

Mary Brown Collection

Slides 3.1 – 3.14

The artifacts in this collection hold a surprising find: three obsidian tools. This rare material is uncommon in Iowa sites, as it was only obtainable through long-distance travel or trade. Four points in this collection are from the Early and Middle Woodland periods (about 500 BC – AD 300), a time of extensive trade networks and procurement of exotic goods. Coupled with the time period and material, this suggests the people whose materials made up this site were connected to the materially expressive Hopewell culture of the Eastern United States, or were at least taking advantage of that culture's influence to obtain rare, beautiful materials.

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3.1

Thumbnail scraper, Obsidian



3.2

Bladelet, Obsidian



3.3

Scraper/perforator, Obsidian



3.4

**Early/Middle Woodland, Adena -Waubesa
projectile point, heat-treated Burlington chert**



3.5

**Late Woodland, Koster projectile point, blade
and stem fragment, Jasper**



3.6

**Middle / Late Woodland, Steuben-Lowe
projectile point, blade and stem fragment,
Burlington chert**



3.7

**Early/Middle Woodland, Adea-Waubesa
projectile point, heat-treated Burlington chert**



3.8

**Projectile point, blade fragment,
Glacial till chert**



3.9

Bifacial knife, Maynes Creek variety chert



3.10

**Middle Archaic, Matanzas projectile point,
heat-treated Maynes Creek variety chert**



3.11

**Late Archaic, Durst projectile point, heat-treated
Maynes Creek variety chert**



3.12

**Late Archaic, Table Rock projectile point,
Burlington chert**



3.13

**Middle Woodland, Steuben-Lowe projectile
point, Winterset chert**



3.14

**Late Archaic, Merom projectile point,
Burlington chert**

