Wayman A.M.E. Church Archeology Collection

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### Collection Information

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Brief History

In the summer of 1992, an archeological excavation was conducted at the Wayman A.M.E. Church at 806 N. Center Street in Bloomington. The congregation, one of the oldest black congregations in Illinois, requested the investigation in anticipation of moving to a new site. They had occupied their current site starting in 1847.

The work was co-sponsored by MCHS and the Midwestern Archaeological Research Center at Illinois State University with involvement of the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project. The site proved particularly rich in bottles, especially medicinal ones. Resulting conclusions were based both on the archeological findings plus historical research.

Scope Note

This collection includes field documents of the excavation, newspaper articles, and resulting published manuscripts—including one on health care of the time.
**Box 1 (9 Folders)**

**The Excavation (Folders 1-6)**

Folder 1: Basemap and Plainview
   One basemap and nine plain views of the excavation site, n.d.

Folder 2: Artifact Inventory
   22 page inventory attached to correspondence from Mark Groover of South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology to Scott Wagers of Midwestern Archaeological Research Center at Illinois State University, 15 Sep 1993.

Folder 3: Field Lot Book
   Over 150 loose pages detailing artifacts by location, 1993.

Folder 4: Artifact photos
   16 photos of artifacts, negatives.

Folder 5: Field Notes

Folder 6: Newspaper Articles

**Publications (Folders 7-9)**

Folder 7: “Health Care and the Wayman A.M.E. Church”
   Plus draft of same.

Folder 8: Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage
   “Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage,”
   *Society of Historical Archaeology Newsletter*, Vol. 25 No. 4, pp 18-19 reporting on excavation and initial results.

Folder 9: Wayman A.M.E. Church history booklet
   “Wayman A.M.E. Church One Hundred Fifty Years of History: 1843-1993,” 20 pp. History including archeology findings.