

Introduction to the Photograph Albums

Nickolas Lucchetti of the James River Institute for Archaeology, and the lead archaeologist on the Governor's Land project, loaned us the original 200 plus slides taken during the archaeology work on our land. We are indebted to resident Bill Krebs for patiently making digital copies of these original slides. We hope the photos will give you an appreciation of the careful, detailed archaeology done on the 18th fairway as well as the urgency and pressure of the "salvage" work done on the 1st fairway.

This part of the website contains copies of the original slides organized in three Albums:

Paspahegh Village Album | JC308 the Indian Village

Whittaker Site Album | JC298 the Jabez Whittaker plantation site

Artifact Display Cabinet Album | Recovered artifacts displayed in the Two Rivers Country Club

Clicking on the links on the main menu or at the end of this document will take you to the three albums. The photos in the albums are in slideshow form and are each in a single PDF file. If you wish to view the photos in your own photo-management software, or download or view the individual photos.

JC308 The Indian Village

JC308 was the archaeologists' designation for excavations at the site of the Paspahegh village. The photos start with an overall aerial view and site survey proceeding to photos in approximate chronological order of the work done. We have included photos of the excavation process and three sketches from the reports showing details on the structures uncovered. The dimensions, shapes and relative location of the structures were the basis for both the model village and the full scale mock-ups you can see today at the Jamestown Settlement Museum. We included a photo of two re-created buildings to give you a sense of their appearance. We have also included photos of some of the artifacts in the locations where they were found.

The collection contained detailed photos of the more than eighteen Paspahegh burials uncovered and relocated from the 18th fairway to an area next to the 1st fairway (a brass marker was placed on that site along Two Rivers Road in a ceremony attended by representatives of the descendents of the Paspahegh). We have omitted those photographs in deference to our understanding of Indian concerns.

We have included photographs of Paspahegh funeral copper found with the graves. With the permission of the tribes, some of the copper was tested for its origin and proved to be European. As the Virginia Company brought copper to trade for food and we know they traded early on with the Paspahegh, this would appear to be some of the Virginia Company copper brought from England specifically for trading. All the funeral copper was reburied with its owners. None was retained for display or further research. Thus, these photos are your only opportunity to view these items.

JC298 The Jabez Whittaker Plantation Site

JC298 was the designation for the later English settlement on the first fairway of the golf course. Photos start with an overall site map and overview photos proceeding to photos of the sub sites numbering from 100 to 116 in order. We have included photos of some of the artifacts recovered as well as photos of the four settler graves uncovered. The settler remains were donated to the Smithsonian and are part of their forensic anthropology studies that have added to our knowledge the life, diet and health of the early settlers.

Evidence of an early slave quarters were also discovered. We have included an artist's rendition of what the archaeologists believe was the appearance of that building.

Recovered Artifacts Displayed in the Two Rivers Country Club

The majority of the artifacts recovered in the archaeological explorations on our land were donated to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation in 2010. At the ceremony noting the handover of the artifacts, Sue H. Gerdelman, President of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc., the private fundraising arm that seeks donations to build the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation collection, said:

This is one of the premier archaeological collections in Virginia. We are honored that the Governor's Land Foundation chose us to preserve and display these artifacts.

Larry Magnant, Governor's Land Foundation President at that time, responded:

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has world-class storage and display facilities, and we are pleased that the valuable pieces of history recovered at Governor's Land at Two Rivers will have a secure place and will be accessible to future generations.

A few of the artifacts were retained by the Governor's Land Foundation and are on display in the Cypress Room at the Two Rivers Country Club.

The photos in the Artifacts Album begin with a photo of the display cabinet showing all of the artifacts and are followed by pictures of the individual artifacts roughly in order from the top to the bottom of the cabinet.