

THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARED THIS STUDY

A large project like the excavation and analysis of the Puncheon Run Site depends on the efforts of many talented people, from the field archaeologists who dig the first shovel tests on the site to the laboratory worker who boxes up the last artifacts for delivery to the museum. Dozens of Berger staff have assisted in this effort since 1997, and each had an important role.

The Principal Investigator and Project Manager was Charles LeeDecker. Charlie has a master's degree in anthropology from George Washington University and has more than 20 years of experience in the archaeology of eastern North America. He has excavated many different kinds of sites and published work in prehistoric archaeology, urban archaeology, and the archaeology of historic burials. His work in Delaware began in the 1980s when he investigated a number of sites in Wilmington, including the Prudential Block, Old Swede's Church Parsonage, and the East Side Neighborhood. In downstate Sussex County, he completed a multi-year survey, site testing, and data recovery program for the DuPont Highway between Milford and Georgetown. This project included excavation of the Two Guys Site, which contained an eighteenth-century family cemetery as well as a small prehistoric site that produced some of the region's best evidence of Native American harvesting of sumpweed. Since 1994, Charlie has supervised archaeological work along the new State Route 1 corridor in New Castle and Kent Counties.

Charlie was assisted in directing the excavations and writing the report by John Bedell. John has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota and entered archaeology as a specialist in Colonial Virginia, working at sites such as Yorktown and John Custis's Arlington. In his 15 years in the field he has branched out into other areas of prehistoric and historic archaeology and has been working in Delaware for most of the past five years. In Delaware he has directed excavations at four eighteenth-century farms and a prehistoric camp site, as well as testing at more than 30 other historic and prehistoric sites. He has experience as a college teacher and a particular interest in educational outreach and public interpretation, and he directed the project's public interpretation effort.

The field director for most of Berger's work at Puncheon Run, and the other main author of the report, was Robert Jacoby. Rob has more than 15 years of archaeological experience, primarily in the Middle Atlantic area, and more than eight years of experience as a field supervisor. He has supervised a wide range of projects, including the excavation of four other sites in Delaware: the McKean/Cochran Farm Site, an eighteenth-century farm; the Locust Grove Site, deposits associated with a standing nineteenth-century house; the Whitby Branch Site, a prehistoric procurement site dating to the Late Archaic and Middle Woodland periods; and the Drawyer Creek South Site, a small, unplowed Late Woodland transient camp site. Rob also directed the analysis of the stone artifacts from the site and the replicative experiments, and designed the protein residue study. He has lived in Egypt and has many interests in archaeology and anthropology worldwide; over the past few years, he has pursued an interest in the application of protein (blood) residue tests for archaeology.

The field director for the Phase II evaluation of Locus 3 was Henry Holt. Henry has a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and has worked with Berger for more than 15 years. He has

supervised excavations on all types of sites throughout eastern North America, including the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark in New Jersey, the Steamtown National Historic Site in Pennsylvania, and in the historic downtowns of Philadelphia and Houston. He is also an expert on fieldwork safety.

Rob and Henry were ably assisted by the project crew chiefs, James Skocik and Doug Tilley. Jimmy, a lifelong Delaware resident who has been working in archaeology for eight years, taught many of the excavators the subtleties of Delaware soils. Doug has a bachelor's degree in history from West Georgia college and more than 10 years of experience in archaeology, including prehistoric, historic, urban, and industrial sites.

Dr. Robert Wall provided expert technical assistance at several stages of the project and, with Cara Blume, performed the analysis of the prehistoric ceramics. Bob has more than 20 years of experience in archaeology and has worked on sites from Canada to Venezuela. He has particular expertise in the prehistoric archaeology of the Potomac, Susquehanna, and Delaware watersheds, and he has directed more than dozen excavations within this area.

Ludomir Lozny performed the microscopic analysis of use-wear on the stone tools and assisted in the rest of the lithic analysis. Ludomir, a native of Poland, received his initial training at the University of Warsaw, and he has worked at mesolithic, neolithic, and medieval sites in Poland, medieval and Renaissance sites in the Netherlands, and at a Viking-period town in Norway. He is now a Ph.D. candidate at New York University and has worked on artifact collections from a variety of sites throughout eastern North America.

Most of the digging at Puncheon Run was done by the project field crew, professional archaeologists with bachelor's degrees and extensive field experience. Special thanks go to Keith Googins, who is a highly skilled flintknapper and put his skills to work performing demonstrations for student visitors to the site and replicating stemmed projectile points like those found in the excavations ("Puncheon pebble points") from cobbles gathered along Puncheon Run.

FIELD CREW FOR 1997-98 PHASE I AND PHASE II INVESTIGATIONS

<i>Field Supervisor</i>	◆	Henry Holt
	◆	Rob Jacoby
<i>Crew Chief</i>	◆	Jim Skocik
	◆	Doug Tilley

Field Crew

◆ Charles Bedall	◆ David Gilmour
◆ LaRaine Durr-Beckhorn	◆ Keith Googins
◆ Teresa Brannon	◆ Dell Gould
◆ Joelle Browning	◆ Sara Rakus
◆ Dawn Corbett	◆ Catherine Skocik
◆ Andrea Denight	◆ Paul Stansfield
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Field Supervisor ♦ Rob Jacoby
♦ Rick Vernay
Crew Chief ♦ Jim Skocik
♦ Doug Tilley

Field Crew

♦ Teresa Brannon
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♦ Olivia Cunningham
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