

NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT

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FACILITATING RESPECTFUL RETURN

Since 1990, Federal law has provided for the protection and return of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. By enacting NAGPRA, Congress recognized that human remains of any ancestry "must at all times be treated with dignity and respect." Congress also acknowledged that human remains and other cultural items removed from Federal or tribal lands belong, in the first instance, to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. With this law, Congress sought to encourage a continuing dialogue between museums and Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and to promote a greater understanding between the groups while at the same time recognizing the important function museums serve in society by preserving the past. (US Senate Report 101-473).



Slack Farm, near Uniontown, Kentucky

ARTIFACT REPATRIATION AND THE BLUE LICKS PIONEER MUSEUM: THE FACTS

- Parks has communicated with all stakeholders including the Friends Group, state legislators, federal congressional representatives, local county judges, and county attorneys regarding its repatriation efforts at Blue Licks.
- These artifacts were **purchased** by the Commonwealth of Kentucky from William J. Curtis, **not donated**.
- The repatriated objects will **remain in Kentucky** and are not being relocated to Oklahoma.
- **The Pioneer Museum will not be closing.**
- The repatriated Native American artifacts only account for **12.5% of the Pioneer Museum's total collection**.
- Plans are underway to introduce new exhibits highlighting the Native American history and prehistory of the area.

NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT OF 1990

25 U. S. Code §3001 – §3013

- Definitions
- Ownership
- Inventory for human remains and associated funerary objects
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43 CFR Part 10 -- NAGPRA REGULATIONS

- (a) *Purpose.* The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (Act) of November 16, 1990, recognizes the rights of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations in Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.
- (1) The Act and these regulations provide systematic processes to:
 - (i) Protect Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony; and
 - (ii) Restore Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
 - (2) The Act and these regulations require consultation with lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.
 - (3) Consistent with the Act, these regulations require deference to the Native American traditional knowledge of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

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(d) *Duty of care*. These regulations require a museum, Federal agency, or DHHL to care for, safeguard, and preserve any human remains or cultural items in its custody or in its possession or control. A museum, Federal agency, or DHHL must:

- (1) Consult with lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations on the appropriate storage, treatment, or handling of human remains or cultural items;
- (2) Make a reasonable and good-faith effort to incorporate and accommodate the Native American traditional knowledge of lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations in the storage, treatment, or handling of human remains or cultural items; and
- (3) Obtain free, prior, and informed consent from lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations prior to allowing any exhibition of, access to, or research on human remains or cultural items. Research includes, but is not limited to, any study, analysis, examination, or other means of acquiring or preserving information about human remains or cultural items. Research of any kind on human remains or cultural items is not required by the Act or these regulations.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NAGPRA NON-COMPLIANCE

43 CFR 10.11 -- Failure to repatriate the ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and cultural artifacts as required by the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) could subject Parks to significant civil penalties.

- Each instance of failure to comply with the Act constitutes a separate violation subject to a civil penalty.
- The penalty for each separate violation must be calculated as follows:
 - (1) The base penalty amount is \$8,315, subject to annual adjustments based on inflation under the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114-74).
- Based upon the 274 artifacts at Blue Licks, the potential base penalty could approximate **\$2,278,310** (274 funerary objects x \$8,315).
- An additional penalty of up to \$1,664 per day for each continuing violation once an agency determination becomes final.

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Rec'd
From Commissioner
6/27/2024
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June 10, 2024

Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Russ Meyer, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Parks
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Meyer:

As Senators and Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs,¹ we write to express our grave concern over recent reports that institutions of higher learning such as yours have failed their statutory mandate to “expeditiously return” cultural items and ancestral remains of Native Americans pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA).²

Delayed repatriation is delayed justice for Native peoples. For too long, Native ancestral remains and cultural items have been unconscionably denied their journey home by institutions, desecrated by scientific study, publicly displayed as specimens, left to collect dust on a shelf, or simply thrown in a box and forgotten in a museum storeroom.

At the time of passage, Congress envisioned that NAGPRA repatriation activity would be complete, or nearly complete, within five years.³ But three decades years later, “a daunting amount of work remains,”⁴ and experts reportedly estimate that it could take as many as 70 more

¹ The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has broad jurisdiction to study and conduct oversight on issues facing Tribal governments and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian peoples. The Committee has exercised oversight authority repeatedly on implementation of NAGPRA. See, e.g., OVERSIGHT HEARING, A CALL TO ACTION: NATIVE COMMUNITIES’ PRIORITIES IN FOCUS FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS, S. Hrg. 117-8 (Feb. 24, 2021); OVERSIGHT HEARING NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION ACT, S. Hrg. 106-57 (Apr. 20, 1999); OVERSIGHT HEARING TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES, S. Hrg. 106-708 (July 25, 2000); OVERSIGHT HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY ON THE APPLICATION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT IN THE STATE OF HAWAII, S. Hrg. 108-768 (Dec. 8, 2004); OVERSIGHT HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT, S. Hrg. 109-297 (July 28, 2005); OVERSIGHT HEARING ON FINDING OUR WAY HOME: ACHIEVING THE POLICY GOALS OF NAGPRA, S. Hrg. 112-157 (June 16, 2011); OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE LONG JOURNEY HOME: ADVANCING THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT’S PROMISE AFTER 30 YEARS OF PRACTICE, S. Hrg. 117-339 (Feb. 2, 2022).

² 25 U.S.C. § 3005.

³ 25 U.S.C. §§ 3003(b)(B).

⁴ NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION & REPATRIATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS, 10 (2020-2021). As of FY2021, “over 117,576 Native American individuals are still in collections and 94% of those have not been culturally affiliated with any present-day Indian tribes or [Native Hawaiian organizations]. *Id.* at 15.

years before NAGPRA’s directive of expeditious repatriation is fulfilled.⁵ This is simply unacceptable.

Congress passed NAGPRA to address long-standing concerns over the mistreatment and disposition of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian cultural items and ancestral remains possessed by federally-funded institutions and federal agencies. While NAGPRA has had positive and far-reaching impacts, such as improved relationships between museums, institutions, federal agencies, and Native peoples, and significant, successful repatriation of many cultural items and ancestral remains, Congress continues to receive troubling testimony detailing ongoing issues related to the timely completion of NAGPRA repatriations. These issues include insufficient consultation with Tribes, poor curation practices, misidentification of items, disrespect for traditional knowledge, and allegations of malfeasance to avoid or slow repatriation efforts.

Accordingly, we request an update on your institution’s current process and pace of repatriation, as well as information on its repatriation policies and practices pursuant to NAGPRA. We also specifically request responses to the following questions within 60 days:

- 1) Please describe in detail how your institution determines if there is “a relationship of shared group identity that may be reasonably traced”⁶ when your institution is determining the cultural affiliation of NAGPRA-eligible items or ancestral remains, and explain how your institution interprets and applies the terms “totality of the circumstances”⁷ and “preponderance of the evidence” when making such determinations.⁸
- 2) Please describe the process your institution undertakes to determine—
 - a. When there is sufficient evidence to proceed with repatriation; and
 - b. When a cultural item or ancestral remain is culturally unidentifiable.
- 3) Please describe the processes and methods your institution uses to gather and utilize Native traditional knowledge when determining the cultural affiliation of NAGPRA-eligible items or ancestral remains.
- 4) Please provide examples of when your institution has used only Native traditional knowledge to culturally affiliate NAGPRA-eligible items or ancestral remains.
- 5) Please describe each allegation filed with the National NAGPRA Program regarding your institution’s failure to comply with NAGPRA, including a summary of the circumstances and outcomes of the allegation(s).
 - a. If your institution requested an informal discussion with the Secretary pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 10.12(f)(1) in response to an allegation, please provide copies of all documents provided to, or received from, the Secretary in connection with the request.

⁵ Logan Jaffe, Mary Hudetz, Ash Ngu, Graham Lee Brewer (NBC News), *America’s Biggest Museums Fail to Return Native American Human Remains*, ProPublica, (Jan. 11, 2023), <https://www.propublica.org/article/repatriation-nagpra-museums-human-remains>.

⁶ 25 U.S.C. 3003(2).

⁷ 43 C.F.R. § 10.8(f); 43 C.F.R. § 10.9(e)(ii)(iv); 43 C.F.R. § 10.14(d).

⁸ 25 U.S.C. § 3005(a)(4).

We appreciate your attention to this important matter. Please direct any questions you may have to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Majority Staff Director, Jennifer Romero (Jennifer_Romero@indian.senate.gov), or Amber Ebarb, Minority Staff Director (Amber_Ebarb@indian.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
United States Senator



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



Mazie K. Hirono
United States Senator



Ben Ray Lujan
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator



Alex Padilla
United States Senator



Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator



Tina Smith
United States Senator



Dan Sullivan
United States Senator



Jon Tester
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

CC: Carla Hildebrand, Park Manager, Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site

Description

The 274 cultural items were removed from Mason County, KY. These cultural items were collected in the 1920s through the 1940s. The Pioneer Museum's founder, William Curtis, was a collector of these objects and took part in excavations at Fox Field (Fox Farm Fort Ancient culture archeological site), Mason County, Kentucky, and possibly at other sites in Kentucky. Curtis worked with other collectors in the field to acquire objects for the museum from surrounding counties in the state, but most items with a known provenience trace back to Fox Field. Most of these items are displayed and stored in the museum.

The 274 unassociated funerary objects are two adzes, six awls, eight game balls, five deer knuckle beads, two copper bracelets, two celts, one chisel, 12 discoidals, four drills, eight effigies, one effigy bead, five pottery figurines, one fishhook, 11 shell gorgets, one limestone gorget, one slate gorget, one grooved bone hairpin, one knapping hammer, three hoes, one grooved bone body ornament, nine flint knives, three necklaces of shell and bone beads, one necklace of animal bones, two bone sewing needles, 15 stone pendants, two shell pendants, four conch shell wheel pendants, four channel coal pendants, three bear tooth pendants, two animal bone pendants, two ceramic disk pendants, two stone pestles, 10 pipes, 27 projectile points, one hide scraper, 61 pottery sherds, two bone whistles, one whetstone, one atlatl weight, 19 pottery vessels, four uniface knives, two mussel shell spoons, one strand of nine bone, clay, and shell beads, one strand of bear and canine teeth and a hawk's claw, seven bear teeth fragments, one strand of 10 canine teeth, one strand of 13 marine shells, one strand of 12 beads, one string of seven beads, one string of 12 shell beads, one string of 18 shell beads, one strand of nine shell beads, one strand of seven conical shaped shell beads, one strand of 12 animal teeth, one strand of small shell beads, one strand of nine stone beads, and one animal tooth bead.

Determinations

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the Kentucky Department of Parks has determined that:

- The 274 cultural items described above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the cultural items and the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and the Shawnee Tribe.



August 5, 2024

Jennifer Spense, MMSt
Parks Museum Curator
Ky Department of Parks
Mayo-Underwood Bldg, 5th Floor
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Spence,

Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act 25 U.S.C. 3001 et Seq., the Shawnee Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe, requests repatriation of ancestors and their belongings, that were published in the Federal Register as the following:

- Vol. 88 No. 73, Monday, April 17, 2023
- Vol. 89 No. 12, Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Physical custody will take place at an undisclosed date, time and location.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at tonya@shawnee-tribe.com or by phone at (918)542-2441 ext. 103.

Sincerely,

Tonya Tipton

THPO/NAGPRA Representative

Right: The official claim letter received from the Shawnee Tribe concerning the 274 cultural objects.

contact with the whites.

How this could have come about, however, is another question. The so-called "Fox Fields" in Mason County where the Indian graves are located have long been famous for the Indian artifacts which they have yielded. Some of the choicest pieces in various museums have come from this locality and Mr. William J. Cupp of Piqua, Ky., a well known collector of Indian material, has specimens from these fields which cannot be duplicated in any other collection. The number of burials in this rather limited area (about 150 acres) must have been enormous. After each plow the surface is literally white with human bones so that the farm is locally known as "Bony Field."

Date of Tribe Unavailable

"Since the excavation of the mounds in 1895, they, with the adjacent village site, have been ploughed over many times, the land being in cultivation. Graves are constantly being opened by the plough, and each year, due to the washing away of the soil, the plough reaches a few skeletons heretofore untouched. **The field is so well covered with human bones even at this time as to have earned locally the appellation of "Bony Field."** This field has long been of interest to local collectors of Indian artifacts and the surface has been carefully searched many times each season when the land was free from growing crops, always yielding to the industrious seeker some evidence of ancient occupation"

– William S. Webb, "A Note on Recently Discovered Evidence Throwing Light on the Possible Age of a Kentucky Site" in the journal *American Anthropologist*, 1927

Left: Newspaper Clipping titled, "Indian Grave Yields Bear Teeth with Maltese Cross" in *The Courier-Journal*, Louisville, Sunday Morning, May 24, 1925.

“Twenty-one skeletons of pre-historic Indians have been brought back to Lexington by Doctor W. D. Funkhouser, Professor W. S. Webb, and William J. Curtis, who spent Friday and Saturday excavating ancient Indian graves near Mayslick, Mason County...In one of the graves, a necklace of bear’s teeth was found buried with the bodies.”

—Messenger-Inquirer, Tuesday, April 7, 1925

Right: Article about an archaeological excavation at Fox Farm in April 1925 involving William Curtis. The bear teeth mentioned are part of the Pioneer Museum Collection.

Great Find Prehistoric Indian Skeletons Made Near Mayslick, Mason Co.

Dr. Funkhouser Also Discovers Valuable Collection Indian Ornaments

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 7—Twenty-one skeletons of pre-historic Indians have been brought back to Lexington by Doctor W. D. Funkhouser, Professor W. S. Webb and William J. Curtis, who spent Friday and Saturday excavating ancient Indian graves near Mayslick, Mason county.

In addition to the skeleton, shell and bone decorations, found buried with the bones, such as have never been seen before and which are considered as among the most valuable in ancient Indian ornaments ever found in Kentucky, were brought back in the collection.

Shell ornaments are usually the quickest to decay and it is only in rare instances that they are buried in suitable conditions for preservation.

Dr. Funkhouser, who has spent years in work of this sort, thinks that these shell decorations are among his most valuable discoveries.

The graves were found in cultivated fields and at a depth of about two feet below the surface of the ground. From the position of the skeletons in the graves it was indicated that the bodies had been buried in a sitting positions

with their heads on their knees. Most of the graves contained two or more bodies.

The multiple graves are explained by Dr. Funkhouser by the fact that according to an ancient Indian custom when a prominent chief died, the other members of his family were killed and buried with him. The graves indicated that this was the practice in this race of people.

The graves were lined with stones and were in a better state of preservation than the majority of such graves found in Kentucky, due to some extent to the high elevation of the ground in which they were found. Due to their stone lined graves Dr. Funkhouser has given the name “stone grave people” to this culture which is found in Northern Kentucky near the Ohio River.

In one of the graves a necklace of bear’s teeth was found buried with the bodies. While other excavations have revealed skeletons bearing some similarity to those found on this trip, this was the first in this immediate vicinity and proved to be unusually interesting due to the decorations found.

Leonard Giovannoli will begin work immediately on the restoration of a few of the most curious of the skulls in order that study and research in regard to them may be started. Dr. Funkhouser states, however, that it will be several years before all the skeletons can be assembled and the scope of the discoveries realized in full.



William Jobe Curtis (left) at Fox Farm Archaeological Site, Mason County, Kentucky



The image is sourced from *Ancient Life in Kentucky* by W.D. Funkhouser and W.S. Webb. The image to the left is a burial mound in Nicholas County excavated by Curtis, Webb, and Funkhouser.

FIG. 40. A BURIAL MOUND.
On S. S. Clay farm, Nicholas County.

never use the
buy Indian relics. Now this would
be a fine time for you and Dr. F
to visit Fox farm we could do a lot
of diggin before the plow starts, the
graves I opened are still visable and
easily found ~~now~~, and we may be
able to find several new ones, it is
all right with Mr Carpenter for us
to dig any time just so it isent
could get a way early

Excerpt from a letter written by William Curtis to Dr. William Webb dated February 10, 1925: "Now this would be a fine time for you and Dr. F [Funkhouser] to visit Fox Farm we could do a lot of digging before the plow starts, the graves I opened are still visible and easily found and we may be able to find new ones..."

Letter in the William S. Webb Collection at the University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center.

Digou Ky
March 26-25.

Dear Dr Funkhouser,

I am more than anxious for you and Prof Webb to come to Fox Field. I got home from there late yesterday eve spent two days on the field and how I did wish for you fols. Opened one grave got 7 fairly good skulls and 3 or 4 broken ones lot of bones but in bad condition. Another grave had 5 or 6 in it all in bad condition opened some single grave, I have lots of stuff laying around I wanted you to see before some one bother it. I could not take it all to shelter only 3 skulls and some charred corn are in the dry. I got 42 shell beads from around one fellow neck, 11 from an other & from an other and 3 small war points some pottery ticks one bone all and a few other things. I am ready to go back any day, tomorrow Friday or Sat if you can come. Prof writes me he is going to be busy Sat. Call Mr Dodge you and him come. Every thing ready and in fine shape. Show this writing to Prof. Yours Truly W. J. Curtis.

In a letter dated March 26th, 1925, William Curtis wrote to Dr. W. D. Funkhouser about recent discoveries made at Fox Farm while excavating graves: "I got 82 shell beads from one fellow neck, 11 from an other, 8 from an other, and 3 small war points, some pottery disks, one bone all [sic.] and a few other things."

Letter in the William S. Webb Collection at the University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center.

Piquette Ky
April 2nd 1925.

My Dear Prof Webb,
I am writing you
a gain to let you know what you
are missing, I have spent 3 days on
Fox Field was there yesterday, you
and the Dr Shurely are busy or
I don't know what Fox Field is.

What I did in three days, dug
up 20 to 30 skeletons found 170 beads
large and small 6 shell disks about the
size of a 1/2 dollar perforated 14 shell pendants
to 2 in long perforated at large end, two
shell gorgets fine ones are plain the
other engraved two bone awls and
several flint arrows, and sandstone
and pottery discoids. If the weather
permits I am going Sat morn and be
there all day Sunday, I must go to
Carlisle on Monday, but Tuesday I want
to be able to go back to Fox Field and
stay there several days next week, what
work we do must be done between now
and the 15th of this month.

Yours truly
Wm J. Curtis.

In a letter dated April 2, 1925, William Curtis wrote to Dr. William S. Webb about discoveries made at Fox Farm while excavating graves: "What I did in three days, dug 20 to 30 skeletons found 170 beads large and small 6 shell disks...14 shell pendants...2 shell gorgets...2 bone awls...and several flint arrows and sandstone and pottery [sic.] discoids."

Letter in the William S. Webb Collection at the University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WM. J. CURTIS
REPRESENTATIVE 70TH DISTRICT
NICHOLAS AND ROBERTSON COUNTIES
Home Address: PIQUA, KY.

COMMITTEES
Chairman Geological Survey
Agriculture
Appropriations No. 1



COMMITTEES
Insurance—Life and Accident
Railroads
Kentucky Statutes

April 19th 1926.

Dr. W. S. Funkhouser
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Friend, This bright sun shining
morn will write you a few lines, I have
been home just one month and havent got
to do anything or go anywhere yet, have just
got through sowing grass seed, and now feel like
getting out and digging some dead Indians.
I want to go this week to Foxfield and see
what arrangements I can make for us to do
some more digging there, what ever we do
must be done in the next week or so, I am
expecting to be busy after first week in May
untill about the middle of July then sandig
rest of July and Aug. I have some nice mounds
waiting for us and feel shure they are full of
nice relics and skeletons. I want to do all I
can to help you on your book (Ancient Life in Ky)
I want it to be the most completed work that
has ever been written on Ky. I have one or two
book here that I think would be of interest to you,
if you have time to read them, they tell a bout the
Indian tribes of Ohio and a few things a bout Ky.
One gives the history of some 15 or 20 Indian Chiefs

In a letter dated April 19, 1926, William Curtis writes to Dr. Funkhouser: "...have just got through sowing grass seed, and now feel like going out and digging some dead Indians."

Letter in the William S. Webb Collection at the University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center.

BILL OF SALE
BLUE LICKS STATE PARK
COLLECTION
OF
W. J. CURTIS

1949 Bill of Sale from W. J. Curtis to Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of State Parks, for \$15,000 (equivalent to about \$198,000 in 2024) “free from all incumbrances”

BILL OF SALE

Know all men by these presents, that W. J. Curtis of Mt. Olivet, Robertson County, Kentucky, the grantor, for the consideration of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) paid by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Division of State Parks and for the use and benefit of the Division of State Parks, the grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer and deliver under the said grantor, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the use and benefit of the Division of State Parks, the following described goods and chattels, to wit:

All of a collection of relics, guns, artifacts and other items in a collection owned by W. J. Curtis and which are now located at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, a complete inventory and itemized statement of which is made and attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked "Exhibit W.J.C." for identification.

To have and to hold the same unto the said grantor, its executors, administrators and assigns forever.

And the said grantor hereby covenants to and with said grantee that said grantee is the lawful owner of the above described goods, chattels, and relics; that the same are free from all incumbrances whatsoever; that said grantor has the good right to sell the same as aforesaid; and that said grantor will warrant and defend the same against all lawful claims and demands whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said W. J. Curtis has hereunto set his hand the 31st day of January, 1949.

W. J. Curtis

WITNESSES

Chas. Beasley
Jo. J. Watson

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Oceola

I, W. H. Millson, a Notary Public within and for the county and state aforesaid, certified that the foregoing bill of sale from W. J. Curtis of Mt. Olivet, Robertson County, Kentucky to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Division of State Parks was signed and acknowledged before me by W. J. Curtis to be his act and deed in due form of law.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this the 31st day of January, 1949.

My commission expires the _____ day of _____, 19____.
Notary Public, State of Florida
Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.
Notary Public, Robertson County

Approved as to legality of form

A. E. FUNK
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Guy V. Dickinson
GUY V. DICKINSON
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

D-157 Bone hair ornaments from the back of the heads of skeletons. Found in the Fox Field by W. J. Curtis Apr. 5, 1925.

Description

This is a grooved bone hairpin. It has a square end with etched lines.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY Fort Ancient site. Entry D-157 in the 1942 Museum Catalog references the removal of body ornaments from a grave.

C-116 Copper bracelets from the arms of a skeleton found in a mound in Mason County by Glen Haley and Thomas Stevens, on the farm of John McKibben, one mile North of Minerva. This mound was situated on a high hill; light sandy soil. One skeleton in bad condition found in the grave. June, 1928.

Description

This is a copper bracelet approximately 3.25 inches in diameter.

Provenance

Per 1942 museum catalog: "Copper bracelets from the arms of a skeleton found in a mound in Mason County by Glen Haley and Thomas Stevens, on the farm of John McKibben, one mile North of Minerva. This mound was situated on a high hill; light sandy soil. One skeleton in bad condition found in the grave. June 1923."

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F-550 Lower jaw bone of an Indian. Grave find by W. J. Curtis on the Fox Farm in 1832. Also shell gorget, with incised lines representing a face. This was the last grave excavated by Mr. Curtis. Three skeletons were

Description

This is a "Weeping Eye" approximately 5.25 inches in length, 4 inches in width, and made from shell. There are two drilled holes representing eyes 3/4 of the way up. Carvings give the appearance of the shape of a spread bird, the eyes of the mask set in the "elbow" of the wings. Mouth of mask is the legs and triangular tail of the bird, the nose is the body and neck of the bird

Provenance

This example is from Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. This item had social and/or spiritual significance to the people of the Fort Ancient culture. There are multiple references to shell gorgets found in burials. See entry F-550 in the 1942 Museum Catalog for a grave find of a shell with incised lines representing a face.

Description

This is a shell, weeping eye gorget.

Provenance

The 1942 Museum Catalog references shell gorgets found as grave finds on skeletons' chests. For a grave find of a shell with incised lines representing a face, see entry F-550. From the William J. Curtis Collection. References to shell gorgets as grave finds in letters to Dr. William Webb from William Curtis.

Cat. No. A207 ✓ Artifact: String of beads
County: Mason - Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: String of 7 beads found in a grave
on Fox Field by Mr. Curtis, April 4, 1925.

Description

This is a string of 7 beads found in a grave on Fox Farm by William Curtis, April 4, 1925.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. Documented as a grave find in the 1942 Museum Catalog and 1949 Bill of Sale. Found by Curtis at Fox Farm.

Cat. No. A153 Artifact: String of beads
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: String of twelve beads found around
neck of skeleton on Fox Field by William
Curtis. March 25, 1925...

Description

This is a string of 12 beads found around the neck of a skeleton on Fox Farm by William Curtis, March 25, 1925.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. Found around the neck of a skeleton by Curtis in 1925.

Cat. No. A475 Artifact: Gorget
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: damaged, weeping eye, 2 hole,
shell, 2 3/8" ..;

D-67 Shell gorget, two holes, lines and markings on bothsides.
Found on the Fox Farm in 1925. Broken.

Description

This is a shell gorget with incised lines.

Provenance

Excavated from Fox Farm by William Curtis. There is a reference in the 1942 Museum Catalog and 1949 Bill of Sale to a grave that matches this object. The reference number is D-67. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many shell gorgets in graves at Fox Farm.

F-551 Shell gorget, from the breast of a skeleton in the
Fox Field, Mason County, 1925. Purchased from G. W.
Craycraft.

Description

This is a shell gorget.

Provenance

Excavated from Fox Farm by William Curtis. Numerous references to shell gorgets as grave goods and found around the necks and on the chests of skeletons. See entries in the 1942 Museum Catalog. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many shell gorgets in graves at Fox Farm.

found on the Fox Farm in 1925. Broken.

D-69 Shell gorgets. Grave find on the Fox Farm in April, 1921, by John Clark, Fred Fox and R. E. Carpenter.

In the grave were found two full grown skeletons lying side by side, and a child apparently lying across them. Limestone rocks set up edgeways around them, and flat stones over them.

Description

This is a shell gorget.

Provenance

Excavated from Fox Farm by William Curtis. Numerous references to shell gorgets as grave goods and found around the necks of skeletons. See references in the 1942 Museum Catalog. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many shell gorgets in graves at Fox Farm.

found on the Fox Farm in 1925. Broken.

D-68 Shell gorgets. Grave find on the Fox Farm in April, 1921, by John Clark, Fred Fox and R. W. Carpenter. In the grave were found two full grown skeletons lying side by side, and a child apparently lying across them. Limestone rocks set up edgeways around them, and flat stones over them.

Description

This is a shell gorget.

Provenance

Excavated from Fox Farm by William Curtis. Numerous references to shell gorgets as grave goods and found around the necks of skeletons. See references in the 1942 museum catalog.

Cat. No. A486 Artifact: Gorget
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: shell, polished, center hole only,
3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", found on chest of Skeleton , in 1925
and purchased from G.W. Craycraft.....

Description

This is a shell gorget.

Provenance

This was found on the chest of a skeleton in 1925 and purchased from G.W. Graycraft. See references in the 1942 Museum Catalog.

D-71 Shell gorget with two holes; thick and heavy. Grave find by Walter Curtis on the Fox Farm, and presented by him. In this grave were found several skeletons, one a small child, lying on the breast or in the arms of one of the others. Seven disc beads were found on the neck of one skeleton. Large animal bones and deer horns were found in the grave.

Description

This is a shell gorget.

Provenance

Excavated from Fox Farm by William Curtis. Numerous references to shell gorgets as grave goods and found around the necks of skeletons. See references in the 1942 Museum Catalog.

D-75 Engraved shell gorget, broken. Grave find, Fox Farm,
by W. J. Curtis, Feb. 7, 1925.
Engraved shell gorget with two holes: slightly broken.

Description

This is a shell gorget made from welk, a saltwater type of snail. Approximately 4.75 inches in length, 2.5 to 3 inches in width. Portions are missing. Carving depicts circles and a swirling design.

Provenance

This gorget was excavated from Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. According to the museum label, this item was undoubtedly fused with religious, spiritual, or social meaning. Such gorgets were found around the necks of skeletons.

Cat. No. A237 Artifact: Shell disc
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: Excavated from grave by Mr. Curtis
April 1, 1925

Description

This is a shell disc/bead.

Provenance

Note on index card reads, "Excavated from grave by Mr. Curtis, April 1, 1925." From Fox Farm, Mason County. William Curtis writes in his letters to Dr. William Webb about finding many shell discs in Fox Farm graves.

Cat. No. A23 Artifact: Gorget,
County: Nicholas Site No.
Remarks: excavated from burial mound
 clay site in 1929 by Kavanaugh.

Description

This is a shell pendant.

Provenance

From Nicolas County. Excavated from a burial mound in Clay side in 1929 by Kavanaugh.
Acquired by William Curtis.

Cat. No. A153 Artifact: String of beads
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: String of twelve beads found around
neck of skeleton on Fox Field by William
Curtis. March 25, 1925...

Description

This is a series of 12 shell beads strung together with string. Three of the beads are small, thin, similar to discs.

Provenance

The exhibit label indicates that beads like these were found around the necks of skeletons. The 1942 Museum Catalog references such necklaces as grave finds. Old index card record indicates that William J. Curtis found this string of beads around the neck of a skeleton on Fox Farm on March 25, 1925.

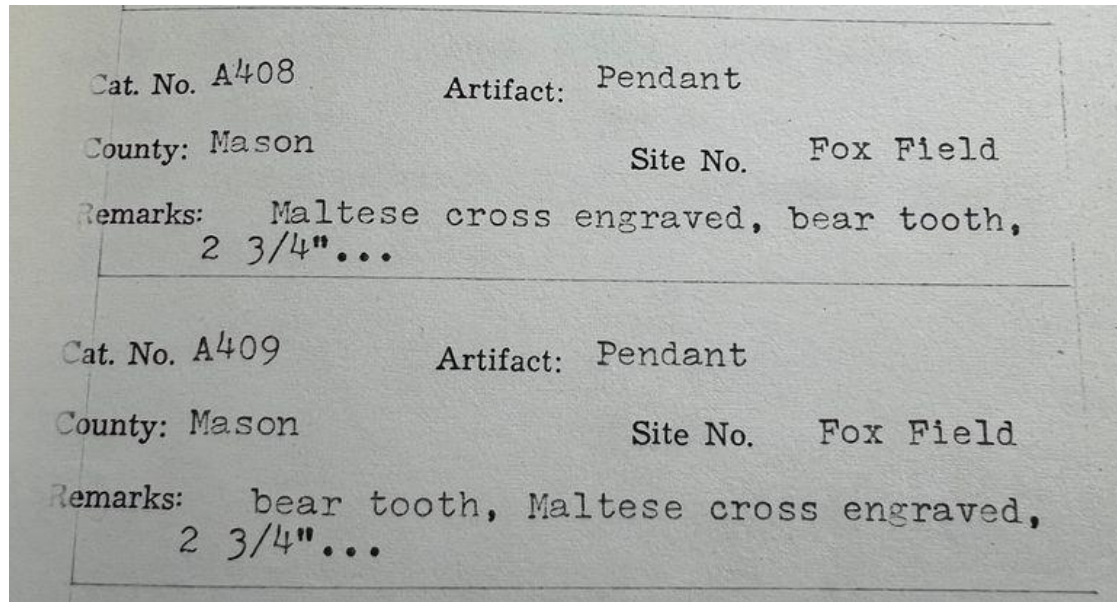
the Fox Field. Collected by W. J. Curtis and R. W. Carpenter.
D-30 Beads of cannel coal, slate and flint; some with incised
markings. Found on neck of a skeleton in the Fox Field
by W. J. Curtis April 4, 1925.

Description

These are four pendants made from cannel coal. They range in size from 1 to 2 inches in length. Each one has a drilled hole for suspension.

Provenance

There are references to beads of cannel coal found around the necks of skeletons at Fox Farm by William J. Curtis and R. W. Carpenter. See reference to D-80 in the 1942 Museum Catalog. There are multiple references to cannel coal beads from graves throughout the catalog. These are from Fox Farm, Mason County.



Description

This is a collection of three bear tooth pendants. Each tooth is approximately 2.5 inches in length. Two are darker in color, one is lighter in color.

Provenance

Fort Ancient culture. Multiple references to bear teeth pendants in the 1942 Museum Catalog found in graves. William S. Webb's article "A Note on Recently Discovered Evidence Throwing Light on the Possible Age of a Kentucky Site" published in 1927 mentions working with William J. Curtis in April 1925 to uncover graves at the Fox Farm site. In one grave, they found two teeth of a black bear under the jaw of one skeleton.

D-110 Shell beads found on the neck of a skeleton, Fox Farm,
by W. J. Curtis, 1925.

Description

This is series of 9 shell beads strung together on string.

Provenance

The exhibit label indicates that beads like these were found around the necks of skeletons. The 1942 Museum Catalog references such necklaces as grave finds. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many shell beads and pendants in graves at Fox Farm.

F-558 Beads of Marine shell, found on the neck of a skeleton. This skeleton was lying on his back, straightened out, with several other skeletons lying on him from waist down. Found on the Fox Field by W. J. Curtis, Mar. 25, 1925.

Description

This is a strand of marine shell beads made from Olivella, which are saltwater snails. There are 13 beads in all. Several beads still have a dried adhesive, probably hot glue from being mounted in a previous exhibit. Each bead measures approximately 1.5 inches in length.

Provenance

Beads are from Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. These types of shell beads are most common after about 1400 AD. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to shell necklaces found around the necks of skeletons in graves. These beads match entry F-558 in the 1942 museum catalog, which reads, "Beads of Marine shell, found on the neck of a skeleton. This skeleton was lying on his back, straightened out, with several other skeletons lying on him from waist down. Found on the Fox Farm by William J. Curtis, Mar. 25, 1925."

D-74 Large shell gorget found on the right breast, just
under the chin, of a skeleton, and a conk shell,

Description

This is a shell welk gorget.

Provenance

There are multiple references to shell gorgets found as grave finds on the chests of skeletons per the 1942 Museum Catalog and in letters written to Dr. William Webb from William Curtis.

D-90 Pendants of shell found in graves on the Fox Farm by
W. J. Curtis, R. W. Carpenter and others.

Description

This is a shell claw gorget.

Provenance

There are multiple references to shell gorgets and pendants found as grave finds on the chests of skeletons per the 1942 Museum Catalog and letters written to Dr. William Webb by William Curtis.

D-86

Beads made of marine shell found on the neck of a skeleton in the Fox Field March 25, 1925 by W. J. Curtis.

Description

This is an unthreaded shell necklace with bear tooth. There are 19 small beaded shells and larger shell remnant.

Provenance

There are references to shells and bear teeth found in graves excavated by William Curtis. See 1942 Museum Catalog and 1949 Bill of Sale. William Curtis writes in his letters to Dr. William Webb about finding many beads in Fox Farm graves.

by W. J. Curtis.

D-97

Bone and shell beads. Grave find on the Fox Farm by

Philip Shadle.

Description

This is a small strand of 10 canine teeth. All teeth are approximately 1 inch in length.

Provenance

These were taken from a Fort Ancient site. There are multiple references to animal teeth and beads excavated from Fort Ancient burial sites in the 1942 museum catalog.

P-556 Bone beads from the lap and breast of a skeleton
Found in the Fox Field Apr. 5, 1925, by W. J. Curtis.
110 beads were found on this skeleton, but all could
not be saved.

Description

This is a strand of 39 light brown beads approximately .5 inches in diameter and circumference.

Provenance

Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to bone necklaces found around the necks of skeletons in graves.

Bead, stone, small
A 513

Fox Field

Description

This is a collection of four small shell beads, drilled. Old numbers are A-240, A-242, A-243, and A-513.

Provenance

There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to beads found in graves at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A503

Artifact: Bead

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: Shell, pendant type, single drilling

Description

This is a shell pendant type bead with single drilling.

Provenance

Bead found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. There are multiple references to animal teeth and beads excavated from Fort Ancient burial sites in the 1942 Museum Catalog. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding beads in Fox Farm graves.

Cat. No. 455

Artifact: beads

County: Mason

Site No. Fox field

Remarks: Assorted: bear teeth, canine teeth, hawk
hawk claw, 8 pieces.....

Description

This is an assortment of bear and canine teeth, and a hawk claw strung together. It was found on Fox Farm.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. Collected by Curtis. There are references to bear and animal canine teeth found in graves excavated by Curtis. References are in the 1942 Museum Catalog and the 1949 Bill of Sale of the collection.

D-94 Shell pendants, some with two holes. Grave find, Fox Farm, 1925. Found by the Craycraft boys.

Description

These are two pendants made. Approximately 1.75 inches in length. Triangular in shape, one is darker than the other.

Provenance

These were taken from Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. There are multiple references to animal teeth and beads excavated from Fort Ancient burial sites in the 1942 Museum Catalog.

Cat. No. A220 Artifact: Pottery vessel

County: Trigg Site No.

Remarks: has two handles representing frogs
found in a grave, shell tempered 5 1/
diameter.....

Description

This is a pottery vessel.

Provenance

This is a grave find in Trigg County, Kentucky. Found by H. L. Johnson, Brandenburg, KY. W. J. Curtis traded a birdstone, which he had gotten from H.H. Gunthe to Mr. Johnson for this bowl. See reference F-518 in the 1942 Pioneer Museum catalog.

X-367 Piece of pottery found in grave on Fox farm by Mr. Curtis in 1932.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

This is from a grave from the Fox Farm site, Mason County, KY. William Curtis collected this in 1932. Referenced in the 1942 Museum Catalog and the 1949 Bill of Sale.

Description

This is a collection of 7 bear teeth and their fragments found in Fox Farm, Mason County. Old numbers are A-308 (base cut and ground); A-310 (base cut and ground); A319 (base cut and ground); A-326 (base cut and ground); and A-327 (base cut and ground).

Provenance

There are references to bear teeth found in Native graves in Fox Farm, Mason County, by William Curtis. The references are in the 1942 Museum Catalog and the 1949 Bill of Sale. Also, see references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to D-122 and D-123. Entry D-123 mentions the use of bear teeth on Native headdresses. These teeth are from Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A473 Artifact: String of beads
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: String of small oval type shell beads
numbering 71 beads found on Fox Field
by Mr. Curtis...

Description

This is a series of many small shell beads strung together on a string.

Provenance

The exhibit label indicates that beads like these were found around the necks of skeletons. The 1942 Museum Catalog references such necklaces as grave finds. These beads were found on Fox Farm by William J. Curtis. Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many beads in graves at Fox Farm.

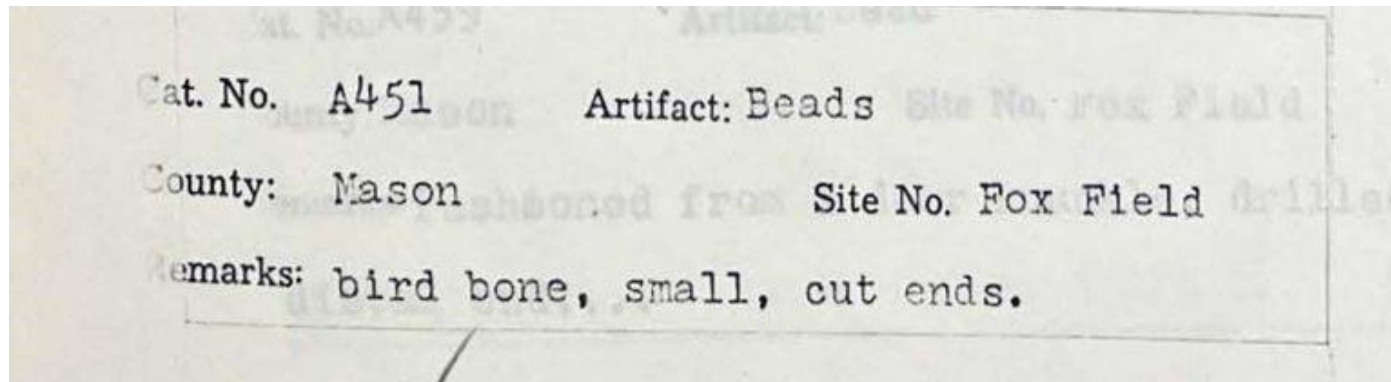
Cat. No. A217 Artifact: String of beads
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: String of 18 periwinkle beads found
 on Fox Field by William Curtis...

Description

This is a series of 18 shell beads strung together with string.

Provenance

The exhibit label indicates that beads like these were found around the necks of skeletons. The 1942 Museum Catalog references such necklaces as grave finds. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many beads in graves at Fox Farm.

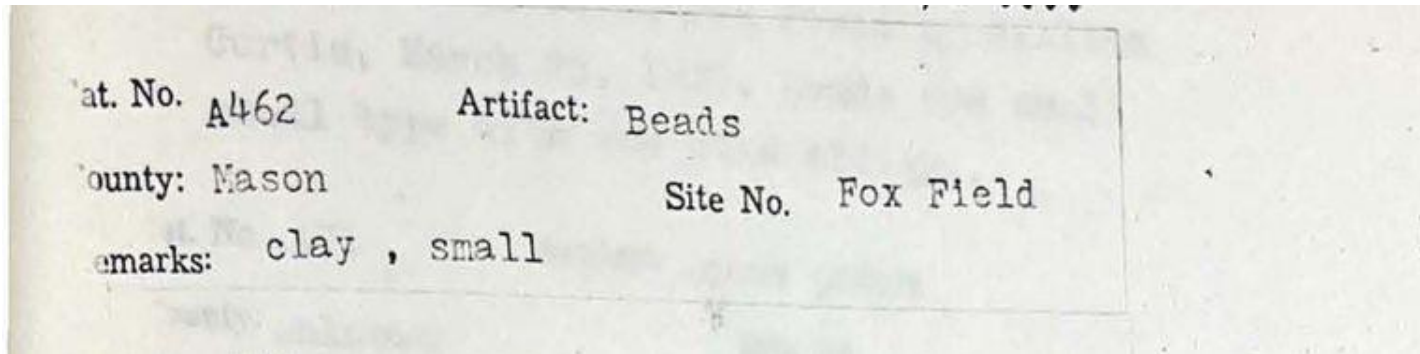


Description

This is a string necklace of 14 bone beads. The stones are white and tubular in shape with one bead in center front that is rounded square shaped. The beads range in size from .5 to 4 inches in length. The longest bead is in the rear of the neck area.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to bone necklaces found around the necks of skeletons in graves.



- D-111 Beads of pottery, bone and shell, found on the Fox Farm.
- D-112 Shell beads bound in Clay mound, Nicholas County.
- D-113 The pottery beads found on the Fox Farm.

Description

Nine round pottery beads strung together.

Provenance

The 1949 Curtis Collection Bill of Sale acknowledges pottery beads found on Fox Farm by Curtis. The 1942 Museum Catalog documents the finding of many beads in grave sites as well as letters to Dr. William Webb from William Curtis. These beads are from Fox Farm, Mason County.

D-92

Bone beads from the lap and breast of a skeleton found on the Fox Farm April 5, 1925 by W. J. Curtis. More beads were found on this skeleton than any excavated.

Description

Animal bone beads strung together to form a necklace.

Provenance

These beads came from the Fox Farm, Mason County site. There are multiple references to bone-beaded necklaces found on the necks of skeletons in gravesites per the 1942 museum catalog.

Description

This is an animal tooth bead.

Provenance

There are multiple references to animal tooth beads as grave finds per the 1942 Museum Catalog and the discovery of beads in numerous graves at Fox Farm per William Curtis's letters to Dr. William Webb.

Cat. No. A534

Artifact: Effigy bead

County: ~~M~~ Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: Engraved, redrilled, catlinite...

Description

This is a small effigy bead made of red catlinite stone. The bead is engraved with lines that form three concentric v shapes. It is redrilled.

Provenance

This is from the William Curtis collection. Uncovered at Fort Ancient Site in Mason County, KY. There are multiple references to beads found in graves per the 1942 museum catalog. Letters from William Curtis to Dr. William Webb reference many beads found in the graves he uncovered.

C-101 Twelve small flint arrow points found in grave with one Indian skeleton. Fox Farm, Mason County. Found by W. J. Curtis May 2, 1932

Description

This is a group 5 Fort Ancient style points. They are triangular in shape with straight base and sides. Referred to as Madison triangular points. The colors vary as they are made from different kinds of chert and range in length from approximately .75 to 1.75 inches in length. Largest point has a subtle taper to the point.

Provenance

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Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm site in Mason County, KY. Multiple entries in the 1942 Museum Catalog to arrow points being found in grave sites.

Cat. No. A236 Artifact: String of beads
County: Bracken Site No.
Remarks: String of 9 miscellaneous bone
and shell beads found while excavating
the Ford Garage in Augusta, presented
by Walter Wever and Ber McKibbin.

Description

This is a string of 9 miscellaneous bone, clay, and shell beads.

Provenance

The beads were found while excavating for the Ford Garage (Fort Ancient site) in Augusta, KY. They are presented by Walter Wever and Ber McKibbin. The beads are referenced in the 1942 museum catalog.

Cat. No. A384 Artifact: Dipper
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: Fashioned from conch shell, patina
on inside and outside. top damaged. 4½".

Description

This is a conch wheel pendant.

Provenance

There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to shell pendants as grave finds. There is a reference to a conch shell as a grave good in entry D-74 found by Curtis on March 2, 1925. Curtis writes about this find in one letter to Dr. William Webb.

D-74 Large shell gorget found on the right breast, just under the chin, of a skeleton, and a conch shell,

Description

This is a conch wheel pendant.

Provenance

There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to shell pendants as grave finds. There is a reference to a conch shell as a grave good in entry D-74. William Curtis writes in his letters Dr. William Webb about finding numerous shell pendants in graves at Fox Farm.

Cat. No. A484 Artifact: Gorget
County: Mason Site No. FoxField
Remarks: Upper portion of Conch Shell, 2 holes,
 slightly damaged, 4½"... surface find by
 Dorth Davis , April 17, 1932...

Description

This is a conch wheel pendant.

Provenance

There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to shell pendants as grave finds. There is a reference to a conch shell as a grave good in entry D-74. Curtis writes about finding shell pendants in Fox Farm graves.

Cat. No. A485 Artifact: Pendant
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: upper portion of conch whorl, 2
drillings, surface find by William
Curtis.

Description

This is a conch wheel pendant.

Provenance

Multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to shell pendants as grave finds. There is a reference to a conch shell as a grave good in entry D-74. William Curtis writes in his letters Dr. William Webb about finding numerous shell pendants in graves at Fox Farm.

Cat. No. A458

Artifact: beads

County: mason

Site No. fox field

Remarks: string of 12 small animal teeth each
with single drillings, from the general
surface of the site....

Description

12 animal teeth strung together on a piece of string.

Provenance

There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to animal pendants and beads as grave goods and found around the necks of skeletons.

Cat. No. A99 Artifact: string of beads
County: Mason Site No. Fox Fiel
Remarks: string of 7 beads found on surfa
 of Fox Farm by Mr. Curtis...

Description

This is a series of 7 conical shaped shell beads strung together.

Provenance

The exhibit label indicates that beads like these were found around the necks of skeletons. The 1942 Museum Catalog references such necklaces as grave finds. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding many beads in graves at Fox Farm.

Description

This is a grooved bone body ornament, possibly a nose or ear pin.

Provenance

This is from the Fox Farm, Mason County, KY Fort Ancient Site. There are references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to ornaments removed from the Native American bodies.

D-157 Bone hair ornaments from the back of the heads of skeletons. Found in the Fox Field by W. J. Curtis Apr. 5, 1925.

Description

This is a bone hairpin.

Provenance

Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. This is from the Fox Farm Farm, Fort Ancient Site Mason County, KY. It is a hairpin and not a sewing needle. references to D-157 in 1942 Museum Catalog.

Cat. No. A458

Artifact: beads

County: mason

Site No. fox field

Remarks: string of 12 small animal teeth each
with single drillings, from the general
surface of the site....

Description

12 animal teeth strung together on a piece of string.

Provenance

Multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to animal pendants and beads as grave goods and found around the necks of skeletons in graves at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a drilled deer knuckle bead.

Provenance

The 1942 Museum Catalog references bone beads found in the graves of Fort Ancient Native Americans. This bead came from Fox Farm Farm, Mason County, KY. William Curtis reports in his letters to Dr. William Webb finding many beads in Fox Farm graves.

Cat. No. A459 Artifact: Bead
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: Fashioned from a deer knuckle, drilled
distal end....

Description

This is a drilled deer knuckle bead.

Provenance

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Provenance

The 1942 Museum Catalog references bone beads found in the graves of Fort Ancient Native Americans. This bead came from Fox Farm Farm, Mason County, KY. William Curtis reports in his letters to Dr. William Webb finding many beads in Fox Farm graves.

Cat. No. A247 Artifact: Bead
County: Mason Site No. Fox Fie
Remarks: Fashioned from a deer knuckle,
distal end....

Description

This is a drilled deer knuckle bead.

Provenance

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Provenance

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Description

This is a stone pendant.

Provenance

Worn as decoration around the neck. Multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as items as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.

F-503 Banded slate gorget; two holes at the center. Grave
find by J. D. Peck in 1895 on the farm of Wallace Peck
near Sherburne, Ky. Presented by J. D. Peck.

Description

This is a stone pendant.

Provenance

Pendants were worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as such items as grave goods. Gorgets were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased. There is a reference in the 1942 Museum Catalog to a banded slate gorget with two holes at center as a grave find. See entry F-503.

Description

This is a stone pendant.

Provenance

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Description

This is a stone pendant.

Provenance

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Provenance

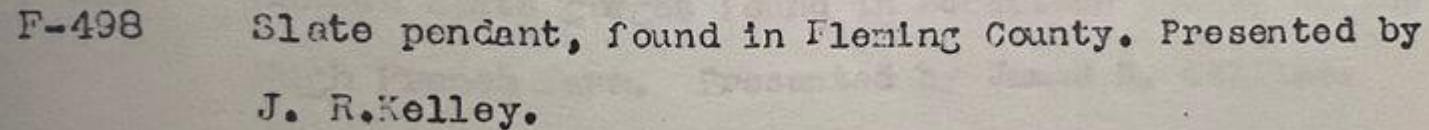
Worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as such items as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.

Description

This is a banded slate gorget. Rectangular with three holes. Damaged. 2.75" x 2".

Provenance

Worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as such items as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.



F-498 Slate pendant, found in Fleming County. Presented by
J. R. Kelley.

Description

This is a dark grey slate pendant. 4". Worn as decoration around the neck and found in burials.

Provenance

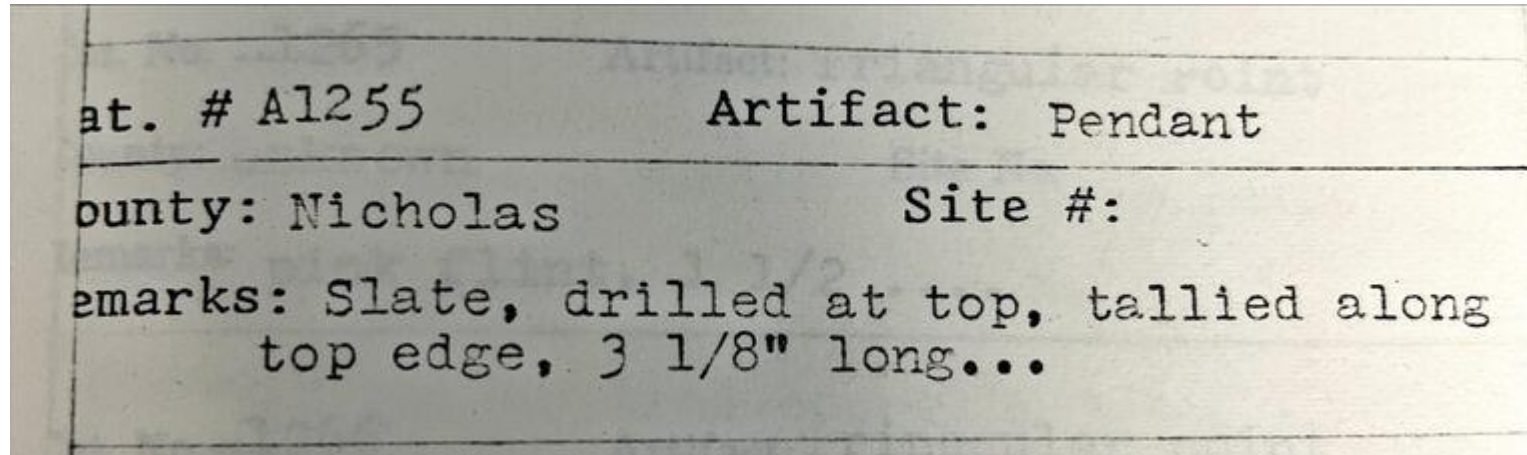
Presented by J.R. Kelly to William J. Curtis in 1932. Purchased by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1949.

Description

This is a dark grey slate pendant. 3.5" long.

Provenance

Worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as such items as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.

**Description**

This is a dark grey slate pendant. 3" long.

Provenance

From Nicolas County. Worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as pendants as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.

Description

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Provenance

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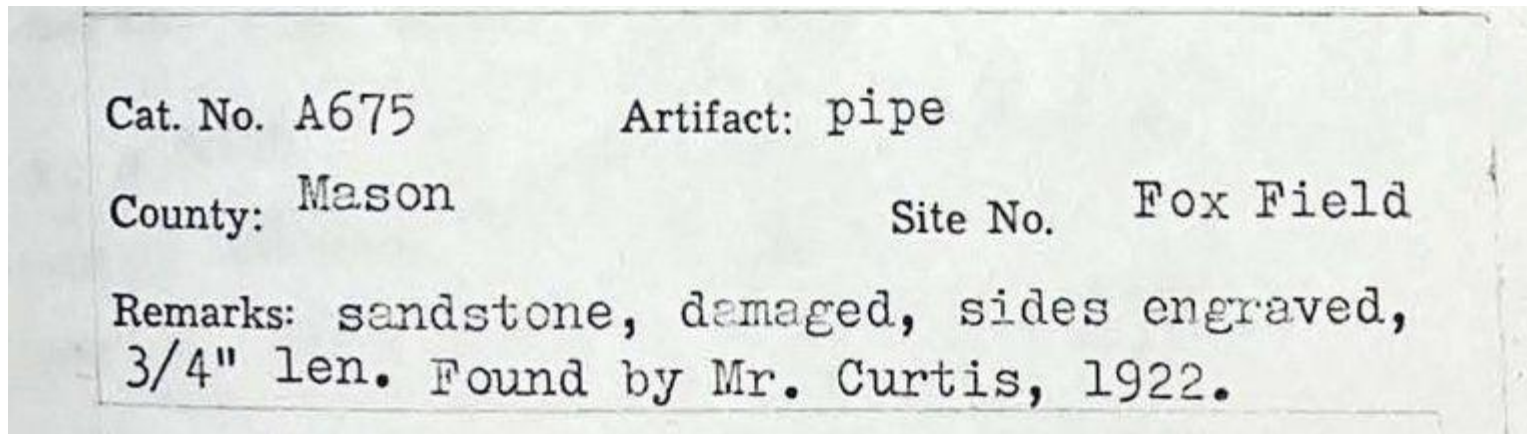
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Provenance

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**Description**

This is a pipe.

Provenance

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Pipes are found in prehistoric graves (per exhibit label). Many pipes are documented as grave finds in the 1942 museum catalog. William Curtis writes to Dr. William Webb about finding pipes in graves.

CASE D

This case contains a great many artifacts excavated by W. J. Curtis on the Fox Farm in Mason County, Ky. The shells and beads were found around the necks of skeletons, and many of the pipes were in the graves.

Description

This is a stone pipe preform.

Provenance

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Description

This is a collection of four pipes. There are two duck like bird effigies, one figure eight shape, and the other is conical shaped.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. Pipes are found in prehistoric graves (per exhibit label). Many pipes are documented as grave finds in the 1942 Museum Catalog.

Description

This is a round gaming stone.

Provenance

Curtis References game balls as grave finds in the 1942 Museum Catalog and 1949 Bill of Sale. See entries F-25, F-26, F-27, and F-28.

Cat. No. A147 Artifact: Gameball
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: Grave find by William Curtis,
 granite, green, 2"...

Description

This is a round gaming stone.

Provenance

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Provenance

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Description

This is a granite game ball. It is pitted. 3.5" in diameter. Game balls like these were used as burial offerings to the deceased.

Provenance

Presented to William J. Curtis for the Blue Licks Memorial Museum.

Ramsey, Portsmouth, Ohio.

C-145 Eight flints with long shanks, all of the same design; Indian skull, pottery bowls, jars and dishes; four pipes; grooved axe; celt; pestles. Found in Union County, Ky., near Morganfield, by H. R. Sale, U. S. Engineer.

Description

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Description

This is a pottery vessel.

Provenance

See reference to C-157 in the 1942 museum catalog. Pottery bowls, jars, dishes, four pipes, a grooved ax, celt, and pestles in a grave in Union County. The collector H. R. Sale worked for the Kentucky Utilities Company and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was an avid collector of Native American artifacts and unearthed items from burial mounds and graves.

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Engineer.

Description

This is a pottery vessel, cracked with repairs. 5".

Provenance

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Description

This is a small pottery vessel with a scalloped rim and incised decorated surface, fiber-tempered.

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County, Ky., near Morganfield, by H. R. Sale, U. S.
Engineer.

Description

This is a small clay pot with one handle and limestone deposit on the outer surface. 3.25".

Provenance

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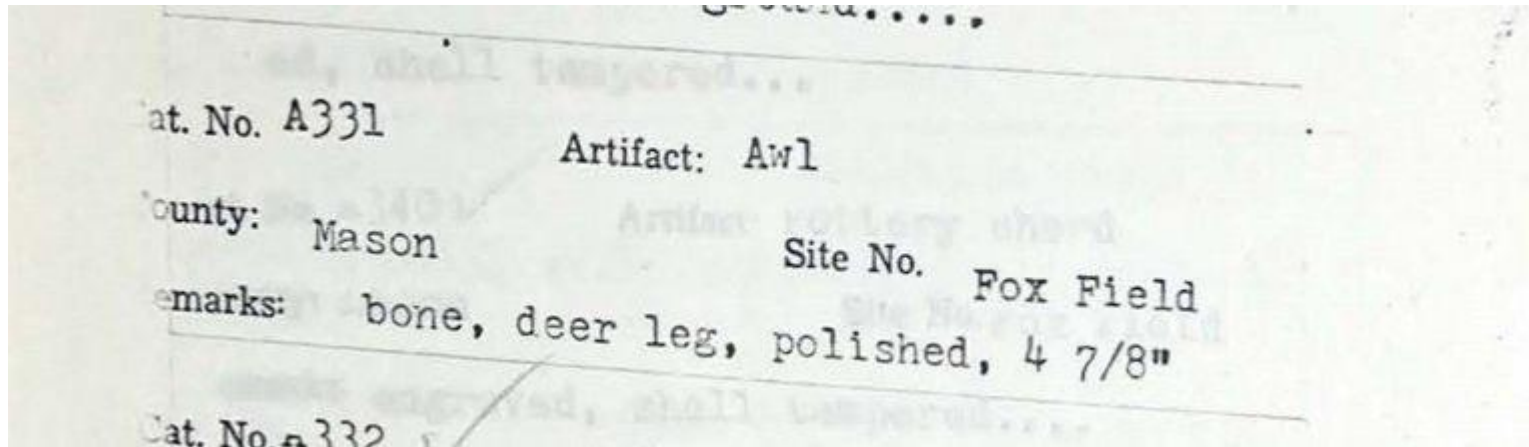
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Description

These are two bone awls. The first (a) is a straight piece of leg bone of deer or elk has a part of the joint or knuckle on end. The second (b) is a wide flat bone like a scapula or section of femur rounded top and a wedge shape to the stabbing point one protrusion to hook finger or thumb on the side.

Provenance

From Fox Farm Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog references awls found as grave goods. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding bone awls in graves.

Cat. No. A263

Artifact: AWL

County: Mason

Site No. FOX field

Remarks: fashioned from a large bird leg, p
damaged, 5"

Description

This is a bone awl found in Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. It is fashioned from a large bird leg, 5 inches.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog makes multiple references to awls being found in graves. William Curtis wrote to Dr. William Webb about finding awls in graves at Fox Farm.

Cat. No. A260

Artifact: AWL

County: Mason

Site No. FOX field

Remarks: fashioned from leg of wild turkey,
3 5/8", from the general surface of the

Description

This is a bone awl found in Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. It is fashioned from the leg of a wild turkey 3 5/8 inches.

Provenance

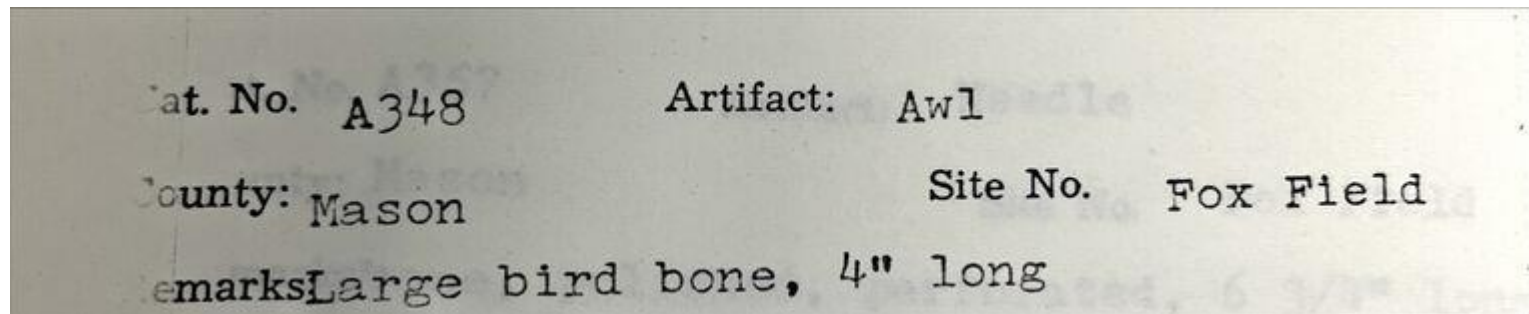
From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog makes multiple references to awls being found in graves. Curtis describes in letters to Dr. William Webb about finding awls in graves.

Description

This is an awl fashioned from deer bone. It is approximately 5.25 inches in length.

Provenance

From Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog references awls found as grave goods. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding bone awls in graves.

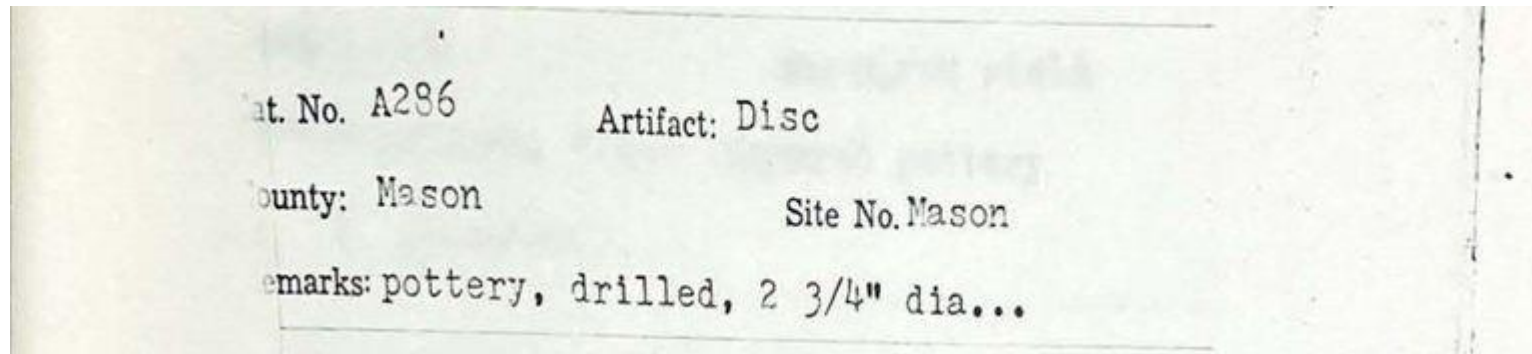


Description

This is an awl fashioned from a large bird bone. It is approximately 4 inches in length.

Provenance

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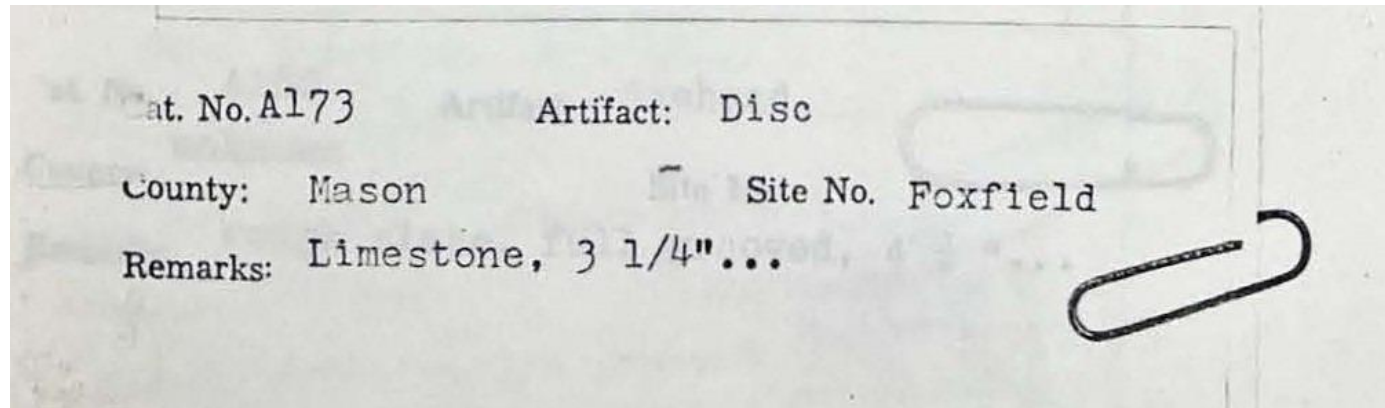


Description

This is a collection of two ceramic discs. One is 3 inches in diameter, the other 2 inches. Both show fragments of shell and marking from cordage. Both have a small hole in the center.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm Site in Mason County, KY. Per the 1942 museum catalog, there are multiple references to discoidals uncovered as grave goods. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. William Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding stone discs in graves at Fox Farm.



Description

This is a chipped Limestone gorget disk, approximately 4 inches in diameter.

Provenance

Uncovered at the Fox Farm site in Mason County, KY. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. William Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding stone discs in graves.

Cat. No. A234

Artifact: Pottery disc

County: Mason

Site No. FOX Pie

Remarks: shell tempered, double drilled,
plain surface, 7/8"....

Description

This is a pendant. Shell tempered, double drilled, plain surface. 7/8".

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. William Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding pottery discs and pendants in graves.

Description

This is a sandstone discoidal. Cupped on both sides. 1.875" dia.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog records the discovery of game stones or discoidals in graves. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. William Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding discs like this in graves.

Description

This is a sandstone discoidal or game stone. Design on edges. 1.25".

Provenance

Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog records the discovery of game stones or discoidals in graves. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. Webb and Dr. Funkhouser about finding sandstone discs in graves.

Cat. No. A 272 Artifact: Gamestone
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: sandstone, flat, both sides are
marked with tree on one side.. 1 1/4"..

Description

This is a flat sandstone discoidal or game stone. Both sides are marked with tree on one side. 1.25".

Provenance

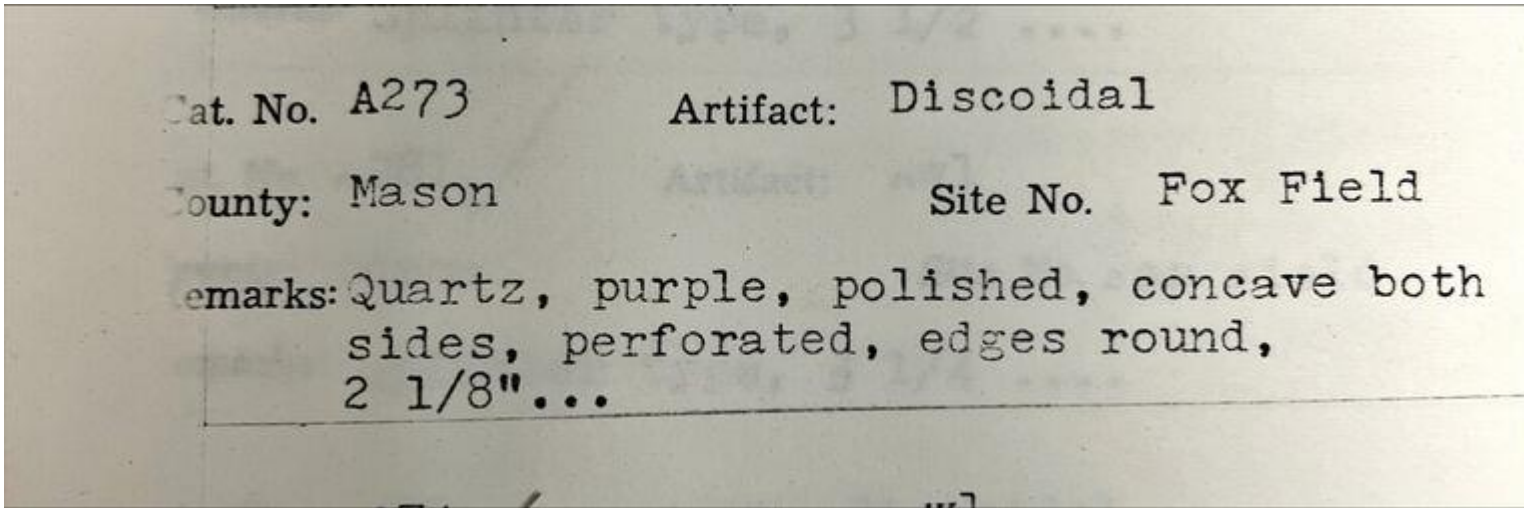
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Description

This is one stone in a collection of six flat circular discs with a small hole drilled in the center of the disc. They are all about the same size.

Provenance

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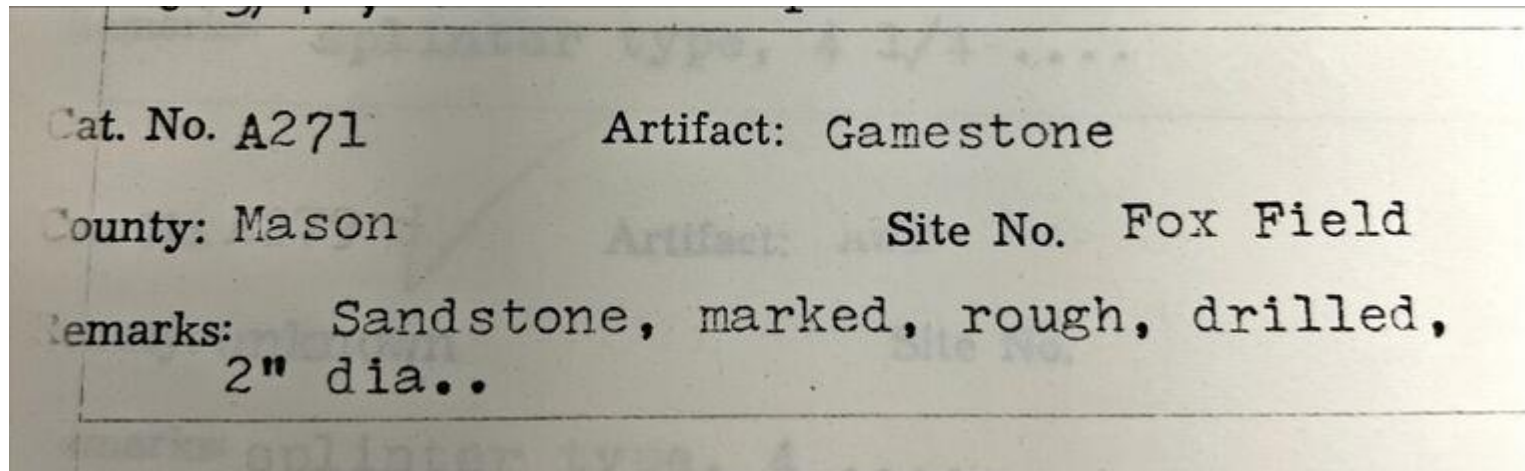


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Description

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Description

This is a collection of two discoidal or disk-shaped gaming stones. There is a hole in each of them. Each one is decorated with incisions. One disc is 1.75 inches in diameter, the other is 2 inches in diameter.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason, KY. The 1942 Museum Catalog records the discovery of game stones or discoidals in graves. William Curtis wrote in his letters to Dr. William Webb about finding sandstone discs in graves.

Description

This is a sandstone discoidal, design on the edges. 1.25"

Provenance

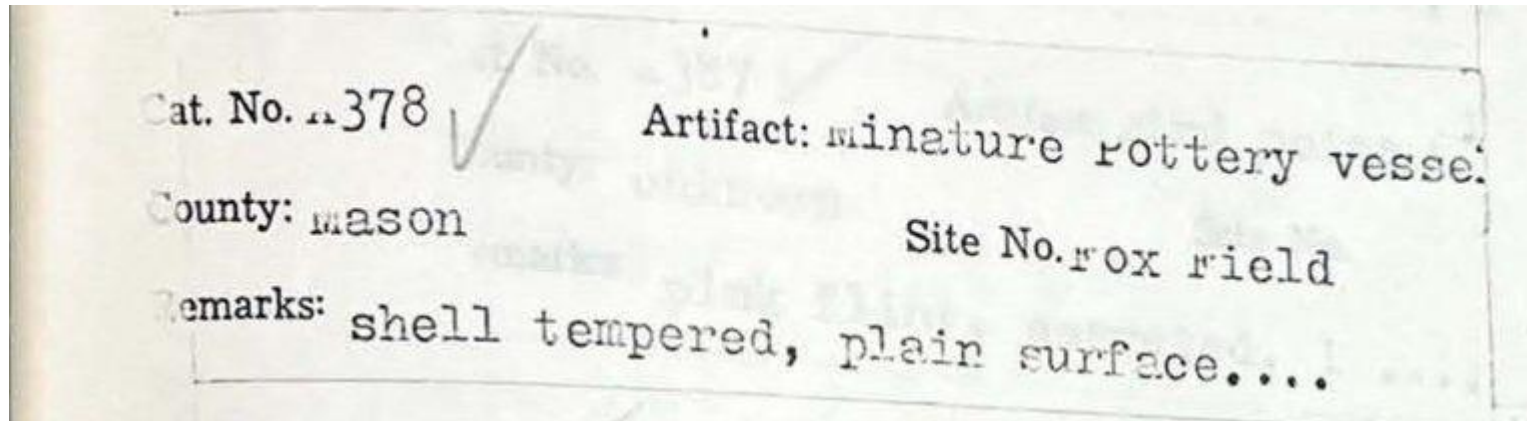
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Description

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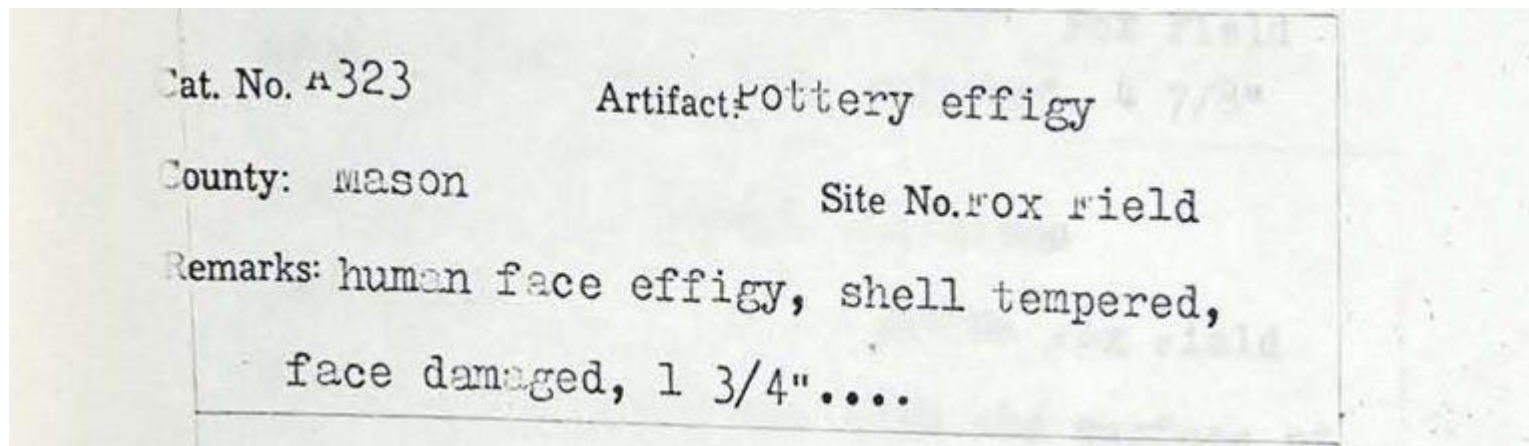
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**Description**

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Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.



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Provenance

There is a reference to "Indian pottery rattlers, formed like a head and face features. Found on the Fox Farm" in the 1942 museum catalog. See reference F-482.

Cat. No. A322

Artifact: Effigy

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: human effigy, showing hairstyle and
face, 2 1/4".....

Description

This is a human effigy, showing hairstyle and face. 2.25".

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is an engraved effigy stone.

Provenance

Reference A-265 in the 1942 Museum Catalog. This entry references a beetle effigy found on Fox Farm. Curtis Collection.

Description

This is an engraved effigy stone.

Provenance

There is a reference in the 1942 Museum Catalog to a "Small red stone resembling an alligators head. Probably a pipe." See entry D-140.

Description

This is an engraved effigy stone representing a fish.

Provenance

This limestone rock representing a fish was found by W. N. Swartz on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. See entry D-39 in the 1942 museum catalog.

Description

This is an engraved effigy stone representing a fish.

Provenance

This limestone rock representing a fish was found on the Fox Farm by William J. Curtis. See entry D-38 in the 1942 museum catalog.

Description

This is an engraved effigy stone representing a human face.

Provenance

Discovered at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

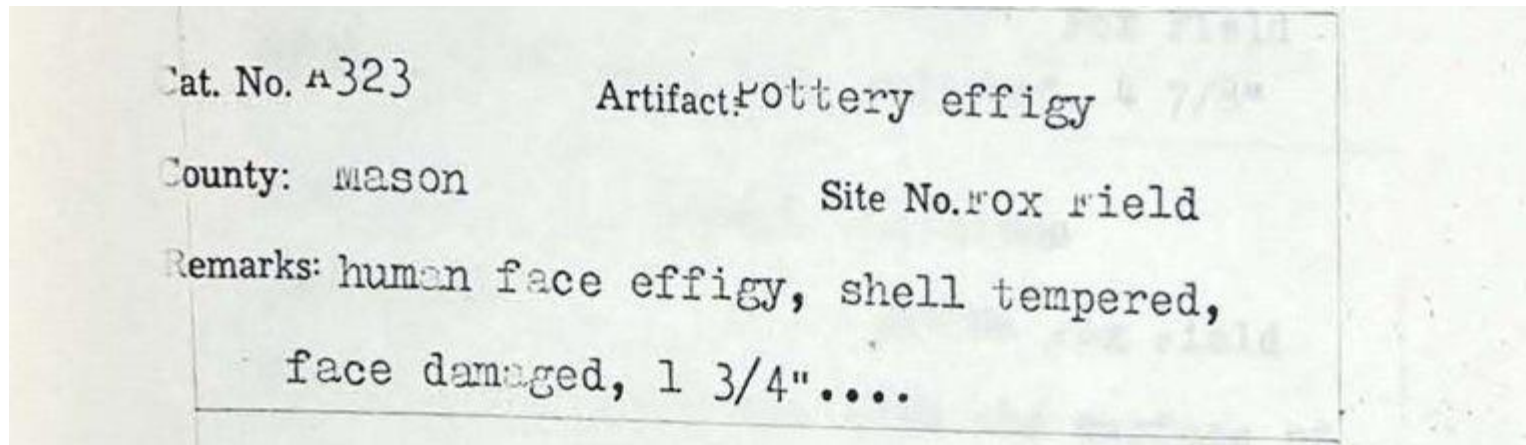
Cat. No. 382 Artifact: Effigy
County: Mason Site No. FOX Fi
Remarks: indian with a bow and arrow, sa
circular stone....

Description

This is a red sandstone effigy discoidal with incised lines representing an Indian with a bow and arrow.

Provenance

This item was found on Fox Farm by William J. Curtis in 1925. See entry D-43 in the 1942 museum catalog. Purchased by the commonwealth in 1949.



Description

This is the effigy rim rider of a horse. It is approximately 2.25 inches in length, and approximately 1.5 inches in circumference. Reddish in color.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. After about 1400 AD, Fort Ancient potters would add animal heads to their vessels, most often on bowls. Ducks, birds, dogs, otters, lizards, and frogs crawling up the sides are known.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

Broken pieces of pottery handles were found on Fox Farm by Mr. Curtis and Mr. Carpenter between 1916-1922 referenced in the 1942 Museum Catalog and the 1949 Bill of Sale.

Cat. No. A366 Artifact: Rim sherd
County: Mason Site No. FOX Fie
Remarks: small, handle, shell tempered.

Description

Pottery sherd handle.

Provenance

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Description

This is a pottery sherd handle. Shell tempered.

Provenance

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Provenance

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...pottery in the Fox Field.
F-343 Twelve pieces of perforated pottery found on the Fox
Farm by W. J. Curtis.

Description

This is a colander fragment.

Provenance

This is one of twelve pieces of perforated pottery found on Fox Farm by William Curtis. See reference F-343 in the 1942 Blue Licks Museum Catalog.

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Farm by W. J. Curtis.

Description

This is a 2-inch circular fragment of colander-style bowl, a series of holes punched into a clay fragment.

Provenance

There is a reference to twelve pieces of perforated pottery found on the Fox Farm by William J. Curtis in the 1942 museum catalog. See entry F-343.

Description

This is the rim portion of a clay pot. It is shell tempered. Approximately 3 inches at top, 4.25 at widest part, bottom comes to a point. Shell pieces visible throughout. Series of etchings give the appearance of mountain range. Reddish brown in color.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County KY. There is a reference to ten pieces of decorated pottery found in Fox Farm by William J. Curtis and Mr. Carpenter from 1914 to 1921. See entry F-361 in the 1942 museum catalog.

Description

This is a small portion of clay pot. Shell tempered. Approximately 1.25 inches at top, 2 inches at widest point and .5 inch at bottom. Brownish color. Small loop handle that tapers from top to bottom slightly.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is the rim portion of clay pot, light brown in color. Looped handle tapering from top to bottom. To the left of the handle there are a series of etchings along with etched lines on the bottom of portion. Lower part of handle appears a bit darker with soot.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is the rim portion of a clay pot, clay tempered. Just below rim there are 2 rows of indentations parallel to one another, with scoring just beneath. The remnant is approximately 2.5 inches in width at the top, 3 inches at the widest and approximately 3.25 inches from top to bottom. Pieces of shell are visible throughout.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a section of rim from a clay pot, tempered with shell. It consists of a large looped handle tapering down to the bottom. Large crack on left side. The bottom portion of this remnant is scored. Piece is approximately 3.5 inches in length and 5 inches tall.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a remnant of a shell tempered clay pot. 4.5 inches at top, 4.75 inches at bottom. Etchings of a wavy pattern with series of line etching underneath. Cracked, appears to have been put together with super glue. Light brownish in color.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is the rim portion of a clay pot, tempered with shell. Brownish in color with bits of shell visible. Approximately 3 inches wide at widest point. No visible imprinting from cordage or other decorations. Darker spot in middle of lower half.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm In Mason County KY.

Description

This is the rim portion of a clay jar. Approximately 3.75 inches in width, 3 inches in length. Wide tapering loop handle. Series of notches along rim.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is the rim section of a clay pot. It is tempered with shell. Approximately 3.5 inches in length and width. Small loop handle roughly in middle, incised around bottom portion of remnant.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is the rim portion of a clay pot. It is deeply incised and cord marked. Brownish in color, with a crisscross pattern. 2.5 inches in width and length.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a rim portion of large shell tempered jar. Approximately 6.5 inches in width and 5 inches in length. Series of notches along rim and large, wide handle tapering to bottom. Surface shows signs of cording being pressed into the surface while clay was wet.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. Fort Ancient culture.

Description

This is a pottery figurine.

Provenance

Reference to F-357 in the 1942 museum catalog: "Small pottery forms, three pieces, found on the Fox Farm by R. W. Carpenter, 1921." Found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

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Provenance

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Provenance

Reference to F-357 in the 1942 museum catalog: "Small pottery forms, three pieces, found on the Fox Farm by R. W. Carpenter, 1921." Found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery figurine or effigy of a duck head.

Provenance

Duck head effigy found in Fox Farm. It is referenced in the 1942 Museum Catalog and 1949 Bill of Sale. See entries F-355, F-356, and F-485. Found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

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F-361 Ten pieces of decorated pottery found in the Fox Field by Mr. Curtis and
Mr. Carpenter, 1917-1921.

F-362 Small pottery jar found in Hickman Co. Presented by E. B. Allen, 1917-1921.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

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Provenance

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Description

This is a pottery sherd lug handle.

Provenance

Found on Fox Farm.

Cat. No. A349

Artifact: rim sherd

County: mason

Site No. fox field

Remarks: handle, grit tempered, plain surface

Description

This is a rim sherd. Grit tempered, plain surface.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A 354

Artifact: rim sherd

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: handle, shell tempered, cord marked

Description

This is a pottery rim sherd that is the handle. It is shell-tempered and cord-marked.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A368

Artifact: Pottery disc

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: undrilled, shell tempered, cord
marked....

Description

This is an undrilled, shell-tempered, cord-marked pottery disc.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A346

Artifact: Pottery sherd

County: Mason

Site No. FOX ri

Remarks: grit tempered cord marked....

Description

This is a pottery sherd that is grit tempered, and cord marked.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A359

Artifact: rim sherd

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: handle, shell tempered, plain surface

Description

This is a pottery rim sherd that is the handle. It is shell tempered with a plain surface.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A365

Artifact: rim sherd

County: mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: handle, shell tempered, cord marked

Description

This is a handle (pottery sherd) that is shell-tempered and cord-marked.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A338

Artifact: pottery sherd

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: grit tempered, cord mark design,

Description

This is a grit-tempered pottery sherd with a cord mark design.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A367

Artifact: rim sherd

County: mason

Site No. fox field

Remarks: very small handle, shell tempered.

Description

This is a sherd from a piece of shell-tempered pottery. Very small handle.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A347

Artifact: rim sherd

County: mason

Site No. 10 FOX field

Remarks: handle, cord marked, shell tempered

Description

This is a rim sherd from a piece of shell-tempered pottery. Handle and core marked.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

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Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A356

Artifact:rim sherd

County:mason

Site No. FOX field

Remarks:handle, shell tempered, cord marked.

Description

This is a rim sherd from a piece of shell-tempered pottery.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A343

Artifact: Pottery sherd

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: fiber tempered, rim sherd, ...

Description

This is a fiber-tempered pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a pottery sherd.

Provenance

From Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A1263

Artifact: Drill

County: Mason

Site No. J

Remarks: cone type, 1 , gray chert.

Description

This is a cone-type drill of grey chert. 1".

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. n1256

Artifact: drill

County: MASON

Site No.

Remarks: mottled chert, 1

Description

This is a drill of mottled chert. 1".

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a hide scraper or knife blade of mottled flint, nonsymmetrical. 3.25".

Provenance

Scrapers of this type were found in graves.

Description

This is a granite celt.

Provenance

Found by Philip Shadle on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. Collected by William Curtis. See entry F-14 in the 1942 museum catalog.

Description

This is a small pottery effigy cup.

Provenance

There are multiple references to pottery found in graves per the 1942 Museum Catalog and the 1949 Bill of Sale. Per the 1942 museum catalog, see entry F-540: "Pottery cup-like object, with face, and long projecting nose. Collected by Fred Bierbower, and presented by Miss Grace Bierbower, 1935."

Description

This is an Adena culture stone knife.

Provenance

Such types of knives were found in graves as burial offerings.

Description

This is an arrowhead of pinkish-grey flint. 1".

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm, Mason County, KY. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog to projectile points found in Native graves.

Description

This is a pentagonal type arrowhead, light grey flint. 2".

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Description

This is an early archaic tan chert LeCroy type arrowhead. 1.5".

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Description

This is a small early archaic LeCroy type arrowhead of tan chert. 1".

Provenance

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Provenance

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Description

This is an early archaic small LeCroy type arrowhead made of light chert. Point damage. 1.125".

Provenance

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Description

This is an early archaic LeCroy type arrowhead of light tan chert. 1.375".

Provenance

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others on their sides. Some were buried much deeper
than others, with soil, clay, ashes and rock piled
them, and on top of this other burials were made.
Artifacts of some kind were found on nearly all of
skeletons, such as shell gorgets, shell pendants,
shell discs, shell and bone beads, bone awls, flint
arrow points, flint knives, sandstone discoidals

Description

This is a drill point that is knapped from chert. Approximately 1.5 inches in length.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. William Curtis documents the discovery of tools like this in graves.

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Description

This is a T-shaped drill point knapped from chert. It is approximately 1.5 inches in length.

Provenance

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Cat. No. A373 Artifact: Whistle
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: turkey bone, 3 hole, 3 3/4" long...
Upstairs display...

D-158 Three bird bone whistles; two found on the Fox Farm;
one made by W. J. Curtis.

Description

This is a dark-colored bone whistle with three holes. Bone is turkey—approximately 4" in length.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. Discovered by William J. Curtis on the Fox Farm site, Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A371 Artifact: Whistle
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: turkey bone, 4 hole, 3 3/4" long

D-158 Three bird bone whistles; two found on the Fox Farm;
one made by W. J. Curtis.

Description

This is a light-colored turkey bone whistle with four holes—approximately 4" in length.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. Discovered by William J. Curtis on the Fox Farm site, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a flint knife.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. Knives like this were burial offerings to the deceased.
Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A314 Artifact: Shell hoe
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: Mussel shell, drilled...

Description

This is a mussel shell hoe with a drilled hole.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

D-153 Bone awls made from the shoulder blade of deer or elk;
bone needles; bone hair ornaments. twenty-eight pieces.
Found on the Fox Field in Mason County.

at. No. A357 Artifact: Needle
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: bone, polished, perforated, 6 3/4" long

Description

This is a bone sewing needle.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A351

Artifact: Celt

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: Fashioned from the basal section of
large antler possibly elk, blade is
polished from use, 4 3/4" x 3"....

D-155 Celt, or farming tool, made from the leg bone of a large
animal. Found on the Fox Farm.

Description

This is a celt fashioned from the basal section of a large antler, possibly elk. Blade is polished from use. 4.75" x 3".

Provenance

Found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a stone pendant.

Provenance

Worn as decoration around the neck. There are multiple references in the 1942 Museum Catalog as pendants as grave goods. Pendants were worn as ornaments or symbols of status and were interred with the deceased.

Cat. No. A45 Artifact: Chisel
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: grey granite, 4",

Description

This is a grey granite chisel. 4".

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A316

Artifact: Spoon

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: Edges heavily ground, mussel shell.

Description

This is a spoon fashioned from a purple mussel shell. Found in Fox Farm, Mason County. Edges are heavily ground.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A317

Artifact: Spoon

County: Mason

Site No. Fox Field

Remarks: Shell, unusual, fashioned from purple mussel shell.....

Description

This is a spoon fashioned from a purple mussel shell.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. 332

Artifact: whetstone

County: Mason

Site No. FOX field

Remarks: burnt sandstone, from the surface of
the site....

Description

This is a piece of burned sandstone found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Provenance

There is a reference to whetstones found on Fox Farm by William J. Curtis in the 1942 Museum Catalog. See entry D-62.

Cat. No. 123

Artifact: HOE

County: Mason

Site No. FOX

Remarks: limestone, blade smooth from
stem, 8 1/2

Description

This is an eggplant shaped limestone hoe with some flaking to the edge to sharpen. Blade smooth from wear, stem. 8.5".

Provenance

Information from old catalog card states that the hoe came from Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a limestone hoe, blade smooth from wear.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a reddish-brown atlatl weight approximately 1.5 inches in length. Etched with one line around the circumference. Made from sandstone.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a stone conical-shaped pestle with a flared rim at the base. The stone has a hard granular consistency. 6.5 inches in length. Brown in color.

Provenance

Fort Ancient pestle. Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a stone pestle approximately 5.5 to 6 inches in length. Approximately 3.75 inches in circumference at bottom.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Cat. No. A352 Artifact: Celt
County: Mason Site No. Fox Field
Remarks: bone, antler, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long

Description

This is a flaking tool made from a deer antler. It is approximately 5 inches in length.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a dark reddish-brown adz approximately 4.75 inches in length.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is a light tan adz approximately 4.75 inches in length.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

Description

This is one Hopewell-style projectile point. It is pinkish in color with a darker pink vein running almost the length, corner notches, and a convex blade. 3.75 inches in length.
Chert

Provenance

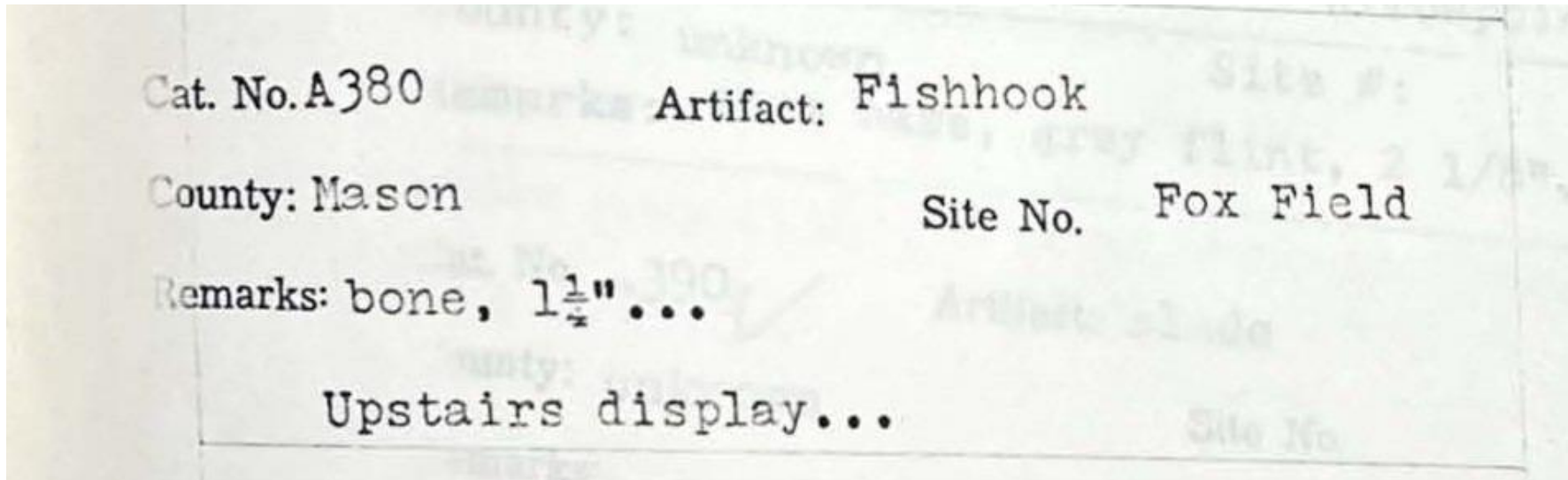
Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. There are multiple references to arrow points found in graves per the 1942 Museum Catalog.

Description

This is an arrowhead, grayish in color. Approximately 3.5 inches in length.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. There are multiple references to arrow points found in graves per the 1942 Museum Catalog. Points like these were used as burial offerings.

**Description**

This is a bone fishhook carved from bone, approximately 1 inch long.

Provenance

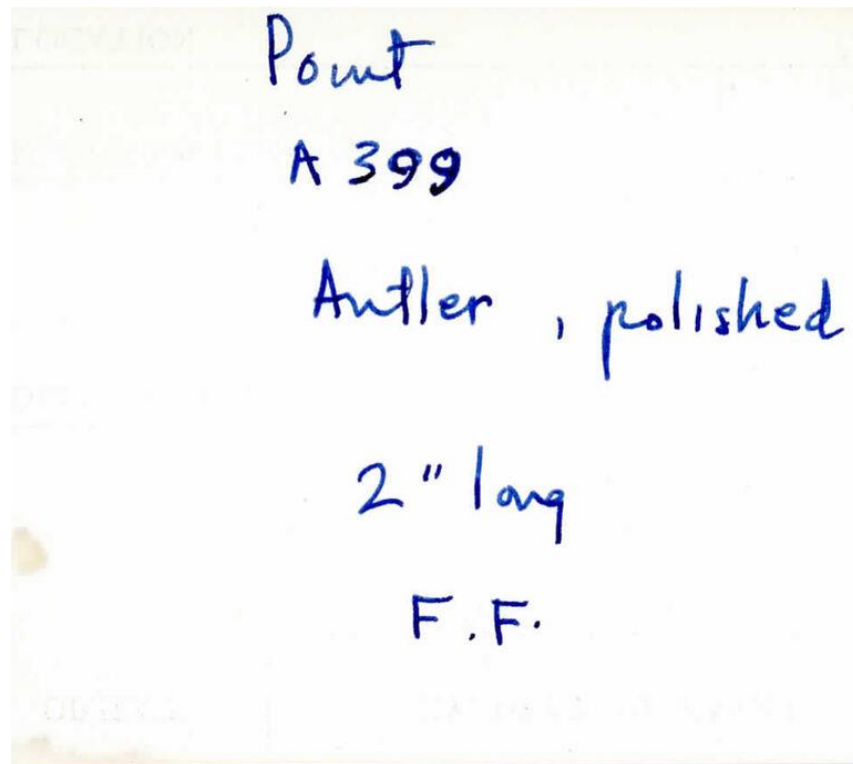
Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY. Fishhooks are recorded as found in grave sites.

Description

These are two arrow points made from the tip of a deer antler. Both are approximately 2 inches in length, with one being white in color the other having a brownish patina. Both are hollowed out on the bottom side to accommodate the arrow shaft.

Provenance

Found at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

**Description**

This is an antler arrow point.

Provenance

Fort Ancient. Found on Fox Farm, Mason County, KY.

Description

This is an antler arrow point.

Provenance

Uncovered at Fox Farm in Mason County, KY.

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