

An Historical Archaeology of Race and Labor: Setauket, New York

Summer 2014



Site and Description:

The eighteenth- and nineteenth-century farmstead is known locally as the Thompson House. Five successive generations of the Thompson family lived on this site alongside their enslaved and, after 1815, wage laborers of African descent. Entering its third field season, this project seeks to collect data from contexts of both slavery and freedom. The objective is to learn how the new system of wage labor altered interactions between the Thompsons and African American laborers in the daily operations of the farm.

Dates: June 9–July 25

Excavations will be undertaken between the above dates from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, weather permitting. Wednesdays are reserved for artifact washing and cataloging. Participants will learn the fundamentals of archaeological excavations, site interpretation, and laboratory analysis.

Location:

86 North Country Rd
Setauket-East Setauket, NY 11733
[40.93349/-73.117741](tel:409334973117741)



Application Deadline: May 31, 2014.

The project is limited to 6 volunteers. Priority will be given to participants who can commit to the full project schedule. To apply, please contact Bradley D. Phillippi at bradleyphillippi2014@u.northwestern.edu

Keep in Mind:

- Project materials and supplies, including general excavation equipment, will be supplied.
- No experience necessary.
- No cost to participate (no tuition or other fees)
- Setauket is near Stony Brook University and has housing opportunities for students.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.



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