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The E. Johnson Site and Prehistory in Southeast Oklahoma

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QUARTZ CRYSTALS

Number of specimens: 11; Complete, 2; Broken, 9.

Description: There are three smoky quartz and eight clear quartz crystals present. These are of various sizes, but all are six-sided and have six-faceted apexes.

Dimensions: These range in size (length-width-thickness) from 2.1 x .9 x .5 cm. to 9.3 x 5.5 x 3.7 cm.

Provenience: Surface, 1; Graded Area AA, 1; Graded Area LL, 1; level 1, 5; level 2, 1; level 3, 2.

Comments: Of the nine broken examples, eight have apexes which are battered. It is not known whether these apexes were battered and broken from use as gravers or incising instruments or whether they are just susceptible to breakage because of natural factors.

Historic Items

GLASS BEADS

Seven complete and nine broken glass beads were collected from Burial 6. Four opaque white and seven opaque maroon specimens are represented. These were apparently on a one-string necklace with a maroon bead alternating with a white specimen. The white beads (No. 2 of Plate XLII) are spherical in outline and have diameters that average around .8 cm. The maroon beads (No. 3 of Plate XLII) are also spherical in outline but only average around .7 cm. in diameter.

These beads are comparable in form, though not necessarily in color, to beads (large opaque beads) found during the excavations of Kipp's Post (dated 1825-1829) in North Dakota (Woolworth and Wood 1960:280).

BUTTONS (Plate XLII;No. 4)

A single button was found. This specimen came from the neck area of Burial 6. It is of white glass, is circular, and has four holes. One face is convex while the other face has a circular, concave area in the center. This specimen is 1.1 cm. in diameter and .3 cm. thick.

CHINA

Four complete china objects and seven china sherds are present. The four complete specimens consist of a cup, a plate, and two bowls.

The cup (Plate XLIII;No. 3) was found in a metal cup holder (see Plate XLIII; No. 2) and was associated with Burial 7. This cup is a white "ironstone" with a rather simple floral design painted on the exterior and interior surfaces. It lacks a handle but has an annular base. There is a manufacturer's or designer's mark, consisting of a stylized A (see No. 3 of Plate XLIII), painted in black on the base. This mark has not been identified. The cup measures 6.4 cm. in height, 4.9 cm. in basal diameter, and 9.7 cm. in orifice diameter. The wall of this cup averages around .25 cm. in thickness.

The complete plate (Plate XLIII;No. 4) was associated with Burial 7. This plate is white with a blue transfer design of "featheredging" over the

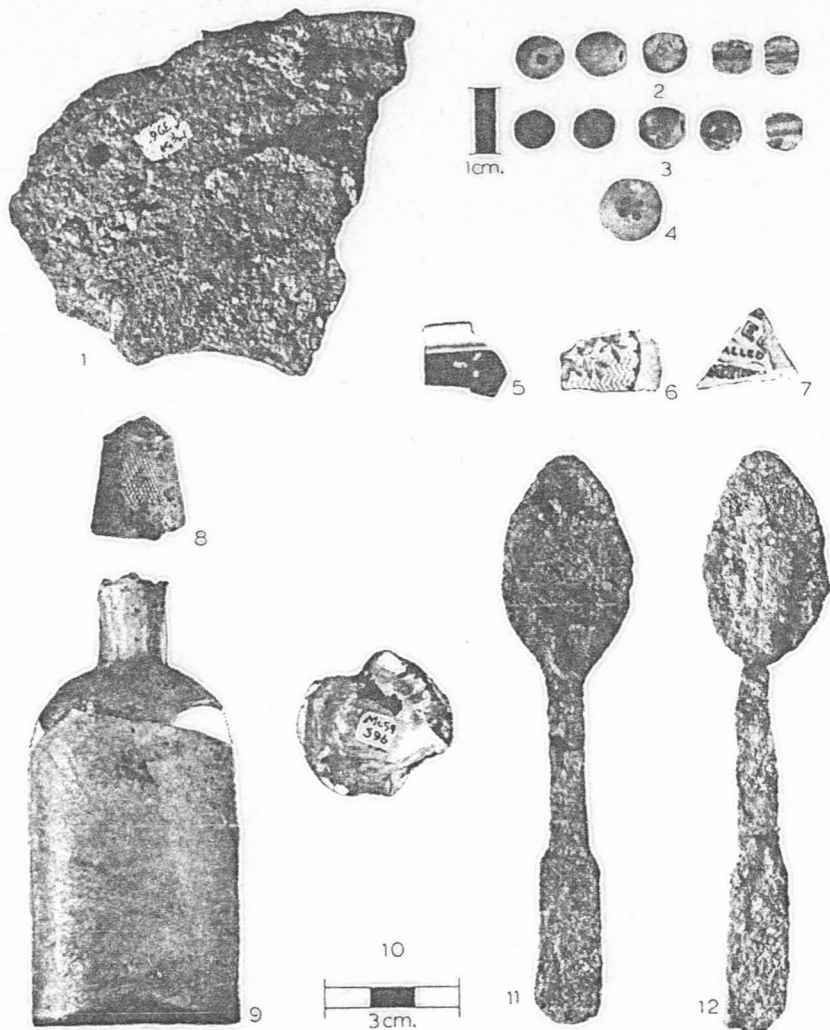


Plate XLII. Mc-54, Johnson Site artifacts: No. 1, Piece of metal; No. 2, White glass beads (Burial 6); No. 3, Maroon glass beads (Burial 6); No. 4, Glass button (Burial 7); Nos. 5 through 7, China sherds; No. 8, Thimble (Burial 7); No. 9, Two-mold bottle; No. 10, Cruet stopper; Nos. 11 and 12, Metal spoons (Burial 7).