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This technical monograph represents the culmination of decades of research into the Accokeek Creek site, located at the confluence of Piscataway Creek and the Potomac River in Prince George's County, Maryland. Portions of the publication are taken from Alice Ferguson's original 1948 manuscript detailing her excavations on the site from 1935 – 1940. The interpretive portions of the monograph mostly result from Stephenson's doctoral work at the University of Michigan, where he studied the collections. This results in one of the first real efforts at synthesizing and developing a culture sequence for the region.

The Accokeek Creek site encompasses at least three distinct areas of occupation, along with periodic occupations that span the Late Archaic through the Late Woodland time periods. The most intensive period of occupation was during the Late Woodland, but the Middle Woodland period is represented primarily in the nearly 8,000 sherds of Mockley pottery recovered. This ware, first identified here, was named after Mockley Point, the northern-most point of land on the site. Mockley was assigned a date range from 900 – 1200 A.D., which scholars have since shifted considerably. However, considering stratigraphy was not employed in the excavations, and radiocarbon dating techniques were not used, it is of little surprise that the given date ranges would have changed in the decades since the site was interpreted. Stephenson also calls Accokeek ware a Middle Woodland ceramic, while Popes Creek is defined as an Early Woodland ware. This range has also been shifted in the intervening decades.

Ample descriptions are given for each ceramic ware type, along with projectile points and other artifact categories. Mockley ware is separated into three categories: cord-marked, net-impressed, and plain (pp.103-109). A previously defined Mockley Fabric-Impressed (see Stephenson 1959:25) is not mentioned nor described in this monograph. However, the ware descriptions listed herein are still heavily relied upon today.