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Over the last four or five years, the writers and other helpers that will be mentioned later, spent many hours digging on what is known as the Oneida Cameron Site. This Oneida village is known by New York State number system as Ond 8-4 and has also been referred to as the Wayland-Smith site. Known previous reports on the site material will be listed under references used.

The late Herbert Bigford of Earlville was the first to find and excavate on this site and he recovered many fine artifacts. Unfortunately, during the ensuing years, the site has been largely destroyed as far as any scientific value is concerned. It has been the scene of relic hunting, unrecorded and random digging, casual picnic activity by the uninformed, so that much of the material has been secretively and carelessly put away without cataloging or further mention. A report on stratification is impossible and the house patterns are hopelessly disturbed. Other than a fairly complete listing of bead types, this report tends to be a brief statement of items recovered. For its lack of a good scientific approach, criticism is expected, but we just could not put our material away in cigar boxes to collect dust, without at least offering this information for further study and understanding of this site.

We used screening as the method of recovery employed and with considerable success. Over twelve hundred beads, four hundred fifty projectile points and thousands of pottery sherds proved this procedure a practical one.

The refuse dumps were the first target and were followed by selecting certain lesser middens. Occasionally, spots were found where the

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remaining few inches of topsoil were found undisturbed, and it appears that many of our odd bead types were recovered from these areas.

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Type

Approximately nine thousand two hundred sixty squarefeet of earth were removed and sifted, mostly from the lower half of the site. A quarter inch mesh screen was used for the first "on the site" work and the material which did not pass through was bagged and brought home to rescreen. This final time the material was washed using a hose - and, I might say, we attribute the large number of beads to this final washing.

The site maps are not in actual scale, but all other illustrations are in actual full size. We would like to thank the present owner, Lavern Harrington, for his friendly interest and kindness in allowing us to carry on our field work and observations at the site. Others who contributed labor and items from their collections are: Richard J. Bennett, Robert Cook and Barbara Bigford.

### Oneida Iroquois Glass Bead Sequence

Wayland-Smith 1570-1595 (Cameron)

# Description (Pratt, 1961, pp. 6-8)

Number

#	2	c.s. Flattened eye to eye opaque white with skim-milky core	12
<b>#</b>	3	c.s. Oval; v.s. flattened eye to eye; blue with skim-milky core	10
<b>#</b>	4	c.s. Oval; v.s. flattened eye to eye; opaque blue with 6 vertical	
		opaque white stripes and skim-milky core.	21
ŧ	5	c.s. Round; v.s. round flattened from eye to eye; 4 opaque	
		vertical blue stripes with 4 opaque red stripes alternating on	
		white opaque background; skim milky core.	2
<b>#</b>	6	c.s. Round; v.s. flattened eye to eye; vertical stripes, six	
		opaque red and six opaque blue alternating stripes separated	
		from one another by opaque white stripes, eyes are flushed,	
		skim-milky core.	0

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# Oneida Iroquois Glass Bead Sequence (Continued)

Typ	pe	Description	Number
# 7		c.s Round; v.s. round and slightly flattened top to bottom, translucent blue.	0
# 8		c.s. Round; v.s. round flattened eye to eye; translucent green, corroded exterior.	1
# 9		c.s. Oval, v.s. some flattening top to bottom; translucent blue, corroded exterior.	49
#10 #11		<pre>c.s. Round; v.s. oval; dark purple, translucent. c.s. Round; v.s. oval with some flattening at top and bottom; opac translucent blue with on side of bead 3 equidistant red spots</pre>	12 Jue
#12	2	with some white splotching in them; dark core.	2
 #13	3	<pre>c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque black. c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque purple-blue.</pre>	11 7
#14		c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque brick red; skim-milky glass around opaque brick red core.	53
#15		c.s. Round; v.s. oval; 3 opaque white spirals on translucent deep blue background; opaque white circle around eye.	0
#16		c.s. Round; v.s. oval; approximately 12 vertical translucent white stripes on translucent blue background, flush around eyes.	221
#17	/	c.s. Bilaterally flattened; v.s. oval; approximately 12 vertical translucent white stripes on translucent blue background, flush	10
#18	8	around eyes. c.s. Round; v.s. oval; 4 red opaque vertical stripes alternating	18
11 1 0		with 4 dark green opaque vertical stripes on opaque green background.	0
#19		c.s. Round, v.s. oval; 16 thin vertical white stripes on a translucent purple background; dark translucent core.	13
#20	)	c.s. Round; v.s. oval; eight vertical opaque white stripes on translucent purple background, opaque white circle around each	
		eye, dark translucent core.	1
		Note: Same type bead with exception: Number counted.	
		9 vertical opaque white stripes counted1713 vertical opaque white stripes counted3	
		11 vertical opaque white stripes counted34 vertical opaque white stripes counted1	
		5 vertical opaque white stripes counted16 vertical opaque white stripes counted6	
#2]	1	c.s. Round: v.s. oval with some flattening at the top and bottom;	
11.0.0		three broad opaque white stripes on translucent blue background, dark translucent core with opaque white circle around it.	4
#22	2	c.s. Oval; v.s. oval; opaque brick red with three vertical opaque white stripes; in each of which is a vertical opaque	20
#23	3	blue stripe. c.s. Oval; v.s. oval; opaque dark brown with three vertical	30
		opaque stripes of white in each of which is a vertical opaque red stripe.	1

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Oneida Iroquois Glass Bead Sequence (Continued)

Туре	Description	Number	
#24	c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque black with alternating three vertical opaque red and three opaque white stripes each of which is separated by and completely bordered by the black background.	16	
<b>#</b> 25	c.s. Round; v.s. oval; flattened at the eyes in the two smaller specimens; translucent yellowish to golden with 12 vertical white opaque stripes on the largest, 15 on the smallest, and 15 on the middle-sized. They are like large	10	
 #26	gooseberries. c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque brown background with 12 opaque	19	
	vertical white stripes.	1,	
#27	c.s. Round; v.s. oval; opaque blue background with 16 vertical red stripes.	0	
#28	c.s. Oval; v.s. oval; 6 vertical opaque blue and 6 vertical opaque red stripes, alternating each other separated by an opaque white stripe; a crystal clear layer lies over these	-	
	colors; there is a skim-milky core with a flushed eye border.	10	
#29	c.s. Round, v.s. cane; opaque deep purple with 15 vertical opaque white stripes, an opaque white layer surrounds an opaque deep	a while	
1120	purple core.	0	
#30	c.s. Round, v.s. cane; opaque brick red with six vertical opaque green stripes.	0	
	Note: All above beads 2-30 listed and described in "Oneida Iroquois Glass Trade Bead Sequence"		
	- Pratt 1961		
	Unlisted Beads Found on Cameron Site		
Туре	Description	Number	Found
#1000		23	
#1001 #1002		8	
#1002	alternating red and blue.	10	
#1003	opaque red stripes.	2	
#1004	red stripes.	2	
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- #1005 Round; possible seed type, opaque blue with eight vertical opaque red stripes.
- #1006 Round; opaque white with six opaque blue stripes with alternating 6 opaque yellow stripes, flushed eye border.
- #1007 Round; opaque white with 4 opaque green stripes, alternating with 4 opaque red stripes and 4 opaque blue stripes.

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Oneida Iroquois Glass Bead Sequence (Continued)

Туре	Description	Number Found
#1008	Round; opaque white with 3 equidistant red spots on the	
	side of the bead with white splotching in them.	3
#1009	Round; opaque white with 3 equidistant blue spots on the	
	side of the bead with white splotching in them.	3
#1010	Round; translucent amber.	18
#1011	Round; opaque grayish blue with 8 vertical opaque red stripes.	6
	(possibly tarnished #32 - Andrews)	
#1012	Oval; flat ends; opaque grayish blue with 12 vertical red	
	opaque stripes.	1
 _#1013	Round; cane; opaque blue with 8 vertical opaque white stripes.	3
#1014	Round; opaque black with 8 red vertical opaque stripes on	
	8 white vertical opaque stripes - the red center on the white.	
#1015	(Beads very glossy)	4
#1015	Round, purple or dark blue translucent with 4 white vertical	1
#1016	opaque stripes with 4 red vertical opaque stripes, alternating.	. 1
#1016	Round; opaque light blue with 3 opaque vertical red stripes	2
#1017	and with 6 white vertical opaque stripes, alternating. Round: opaque light blue with 3 opaque vertical white stripes.	2
1/1017	(#47 - Thurston, Pratt, 1961)	2
#1018	Round; opaque light blue (#35 Thurston, Pratt, 1961)	7
#1010 #1019	Round; translucent light blue with 5 white opaque vertical	,
11 10 17	stripes with 2 opaque red vertical stripes.	1
#1020	Round; translucent light blue with 6 knobs or protusions.	Ŧ
1 1010	(Protusions similar to #104, Pratt, 1961)	2
#1021	Round; translucent light blue with 8 knobs or protusions.	-
	(Protusions similar to #104, Pratt, 1961)	2
#1022	Round; translucent amber with 5 knobs or protusions.	
	(Protusions similar to #104, Pratt, 1961)	1
#1023	Round; translucent amber with 3 sets of 3 white opaque	
	spiral stripes.	11
#1024	Round; opaque red with 12 vertical black opaque stripes with	
	a black core. (Marshall #55, Pratt, 1961)	3
#1025	Round cane; opaque red with 4 vertical opaque white stripes	
	with 4 opaque blue stripes centered on the white ones, black	
	core.	2
#1026	Round; 4 opaque red vertical stripes, alternating with 4 dark	
"	blue vertical stripes on opaque green background.	1
#1027	Round; 12 vertical opaque dark green stripes on opaque green	1
41020	background, flush around eyes.	$\frac{1}{2}$
#1028	Round; 4 opaque green vertical stripes; 4 opaque red vertical	$\frac{1}{2}$
<i>#</i> 1029	stripes and 4 opaque white vertical stripes, flush around eyes	2
1/1029	Round; cane; light opaque blue with 8 white opaque stripes, badly burned.	1
#1030	Round; opaque purple with 4 white opaque stripes. Same as	T
11000	#44 except not translucent (Pratt, 1961)	5
#1031	Round; translucent light green with 3 opaque blue stripes	5
" -0.0-	centered on 3 opaque white vertical stripes with one odd red	
	opaque vertical stripe.	1
#1032	Round; translucent green with 4 vertical red stripes.	1

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Unlisted Beads Found on Cameron Site (Continued)

Туре	Description	Number	Fou	ınd
#1033 #1034	Round; cane; opaque brick red with black core. Round; cane; opaque brick red with a light green		1	
11004	translucent core.		2	
#1035	Round; cane; dark blue - quite thick for a cane bead.		2	
#1036	Round; cane; dark blue - badly weathered.			
	(Similar to #51, Pratt, 1961)		4	
#1037	Square; opaque brick red - catlinite.		2	
#1038	Round c.s.; oval v.s.: opaque olive with 12 vertical			
 -	opaque white stripes. (Except for color, #25)		1	
#1039	Round; opaque black cane with 6 vertical white opaque			
	stripes alternating with 5 red vertical opaque stripes.		4	pcs.
#1040	Square; opaque blue cane with a certain unidentified		1	
11	number of stripes. Red centered on white opaque stripes.		<u>1</u> 2	
#1041	Round; opaque amber cane with an uncertain number of		1	
#10/0	white opaque stripes. Broken piece.		T	pc.
#1042	Round; c.s., tubular v.s.; Weathered cane, acquamarine,		1	
#1043	(#51 Thurston, Pratt, 1961) Broken piece.		T	pc.
#1043	Round c.s.; oval v.s.; translucent blue seed bead with three equidistant red opaque stripes.		13	
#1044	Round; black opaque with 3 vertical opaque white stripes		ТЭ	
11 1044	with 3 red opaque stripes centered on the white stripes.		1	
#1045	Round; white opaque with 3 equidistant green spots with		-	
1 2040	white splotching and a black star (6 pointed) centered			
	in each eye.		1	
<i>#</i> 1046	Round; opaque blue with 6 vertical opaque red stripes		1	
#1047	Round; opaque black with 3 sets of vertical opaque red			
	stripes, 2 red stripes per set.		1	

## Shell Disk Beads

Largest 3/4 inch diameter, smallest 1/8 inch diameter.

Regular shell disk beads recovered totaled 435.

Four shell disk beads, not drilled were found.

Among odd types found were: a one inch diameter of one-eighth inch thickness shell, one one-fourth inch diameter disk of very dark purple, one one-quarter inch diameter tubular bead three-fourths inch long.

### Wampum Beads

Of the regular type seventy-three were recovered. There were two white beads flattened on four sides. There was one deep purple wampum flattened on all four sides. There were two oddshell beads, polished but incomplete. They are shown on Plate IV as B-53 and B-54.

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