The Martin-Bird Site

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The Martin-Bird site is located southwest of **Thunder** Bay in northwestern Ontario, adjacent to a Laurel mound. This report describes the investigations of the Terminal Woodland multi-component habitation site, the Blackduck burial, and the copper tool-making cache that were found there. The cultural material recovered is also described. Following a sparse Initial Woodland occupation, the site appears to have been occupied from the 7th to the 18th centuries AD by several carriers of the Algonkian culture. This occupation was dominated by the Blackduck tradition but includes other, more southern, traditions, which suggest affinities with north-western Wisconsin.

Introduction

The Martin-Bird Site (DbJm-5) is located in northwestern Ontario on Whitefish Lake, southwest of Thunder Bay, 50 kilometers inland from Lake Superior (Fig. 1). The lake lies in an east-west trough of the Laurentian Shield. It has a luxuriant discrete biotic community which in the Woodland period supported extensive habitations. The site is situated at the southwesterly point of an island opposite stands of wild rice at the western end of the lake. The MacGillivray Laurel tradition mound site occupies the northwesterly point of the same island (Dawson 1980) while the McCluskey Blackduck tradition habitation site is situated on the mainland on the north shore opposite the island (Dawson 1974). Other sites have been recorded along the shoreline to the east (Dawson 1978).

Discovered in 1964, the site was surveyed in 1966 and excavated in 1970. Test pits opened to determine the nature and extent of the occupation revealed at least three distinct areas: a Blackduck Algonkian culture habitation near the north shore designated Area A; a mixed Algonkian culture habitation near the south shore to the east designated Area B and a Blackduck burial located on a ridge between A and B designated Area C (Fig. 2). Like other sites on the lake, there is also evidence of an earlier Laurel occupation. The site was surveyed and laid out in a five-foot (1.5 m) grid pattern. The paper reports the excavation and describes the artifacts that were recovered. Classes of artifacts, by provenance, are given in Table 1.

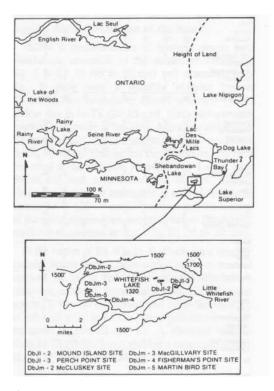


Figure 1 Map of Northwestern Ontario showing locations of Woodland sites on Whitefish Lake.

Area A

Area A is located on a light clay terrace 5' (1.5 m) above the lake and 50' (15 m) west of the shore near the northwest point of the island. A small, grass covered, level clearing, surrounded by low bush, had cultural refuse concentrated immediately below a sod layer 5 to 8 cm thick.

Excavation

Ten contiguous 5' (1.5 m) squares were opened and excavated to subsoil. While it was possible to discern continuous and distinct soil conditions,

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these did not appear to correlate with living floors hence the area was excavated in arbitrary 2" (5 cm) levels. The sod was removed to expose the first level, thus Lv I was 5-10 cm, and Lv II 10-15 cm, etc. The stratigraphic sequence seen in the east wall profiles of Squares 1 to 4 is representative of the entire area (Fig. 3). Laminated black ash, burnt soil and scattered firestones evident at the base of Lv I (Fig. 4) indicate the repeated use of hearths during the occupation. Superimposed hearth features evident at 10 to 15 cm suggested distinct periods of occupation. There was one major feature, a roasting pit which extended down about 30 cm.

Blackduck artifacts were found below the sod layer in direct association with European goods. Sparse Michigan-derived, and Selkirk ceramics also occur, as well as a sporadic mix of earlier Laurel ceramics.

Raw materials show the same range as seen at the Blackduck, McCluskey site on the mainland. They are all local: Hudson Bay Lowland flint (65%), Gun flint (19%), taconite and quartz (14%), and local varieties of siltstone (2%). No marked preference is evident through time although taconite is slightly more common in the lower strata. Debitage consisting of micro - (1290, 80.1%) and macro - (265, 16.4%) flakes and exhausted pebble-variety cores (55) occur at all levels but as a percentage of recoveries they show a decline from earlier strata (Lv VI, 39 %) to the more recent (Lv I, 23 %). Unmodified ferric oxide or ochre occurred in the first two levels. It appeared to be a natural occurrence.

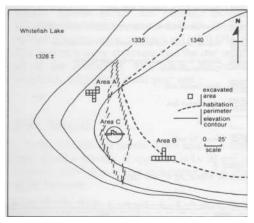


Figure 2 Contour Map Showing Excavations at the Martin-Bird Site

Features

There were 6 hearths, 6 refuse pits, a roasting pit and a post mould.

Hearths

In Sq. 1 below scattered historic and prehistoric refuse at 10 to 15 cm a few large stones, a semicircle of fire-fractured stones and lensed black ash marked a hearth. It was 75 cm across and extended through 10 cm as a saucer-shaped depression. Between 17.5 cm and 20 cm it fades to a red-brown discolouration which continues for another 10 cm. It contained sparse prehistoric refuse. Horizontal clustering of fire stones and laminated ash by levels suggest discontinuous use of the hearth.

Below a concentration of historic goods and Blackduck ceramics in the southeast corner of Sq. 6 at Lv III (15 to 20 cm) and extending into Sq. 3 there was a roughly circular brown discolouration containing Laurel ceramics (V-2). Below this in Lv IV (20-25 cm), there was a hearth marked by a circle of boulders, black ash and sparse debitage about 60 cm across with a southeast facing opening. This hearth configuration was also recorded at the adjacent MacGillivray Laurel site. Burnt red soil surrounded the feature. Saucer shaped in outline, it continued as a red discolouration to Lv V (25-30 cm). A similar hearth feature of the same dimensions occurred below Blackduck tradition recoveries in Sq. 7 Lv III (15 to 20 cm).

In the centre of Sq. 9 at Lv II (10-15 cm) a roughly circular hearth feature, surrounded by firestones and marked by burnt red soil contained Blackduck ceramics, debitage, faunal refuse and sparse historic goods. It was 60 cm across and extended through to sub-soil at 20 to 25 cm. Only prehistoric refuse occurred in Lvs III and IV. A charcoal sample from Lv III (15 to 20 cm) yielded a radiocarbon date of A.D. 1775 ± 40 (S-774).

In Sq. 10 a number of large boulders and scattered firestones roughly circular in shape and 90 cm across occurs at Lv II (10-15 cm). Dark brown to black in soil colour, this hearth feature was surrounded by sparse refuse, Blackduck, Laurel (V-I) and juvenile ceramics. Historic goods and debitage were absent. Shallow in outline, it overlaps a second hearth marked by a layer of small scattered firestones in red mottled sand in Lv III (15-20 cm). Roughly circular in outline, 60 cm across it continued down a further 20 cm as a red discolouration. A copper awl and bone refuse occurred in the feature at Lv IV (20-25 cm).

In Sq. 5 above a roasting pit there is a large hearth. At the bottom of Lv III there was a culturally sterile band of small mudstones and gravel. The band ran diagonally from the center to the northwest corner of the square, suggestive of high water deposit. Below this a laminated hearth-like feature occurred in the north wall and extended into Sq. 12.

Irregular in outline about 120 by 90 cm across and saucer shaped in outline, it appeared as a dark brown discolouration interspersed with firestones. A carbon sample yielded a date of A.D. 1065 ± 130 . Blackduck refuse occurred in Lv's III and IV. No trade goods were present.

Refuse Pits

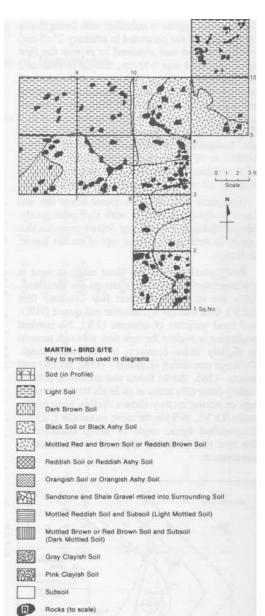
In Sq. 3 a small circular pit, marked by a redbrown discolouration 30 cm in diameter occurred in the east wall at 15-20 cm. It contained sparse refuse, primarily sherdlets and taconite debitage in Lv's III and IV. Conical in outline, it terminated between 35-40 cm.

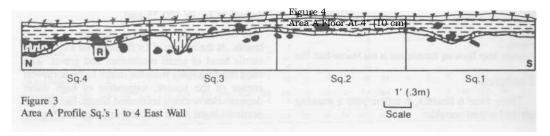
An irregular pit about 60 cm in length, dark brown in colour occurred in the northwest corner of Sq. 5. It appears to have partially cut through a roasting hearth in the north wall of the square. Saucer shaped at the base, it contained burnt bone and firestone through to Lv V (25-30 cm). A second roughly circular shape pit about 90 cm across occurred on the eastside of Sq. 5 at Lv IV (20-25 cm). Marked by dark brown soil, it begins to shallow out in Lv V. Sparse refuse including Blackduck ceramics, tools and taconite debitage occurred to Lv VI (30-35 cm). It terminated in Lv VII (35-40 cm).

A roughly circular pit about 45 cm in diameter occurred in the southeast corner of Sq. 6 at Lv III (15-20 cm) and extended down to Lv V (25-30 cm). It was red brown in colour, conical in shape and contained ceramic and lithic refuse.

In Sq. 9 below the Blackduck hearth two small pits occur in Lv III; one in the northwest corner and one in the centre of the south wall. Marked by red brown soil discolouration, they were irregular in outline, roughly 45 cm across and extended to the base of Lv V (25-30 cm). They contained sparse refuse to Lv IV.

In Sq. 10 a small pit about 45 cm across marked by burnt red soil lacking refuse was conical in outline and extended from Lv III to Lv VII. There was a lithic tool concentration in Lv III and copper knife in Lv IV. There was no cultural refuse in the lower levels.





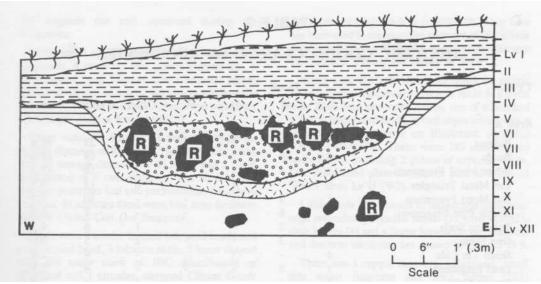


Figure 5 Area A Sq. 5 Profile of Roasting Pit in North Wall

Roasting Pit

Below the hearth in Sq. 5 there is a roasting pit. In Lv V there was a concentrated layer of firestones and bone refuse. In Lv VI there were large angle boulders and a heavy concentration of black ash, sherdlets and debitage. The black ash continued in Lv VII. Here was a layer of small, flat rock, heavily coated with carbon on their undersides. In Lv VIII the feature begins to shallow, but black ash continues and a further layer of small firestones occurs. Sparse lithics are present, including abraders. Black ash terminates in Lv IX. Brown to red soil discolouration continue to Lv XII (Fig. 5). The feature is more elaborate than the one recorded at the Blackduck McCluskey site on the mainland, suggesting multi-year use.

Post Mould

In Sq. 1 beside the hearth in this square, a single post mould is present. It appeared in Lv III and extended to Lv V. It was 7 cm in diameter and pointed at its terminus.

Radiocarbon Dates

Three acceptable radiocarbon dates were obtained for the Terminal Woodland period. One wood charcoal sample from the bottom of the hearth feature in Sq. 9 (Lv II) associated with Blackduck ceramics and trade goods (a kaolin pipe bowl fragment, a

shell button and fragments of window glass) yielded a date of A.D. 1775 \pm 40 (S-174). A second recovery from the bottom of a hearth feature in Sq. 12 (Lv II) associated with Blackduck ceramics and lithics and sparse Selkirk ceramics yielded a date of A.D. 1290 \pm 70 (S-775). A third sample was recovered above a pit feature in the same square at Lv III. It was associated with a large quantity of Blackduck ceramics and yielded a date of A.D. 1065 \pm 130 (S-851). The dates demonstrate a continuous use of the location from the 11th century until well into historic times by the Blackduck culture.

From Sq. I at Lv I a radiocarbon date of A.D. 480 \pm 115 (S-772) was obtained from a wood char-coal sample. While an association was not established, the date may pertain to the Laurel material from the Area

A fifth date of 1525 ± 70 B.C. (S-773) was obtained from a charcoal layer below the lower row of stones in the Sq. 5 roasting pit feature at Lv VU. Unfortunately, no diagnostic material was found associated with this layer.

Level I

Sixty European artifacts were found in direct association with those of native manufacture. The majority are from the 19th century, some are from the 20th century, and a few may be assigned to the 18th century. None are diagnostic of the early contact period. The relative undisturbed nature of the

TABLE 2
HISTORIC GOODS: CLASSES OF RECOVERIES

TYP	E		Level					
		I	II	III	IV	Other	Total	%
Area	a A							
	Buttons	12	6	2	1	2	23	16.6
	Beads	3	10	2	-	3	18	13.0
	White Metal Fragments	13	5	-	-	-	18	13.0
	Cut Metal Triangles	6	-	1	-	6	13	9.3
	Cut Metal Fragments	1	9	-	-	-	10	7.2
	Kaolin Pipe Fragments	1	6	-	-	-	7	5.0
	Tobacco Seals	3	2	-	-	1	6	4.3
	Gun Flints	-	3	-	-	2	5	3.6
	Small Tin Lids	4	-	-	-	-	4	2.9
	Lead Fragments	1	3	-	-	-	4	2.9
	Square Nails	2	1	-	-	1	4	2.9
	Wire Fragments	2	1	-	-	-	3	2.2
	Ceramic Sherds	1	2	-	-	-	3	2.2
	Window Glass	-	2	-	-	1	3	2.2
	Brass Tingler (copper kettle)	2	-	_	-	1	3	2.2
	Leather Heel Fragement	1	1	-	-	-	2	1.4
	Buckles	-	1	-	-	1	2	1.4
	Snap Fasteners	2	_	_	_	_	2	1.4
	Knife Blade Fragment	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Silver Pipe Ferrel (Brier)	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Cork Screw	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Trap Fragment	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Lead Foil	_	1	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Cartridge	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Drill Bit	1	_	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Collar Stud	_	1	_	_	_	1	0.7
	Bolt	_	1	_	_	-	1	0.7
			•					
	TOTAL AREA A	60	55	5	1	18	139	100.0
Area	а В							
	Cut Brass	_	_	2	_	_	2	20.0
	Round Nails	7	-	_	_	_	7	70.0
	Gunflint	1	_	_	_	_	1	10.0
	Guillinit							10.0
	TOTAL AREA B	8	0	2	0	0	10	100.0
A	e C							
Ar a								
a	Cut Brass	-	-	-	-	1	1	12.5
	Round Nails	-	-	-	-	7	7	75.0
	Shotgun Shell	-	-	-	-	1	1	12.5
	TOTAL AREA C	0	0	0	0	— 9	9	100.0
			-	-	-	-		* * *

site suggests the mix occurred during the occupation.

White metal was the most common material: 13 fragments, 4 small tin lids, possibly snuff tins, 6 cut triangles, and 1 linear. The triangular pieces measured 48 mm in length, 40 mm in width at the top and 10 mm at the apex. There was one other cut triangle from a brass kettle.

There were 12 buttons, 8 porcelain with an average diameter of 10.9 mm, 3 pressed white metal with an average diameter of 15.5 mm and 1 small shell button of 6 mm diameter. The shell button and one porcelain had two perforations, the others had four. In addition there were two snap fasteners marked *United Can Dot Snappers*,

There were 3 beads, 2 small late seed beads and a spheroidal bead, 3 tobacco seals, 2 heart shaped with the trade mark of W.C. MacDonald of Montreal and 1 circular, stamped Climax Grade Pherilland & Co., and a knife blade fragment, a kaolin pipe stem fragment, a blue on cream china fragment and a silver pipe ferrel tip. There was a 33 mm long tinkling cone rolled from a thin piece of a brass kettle and a portion of a conical bangle with a rough seam running its 294 mm length. The top diameter was 6.3 mm while the bottom was 3.4 mm. There were 10 other miscellaneous items including wire, lead and leather fragments as shown in Table 2.

Scattered around the top of the hearth feature in Sq. 1 were Blackduck ceramics, debitage, bone refuse, a triangular projectile point, a slate knife, cut white metal fragments, buttons, the china fragment and the oblate, spheroidal opaque dirty pink bead type 11a6 (Kidd & Kidd 1970) from the late historic period ca. 1760 - 1820.

There was 1 rim from a combined decorative technique Laurel vessel (Wright 1967). It had oblique dragged stamp over horizontal lines of dentate stamping. The interior had striations. It was broken along a coil line.

There were 17 Blackduck rims (Evans 1961; Dawson 1974), 13 from 7 analysable vessels representing four modes (100, 200, 400 and 900) and 4 from damaged vessels. Except from V-1 which was represented by 8 rims, one of which was from Lv II, analysable vessels were represented by only one rim each. Blackduck (V-7) was an atypical mode having wide cord impressions on a thickly splayed lip with a plain coarse possibly fabric impressed exterior. This mode was first recorded at the Blackduck McCluskey (Dawson 1974:21) and subsequently because of its atypical attributes was considered a mixed Blackduck/Selkirk mode (Dawson 1976:87). Similar types appear to occur to

the northwest (Rajnovich et at. 1982:90). They have not been used in comparative analyses of Blackduck ceramics (Dawson 1977:163). Metrical and discrete attributes of vessels are shown in Table 3.

There were 160 body sherds for which the metric and discrete attributes are given in Table 4. Eleven were Blackduck decorated sherds, one of which had a fabric impressed body, a technique which has a very sparse occurrence on Blackduck ceramics (Dawson 1974:39). There were 149 undecorated body sherds including 2 pieces of ceramic waste. One roughened plain sherd was part of a Laurel Vessel from Lv II (V-2).

Lithic tools (20) consist of unnotched triangular edge retouched projectile points (3), scrapers (12), slate knives (4) and a linear hammerstone. Metrical and discrete attributes are shown in Table 5 to 9.

There was 1 copper recovery, a flattened, small thin waste fragment and bone refuse (223) associated with the recoveries. Large mammal and a few bird and fish bones were evident but the bulk was fragmentary and burnt.

Level II

Over 37% of all excavated recoveries came from this level. Artifacts of European manufacture (55) are approximately equal in number to Level I whereas those of aboriginal manufacture are more than doubled (Table 1).

The historic artifacts show no significant variations from Lv I except for presence of British black gun flints (3). Two were extensively reworked pistol size. Their lengths were 19 and 21 mm, widths were 18 and 19.5 mm, and their thicknesses were 9 and 9.5 mm. The third was a burnt portion of a larger variety with a length of 23 mm and thickness of 9 mm. Beads (10) and kaolin pipe fragments (6) were more prevalent. One kaolin pipe recovery was a complete small bowl in the form of a voyageur's head and a portion of stem with a capital R on the spur while two other recoveries were atypical rim fragments with a glazed-like appearance.

There was one psuedo-scallop shell decorated Laurel vessel rim and 24 Blackduck rims, 19 from 14 analysable vessels representing four modes (Table 3), 4 from damaged vessels and one from V-1 in Lv I. Of the analysable vessels four were represented by more than one rim. One had an exterior end-of-tool impression at the base of the obliques and one had a fabric impressed body. Two had interior striations, one had an interior lip fillet and one was carbon encrusted. There were 2 Ash Rapids corded vessels. Ash Rapids corded ceramics are prevelant in the Lake of the Woods—

TABLE 3

AREA A VESSEL METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

Provenance								5			è.		Ex	terior Pu	nctate	s		
	Sq.	V #	1	Thickness*	Thickness*	peq	Decorated Lip	Decorated Interior	Interior Bosses	Form	Distance Below L	nce Apart*	cal Length*	c	0	Form	1	1
aurel				9	Body	Brushed	990	Deco	Inter	Rim	Dista	Distance	Vertical					
Lv. 1 Combined	10	V-1	1	4.3	7.0					6	-	-						
Lv. II Oblique PSS	6	V-1	1	4.1	D			-		5								
Lv. III Plain	7	V-1	1	4.8	D					5								
Other					U	Ť			0	3								
Plain	T.P. T.P.	V-1 V-2	1	6.1 7.0	1	:			:	7								
Blackduck Lv. I																		
107 115	2 3 7	V-1 V-2	8	7.1	6.7	:	V Ip		×	A-4 A-4	18.7	15.1 22.0	3.3	×		~		
131		V-3	1	8.9	6.7	×	0		×	A-4	13.8	19.0	4.6	×		^		
135 200	1 3	V-4 V-5	1	13.1	9.3	×	O ZZ		×	B-1 A-2	20.0	D 16.8	D 5.0	×				
400 900	10 12	V-6 V-7	1	7.3	4.6 7.6	×	0	-										
Lv.II	9	V-1	2							0.4	25 4	D	5.7					
100 104	1	V-2	1	13.8	9.7	×	0	٧	×	B-1 B-1	25.1 18.4	15.5	5.7 3.5	×	×			
104 107	1	V-3 V-4	1	9.5	5.6 5.9	:	CC	:	×	C-4 A-3	15.0 23.7	13.7	4.3	×	×			
107 107	3.6	V-5 V-6	2 2 3	9.6	6.2		20		×	C-4 A-5	23.7 21.3 21.0	13.3	4.8	×				
108	3	V-7 V-8	3	11.8	6.5		CC	-	×	A-2	26.4	21.0	8.0	×				
120 200	5	V-9	1	11.0	5.9 7.0	×	0	٧	×	A-5 A-1	13.4 14.5	19.8 20.5	5.0	×				×
200	4 7	V-10 V-11	1	7.2 8.1	6.0	:	0	0	:	C-5 D	18.3	17.0 D	4.5	×				
200 400	6	V-12 V-13	1	7.3	D 7.5		0		:	D B-1	13.0	Ď	3.9					
725	12	V-14	i	10.7	5.6	×	CC		×	A-3	16.3	4-8	D				×	
Lv. III 100	9	V-1	1	11.6	7.7	×	CC		×	C-4	25.7		4.5	×				
200	10 12	V-2 V-3	3	10.0 D	6.3 D	×	0	0	Ď	A-3 D	24.8 25.4	14.2	5.5	×				
300	11	V-4	2	12.2	D	×	٧	v		D	-	-	-	-				
400 400	12 5	V-5 V-6	1	8.1	5.6	×	O V			B-1 C-2								
Lv. IV 100	5	V-1	1	11.4	6.7	×	v	-	×	B-2	23.5 25.7	17.8 11.7	4.9	×				
200 Other	5 5	V-2	1	9.9	5.5	×	٧		×	C-4	25.7	11.7	4.7	×				
100	T.P.	V-1	1	10.8	6.1		0			B-2	25.0	45.0	-	×				
100 100	T.P. T.P.	V-2 V-3	4	9.5	7.6 5.7	×	CC		×	A-5 A-3	14.0 24.4	15.0 12.5	3.3	×	×			
107 425	W 6&3 T.P.	V-4 V-5	1	8.6	5.8	×	0	:	×	A-3 A-2	20.4	18.2	5.4	×				
611 629	T.P. T.P.	V-6 V-7	1	10.0	7.8		C	1	15	A-5 A-5	17.0	20.0	7.1				×	
725	T.P.	V-8	1	9.9	7.0		v			B-5								
lelkirk Lv. III	rit or lying	12200			1274					-								
Alexander Fabric Ash Rapids Corded	5	V-1	2	8.0	4.3	*		*	*	D			-					
Lv. II Corded	7	V-1	1	5.4	4.2		0			Е	1000							
Corded and Punctate	4	V-1	1	6.6	5.9		-		×	BE	12.0	D	5.0	×				
Lv. III Corded and Punctate	4	V-1	1	8.1	5.5		-		×	F	9.0 15.6	D 21.0	4.8			×		
eninsular Woodland Other																		
Decorated	T.P.	V-1	2	12.5	6.9	-	0			26	(25.0	5.3	8.0)				×	
flackinac Lv. II	Name of the last	mon										100						
Punctated	12	V-1 V-2	1	6.5	4.5 6.9	:	O CC			25 25	(5.0	3.5	5.1)				×	
Lv. III Punctated	4	V-1	4	7.7	4.0		0			25	(7.6	5.0	6.4)				×	
Other								111	1		Sec.						^	
Punctated	T.P.	V-1	-1	7.5	5.0		0	*		25	(9.5	4.5	5.8)			×		
uvenile Lv. II	10	V-1		5.0	3.7		0				18.7	D	2.4					

cwo cord wrapped object impressed; v vertical cwo; o oblique cwo; zz zig zig cwo; cc criss-cross cwo; lp linear punctates; x present; PSS psuedo scallop shell; c circular; r rectangular; s square; i irregular; () linear punctates; D damaged; * mm

Rim form: Laurel, Wright 1967; Blackduck, Dawson 1974; Ash Rapids Corded and Selkirk, Reid and Rajnovich 1980; Peninsular Woodland and Mackinac, Wright 1968, Fig. 5.

TABLE 4 **BODY SHERDS METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES**

Type and Provenance		ı			П			Level III			IV/V/V	,		Other	
	1		Maan	1		Maan	f		Mean	f	•		f		Maan
Area A Decorated Laurel PSS	'	Range	Weali		Range 7.5- 8.1	7.9	2	Range 8.0- 8.5	8.2		Range	Weali		Range	Mean
Dentate Dragged Stamp	-			-			1 2	9.5- 5.0- 5.1	5.0	-			-		
Sub-total Laurel	0			5			5			0			0		
Blackduck Other	11 0	4.0- 8.5	6.1	40 2	4.6- 4.9 3.9-	5.3	10 2	4.6- 6.5 4.3- 6.4	5.3 5.3	4	4.8- 5.6	5.3	22 0	5.0- 7.2	6.1
Sub-total decorated	11			47			17			4			22		
Undecorated Cord malleated Smoothed over (cord ?) Fabric impressed Roughened (plain) Plain Wastage	82 61 3 1 -	3.0- 7.5 3.2- 7.5 4.2- 6.2 8.0-	4.7 6.2 5.2	148 57 7 7 2	2.5- 7.5 '4.0- 7.0 3.8-10.5 4.0- 7.5 6.8- 8.0	4.5 6.6 5.5	66 45 1 1 2	3.3- 6.4 3.2- 6.8 D 8.4- 6.0- 6.1	4.7 4.4 6.0	17 3 1 -	3.5- 7.5 5.0- 7.5 3.5 7.2	6.0 5.8	40 10	3.8- 6.7 3.5- 7.7 4.0- 7.1 7.1-	6.0 4.9 5.4
Sub-total undecorated	149			222			115			22			211		
Sub-total Body Sherds	160			269			132			26			233		
Area A	=			-			-			-			-		
Area B Decorated Laurel															
Linear punctate	21	4.5- 7.9	6.4	16	4.9- 6.9	5.1	6	4.6- 7.0	7.3	-			-		
Dentate Dragged stamp	-	4.5		3 1	5.0- 5.5 6.0	5.2	-			-					
Blackduck	32	4.5-10.2	6.3	7	5.5- 9.5	7.1	4	7.0-10.0	6.2	-				8.0- 8.1	8.0
Other		7.2-		-			-			-				5.0- 5.5	5.2
Sub-total decorated	55			27			10			0			6		
Undecorated Cord malleated	151	3.4-10.0	6.5	29	3.5- 9.5		3	3.7- 4.4	4.1	-				3.0-10.1	6.0
Smoothed over (cord?) Fabric impressed	214 3	3.0-11.5 4.0- 5.5	5.7 4.8	52 1	3.9-11.0 7.1-	6.5	13	3.7- 8.9	6.1	7	5.2- 8.9	6.5	50 '	6.0 9.4 4.1- 6.9	5.9 5.2
Roughened	1	9.1-	4.0	2	6.2- 7.5	6.8	-							7.0-8.2	7.7)
Plain	7	5.9- 7.2	6.8	5	4.5- 6.8	5.3	-						16	6.1- 9.7	7.7
Wastage	2			-			- 40			-			405		
Sub-total undecorated	378 433			89 116			16 26			7 7			165 171		
Total Body Sherds Area B	433			-			-			-			-		
Area C		Burial pit		R	idge Trend	:h		Other							
Decorated					ilage III	,									
Blackduck Undecorated	1	5.0-		41	3.1-11.9	10.4	4	8.1- 8.4	8.2						
Cord malleated	44	4.7- 6.9	5.4	43	3.0- 8.0	5.2	4	4.3- 5.0	4.6						
Smoothed over (cord?)	8	3.5- 6.5	4.5	173 2	2.9- 8.8	5.3	16	4.0- 8.0	5.8						
Fabric impressed Roughened				3	4.9- 7.0 3.5- 8.1	5.9 5.2	2	4.4- 5.4	4.9						
Plain	-			- 1	9.6	J.2	-	0.7							
Wastage				5			-								
Sub-total undecorated	52			237			22								
Total Body Sherds Area C	53 =			278			26								

^{*} Area A Lv. II includes 1 basal sherd; Area B Other includes 2 basal sherds

^{**}A few cord malleated sherds had coil breaks () Refers to ribbed rather than roughened body sherds Measurements are in mm.

TABLE 5

PROJECTILE POINTS METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

Type an	nd	f		Flake		F	orm	Wi	dth	No	tch	Comments
Proven	ance		L	W	Th	Base	Blad	Base	Blade	W	D	
Unnotcl	hed	16										
Area A	Lv. I	3	28.0	17.5	4.2	cv	CV					
			23.1	20.1	5.0	st	CV					
			25.7	19.7	5.0	st	cv					
	Lv. II	4	18.2	15.9	4.9	st	st					
			23.0	13.0	5.9	st	st					
			15.6	14.9	3.0	st	CV					
			22.0	18.4	2.8	st	st					
	Lv. iii	2	17.0	10.7	4.0	cv	CV					
			20.0	18.0	4.2	cv	CV					
	Lv. IV	1	-	25.5	6.9	CV	CV					
	Other	4	18.0	16.6	3.6	CC	cv					
	C	•	28.8	20.9	8.8	st	cv					taconite
			_5.0	16.0	4.5	0	CV					
			21.0	-	2.8	st	cv					
Area B	Lv. II	1	25.6	23.7	4.2	st	cv					
Area C	Ridge Trench	1	-	19.0	4.5	0	cv					
	ago monon	'		13.0	7.0	U	ÖV					
Notched	d	14										
Area A		5	27.0	18.0	6.2	st	st	17.0	17.7	5.2	2.3	
			18.2	14.5	3.8	СС	CV	14.0	14.5	3.3	1.0	spaulded
				17.0	3.7	st	st	15.0	17.0	2.0	2.5	.,
							_	_	_	_	_	notched frag.
										-	_	notched frag.
	Other	2	20.0	17.3	4.6	st	cv	16.0	17.3	4.2	3.2	
	C	-	20.0		4.0	-	-	-	-	4.0	2.8	taconite
Area B	Lv I	3	26.0	18.2	5.0	cv	st	18.2	13.5	1.3	3.2	taconito
		ŭ	-	13.6	2.9	st	st	13.5	13.6	1.0	2.5	
			34.6	16.5	5.3	CC	cv	9.9	16.4	3.1	1.3	
	Lv. II	1	34.5	18.6		CC	st	18.2	16.4	3.5	1.0	
	Other	1	22.7	18.5	4.8	cv	cv	15.5	18.5	4.8	2.8	
Area C	Ridge Trench	2	22.8	14.6	3.5	st	cv	9.9	14.6	5.5	2.5	
Alca C	rage french	2	35.5	23.5	5.0	CC	cv	17.5	23.5	4.3	3.0	
Stemme		1										
Area A	Lv. II	1	39.0	15.9	4.9	st	st	11.7				
Fragme	ents	7										
Area A		1	_	_	_	_	-					edge frag.
Area B		2	-	20.1	6.2	_	-					tip
	**	-		10.1	2.9	_	-					small tip
	Lv. III	1	-	6.2	4.0	_	-					small tip
	Lv. IV	1	_	-	-	_	_					base frag.
	Other	1	_	_	_	_						base frag.
Area C	Ridge Trench	1	-	-	4.3	-	-					tip
,a U	Mage Helloll		•	-	٠.٠	-	-					űβ
Total Pro	ojectile Points	38										
D dep	oth L Length	WV	Vidth	Th T	hicknes	s	cv conve	x	cc conca	ave	st st	traight o oblic
		•••					re in mm.		20 00.100		0.0	

TABLE 6
SIDE SCRAPER METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRUBUTES

Type and	f		Flake		Ri	ght Do	rsal	L	eft Dors	al	70		
Provenance						Margin			Margin		e to	B.	
		L	W	Th	L	Th	Angle ±5°	L	Th	Angle	No. o	MOO	Comment
Linear Flake	9												
Straight margins	5												
Area A Lv. I	1	34.2	23.1	3.4				24.0	1.9	30	1		
Lv. II	1	22.7	11.6	3.4	21.5	1.2	25		30		1	×	
Other	1	19.0	7.0	1.9	17.0	1.0	25				1		
Area B													
Other	1	30.9	11.8	3.2	23.2	0.5	40	*	-		1	1	
Area C													
Ridge	1	31.0	18.0	4.8	25.5	0.9	35		-	-	1		
Parallel margins	3												
Area A Lv. II	1	33.1	16.3	6.8			-	22.4	2.0	40	2	×	LVM, L. 15.0, Th. 2.0, A. 40
Lv. IV	1	21.7	13.5	3.0	14.9	0.9	31	12.8	0.6	27	2	×	
Area B Lv. II	1	27.0	19.6	1.1	19.0	0.5	40	27.0	0.5	43	2		
Converging margins	1												
Area A Lv. I	1	22.4	13.4	3.0				20.0	1.2	26	1	×	irregular m.
arge Plano/Convex	7												
Straight margins	4												
Area A Lv. II	1	72.0	52.0	6.0			10.0	1			1		slate fragment crushed
Area B Lv. I	2	70.0	38.7	6.0	18.0	1.0	50	32.0	1.1	52	2		LDM concave
		72.0	47.8	17.3	60.8	2.8	83				1		taconite
Other	1	47.0	20.1	6.1		-		23.2	0.5	40	1		continuous retouch
Parallel margins	1												
Area A Other	1	47.9	21.2	7.2	30.1	1.5	50	17.0	3.0	45	2		
Converging margins	1												
Area B Lv. I	1	47.0	15.0	6.0	39.0	1.2	38				1		irregular m.
Convex margin	1												
Area A Lv. II	1		47.6	9.3	40.0	2.5			0	0 1	1	2	crushed margins, broken slate
Fragments	1												
Area A Lv. I	1												slate fragment
atal													
otal	17												

L Length

W Width

Th Thickness

m. margin Rd. rounded

Measurements are in mm.

DDM Distal Dorsal Margin

LVM Left Ventral Margin

TABLE 7

RANDOM FLAKE SCRAPER METRICAL
AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

Type and			Flake			uched M		
rovenance	1	L.	W.	Th.	L.	Th.	Angle ± 5°	Comment
traight Margin							A H	Comment
		22.0	10.0	3.4	12.0	0.9	40	st./convex m.
Area A Lv. I	4	23.0	19.0	-			27	St./COHVEX III.
		20.4	15.4	2.0	11.0	1.2	-	
		25.0	24.7	9.0	18.3	2.3	50	ventral major m.
		43.7	38.8	7.5	20.0	2.8	47	cortex flake
Lv. II	2	35.0	24.9	7.5	20.0	2.8	29	graver spur
	-	22.0	13.0	3.0	14.8	1.8	39	
1 101	1		14.0	2.9	12.5	1.0	33	broken
Lv. III							25	DIONOII
Other	3	20.1	24.0	5.0	18.0			
		28.6	19.5	5.0	19.7	1.9	42	
		16.8	14.5	2.0	15.7	1.3	27	cortex flake
Area B Lv. I	4	26.0	24.1	3.4	21.2	1.5	47	crushed margin
riida D Ev. i	1.50	20.0	17.0	2.9	17.0	1.8	30	oblique margin
		31.0	25.0	9.0	27.2	3.0	62	
					17.7	1.3	50	
		19.6	18.7	9.4	1000000000			
Lv. II	4	34.3	22.5	5.8	31.8	3.2	40	
		27.8	20.0	4.0	10.7	1.5	48	
		23.0	23.0	3.3	16.2	1.6	38	two pieces
		51.5	33.0	9.0	30.0	1.8	47	taconite
Other	1	22.1	11.0	3.1	17.0	2.1	42	
Other							32	
Area C Other	1	19.2	13.4	2.8	15.1	2.1	32	
Convex Margin	3							
	1	31.7	15.1	5.4	10.9	1.2	30	end retouched rounded
Area V Lv. I							-	
Lv. II	2	22.1	20.0	5.5	26.0	2.2	36	broken
		29.7	20.2	6.7	10.0	1.6	45	broken
oncave Margin	4							
		40.0	45.5	2.0	13.3	1.7	55	
Area A Lv. II	2	19.3	15.5	3.0				
		19.0	14.7	4.0	9.0	1.3	34	
Other	1	27.5	20.7	6.2	23.4	3.3	42	
Area B Lv. III	1	24.8	20.9	2.9	14.8	0.8	44	ventral major m. graver spur
Converging Margins	4	45.5	44.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	or	
Area A Lv. III	2	15.5	14.2	3.9	12.9	0.9	25	and too Tite to
		22.5	17.7	3.4	21.0	1.6	42	2 nd m. L.80, Th.1.5, A.34
Other	1	28.0	20.1	4.7	22.1	2.5	26	2 nd m. L.18.6, Th.3, A.22
Area B Lv. I	- 1	31.6	26.2	8.1	16.6	0.6	47	2nd m. L.14.3, Th.1.2, A.52
111770.75 (735), 1)								
rregular Margin	2	11001001001					0.7	
Area A Lv. II	1	24.5	17.0	2.7	22.5	1.3	37	ventral major m.
Area C Ridge Trench	1	24.5	15.5	6.2	17.8	1.7	50	
Fragments	5							
Area A Lv. II	1							and the same
Other	2							fire spauled
Area B Lv. II	1							edge frag.
								1,000 4 ,70 170 34 0
Total	38							

A. angle m. margin L. length W. width Th. thickness Measurements are in mm.

TABLE 8
END SCRAPER METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

Type and Provenance	1		Flake			DDM	le ±5°	Form		RDM	le ±5°		LDM	e + 5°		VM	8 ± 5°			unctio Round	05554
Toronanco		L	W.	Th.	L	Th.	Angle	MOO	L	Th.	Angle	L	Th.	Angle	L.	Th.	Angle			RM L	
Triangular																					
Isosceles	17																				
Area A Lv. I	2	25.4	20.0	6.3	15.0	3.0	84	CV													
		42.0	34.9	9.3	30.1	7.1	60	cv	22.1	6.9	57									Y	
Lv. III	3	43.0	31.3	9.3	30.2	9.6	65	CV	2.8	3.0	65	35.5	1.5	50				×	×		
		26.4	20.5	7.8	14.0	5.0	86	cv	-					-							
		17.3	14.7	2.4	13.5	1.9	56	CV				11.2	1.2	53					×		
Area B Other	1	V0.000	23.5	4.5	0.000	4.9	86	CV	19.6	2.1	66		-					D	Y	D	
Area C Ridge trench	2	25.5	20.0	2.8	19.5	3.0	68	cv							24 5	2.5	60				x
		30.0	22.5	6.4	22.5	3.0	78	CV								2		x			×
Oblong	6	-	000000	DOTTE A	773 1773	- 735	70.70											100			
Area A Lv. I	1	41.5	22.3	8.8	21.6	5.0	61	CV	14.0	6.0	60	10.8	3.1						*	×	
Lv. II	1	36.4	21.5	7.4	18.0	2.0	66	st	36.4	2.0	54	36.4	2.5	80				×	*		
Lv. III	2	37.0	20.5	5.5	15.4	3.6	70	CV	35.0	2.7	62	33.4	3.0	47				×		¥	
		47.5	22.1	7.0	20.1	3.5	50	CV	00,0	de la	OE.	00.4	0.0	71	120		200	×		•	
Area B Lv. II	2	47.6	19.4	6.0	16.9	1.5	60	0										•	^		
			21.6	4.3	19.0	4.0	66	st	11.4	3.2		13.1	2.9		fire	spaul	nd		x		
Equilateral	3		-1.0		10.0	7.9	-		11.07	4.4		10.1	4.0		me	əpaul	ou	200	^	•	×5.
Area A Lv. II	1	24.8	24.8	5.4	18.5	4.7	70	0	21.2	1.9	53	23.9	2.0	51				×			
Lv. III	1	22.0	21.0	6.5	21.0	5.2	68	st	19.6	0.5	75	15.0	1.0	70				0	^		
Other	1	24.0	22.8	7.7	27.0	2.0	72	CV	23.0	2.0	68	16.0	2.4	78				X			
		21.0	-			2.0			20.0	2.0	.00	10.0	4.4	10				^			
Trapezoidal	7																				
Oblong	5																				
Transverse Flake	2																				
Area A Lv. I	1	30.8	22.4	6.8	01.1		40					00.0									
Area C Other	1	29.8	25.0	8.5	21.1	4.1	45	st	04.5			22.0	2.1	50	*						×
Dorsal Ridged	3	29.0	20.0	0.5	23.5	5.0	79	CV	24.5	1.5	40	14.0	2.0	40		*				X	X
Area A Lv. IV	1		18.9	5.8	16.4	3.0	70			0.0	71			00							
Other	1	25.0	19.0	5.0	18.0	3.0	79 82	CV		2.0	74		3.0	80	D	roken			X	X	*
Area B Lv. I	1	23.4	23.2	5.4	16.2	4.4	98	CV						70		*			*		-
Prolate	2	23.4	23.2	0.4	10.2	4.4	90	CV				18.1	4.1	78					X	X	•
Bi-Parallel	-																				
Area C Burial Pit	1	17.5	22.5	5.5	22.3	2.0	89	-	12.5	10	60	44.7	20	70							
Bi-Convex	1	17.5	22.0	5.5	22.3	2.0	09	st	13.5	1.2	69	11.7	2.0	76	*	1		X	X	spui	0
Area B Other	1	18.1	20.0	5.7	19.5	2.1	70		10.1		00										
Area o Other	4	10.1	20.0	5.7	19.5	2.1	70	st	10.1	6.6	80							×	•		
Fragments	3																				
Area A Lv. I	1	fire s	pauled e	equilate	ral																
Lv. II	1	DDM	edge fr	agment																	
Lv. III	1	fire s	pauled e	edge m	argin																
Total End Scrapers	27																				

GENERAL TOOL KIT METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

TABLE 9

Class and	1		Flake			ajor Margii	Angle ±5°	. of m	DOM Rd	Comment
Provenance		L	W.	Th.	L	Th.	A	No.	ö	
Chipped Stone Knives	17									
Slate Area A Lv. I	4	70.0 62.0 92.0	33.0	6.3				1		base notched smoothed edge wear
		92.0 111.0	33.0 37.0 52.0 47.0	6.3 4.2 8.5 9.0				1		semi-luner one edge crushed
Area B Other	1 2			6.9				1		fragment taconite, broken
Flake - small	5	94.5 98.0	73.0 74.0	13.0				1		crushed and retouched
Area A Lv. III Other	1 2	30.4 22.2	18.5 15.3	7.0 5.8	25.0 22.1	2.2	56 50	2 3	×	LVM. L.23.5, Th.2.1, A.L LDM, L.18.7, Th.2.3, A.S
Area B Lv. I Area C Ridge Trench	- 1	30.4 22.2 39.3 29.2 22.5	18.5 15.3 31.6 18.0 22.0	7.0 5.8 9.8 4.3 4.0	200					broken
Area C Ridge Trench	4				21.0					
- large Area A Lv. VIII Area B Lv. I	2	95.0 64.7 56.9 60.0	50.0 59.3 47.7 39.0	11.0 12.5 8.0 9.8	57.0					taconite
Other	1	60.0	39.0	9.8						broken taconite
Notched Lance Area B Lv. I	9	67.0	36.7	6.9						
Wedges Area A Lv. II Lv. III	1	21.3	18.6	6.0	17.3 10.7	3.1	30 31			RDM DDM
Lv. IV	2	21.3 25.1 27.9 20.0 23.8	18.6 19.7 22.7 16.3	6.0 5.2 8.0 5.4	10.1	1.0				
Other	1	23.8	18.4	9.0						retouched & crushed LVM & DDM
Area B Lv. I Lv. III	- 1	20.0	18.4 17.3 16.0 16.5	4.7 3.2 7.5 9.0						
Area C Ridge Trench	2	20.0 23.8	16.0 16.5	7.5 9.0						quartzite
Area A Lv. III	7 2	2.0	00.7							fragment
Lv. IV	1	31.6	20.7 34.8 15.1 46.2 38.8	6.8 10.6 7.3 13.5 9.0 8.0						tear drop tip taconite
Area B Lv. I Other	1 2	34.0 86.0 49.5	46.2	13.5						taconite Preform (?) semi-lunar
Area C Ridge Trench Drills	3	43.0		8.0						edge fragment
Area A Lv. IV Area B Lv. I Area C Ridge trench	1	23.0 22.7	10.0 11.3 7.0	6.8 4.7						
Area C Ridge trench Spokeshaves	1 2			5.0						
Area A Lv. II		15.0	16.8	3.9	15.0	1.0	26			RDM st L. 12 Th. 1.5 A. 45, graverspur RVM st. L. 23 Th. 2.8 A. 45, graverspur
		30.0	26.0	9.0	26.2	2.2	45			A. 45, graverspur
Unifaces Area B Lv. I	2	71.5 68.5	19.6 61.0	11.1 20.2	22.3 58.6	1.8 4.0	47 53			st m. irregular retouch
Phoneson .	2	00.0	01.0	20.2	30.0	4.0	30			st. m. continuous retouch, taconite core
Choppers Area A Other Area B Other Denticular Tool	1	210.0 115.0	100.0 52.0	22.0 57.0						
Denticular Tool Area A Lv. I	1	42.5	18.0	5.9	38.0					
Perforator Area C Ridge Trench	1	33.0	8.4	46.6	-					
Chipped Stone Total	44	1100101								
Rough Stone Hammerstones	-				Wt.	(gms.)				
Linear Area A I v I	8 6	88.0	48.0	38.0	242					hammer facet one end
Lv. II	1	88.0 95.0 75.0	48.0 57.0 59.0	38.0 39.0 41.0	242 293 252 59					hammer facet both ends
Area B Lv. I	2	64.0 60.0	55.0 45.0	-	224					fragment
Circular Lv. IV	2			35.0	163					
Circular Area A Lv. II Area B Other	1	94.0 74.0	85.0 68.0	70.0 38.0	768 318					
Abraders Area A Lv. III	8	62.5 40.0	18.8 40.0	4.1 7.0						slate siltstone
Lv. VIII	2	99.0	46.0	7.5						siltstone siltstone
Area B Lv. I	1 2	62.0 115.0	46.0 6.0 60.0 53.0 44.0	7.5 9.0 6.0 9.5 11.2 7.0						square polished centre slate centre polished
Other	1	62.0 115.0 95.0 75.0	44.0 49.0	11.2 7.0						slot and side use slate, edge use
Pendant Area C Ridge Trench	1	54.5	14.0	7.3						
Net Sinker Area B Other	1	195.0	132.0	30.0						flat reverse end flaked
Celt Area C Ridge Trench	1	145.0	48.0	19.0						
Rough Stone Total	19									
Total General Tool Kit	63		Key see previo			nents are in				

Rainy Lake region where they have been dated to A.D. 1230± 125 (Reid and Rajnovich 1980). The ceramics are related to Sandy Lake corded unnotched in northern Minnesota (Cooper & Johnson 1964:479), Nett Lake in northern Minnesota (Evans 1961) and Cemetary Point corded in southeast Manitoba (MacNeish 1958). Variously classed as to ware they have been arbitrarily placed under Selkirk. There were 2 rims from 2 Mackinac Punctate type vessels of Late Woodland, Wisconsin ware (McPherron 1967:86). Ware of this class was recovered from the Mound Island site at the east end of Whitefish Lake (Dawson 1978). The recoveries had smoothed-over exteriors with offset double rows of linear stamping below the lips made from a rectangular end tool. They have slightly out-rolled lips and straight sides. They are not collared or castellated. There were 5 juvenile rims, 4 from an incised vessel and 1 from a cordwrapped object impressed vessel. There were 40 Blackduck decorated body sherds, 5 Laurel, 2 unclassified and 222 undecorated body sherds (Table 4).

The lithic tools (28), like Lv I, are Late Woodland. There were 11 projectile points, 11 scrapers, a slate knife, a wedge, two spoke shaves and a linear and a circular hammerstone. The number and variety of projectile points and scrapers is greater than Lv I. The scrapers included 2 of the large siltstone variety. Attributes are shown in Table 5 to 9.

There were also 2 portions of small carved steatite pipe which formed a nearly complete, well fashioned calumet. It had a small rectangular base 30 mm long, 20 mm wide and 14 mm thick, with a 5 mm square keel. There is a 10 mm diameter stem hole and a 2 mm diameter hole in the keel for a safety cord attachment. The bowl base is 13 mm across. Its sides are ridged and expanding vertically. Two offset small holes 2 mm in diameter occur below the first and second ridges. Knife and file marks are present on the exterior surface suggesting that it may have been a trade item.

There were 5 copper recoveries: a heavily patinated tanged knife; a bipointed and single pointed awl; a bar; and a flattened fragment. These recoveries are more characteristic of the Laurel tradition (Wright 1967) than the Blackduck tradition. The knife was 52 mm long with a bevelled convex blade, a straight back and a width of 14 mm. The tang length was 31.4 mm, the width 4 mm and thickness 2.3 mm. It was a Wittry Type llal (1951), while so classified this does not imply that it is Archaic. The bipointed awl was 105.7 mm in length, 5.8 mm wide and 4.4 mm thick. The single pointed awl was 49 mm long, 5 mm wide and 2.1 mm thick.

The bar was rectangular; 27 mm long, 9 mm wide and 4.6 mm thick with irregular ends and a median line

A large quantity of faunal refuse (443) was recovered, much of it diminutive and burnt. Large and small mammal and bird bones were present.

Level III

European manufactured goods are rare (5). They do not vary from the upper levels (Table 2).

There was one Laurel plain rim vessel and 10 Blackduck rims of which 9 were from 6 analysable vessels of four varieties and 1 from a destroyed vessel. Of the analysable vessels 2 were represented by more than one rim. There were 2 Selkirk rims (MacNeish 1958) from an Alexander fabric-impressed vessel, 2 Ash Rapids corded rims, 1 from a corded and punctate variety and 1 unanalysable, and 1 rim from a Mackinac Punctate vessel (Table 3). There were 17 decorated body sherds, 5 Laurel, one a dentate-stamp variety had an exterior flange and a mortice-and-tenon union, 10 Blackduck and

2 unclassified. There were 115 undecorated body sherds (Table 4), 3 (cord-malleated near rims) had smoothed over cord-malleated interiors with shallow roughly vertical impressions and horizontal striations.

Lithic tools (20) show little variation from the upper levels. There was 2 projectile points, 12 scrapers, 1 flake knife, 1 wedge, 2 bifaces and 2 abraders. Side scrapers and hammerstones are absent. There was 1 single pointed copper awl Wittry's Type IV. It had a length of 46 mm, a width of 39 mm, a thickness of 1.9 mm and a weight of 1.29 gm. Except for a marked decline in quantity (172) faunal refuse shows no variation.

Level IV

Total recoveries are markedly reduced. There was only one intrusive European artifact, a broken shell button. Ceramics were only from the Blackduck tradition. There were 3 rims from 2 vessels,

3 decorative sherds and 20 undecorated body sherds. Lithic tools (8) are considerably reduced in number consisting of a projectile point, a biface, 2 scrapers, 2 wedges and a linear hammerstone. They show no significant change except for the single occurrance of a drill. There was 1 tanged copper knife (Wittry Type A -1) with a straight back and a convex blade. It had a length of 55.5 mm, a blade width of 10.9 mm and a thickness of 3.2 mm. The tang was tapered and heavily patinated. Its length was 22.5 mm, thickness 3.2 mm and weight 4.5 gm. Bone refuse (36) was minimal.

Level V

All recoveries were from the features in 3 squares. They consisted of sparse Blackduck ceramics, a destroyed rim, 3 decorated sherds, 2 undecorated body sherds, plus 5 debitage pieces and 16 faunal refuse fragments from the pit feature in Sq. 4, 6 debitage pieces and 12 faunal refuse fragments from the roasting pit in Sq. 5 and one piece of debitage from the hearth in Sq. 1.

Level VI

All recoveries were from the roasting pit feature in Sq. 5. They consisted of cord-malleated sherdlets (18), debitage (20), faunal refuse (4) and a copper fragment broken into 5 pieces which may have been an awl.

Level VII

There were no artifacts or refuse recovered from this level. A soil and a carbon sample were recovered but the latter was insufficient for dating.

Level VIII

Recoveries were only from the Sq. 5 roasting pit feature. They include 1 biface, 2 abraders, a small quantity of debitage (6) and a flake knife. Bone refuse was absent.

Other Areas

Other recoveries were from test pits and walls between squares. The European manufactured items (18) show no significant variation from those from the excavation (Table 2). There were two British gun flints recovered with lengths of 31 and 24 mm, widths of 28 and 25 mm and thickness of 8.5 and 8.9 mm. There was a brass kettle conical bangle with a length of 47 mm.

There were 2 Laurel vessels, 1 plain and 1 plain with fine oblique parallel cord-wrapped-object impressions below the lip. This decorative technique is only recorded for the Laurel Tradition in Minnesota (Stoltman 1962:43).

There were 14 Blackduck rims, 11 from 8 analysable vessels representing 4 varieties, and 3 unanalysable. Of the analysable vessels 2 were represented by more than one rim. There were, in addition, 22 Blackduck decorated sherds. There

were 3 Peninsula Woodland rims, 2 from a decorated variety vessel and 1 from an unanalysable vessel. The Peninsula Woodland decorated vessel had parallel oblique impressions below the lip which resembles the technique Mason describes as beaded punctate recoveries from North Bay I assemblage at the Mero Site, Wisconsin (Mason 1966:84). Sparse Peninsula Woodland vessels were present at the Terminal Woodland McCluskey and Mound Island sites on the lake. There was 1 Mackinac Punctate vessel rim and 233 analysable body sherds (Table 4).

Lithic tools (21) recovered show no anomalies from the excavation (see Tables) 'except for one distinctive large sandstone chopper bust-off. Not common to the Blackduck tradition in the area they do occur with Blackduck recoveries from sites to the northeast (Pollock 1975). There was a single-pointed copper awl. It had a length of 64.1 mm, a width of 4.2 mm and a thickness of 2.3 mm.

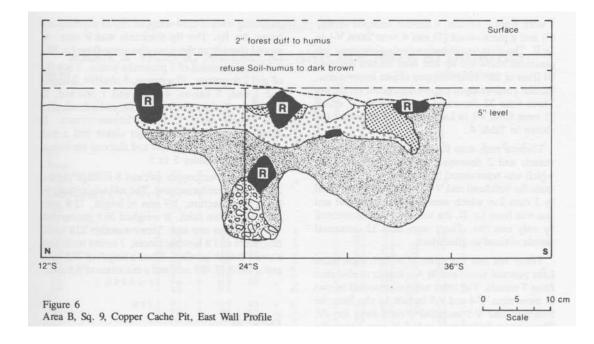
Area B

Area B is located 50' (15 m) north of the south shore of the island 125' (38 m) east of Area A. A brush covered terrace 10' (3.1 m) above the shore, it had no sod cover. Absence of cover is equated with denudation from occupation not forest fires. Scattered fire-fractured rocks and cultural refuse occurred directly below leaf mold.

Excavation

Nine contiguous 5' (1.5 m) squares were opened and excavated by arbitrary 2" (5 cm) levels to subsoil. Heavy concentration of refuse occurred at 2" to 3" (5 to 7.5 cm) and except for features terminated at 4" to 5" (10 to 12.5 cm). Horizontal distribution of debris suggested separate domestic units. Michigan-derived and Blackduck pottery dominates the ceramic assemblage. Sparse Laurel ceramics also occur. Except for one British gunflint (length 27.5 mm, width 20.2 mm, thickness 6.8 mm) and 7 round nails from Lv II and two cut kettle fragments from Lv III, trade goods were absent.

While lithic raw materials did not vary significantly from Area A, the quantity was considerably reduced representing only 13% of the artifacts compared to 27.6% in Area A. Debitage composition also varied, macroflakes (392, 59.6%) exceeded microflakes (245, 37.2%), whereas in Area A microflakes represent 80.1% and macroflakes represent 16.4%. Cores were approximately the same percentage. Ochre is also present but here two fragments appeared to have been used.



Features

A hearth feature roughly .60 m across and circular in outline occurred in the south half of Sq. 3 Lv II. It was outlined in medium to small fire-fractured rocks and surrounded by ceramics. Bone refuse and ceramics occurred in the center. It was a shallow saucer depression marked by brown to reddish discolouration terminating at 20 cm.

In the same square a small circular pit about 20 cm across marked by mottled soil occurred in the northeast corner. Jasper teconite debitage was recovered from Ly IV. It terminated in Ly V.

In the center of Sq. 2 beneath a fire zone a small circular black discolouration about 60 cm across, possibly a pit, extended down 30 cm. It was without refuse.

In Sq. 9 a copper cache occurred at 5" (7 cm) extending down 14" (35 cm) (Fig. 6) as a small irregular pit roughly 14" (35 cm) across. Marked by black ash and boulders it contained a hammerstone, a copper awl and 35 copper fragments. Black ash from this feature yielded a radiocarbon date of A.D. 805 ±55 (S891). The pit may have supplied heat during the annealling process and together with the hammerstones and worn abrading stones clearly indicates the manufacture of copper tools on the site. The only other record of this process in the immediate region comes from the north lakes area

of Wisconsin directly across Lake Superior (Salzer 1974:48). There it was dated on a comparative base to the earlier Initial Woodland period.

Radiocarbon Dates

Wood charcoal from Lv I in Sq 4 yielded an acceptable radiocarbon date of A.D. 1630 ±85 (S-852) for the top stratum occupation and lime and charcoal from the copper cache pit in Lv. III Sq 9 yielded an acceptable date of A.D. 805 ±55 (S-891) for the Terminal Woodland copper tool making. Charcoal from Lv II sq 5 associated with Blackduck tradition cultural refuse yielded a date of A.D. 200 ±205 (S-853) which is too early for the tradition, as was a date of B.C. 330 ±145 (S-890) from charcoal in Lv I Sq 9. Laurel ceramics were recovered from this square in Lv's I and B. However this material should be positioned below the Terminal Woodland occupation not above. This situation suggests considerable post-occupation disturbance and in the case of the cache pit Algonkian cultural intrusions.

Level I

There were 93 vessel rims. The metrical and discrete attributes of the analysable vessel rims are given in Table 10. Nine were Laurel rims;

5 were from 2 vessels, a dentate-stamped variety (3) and a plain vessel (2) and 4 were from V-1 in Lv II. The plain vessel had encircling chevrons impressions below the lip and faint broken horizontal lines of fine cord-wrapped object impressions. Similar cord-wrapped impressions occur on the lip. There were 22 decorated Laurel sherds of which 21 were from V-1 in Lv II. Metrical attributes are shown in Table 4.

Thirteen rims were Blackduck from 9 analysable vessels and 2 destroyed vessels. Except for V-1 which was represented by 4 rims 2 of which were from the bulkhead and V-8 which was represented by 5 rims 2 of which were from the bulkhead and one was from Lv. II, the vessels were represented by only one rim. There were also 32 decorated sherds classed as Blackduck.

There was one rim from a Selkirk Clearwater Lake punctate vessel and 16 Ash Rapids corded rims from 7 vessels. The latter were represented by two or more rims. V-4 and V-5 included a rim from the bulkhead and V-5 included 2 rims from Lv. IV. There was a drilled hole in V-6 21 mm. below the lip. There were 18 Sandy Lake rims from one vessel, plus 9 additional rims from the same vessel, 5 from Lv II and 4 from the bulkhead. There were 20 Peninsula Woodland rims from 10 vessels, 7 punctate variety, 1 plain and 1 decorated variety. The vessels had oblique to vertical corded exteriors and straight sides. 7 of the vessels were represented by only one rim. V-7 punctate variety was represented by 8 rims including 3 from Lv. II and 1 from the bulkhead. It is an atypical vessel having interior encircling punctates below the lip which form exterior bosses. V-2 plain variety was represented by 6 rims, V-1 decorated variety was represented by 3 rims and 2 from the bulkhead. It had a smoothed over exterior with horizontal lines of poorly executed pseuedoscallop shell impressions and encircling squared punctates. The interior had widely spaced oblique cord-wrapped object impressions and bosses. The lip had oblique impressions. There were 13 Mackinac ware rims, four were unanalysable and 9 were from 8 vessels. Five were Mackinac Banded type, horizontal banded variety, 3 were Mackinac Punctate type. Banded V-3 was from the bulkhead. V-5 included a rim from Lv II. Punctate types were represented by one rim except for V-3 which was represented by 3 rims. There were, in addition, 3 juvenile rims, one plain and one with cord wrapped object impressions.

There were 378 undecorated body sherds whose metrical and discrete attributes are given in Table 4. Under sherdlets in Table 1 there are 2 pieces of ceramic waste and one pipe fragment. It was a rim sherd from a pipe bowl decorated with 3 horizontal

encircling rows of cord-wrapped object impressions below the lip. The lip thickness was 9 mm. A second sherd from the same pipe came from Lv. III.

Lithics consisted of 5 projectile points, 3 notched and 2 fragments, 10 scrapers, 6 random, 3 large, and 1 end, 5 knives, 4 flake and 1 notched, 2 unifaces, a wedge, a biface, a drill, and a denticular tool. There were 2 linear hammerstones, 2 abraders, and end notched net sinker and a red ochre paint stone. Metrical and discrete attributes are shown in Tables 5 to 9.

There was one copper awl and 8 wastage pieces 2 of which were hammered. The awl was rectangular in cross-section, 119 mm in length, 12.8 mm wide and 5 mm thick. It weighed 30.8 grams and was pointed at one end. There was also 228 bone fragments and 8 historic pieces, 7 round nails and a small British gunflint. It had a length of 27.5 mm and a width of 18.4 mm and a thickness of 6.8 mm.

Level II

There were 33 vessel rims. Five were Laurel from a linear punctate vessel. There were 4 other rims and 21 decorated sherds from Lv. I and 16 decorated sherds form Lv. II from the same vessel. There were also 4 Laurel decorated sherds, 3 dentate and 1 dragged stamp. There were 9 Blackduck rims, 1 from V-8 Lv I, 2 unanalysable and 6 from 3 mode 100 vessels. V-1 consisted of 2 rims, one from the bulkhead, V-2 had 4 rims and V-3 was a single rim. There were 7 Blackduck decorated sherds. There were 7 Sandy Lake rims, 2 from V-1 and 5 from the V-1 in Lv. I. There were 11 Peninsular Woodland rims, 3 from V-1, 2 from V-2 of the punctate variety, 1 from V-1 Plain variety and 2 unanalysable. The other 3 rims were from the punctate variety V-7 in Lv. I. There was 1 Mackinac rim from the banded variety V-5 in Lv. I. Attributes are shown in Table 10. In addition decorated body sherds (27) and undecorated body sherds (89), attributes are given in Table 4.

Lithics consisted of 1 notched projectile point and 1 fragment, a linear side scraper, 8 random and 2 end scrapers. Other tools were lacking and debitage (82) while present, was less than 2/3 of that from Lv. I (256). There were 33 copper fragments from the cache pit, 3 hammered pieces, 6 nuggets and 24 pieces of waste. There was a large quantity of bone refuse (466).

Level III

Recoveries from this level were markedly

TABLE 10

AREA B VESSEL METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

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aurel Lv. I										2-10	250	9 -00		w.			
Dentate Horiz over vertical Plain Lv. II Dentate 1 & 2 8	V-1 V-2	3	4.5 5.3	6.0 4.6		Z	-	1	3	4.9	4.5	7.4					
Linear Punctate 1, 2, 7, 9, Lv II, 9 Other	V-1	9	5.9	6.9		*6			5								
Plain T.P.	V-1	1	4.9	7.0		*			13								
Lv. I 100 1, W 8 & 9, 4 & 5 100 8 100 6 100 6 100 9 107 5 7 200 3, W 2 & 3, Lv II 3 200 4	V-1 V-2 V-3 V-4 V-5 V-6 V-7 V-8 V-9	4 1 1 1 1 5 1	8.4 8.7 9.2 6.9 12.4 11.0 11.8 10.5	5.5 5.7 7.3 5.0 7.0 7.8 7.8 7.4	× × · · · · ×	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	×××× ×××	B-1 B-5 C-5 A-5 A-2 A-4 A-2	19.4 18.9 14.8 18.0 10.7 24.0 21.5 23.3 12.2	18.7 9.0 13.6 6.9 17.0 17.6 10.0	4.2 5.3 3.8 2.5 8.2 5.0 4.1	××××	×			
LV II 100 W 3 & 4 100 5 135 5	V-1 V-2 V-3	2 4 1	11.2 9.0 9.0	9.9 6.0 5.4	×××	CC G		×	A-5 B-4 B-5	20.7 37.8 17.3	7.3	4.3 3.7 5.9	×	×			
Other 100 T.P.	V-1	1	10.8 8.5 7.7		×	0		×		15.9	12.5	2.5		×			
109 W 5 & 6 200 T.P. 200 T.P. 200 T.P.	V-2 V-3 V-4 V-5	2	7.7 9.8 10.8	4.4 5.2 5.2 4.7 5.9	×	0 0 0 V		×	A-3 B-1 A-2 A-4	14.3 20.0 22.9	12.5	3.8		×			
elkirk	V-5 V-6	i	6.4	5.9	×	0		×		22.2	20.1	4.8		×			
Clearwater Lake Punctate 1 sh Rapids Corded	V-1	1	7.8			×				10.0	4.1	3.2		×			
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eninsular Woodland Punctate Lv. 2	V-1	1	8.0	7.0		0			25	7.0	11.2	46		×			
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Plain T.P.	V-2 V-1	1	6.2 7.0		- 2	p	p										
Lv II 1	V-2 V-1	6	11.4 7.3	8.0 8.4 8.2					61 23 24								
Decorated Lv I 8, W 7 & 8 ackinac	V-1	5	7.3	7.4		р	р	17	19	23.8	13.2	3.9					
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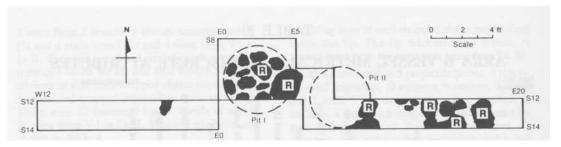


Figure 7 Area C Floor Plan of the Ridge Cross-Section Trench

reduced. There were no rim sherds and only a few body sherds (26) representing only Laurel and Blackduck ceramics. There was 1 projectile fragment, a wedge, and sparse debitage (14). There were 11 copper fragments, again from the cache in Square 9, 4 hammered pieces and 7 waste pieces. Debitage (14) and bone refuse (12) was insignificant. There were 2 intrusive historic pieces of cut brass.

Level IV

Recoveries from this level were sparse but they did include one destroyed Blackduck rim, 2 Ash Rapids corded rims from V-5 in Lv. I and 3 body sherds. There was 1 projectile point fragment, 1 hammerstone, 6 debitage pieces and 17 bone fragments.

Other Areas

There were 35 vessel rim sherds from test pits and the bulkheads or walls. One was from a Laurel plain vessel, 13 were from Blackduck vessels, 7 rims from 6 analysable vessels, 4 from vessels in Lv. I (V-1 and V-8) and 2 were unanalysable. There were 2 Ash Rapids corded rims from V-4 and V-5 in Lv. I, 6 Sandy Lake rims, 4 from V-1 in Lv. I, and 2 unanalysable, 7 Peninsular Woodland rims from 2 analysable vessels (3 rims), 1 unanalysable and 3 from V-7 Lv. I, 3 Mackinac rims, 1 cord impressed variety vessel (2 rims) and 1 rim from V-3 Lv. I, and 3 rims from a juvenile plain vessel. There were 165 undecorated body sherds whose attributes are given in Table 4. Under sherdlets (Table 1) there were 2 pieces of ceramic waste.

Lithics consist of 1 notched projectile point and a fragment, 1 linear scraper, 1 large piano scraper, 2 random scrapers, 2 end scrapers, 3 knives, a biface, a chopper, a circular hammerstone, an abrader and a netsinker.

Area C

Area C is a natural ridge 10 m east of Area A.

It commences 9 m north of the south shore and extends for 46 m to near the north shore. It is bordered by large boulders and stands 2.6 m above the shore. It is without forest cover. Along the ridge sparse Blackduck cultural refuse occurs immediately below the surface. There are a series of circular depressions on the ridge which lack cultural debris except for one which was an intrusive burial pit.

Excavation

A 2 foot (.6 m) wide trench was opened to obtain a cross-section of the ridge. The excavation was expanded to encompass a depression or pit at the top of the ridge (Fig. 7) which proved to be a burial. It was designated Pit I. The excavation trench which extended east-west across the ridge revealed an old habitation floor extending over the ridge. It was marked by mottled soil, sparse refuse, charcoal flecks and a concentration of ceramics, detritus and bone refuse terminating at a natural boulder layer. On the east side the floor was covered by subsoil which probably came from a recent disturbance of the pit (ca. 1882 Winchell:1911). Artifacts were all from the Blackduck tradition except for one rim from the west slope which was from a Peninsular Woodland decorated vessel and 2 rims from the south end of the ridge which were from a Sandy-Lake corded vessel.

Features

There were nine depressions along the ridge. The cross-sectioning of six of the depressions produced no more cultural refuse than the surrounding area nor did they yield indications of how the depressions had been formed. They may have been wild rice storage pits as seen in other sites at the lake. At the southern end of the ridge there is a one-meter high hummock with an irregular depression in the center. It was shallow, 30 cm deep and 1.5 cm across and contained at the surface charcoal ash and the remnants of a Blackduck vessel. A depression adjacent to the burial pit designated

TABLE 11

AREA C VESSEL METRICAL AND DISCRETE ATTRIBUTES

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			Lip Thickness	Body Thickness		Decorated Lip	Decorated Interior	Interior Bosses		Distance Below Lip	Distance Apart	Vertical Length					
Type and Provenance	V #	f	E E	Į.	pag	rated	rated	or B	Rim Form	88	931	豆豆	c	0	,	s	1
Blackduck	* "		d.	lody	Brushed	9600	9600	nteri	E	lista	lsta	erti					
Burial Pit			-		-	_	_	-	-	_	_						
100	V-1	6	10.5	6.2	×	٧	٧	×	A-2	15.6	16.6	4.8	×				
Ridge Trench																	
100	V-1	1	16.6	10.2	×	v	٧	×	C-2	16.9	21.0	6.8				×	
100	V-2	1	10.1	7.9		٧		×	A-5	20.0	12.0	4.0	×				
100	V-3	1	9.4	5.9	×	V		×	B-5	19.2	12.0	4.6					×
102	V-4	1	7.7	6.5		v		×	A-5	25.3	D	2.9	×				
107	V-5	1	10.9	5.8	×	CC		-	A-3	18.2	13.7	5.0	×				
107	V-6	3	11.1	6.2	×	CC		×	A-2	16.9	24.2	4.9	-	×			
107	V-7	2	12.8	8.9	×	V		×	A-5	20.1	20.9	5.2		×			
107	V-8	4	14.1	6.9		CC		×	B-2	20.1	D	D		.,			×
110	V-9	3	10.2	6.0		V		×	B-5	16.7	D	2.9					37.2
130	V-10	1	7.8	4.9		٧			C-3	14.6	D	D					
135	V-11	1	7.0	-	×	V		×	B-5	13.0	D	3.1		×			
140	V-12	1	9.4	6.2		v			A-5								
200	V-13	1	10.5	6.5	×	v		×	A-4	16.8	D	4.0			×		
300	V-14	1	7.4	8.9		v			A-5	10.0		-					
300	V-15	1	10.8	7.4	×	V			A-5								
400	V-16	2	11.4	7.9	-	v			D								
Other																	
100	V-1	1	8.1	4.5		v			A-4	11.0	D	D	×				
100	V-2	1	8.0	4.5		CC		×	C-4	20.0	12.0	2.7	×				
107	V-3	1	5.0	6.0		٧	*	×	C-5	13.5	11.1	3.0		×			
Sandy Lake																	
Other																	
	V-1	1	10.5	6.0		٧	٧		C-6	7.1	5.8	7.5					×
Peninsular Woodland																	
Ridge Trench																	
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Juvenile																	
Ridge Trench																	
cwo	V-1	1	6.0	4.4		٧				17.5	D	3.6		×			
	V-2	1	7.7	4.5		٧											
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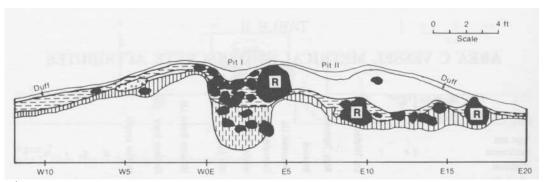


Figure 8
Area C East-West Profile of the Burial Pit and Trench

Pit II was circular in outline, 4.8 m across and extended down 70 mm. It contained Blackduck ceramics and lithics and bone refuse. The sub-surface portion was not clearly visible in the cross section trench.

The burial pit (Fig. 8) was roughly circular 4' (1.2 m) in diameter and saucer shaped at the base at 54" (1.4 m) depth. The north half, which contained a small amount of refuse, appeared disturbed. The south half contained secondary bundle burial fragments (long bones, cranium, miscellaneous small bone and teeth) which appeared to have been enclosed by a birch bark container. One fragment of birch impregnated with copper salts from a copper pendant had watap stitching. The burial appeared to face south. A carbon sample from charcoal surrounding the burial yielded a date of A.D. 630 ±85 (S-892). The calendric date A.D. 575 to A.D. 885 (Klein et.al. 1982) indicates coevality with late Laurel, a situation seen at other sites in the area (Dawson 1981). On the west side of the burial there was a complete medium size Blackduck vessel. The orifice was 13 cm and the capacity was 1 1/2 litres. Black residue suggests that the vessel contained food but this was not deter-mined with certainty. In front of the vessel was the remnants of a clam shell, possibly a spoon.

Artifacts

There were 25 Blackduck rims representing 16 vessels and 3 juvenile vessel rims from the trench excavation. There was one Peninsular Woodland decorated vessel which was similar to one from a test pit in Area A. It had a splayed lip with oblique pseudo-cord impressions. There was 1 rim from a Sandy Lake corded vessel from the south end of the ridge and 6 Blackduck rims from 3 vessels and 3 destroyed from test pits. Vessel metrical and discreet attributes are shown in Table 11. In

addition there were 46 decorated and 311 undecorated body sherds from the area.

Lithics from the trench included 4 projectile points, 5 scrapers, 1 knife, 2 wedges, 2 bifaces, I drill, 1 perforator, 1 celt, 1 pendent and 5 pieces of ochre. Lithics attributes are given in the tables. The burial pit contained an end scraper and a few fragments of detritus and a copper pendant. It was 98 mm in length, 19 mm in width and 13 mm thick. A perforation for hanging occurred at one end and remnants of fabric were adhering at this point. It weighed 8.3 gms. Bone refuse was primarily from the trench excavation. Compared to other areas, it was sparse.

Conclusions

The ceramic assemblage suggest that the first occupation of the Martin-Bird site occurred in the Initial Woodland period and involved the Laurel culture. The thin veneer of Laurel refuse scattered across Area A and B probably belong to the habitation associated with the MacGillivray burial mound which abuts the site on the north (Dawson 1980). The 330 ±145 B.C. radiocarbon date from Area B may pertain to this occupation. This date compares favourably with the 290 ±80 B.C. obtained from a pure carbon lens at the edge of the MacGillivray mound. The radiocarbon date A.D. 200 ±205 and A.D. 480 ±115 obtained from charcoal samples in Area B and A also pertain to the occupation. The late dates and the dominance of late ceramic traits (plain and mixed techniques) suggests that the occupation continued in time into the Terminal Woodland period. This is also seen at the MacGillivray site. Other material was not diagnostic of the period.

In the subsequent period there appears to have been a continuous occupation by various carriers of the Algonkian culture. In Area A Lv I has

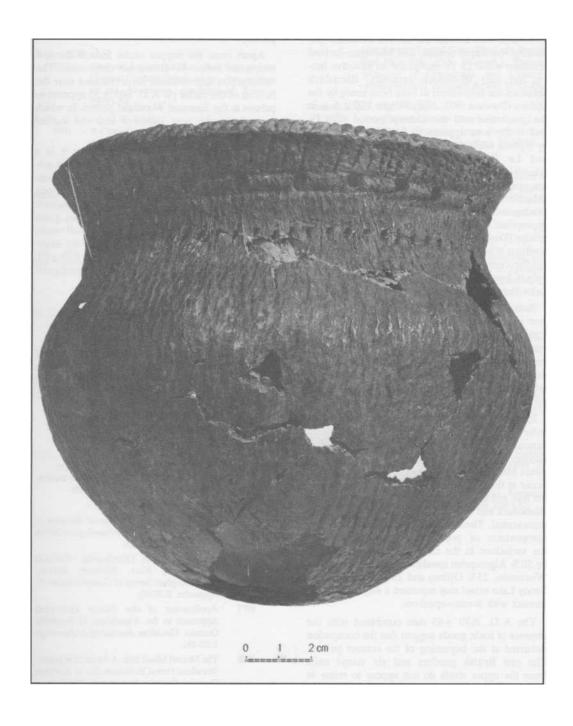


Figure 9 Blackduck Vessel Recovered from the Burial in Area C $\,$

late trade goods associated with Blackduck ceramics, Lv II and Lv III has similar trade goods associated with Blackduck, Selkirk ceramics (including Ash Rapid corded) and Michigan-derived ceramics while Lv IV except for an intrusive button has only Blackduck ceramics. Blackduck ceramics are considered to have been made by the Ojibwa (Dawson 1972, 1974; Wright 1972), thus in the precontact and the historic period (Lvs IV and I) the area appears to have been occupied by Ojibwa while the Initial Contact period (Lv II and Lv III) the occupation includes other Algonkianspeaking peoples. The Selkirk ceramics are considered to have been made by the Cree (MacNeish 1958:67; Wright 1968c) while the Michigan-derived ceramics are considered to be appropriate to the Potawatomi, Sauk and Algonkian groups (Dawson 1987:156). The latter may be from northern Wisconsin rather than the Michigan where similar ceramics have been recovered from sites only a few miles south across the narrow end of Lake Superior (Salzer 1974).

Radiocarbon dates A.D. 1065, 1290 and 1775 suggest a continuous occupation for over 700 years. Extensive laminated refuse in the upper levels vis-avis scattered refuse in the lower levels suggest an expanding occupation. The horizontal and vertical disposition of the clustered ceramic types reflects the diverse eastern origins of the Algonkian groups and at times a temporal hiatus.

In Area B Lv I, most ceramics are of the Peninsular Woodland variety, similar to the Wisconsin ceramics in Area A. However, there is a greater number of Mackinac ceramics. These may have direct Michigan origins. Ceramics of this type also occur at the Mound Island Site at the east end of the lake and along the north shore of Lake Superior. Blackduck and Selkirk ceramics are about equally represented. There is one Sandy Lake vessel. The composition of population if it approximates the variations in the ceramic assemblage would be 50% Algonquian speakers out of Michigan and Wisconsin, 25% Ojibwa and 25% Cree. The one Sandy Lake vessel may represent a single fortuitous contact with Souian-speakers.

The A.D. 1630 ± 85 date combined with the absence of trade goods suggest that the occupation occurred at the beginning of the contact period. The one British gunflint and six round nails from the upper strata do not appear to relate to the occupation.

In Lv II there is an equal representation of Blackduck and Michigan-derived ceramics but all Michigan ceramics are Peninsular Woodland similar to those in Lv II and Ill in Area A. Selkirk ceramics are absent. One Sandy Lake vessel rim was present. The recoveries indicated a less diverse mix of population in the immediate prehistoric period.

Apart from the copper cache feature the few recoveries below Lv II are not diagnostic. The radiocarbon date obtained from charcoal near the bottom of the cache pit A.D. 805 ± 55 appears to pertain to the Terminal Woodland period. In which case the cache was intrusive into the earlier habitation.

The ceramics of Area C suggest that it is a Blackduck Ojibwa culture habitation. Only two potsherds were not from this tradition and they were from the periphery and more appropriately belong to habitation in Area B. The burial appears to have been a single bundle burial with minimum grave goods, a pendant, a shell spoon, and a small vessel containing food. Charcoal surrounding the interment dated the Blackduck burial to A.D. 630 ±85, suggesting a period of overlap with the late Laurel culture.

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