MSU Campus Archaeology

MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary

Report No. 80

Date of Survey: 5/16/2019

Site Name: Williams Hall Sidewalk Survey 2019

Principal Investigator: Autumn Painter

IPF Project Name: N/A

IPF Capital Project Number: N/A

Project Justification: Sidewalks were being replaced and provided an opportunity for CAP to test for any archaeological materials related to the historic Faculty Row houses that were in this location.

Location: Sidewalks to the south and northeast of Williams Hall. See Map.

Campus Zone: West Circle/Faculty Row

Survey Type: Shovel Testing

Methodology: 6 STPs were placed. 3 STPs south of Williams Hall; 3 STP to the northeast of Williams Hall where sidewalk sections (flags) were being replaced.



Map showing locations of shovel test pit (STP) excavations in red, near Williams Hall taken from MSU CAP KoBoToolbox.

Summary/Conclusions: The 3 STPs to the south of Williams Hall were positive for cultural material. No artifacts found that could be directly linked to Faculty Row.

Recommendations and Priority: This area is medium priority. If possible before construction, the area of impact should be tested, and the construction monitored.

Artifacts:

Artifact	Count	% Complete	Weight
Slag	3	<25%	16.3 g
Slate tile	2	<25%	33.5 g
Colorless glass (possible lab glass)	1	<25%	0.2 g
Non-Ferrous metal tube	1	100%	9.5 g
Wire nail (complete)	1	100%	8.1 g
Wire nail (fragments)	6	50-75%	14.9 g
Ferrous metal fragments	4	<25%	4.7 g

Notes from Campus Archaeology Field Book:

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- Weather: 50s and Sunny
- Crew: Jeff P., Jack B., and Amber P.
- STP # 1-1:
 - Shale (?) fragments, 3 pieces of slag collected
- STP #1-2:
 - o Wire nail, colorless glass, metal frag collected
- STP #1-3:
 - Nails and metal fragments, collected
- STP #2-1:
 - o No artifacts
- STP #2-2:
 - o No artifacts
- STP #3-1:
 - o No artifacts