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woman's shoe heel with body fragments suggest a lace-up style. Thirteen eyelets and top stitching form the lace-up front. The upper shoe is of a soft leather forming the top. Two additional heels belonging to adult footwear were recovered.

Rubber footwear included a woman or child's shoe sole with heel, a rubber boot heel and sole, an adult size shoe heel, and a sole fragment.

Beads

The beads present at the site were, for the most part, molded (81%) beads (Table 31). Several additional (15%) beads are either wound or molded, the exact manufacturing technique could not be determined (Roderick Sprague 1981:personal communication). Tube beads, traditionally dating to the nineteenth century, made up a very small percentage of all beads recovered (4%).

Most (79%) molded beads were plain round of the same size and two colors--blue opaque and blue/green opaque, possibly from the same garment or jewelry piece. All but one of the remaining molded beads were faceted and of several colors. The molded beads had a band around their center and may be Prosser beads as described by Ross (1974:22, Fig. 5), though they are *not* flattened at the poles as he describes.

While the beads were found throughout the site, the largest percentage (53%) are from Dump A, while a much smaller number are from Dump B (12%).

Tobacco Tags

Tobacco tags are included with personal items because it is believed that they would have been carried and used primarily by one person. Another category under which they might fit, though as vaguely as they fit under personal items, is that of containers, since by their function they would have been thrown away as soon as they were used. Since they would have been used by one person rather than a household, and could have been lost easily as well as discarded easily, they will be considered personal items for this study.

Four different kinds of tags were found (Fig. 43f-i). Three round tags are probably from Climax brand of tobacco plug. One square tag is unidentified. Five star tags and one arrow tag were also recovered. Watson's store inventory (January 9, 1912) lists Star and Spear Head brands of tobacco to which these tags probably belong. Seven of the ten tags were recovered from Dump A. No tobacco tags were recovered from the privy features.

TABLE 31

Summary of bead types

	Size (in.)	Number	Privies			Dumps		Canals			Other
			F10	F15	F17	A	B	1	2	3	
Glass Beads											
Molded		39									
Plain round		31									
Blue opaque	3/16	15		1		10	3				1
Blue/green opaque	3/16	8				5	2	1			
White	3/16	1								1	
Rose pink	3/16	7	2		2	3					
Faceted round		7									
Red translucent	3/16	1			1						
Black opaque	5/16	1				1					
Dark blue opaque	3/16, 5/16	2			1	1					
Blue opaque	3/16	2				1					1
Grooved oblate		1									
Lavender	3/8 x 5/16	1		1							
Tube		2									
Oblate		1									
Turquoise opaque	1/16 x 1/8	1							1		
Cylindrical		1									
Turquoise translucent	1/8 x 3/16	1		1							
Molded/wire wound		7									
Plain round		7									
Black opaque	5/16	3				2	1				
Dark blue opaque	1/2	2	1			1					
Light blue opaque	3/16	1	1			1					
White translucent	1/2	1		1							
Brass Bead		1									
Round	5/16	1				1					
Totals			4	4	4	26	6	1	1	1	2