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In 1992, Ms. Linda Kennedy, Ms. Marian Roberts, and Mr. Chris Espenshade of Brockington and Associates, Inc. conducted data recovery investigations of two slave cabins at Site 38BU880. The study was sponsored by Indigo Run Plantation. The excavations focused on the structures associated with two tabby chimney remnants. One of the cabin locations was situated in a protected, wooded area, while the second had been severely impacted through plowing and modern nursery activity. A total of 41 2 by 2 m (6 by 6 ft) units were excavated.

The excavation of the least impacted structure revealed several post features and a dirt floor remnant. An earthfast, single pen structure is indicated by the data; the structure measured 19.6 by 16.4 ft) it had a single, gable end tabby chimney which measured 5.0 by 7.5 ft at its base. An interesting aspect of the cabin was the recovery of 25 Archaic through Woodland projectile points and a groundstone adze from the hearth area, suggesting the occupants were collecting Native-American items. A final report should now be available.