

THE ARCHEOLOGY OF THE GLACIER BAY REGION,
SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

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- (b) .30 Center fire, ".30 W.C.F. W.R.A." (2) .30 caliber rifle shell made by Winchester Repeating Arms Company since 1894 for the Model 1894 Winchester and first put on the market in 1895 (Williamson 1952: 450).
- (c) .32 Center fire, ".32 WCF REM-UMC" (1) The .32 W.C.F. (.32-20) cartridge was used in the Winchester Model 1905. This model was not very popular and was replaced by Model 1907 of heavier caliber (Williamson 1952: 171).

Clothing and footwear.

Though there are numerous observations during the late 1800's of the Euro-American character of Tlingit dress (e.g., Krause 1956, Niblock 1890), there was little evidence of clothing or footwear from the house. Some poorly preserved bits of rubberized fabric are all that remained. These fragments may have come from a rubber boot.

Personal possessions.

1. Glass beads (21)

(a) Mandrel wound (12)

1 purple (12 mm. diam.), 10 blue opaque (5-9 mm. diam.), 1 blue transparent (8 mm. diam.), 1 white (4 mm. diam.).

(b) Tubular (8)

Blue to greenish blue, opaque, 3 mm. diam.

(c) Faceted (1)

Purple over light blue-purple core. Tubular bead with ground facets. 6 mm. in diameter.

2. Clay pipe (1)

Fragment of stem and bowl with downward pointing spur at beginning of base of bowl (Fig. 12: 5). No letters or stamped designs on the fragment. Clay pipes have been made over a considerable time period and are unfortunately of little use as chronological indicators within the 19th century.

3. Russian coin medallion (1)

A copper coin worth in Russian currency five Kopecks has on one face "5 КОПЕЕКЪ" and on the obverse the seal of Imperial Russia above the date 1834 (Fig. 12: 6 and Fig. 13). A biconical hole has been drilled through the center and a smaller one near the top edge. The coin apparently was worn as a decorative piece on the clothing.

2. Rainwear

Five small fragments of rubberized cloth which could have come from either waterproof garments or footwear.

3. Beads

Eleven irregular, barrel-shaped, glass beads, white to pink lined with red exteriors. Nine with a diameter of 4 mm., height of 3-4 mm.; two with a diameter of 5 mm., height of 4-5 mm. This is the "Cornaline d'Aleppo" type bead and one that was familiar to the northwest trade. The white to pink lined red type is said to be a recent type (Oswalt and Van Stone 1967:60).

Miscellaneous

Three pieces of metal, 3.5 cm. long, triangular in cross section with the sides of the triangle longer than the base. A "V" cut in the basal side runs the length of each piece.

Faunal Material

Osteological remains were few and as such represent the bones of the following animals: porcupine, hair seal, undetermined bird, and fish (probably salmon). Fragments of a salt water clam shell were also found. The total sample is approximately 40 fragments.

Trench 3

Objects of Native Manufacture

1. Whetstone

A flat beach pebble, 17.5 cm. long with a worn surface on two sides.

2. Miscellaneous stone

One pitted fragment of granite, one fragment of shale, and one piece of a soft, brown, claystone (pigment?).

Objects of Euro-American Manufacture

Construction materials

1. Iron nails

Five machine-cut, square nails, all size 6d.

2. Iron wire

One piece of wire, 2 mm. in diameter.

Tools

1. Metal wedge

A wedge-shaped piece of metal, 4.8 cm. long and 9.7 cm. wide (1 7/8 x 3 3/4 inches). The piece has been hammered on the broad butt end causing the metal to curl over the edge. One of the sides has also been struck repeatedly near the butt to possibly free the wedge from the wood being split.

Household goods

1. Tin cans

Sixteen fragments of light gauge metal sheeting that appear to have been portions of flattened tin cans.

2. Key

A badly corroded piece of metal in the general outline of a key. One end terminates in a hollow tube, the opposite in a flattened turn-buckle.

3. Ceramics

One fragment of a flat bottomed stone ware crock with the indented imprint of a "B" on the bottom surface.

Clothing and personal possessions

1. Button

One metal button with four central holes, type worn on outer garments. 1.7 cm. in diameter.

2. Beads

(a) Seven and one half, straight sided, faceted, glass beads with a bluish lining and an overlay of purple or blue. 5-7 mm. in diameter and 6-7 mm. in height. The facets have been ground on basically tubular rod segments.

(b) "Coraline d'Aleppo" type, white lined red glass bead (one). 6 mm. in diameter, 4 mm. in height.

3. Rainwear

Four pieces of rubberized fabric, probably footwear.

Miscellaneous objects

1. Umbrella

One fragment of a metal rib from an umbrella.

2. Coal

Two lumps of coal, not a naturally occurring product.

Faunal Material.

One unidentifiable bone fragment; possibly from a land mammal.

Trench 4

Objects of Native Manufacture

None.

Objects of Euro-American Manufacture

Household goods

1. Tin cans

Approximately 30 fragments of tin from tin cans.

2. Tin tube

Strip of tin 3.5 cm. wide, rolled into a tube 1.5 cm. in diameter. A nail was driven through the side wall of the tube from the exterior to affix the tube to a wooden rod. Probably served as a protective strip at a wear point.

3. Ceramics

- (a) Three sherds, hardpaste earthenware, from a formal dinner ware set, bowl form with blue transfer design on the interior. Pattern from the lip is as follows: white flowers against a hatched blue background, apple blossom pattern against a white background on the curve of the bowl with a band of white leaves and rosettes on a background of lined blue surrounding a central figured area which was too fragmentary to determine the central pattern. Exterior white.
- (b) Rim sherd, bowl, hardpaste earthenware, painted design with over glaze. Design pattern: band of red near the lip, zone of green with blue rosette overpainted, and then a band of red. Exterior white.

Personal possessions

1. Beads

- (a) Two irregular, barrel-shaped white-lined red "Coraline d'Aleppo" beads. 5 mm. in height, 6 mm. in diameter.
- (b) One barrel-shaped faceted light blue-lined purple bead. The exterior layer of glass rather transparent allowing the blue inner layer to be seen. Facets ground. 5 mm. in diameter, 5 mm. in height.

Trench 5

Objects of Native Manufacture

None.

Objects of Euro-American Manufacture

Little material was recovered from the excavation of the depression which was found to the southeast of our other excavations. Tin can fragments and the haft section of a metal shovel blade were recovered.