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This rudimentary site report was compiled by the authors, who state on the cover that they are “Non-Professional Archaeologists.” In the spring of 1976, these men conducted excavations on the Dorr site (18AN19) that followed the work of Woodward in 1963-1964. Woodward established that the site was comprised of a series of campsites occupied during the entire Woodland time period, with the heaviest occupation during the Middle Woodland. No conclusions are presented in the report, which is only 11 pages long, but a generalized plan map is presented, along with four black and white photograph plate pages that display a portion of the ceramic and projectile point assemblage.

A total of 47 5 ft by 5 ft units were excavated on the site in Woodward’s previously established Area B, and two features were identified. A “shell pit” was excavated that was full of faunal remains, along with 76 Mockley sherds, a number of points, and charcoal and fire-cracked rock. In sum, 840 Mockley sherds, 280 Accokeek sherds, 80 Popes Creek sherds, and 8 Marcey Creek sherds were recovered from the excavations, along with a number of projectile points. While the exact number of points is not disclosed, they do provide percentages of lithic types and point types (i.e. 50% stemmed, 26% side notched, etc).

The authors state that they hope the evidence they’ve presented will initiate future investigations and that it is their impression that “all too many of the sites in this area are being destroyed and that this site is important in unlocking the history of early man in the Patuxent Valley” (p. 11).