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An analysis of the surface-recovered finds from the Oxford site led the authors to conclude that there is no such thing as an “Oxford complex” that pre-dates the Middle Woodland period Webb complex (ca. A.D. 500-900) on the Delmarva Peninsula; rather, the definition of the Webb complex should be changed to include Mockley ware. Collection strategies undertaken at the site in the 1970s were somewhat questionable, as the uncontrolled surface finds were lumped together. Regardless, the site has been interpreted as a macro-band base camp with the heaviest period of occupation during the Middle Woodland period (Carey, Late Carey, and/or Webb complexes). A total of 223 Townsend/Mockley sherds were recovered from the site, along with a number of points and other ground stone artifacts that are listed in a generalized summary table of the lithic artifacts recovered from the site (p. 13).