

Register to the Papers of
Henri Geiger Omwake

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THE PAPERS OF HENRI GEIGER OMWAKE

Omwake (pronounced Ohm'-way) was a school official in Delaware. Although he was an amateur archeologist, his study of pipes of European manufacture traded to American Indians made him an authority on that type of object. Omwake was also one of the main organizers of the Archeological Society of Delaware, the Sussex County Society of Archeology and History (1948) and the Kent Archaeological Society (1965) and other archeological societies in Delaware and served on the Delaware State Archeological Board. Omwake's serious study of Indian pipes began in the 1940's and continued until he died at the end of 1967.

The Omwake trade pipe collection (around 150 specimens) has also been donated to the Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. Some of the folders listed below include notes that relate to objects in the artifact collection.

ALPHABETICAL FILE

Includes some letters, notes, drawings, clippings, and copies of Omwake's mimeographed form "Survey of Pipes of European Manufacture Traded to the Indians in the Eastern States." Virtually all concern trade pipes.

Box 1 Assorted Correspondence [Kutstown Pipe?, possibly answer to S-I-C problem, Estatoe Pipe – A.R. Kelly]

Includes letters of René Levesque, John Witthoft, Arthur Randolph Kelly, Gordon Randolph Willey, William H. Sears, Ripley P. Bullen

A

Albany and Ft. Albany

American Antiquity, Volume 20, Number 1 (July 1954) reprint of "Trade Goods Research Techniques," by Kenneth E. Kidd

B

C

Collier's, August 5, 1955, "Pick and Shovel Historian"

Caleb Pusey House

Box 1 D [Kutstown Pipe]

E

“English Pipes,” original manuscript by Omwake

Fort Corchaug, Long Island, New York (duplicate photographs of pipes in the American Museum of Natural History)

[Fort Pitt]

James L. Swauger and Arthur M. Hayes, Archeological Salvage at the Site of Fort Pitt, 1953, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, 1953. (mimeograph)

Fort of the Three Nations (Fort Niagara [New York]), Kiwanis Magazine, April 1957

G

Goggin, John M., “The Archeological Study of Spanish Colonial Artifacts,” address delivered at the meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Madison, Wisconsin, May 3, 1957

H

Individual Pipe Marks (figures or numbers)

J

K (two pipes cross-references to Louisborg material)

Note: It is not understood why the material is so alphabetized. Included are printed maps, a letter, and brochure concerning Bethabara, a Moravian settlement in North Carolina. The maps are two copies of Stanley South’s Archeological Base Map of the Site of Bethabara, Forsyth County, North Carolina, correlated with the Gottlieb Reuter Maps of 1760 and 1766 and the Hoger Map of 1754 with notes taken from the daily diaries and memorabilia of the first settlement of the Brethren’s Church (Unitas Fratrum or Moravians) in the Wachau or Dobbs Parish in the Province of North Carolina at Bethabara. “A House of Passage begun November 17, 1753, based on excavations in 1963 and 1964, a cooperative archaeological project of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History and the Southern Province of the Moravian Church.

L (Goodman’s Crossing stem fragment from Philip Launder)

Box 1 Louisbourg [Nova Scotia] site

Edward McM. Larrabee, Iain C. Walker

Louisbourg slides

M

[Maryland] Excerpts from Maryland: A Guide to the Old Line State, WPA
Writer's Project

[Old Buckingham] Excerpts from Old Buckingham by the Sea on the Eastern
Shore of Maryland by Page

Pamplin pipe factory pictures

Pensacola, Santa Rosa Island, site E-22

[Pilgrim House Site] Copy, progress report of excavation of Pilgrim House Site,
Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Box 2 R

Ritchie, William A.

Robbins, Maurice

Robbins, Roland Wells

S

Includes Charles Steen (re: Townsend Site), Saugus, Harry L. Schoff,
Frank Maryl Setzler, Frank G. Speck, Theodore Stern

Smith, Carlyle S.

Solecki, Ralph

Stearns, Richards E.

Stephenson, Robert L.

T

[Tidewater] Excerpts from Tidewater Maryland, Wilstach

U

Box 2 V

W [Ocean City, Maryland; Geneser on Sinepuxent Bay]

Woolworth, Alan R.

Williamsburg or Allen Tavern Site - letter from Harry Haven

Wray, Charles F. [Power Station (House) bowl]

NOTEBOOKS

Includes letters, notes, reprints, reports (articles), photographs concerning trade pipes; correspondence with Dutch and English sources; lists of pipemakers; bibliographies; sheets with formatted identifications of trade marks. The notebooks have been numbered by the archives to keep them under control.

- Box 3 Notebook #1
- Orringer Stone Tavern Site, near Rochester, New York
 - Miscellaneous Peter Dorni pipes
 - Gouda pipes
 - Bristol pipes
 - Portland Point, New Brunswick
 - French Mission site, Pompey, Onondaga County, New York
 - Whitestone Bridge, Queens, New York
 - Mispillion site
 - Fort Corchaug, New York
 - Munsee Cemetery, Montague, New Jersey
 - Montauk Cemetery, East Hampton, New York
 - Geneser site, below Ocean City, Maryland
 - Schurz site, Bronx, New York
 - Oscar Liebhart site
 - Fort Albany, James Bay, Ontario, Canada
- Notebook #2
- Fort Conner, Wyoming
 - Fort Fetterman, Wyoming
- Box 4 Notebook #2 (continued)
- Carbon, Wyoming
 - Fort Reno, Wyoming
 - Fort Atkinson, Wyoming
 - Fort Steele, Wyoming
 - Fort Stevenson, Wyoming
- Box 4 Notebook #2 (continued)
- Fort Berthold II, North Dakota
- Notebook #3
- Fort Laramie

Abbott Farm and Salisbury sites, New Jersey
Fort Rice, North Dakota
Rocky Mountain House, Saskatchewan, Canada
Fort St. Louis, Illinois
Campion College, Prairie de Chien, Wisconsin

Notebook #4

Leeper County, Michigan; Perrysburg and Maumee, Ohio
Brunswick Town, North Carolina

Notebook #5

John Deere's blacksmith shop, Grand Detour, Illinois
Quoque, New York
Fort Ligonier, Pennsylvania
Great Crossings, Pennsylvania
Berrien and Van Buren Counties, Michigan
Fortress Louisbourg, Nova Scotia
Tenotoge, Fort Plain, New York
Hogan Site, New York
Shintleff Site, New York
Sullivan Site, New York
Isolated Cabin Site, Fort Plain, New York
Lanze Site, New York
Pen Site, New York
Miscellaneous Dutch Pipes

Box 5

Notebook #6

St. Francis Xavier IV Site, Caughnawaga, Quebec
Penetanguishene Military Establishment, Penetanguishene, Ontario
Kipp's Post, North Dakota
Northwest Fur Company Post, Grand Portage, Minnesota
Sutler's Store, Fort Mackinac, Michigan
Shipwreck, off Deer Island, New Brunswick
Santa Rose Pensacola Site ES-22, Florida

Notebook #7

Notes, letters, forms, and other materials [seem largely to concern pipe makers, trademarks and forms of pipes]

Box 5

Notebook #8

Correspondence, largely with G. C. Helbers, of Gouda, The Netherlands

Notebook #9

Correspondence, largely with Adrian H. Oswald, of Warwick,

England [a few pieces with K. Marochan, of Bristol, England]

- Box 6 Notebook #10
 Copies of published materials
- Notebook #11
 Copies of published materials and notes from publications
- Notebook #12
 Copies of published materials
- Notebook #13
 Lists of pipe makers
- Notebook #14
 Largely bibliographic materials
- Notebook #15
 Identification of marks [some photographs, letters, drawings,
 forms]
- Box 7 Notebook #16
 Identification of marks
- Notebook #17
 Miscellany [bibliographies, survey forms, identifications of marks,
 Letters]
- Notebook #18
 Long Island, New York, Collection of Roy Latham
 Old Fort Niagara, New York
 Salt Battery, Niagara; Old Ford Edward, Niagara, New York;
 Old Fort Clinton, New York
 Fox Point (Niagara)
 Trumble Log Cabin
 Rumsey (early settler's cottage)
 Waalson Log Cabin, New York
- Box 7 Notebook #18 (continued)
 Indiantown, Manor Twp, Pennsylvania
 Bethabara, North Carolina, kilns
 Pipes from dated shipwrecks

SUBJECT FILE

Largely Correspondence

- Box 8 Louisbourg site [largely correspondence with conservators and scholars working at the site; some with others]
- Stanley G. South
- [Copies of letters of Ambassador to Jamaica, Lewis M. Purnell, 1960]
- Photographs of Leora Sutton's pipes [Pensacola, Florida]
- Photographs of materials from Rex Wilson concerning Fort Union, New Mexico, pipes
- [Photos of no-source pipes (Omwake Collection)]
- Clay pipes from Fort Laramie (Rex L. Wilson).
Also Pamplin, Virginia pipe factory information (John C. Ewers and Bess F. Mattox; letters, photographs, notes, drawings, printed material)
- Bob Elder
- George M. Reynolds
- Inquiries in England (2 folders)
- John C. Sprinkle
- Karl D. Fernstrom, Jr.
- "A New Method of Calculating Dates from Kaolin Pipe Stem Samples,"
by Lewis R. Binford
- Paul R. Huey
- Box 9 Assorted correspondence [A. H. Oswald, Robert Marx, Robert S. Neitzel, Carl F. Miller, G. Hubert Smith, Albert J. Anderson, J. Noel Hume, others]
- American Europeanized, by George P. Decker
- Excerpts from The Days of Makemie, by L.P. Bowen

Miscellaneous notes arising from meetings and activities of the Society for American Archaeology.

French Pioneers in North America, by Alexander M. Stewart

Tom Demarest [letter and photographs concerning pipes found at Indian site, Old Tappan, New Jersey]

[“Pipes” (letters) to Smithsonian]

F. W. T. Reynolds material

Correspondence [actually one letter and a manuscript copy of The Act of Making Pipes for Smoking Tobacco, by Morceau]

CORRESPONDENCE

- Box 9 A
American Museum of Natural History
George Arentz
B [Junius Bird, Glenn A. Black, Mark F. Boyd, Edward Brooks]
Beefeater Pipe
Peter A. Brannon
Elias B. Bull
Douglas S. Byers
C
Arch Cauzier
Dorothy Cross
D
E [John Canfield Ewers]
- Box 10 F [Charles H. Fairbanks]
P. S. Flegel
G [Charles E. Gillette, Alfred K. Guthe, Carl Eugen Guthe]
Stanley E. Gifford
Amos R. Green
- Box 10 James B. Griffin
H
Gilbert Haggerty
J. C. Harrington
Charles F. Hayes III
Illinois [Robert F. Hall]
Irish Pipes
J
Frederick Johnson [Society for American Archaeology]

Wilfrid Jury
K [Arthur R. Kelly, Kenneth E. Kidd]
W. Fred Kinsley
Jerome Knowles
“Knowles Pipe Marks”

Box 11 L [Mary Butler Lewis]
William C. Lazarus
Lopez, Julius
M [P. Schuyler Miller, William D. Mohr]
Ernest F. Mair
Marye, William B.
Ronald J. Mason
Museum of the American Indian [E. K. Burnett]
Mc [Ben C. McCary]
George McBeath
N
B. H. O’Neil
Oswalt, A. H.
P
Q [George Quimby]

Box 12 R [2 folders]
Elizabeth Ralph
Reynolds Papers, correspondence arising from
Rogers, E. H.
Rouse, Irving
S
Stewart, T. Dale
V
W
Watkins, Malcolm
Weslager, C. A.
Witthoft, John

MISCELLANY

Box 13 Translation of xerox of Dutch Ms of “Pipe Makers of Gouda”

Concerning translation of a Dutch Ms about pipes

[Grimm correspondence re: pipes]

Xerox of British Museum manuscript “The Pipe Makers of Gouda”
(incomplete?) [3 duplicate sets of pg. 637-736]

Report of the examination of white kaolin pipe bow and stem fragments
Collected from the surface of the Tonawanda Indian Reservation Site,
February 1963.

Report of an examination of a collection of white kaoline pipe bowl and
stem fragments, surface collected from site in Berrien and Van Buren
Counties, Michigan, by Amos R. Green

Part of manuscript of proposed book dealing with dating white kaolin
trade pipes and deriving site dates from them.

Clues to the identification and dating of Dutch kaolin pipes.

Henri Javaux, 'The Clay Pipe of Andeene – Its Fabrication and Its History,
1935, translated by Lucie B. Hickman.

Iain C. Walter, Clay pipes from Fort Meductic, New Brunswick

H. G. Omwake, Evaluation of kaolin pipe evidence from casemate 4,
Right, Fortress of Louisbourg, February 1965

Iain C. Walker, Study of the clay pipe fragments from casemate one right,
King's Bastion, Fortress of Louisbourg, N.S., Canada

Box 14 Miscellaneous Reports

Dutch Chapter of Omwake's book (all handwritten)

Printed material

The "IF" mark

Bibliography

Box 15 Identifications of marks

Yesteryears Oct. 1957 ED F.V. Grifone, Scipio, NY

Progress Report of Site M 52/3 Brooks. Bulletin. Mass. Arch. Soc. Vol 3.,
No. 3., April 1942

H. G. Omwake, "An Evaluation of an assortment of white kaolin pipe
bowl and stem fragments surface collected from an apparent colonial
period refuse disposal area near Chestertown, Maryland.

H. G. Omwake, "Supplemental report on additional white clay pipe evidence recovered from the Buck Site near Chestertown, Maryland."

H. G. Omwake, "A Unique Dutch white clay pipe"

"Report of the examination of two surface found white clay pipe stem fragments identified with the IF site, Greenwich, Connecticut, and one unidentified stem fragment which accompanied them, March 1959"

"Report of examination of white kaolin pipes from the Indiantown in Manor Township, PA, collected by Mr. Steve Fridy," September 1961

"Report of the examination of white kaolin pipe stem and bowl fragments from various sites in New Jersey, August 1955"

"Report of examination of four white kaolin pipe stem fragments found in Town Point on a narrow strip of land extending westward from Navarre, between Pensacola Bay and Santa Rosa Sound, western Florida, and submitted by Mr. Paul Reynolds..." March 1963

"Report of examination of white kaolin pipe bowl and stem fragments recovered from Old Fort Niagara, Old Fort Edward and Old Fort Clinton, N.Y."

"Report of examination of white kaolin pipes from the Candaguague site, near Auriesville, New York"

"Report of examination of white clay pipe bowl and stem fragments collected by Harry Haven from the site of Fort Gray, near Niagara Falls, Fort Point, the Trumble log cabin site, the Rumsey early settler's stone cottage and Waatson log cabin site," February 1963

"Report of examination of certain white kaolin pipes recovered from an historic Sac Indian village near Rock Island, Illinois," March 1962

Box 15

"Report of examination of white clay pipe bowl and stem fragments from the Clinton Nursery Field Site, Clinton, Connecticut," November 1956

"Report of examination of plate prepared for the Fort Michilimackinac Report Number 2" February 1962

"White Clay pipe evidence from the Marquesas Islands," October 1958

"Report of an examination of a white clay pipe bowl and a white clay pipe stem fragment from the Ossernenon Site, Auriesville, New York," April 22, 1958

“Report of the examination of white kaolin pipe bowl and stem fragments recovered during the excavation of Fort Albany, on the southwestern shore of James Bay, Ontario, Canada,” April 1963

“Report of examination of white kaolin pipe bowl and stem fragments recovered during the excavation of a cellar in South Cortland, New York”
October 1960

“Report of examination of four white kaolin pipes from the Ryder’s Pond Site, Brooklyn, King’s County, New York,” March 1960

Box 16 “Report of examination of white kaolin pipe evidence excavated from the Rushmore site at Huntington, Long Island, New York,” May 1957

“Pipes from Old Fort at Mackinaw City,” May 1960

“Report of the examination of white kaolin pipes from ‘Shadwell’, birthplace of Thomas Jefferson, near Charlottesville, Virginia”
June 1955

“Report of examination of white kaolin pipe stem and bowl fragments from the R C A site near Princeton Junction, New Jersey, submitted by David L. Curbishley, Province Line Road, Hopewell, New Jersey” July 1955

MS Fleur de Lis pipes, by H. G. Omwake

“Plan, foundations of a late 18th century glass house near Park Mills, Maryland, excavated 1962-63,” by I. Noel Hume, December 28, 1963

Louis R. Caywood, “Green Spring Plantation: Archeological Report, Yorktown, 1955, with correspondence with Caywood

Box 16 Robin A. Hill, “Pipe Makers from the Edinburgh and Leith Area and notes on clay tobacco pipes collected at Christies Works, Leith”

Robin A. Hill, “The Tobacco Pipe Makers of York,” 1955

Survey Forms

“Dating Fleur-de-lis marked white kaolin pipes”

List of Tobacco Pipe Makers extracted from the Bristol Burgess Rolls, 1558-1948, in the archives of the City of Bristol, England, by Elizabeth Ralph, August 1948

[Miscellaneous notes on pipes]

Miscellaneous printed and processed material

“The Origin, Evolution, and Distribution of Prehistoric Stone Cutting Tools in North America” by H. G. Omwake

Omwake’s pipes correspondence

Box 17 [“Pipology” and “Pipeheads” by F. H. W. Friederich, Haarlem]

Sheets of data on British pipe makers

[“A Little about Clay Pipes” by Peter Linde]

Box 18 Extensive chart of Pipe Maker’s marks but not identified and the source unknown.

[“L’ait de Faire Les Pipes a Fumer Le Tabac” by Duhamel du Monceau]

Ciclopedia of Useful Arts” Vol. II. 1854 - Tomlinson, Charles

Copies of Receipts

Box 19 Printed material

Box 20 Miscellaneous photos of pipes - [“Geneser Pipes”]

“Millman Report Photos”

“Trad. Pipes” [Photos]

Box 20 Miscellaneous photos of pipes – [“Miller–Toms Pipes”]

Box 21 & Xerox copy and partial translation of a British Museum Ms (in Dutch)
Box 22 “The Pipe Makers of Gouda”

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