

PINE FORT:

A Socio-Economic Analysis on the Basis
of the Spatial Distribution of Activity-Specific
Artifacts

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ABSTRACT

Pine Fort, located on the Assiniboine River in south western Manitoba Canada, is an 18th century fur trading fort operated by the North West Company. The present research involves identification and quantification of archaeological material in order to isolate and distinguish some of the wide range of socio-economic activities that occurred at this Site. This is carried out by first determining the function (or functions) that the artifacts served in the context of an 18th century frontier fur trade settlement, and then plotting the spatial distribution of these activity-specific artifacts in order to determine areas of activity. With the determination of activity areas, a series of hypotheses are derived and tested in order to outline and describe some of the social implications that underly the spatial distribution of artifacts. Special areas of concern include the concept of work space, sexual division of labor and refuse disposal patterns.

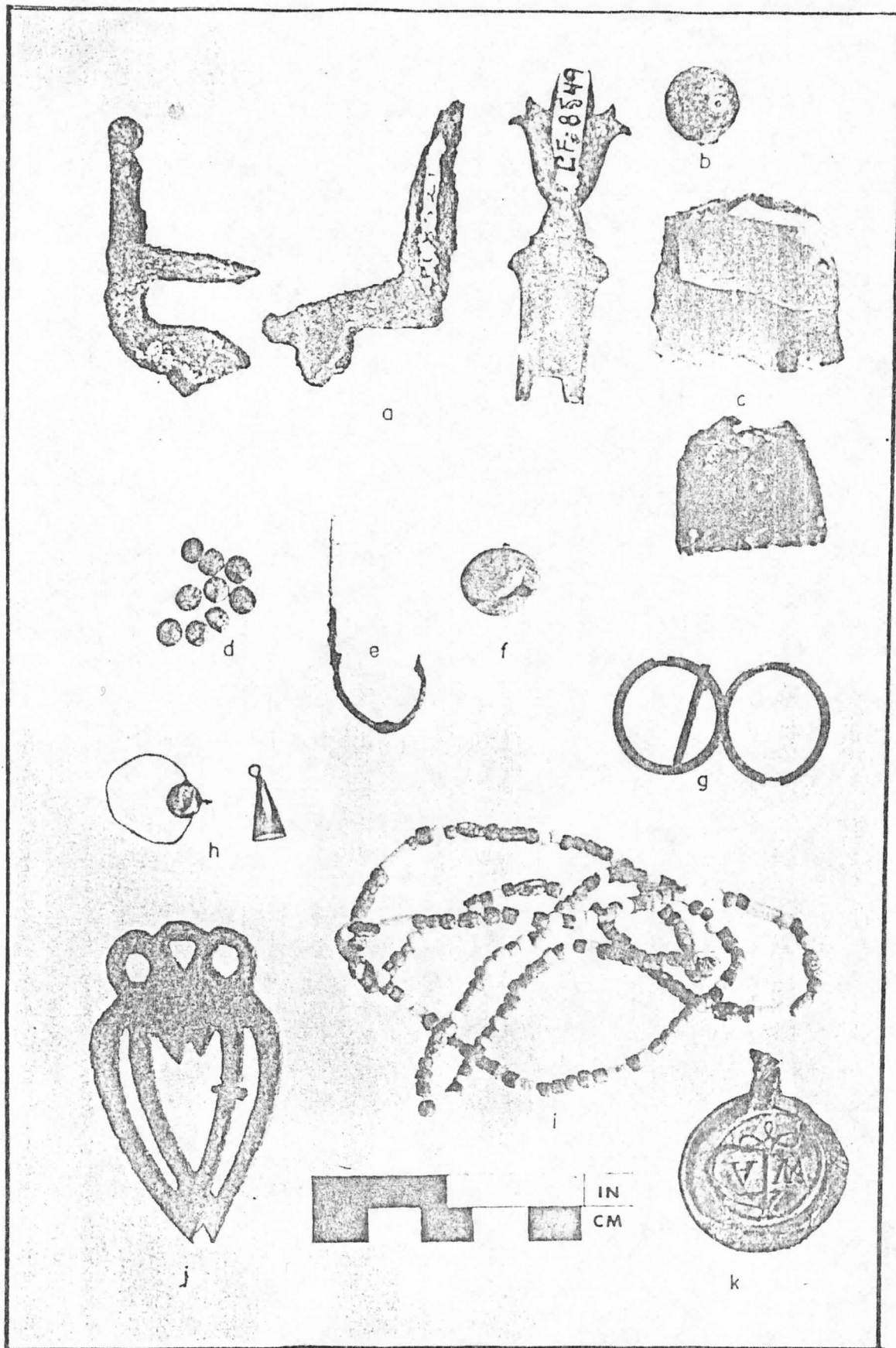


Plate I Trade Items

i - trade seed beads