly favorable

Remarks:

1. condition of site- heavily forested. At edge of area being cleared for housing development. Has been heavily relic-hunted.

2. observations-

Architectural: terraced area on south edge of Grayson's Hill reported to show evidence of earthworks suitable for gun emplacement.

Artifactual: Collectors have found numerous U. S. military buttons in ravine below this site.

Documentary: Chain of title has been traced to 1786, when it was owned by Sen. William Grayson. As his residence was close by, he might be responsible for the terraces. Local histories report this hill to have been used as a military stronghold.

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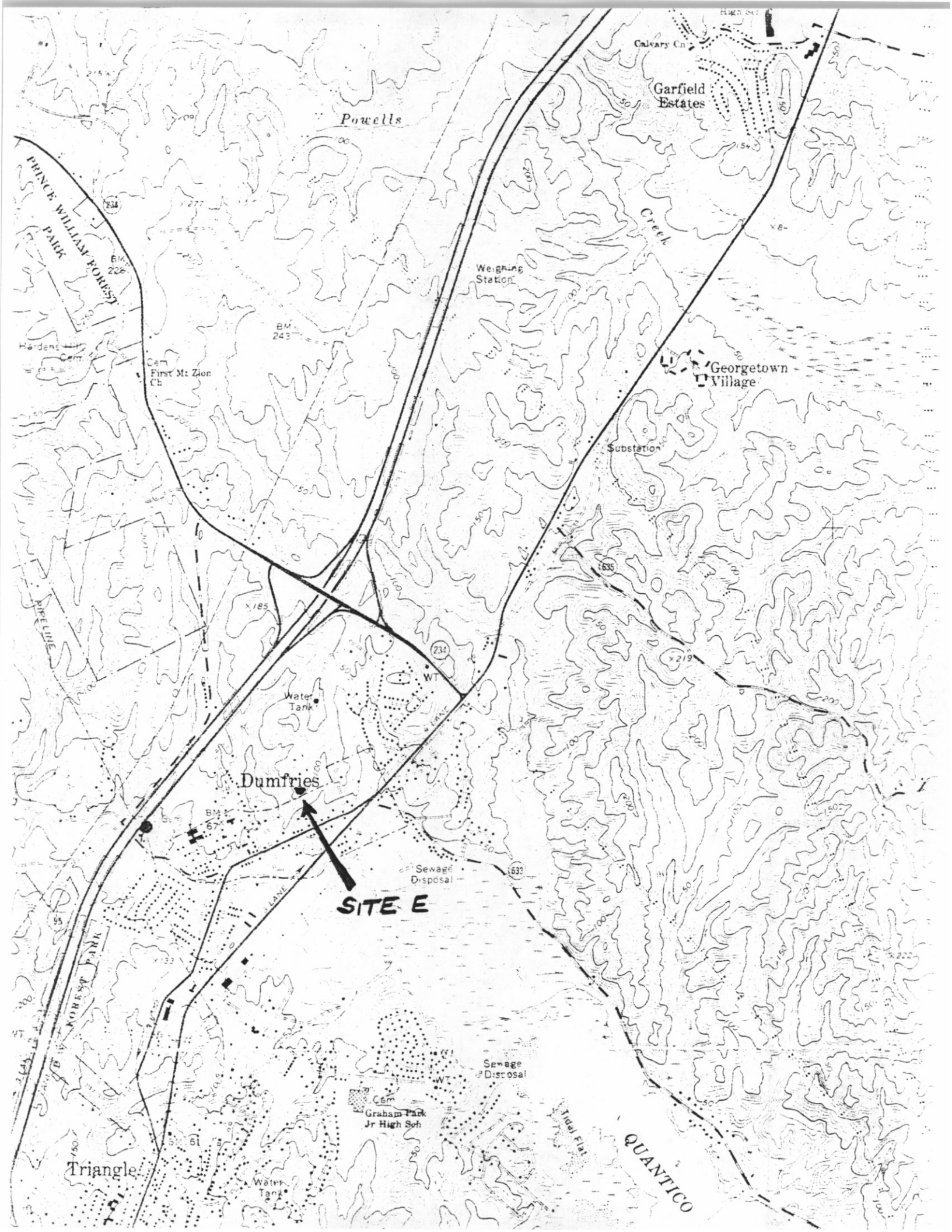
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KEY

- 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

