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In this very early description of the Selby Bay phase, the author provides a general description of the background to its identification. He states that in the 1930s, collectors in the middle Patuxent valley noted similarities in the artifacts collected on the surface of newly defined sites. This included a predominance of lanceolate and stemmed points and large blanks and knives made of exotic lithic materials, two-holed elliptical gorgets, and shell-tempered pottery. In 1939-1940, the Ruf site (18AN65) was excavated in the vicinity, and 381 flakes (91% of them exotic lithic materials) and sherds from at least 41 Mockley pots were recovered. While this site became the Selby Bay type site, the phase was named for area on the lower South River in Anne Arundel County where J.D. McGuire discovered a cache of blades and points in the 1880s. The article concludes with two photo plates depicting points collected from the William Rossbach site (18AN61W), the Lerch site (18AN61L), the Mayr Mill site (18AN64J), and lithic materials the Ruf site.