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2.8 mm. gap left between the ends of the wire. Decorated with a notched design on the outer surface produced by filing notches perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the wire.

This specimen, found on the talus slope of Bellevue Hill above DgPl-27, compares very closely with bracelets illustrated by Ray and Jelks (1964) for an historic burial dating from A.D. 1820-1840 in Texas. Apparently these were a common trade item in the Northwestern Plains, and have been found in burials of very recent age. It has been suggested that they originated as brass dresser handles.

Glass Trade Beads

The following is a brief description based on a report prepared by R. Sprague (University of Idaho) of the historic glass trade beads from sites in Pass Creek Valley.

Site DgPl-42:

Bead Type: Seed Beads (N=3)

Description: Opaque White (N9.5)

Approximate Age: A.D. 1860-1910

Site DgPm-4:

Bead Type: Seed Beads (N=65)

Description: Opaque White (N9.5) N=31 (2 very small)

Opaque Black (N1.5) N=23

Opaque Pink (2.5R5/6) N=1

Opaque Dark Robins Egg Blue (7.5B4/6) N=2

Opaque Light Robins Egg Blue (7.5B7/6) N=1

Approximate Age: A.D. 1860-1910

Bead Type: Pony Beads (N=18)

Description: Translucent White (56Y9/1) Over Opaque White(N9/5) Core

N=17

Opaque Black (N1.5) N=1

Approximate Age: A.D. 1840-1880

Bead Type: Faceted Tubular

Description: Transparent Clear Over Translucent White (5PB8/1) Core

N=1

Deep Purple (2.5R2/4) N=1

Dark Blue (7.5PB3/10) Over Light Blue (5PB8/1) Core N=1

Dark Blue (7.5PB3/8) (poorly faceted)

Approximate Age: A.D. 1860-1870