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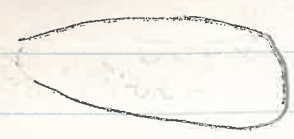
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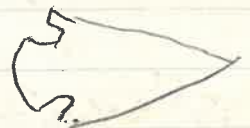
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ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Still being studied, the King Hill Oneota site ~~xxxx~~ excavation was first started in 1966 by the University of Missouri and the St. Joseph Museum. It is a protohistoric site situated on the south slope of King Hill in the south side of the city of St. Joseph and is thought to have been occupied ~~xxx~~ by Kansas Indians for ^{about a} ~~some~~ quarter of a century around 1700. A midden site, it has produced much study ~~mate~~ material from deeply covered layers of refuge strata containing pottery sherds, ~~xxxxx~~ animal bones, shells, ~~xxxxx~~ beads, tools etc. ^{TAF} ~~The~~ University of Kansas archaeologists assisted in excavations at one point. The University of Nebraska continues at this time with a study of stone items and trade related artifacts. Published material on the site is available to students and researchers at the St. Joseph Museum reference library.

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Jim F.

PRELIMINARY SKELETAL ANALYSIS: Amaz
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Total amount of skeletal material recovered:
Three (3) adult crania with mandibles; two (2) halves of one adult mandible; one (1) adult right maxilla with attached zygomatic; one (1) adult left mandible fragment; five (5) adult loose teeth.

Minimum number of individuals represented: six (6) adults.

1. Cranium and mandible, #10260:

- a) condition: complete except for post-mortem damage to nasal margins and left mandibular coronoid process; left zygomatic process artificially reconstructed.
- b) sex: male.
- c) age: 40's to 50's.
- d) morphology: hyperbrachycranial shape (very broad, round crania) with a wide face and narrow nose, and severe underbite of the mandible associated with severe shortening and thinning of the maxilla from alveolar bone resorption, reducing the upper facial height. The right mastoid process is much larger in size than the left, which is extremely small and narrow.
- e) skeletal pathology: marked depression line of an old healed compression fracture on the right parietal, above the squamosal suture. There must have been some degenerative joint disease in the neck area as evidenced in the osteophytic lipping on the right occipital condyle.
- f) dental status: partially edentulous. Long standing antemortem loss of 22 teeth, leaving 6 lower front teeth--the incisors and canines (not present), 2 upper molars on the left (not present), and 1 upper molar on the right with moderate occlusal wear and an extensive neck caries about to exfoliate. The upper right first premolar is present with severe wear to the roots. Both the maxilla and mandible have shrunk from alveolar bone resorption and are very thin.
* Cause of death may have been attributed to the caries lesion which could have introduced infection into the brain via the adjacent blood stream.
- g) epigenetic traits: supraorbital foramen and arch above the left eye orbit, a single foramen above the right orbit; extra facial foramen on the left side of the maxilla.

h) metric Traits:

- 1) maximum cranial breadth.. 142 mm
 - " " length... 159
 - " " height... 123 (basion-bregma)
 - cranial index: 89.31
 - cranial module: 141.33
- 2) total facial height..... 96 mm
 - bizygomatic breadth..... 119
 - total facial index: 80.67
- 3) nasal breadth..... 13 mm
 - " height..... 40
 - nasal index: 32.50
- 4) orbital breadth..... 30 mm
 - " height..... 28
 - orbital index: 93.33

2. Cranium and mandible # 10259:

- a) condition: complete except for artificial reconstruction of the left zygomatic process, mandibular coronoid processes, and the inner aspect of the right condyle. Black root stain lines on cranial surface.
- b) sex: female.
- c) age: 40's.
- d) morphology: mesocranial shape (average) with average size face and narrow nose.
- e) skeletal pathology: old healed compression fracture about 5 mm in diameter on frontal, right side, near coronal suture.
- f) dental status: heavy use of teeth with severe wear to roots primarily on the front teeth. Eleven teeth are missing postmortem--lower left canine and central incisors, upper central incisors, right canine, second premolar and first molar, and the upper left second molar and premolars. Six teeth were lost antemortem--the lower left second and third molars, upper left first molar, and upper right second molar and canine. The remaining teeth show heavy wear to the secondary dentin, with evidence of periodontal disease in the form of alveolar resorption around the base of the teeth.
- g) epigenetic traits: double supraorbital foramen with accessory foramen above the right eye orbit; mandibular mylohyoid bridge, right side.
- h) metric traits:
 - 1) maximum cranial breadth.. 131 mm
 - " " length... 171
 - " " height... 125 (basion-bregma)
 - cranial index: 76.61
 - cranial module: 142.33
 - 2) total facial height..... 97 mm
 - bizygomatic breadth..... 107
 - total facial index: 90.65

- 3) nasal breadth..... 16 mm
 - " height..... 41
 - nasal index: 39.02
- 4) orbital breadth..... 30 mm
 - " height..... 26
 - orbital index: 86.67

3. Cranium and mandible, no #:

- a) condition: complete except right zygomatic missing and left zygomatic damaged. The mandibular right condyle is missing.
- b) sex: female.
- c) age: 40's.
- d) morphology: brachycranial shape (round) with a wide face and narrow nose.
- e) skeletal pathology: large depressed skull fracture without evidence of healing on right parietal near junction of coronal and sagittal sutures--*probable cause of death.
- f) dental status: Eight teeth missing postmortem--all of the upper front teeth (incisors and canines), and the lower right incisors and left first premolar. Sixteen teeth were lost antemortem--the upper second and third molars and premolars, all of the lower molars and second premolars. The right first and second molars had been lost recently before death, and the upper left first molar is rotated forward and about to exfoliate. The remaining teeth show heavy wear to the secondary dentin with evidence of periodontal disease and severe alveolar bone resorption associated with the tooth loss.
- g) epigenetic traits: accessory suprorbital foramen above both eye orbits; mandibular mylohyoid bridge, right side.
- h) metric traits:
 - 1) maximum cranial breadth.. 134 mm
 - " " length... 160
 - " " height... 124 (basion-bregma)
 - cranial index: 83.75
 - cranial module: 139.33
 - 2) total facial height..... 98 mm
 - bizygomatic breadth..... 124
 - total facial index: 79.03
 - 3) nasal breadth..... 14 mm
 - " height..... 41
 - nasal index: 34.15
 - 4) orbital breadth..... 32 mm
 - " height..... 27
 - orbital index: 84.38

4. Adult sternum missing xiphoid process. Manubrium completely fused to body.

5. Mandible--two halves, young adult, 17-20 years of age. Teeth present: molars, premolars and right canine. The teeth are discolored gray. Attrition is slight and the third molars show no wear. The teeth are in good alignment, no pathology. Large protostylid pits are present on both of the first molars and an unusual cusp pattern exists on the occlusal surfaces of the 3rd molars--partially ringed grooves on the inner aspects.

6. Right maxilla with attached zygomatic, young adult, 20-24 years of age. Teeth present: molars, premolars, canine, and lateral incisor with shoveling. Slight attrition on all teeth, and teeth are in good alignment. Small carabelli's pit on second molar, and a small, shallow cavity on the occlusal surface of the first molar.

7. Left mandible fragment of mature adult with all three molars present. Extreme wear at steep angle from lingual side down to buccal side. Enamel extensions present.

8. Five adult loose teeth: a) upper molar crown with large occlusal caries and moderate wear; b) upper molar crown with moderate wear; c) upper molar crown with moderate wear; d) lower third molar with extensive caries through occlusal surface to neck and calculus on roots; e) upper molar with complete loss of enamel--roots only.

Skeletal analysis by Ethne Barnes

May 25, 1989
Department of Anthropology
Wichita State University
Wichita, Ks 67208

Jim D. Feagins
Archaeological Research Associate
13213 Bennington Ave.
Grandview, Mo 64030

Dear Jim:

I received Dr. Heflin's skeletal material from Mary Adair in March, and I have just completed the preliminary analysis for you to give to Dr. Heflin. Please assure him that the material is being curated properly and further studies will be carried out in the future.

Sincerely,



Ethne Barnes
Physical Anthropology Lab

13213 Bennington Ave.
Grandview, MO 64030
August 9, 1989

Bonnie Watkins, Curator of Collections
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles Street
St. Joseph, Mo. 64501-2874

Dear Bonnie:

I enjoyed our visit a week or so ago; you could probably tell as I had not planned on staying at the excavation as long as I did. The family and I have just returned from one week at Battle Lake, Minnesota, and I know I will not get caught up on my work before we leave for the Pecos Conference in New Mexico.

I am enclosing a copy of the recent analysis of some skeletal material from the Amazonia Burial Mound, 23AN37. This analysis was conducted by Ethne Barnes at Wichita State University of some skeletal material collected by Dr. Allen Heflin from the excavation of the mound back in the late 1930s. Even though the skeletal collection was quite small it has added significant information on the "health and welfare" of a poorly understood prehistoric cultural group in northwest Missouri. The mound was used for internments by the Nebraska variant (phase) people dating (based on styles of artifacts) approximately A.D. 1000 to 1350.

I thought the St. Joseph Museum should have a copy of this report since (as you know) the museum has many fine artifacts and, I understand, some skeletal material from the site. There is no skeletal information published and only a few remains that are even available to begin to obtain the kinds of demographic information needed to understand these people. Therefore, your skeletal collection is of considerable archaeological value.

I really appreciated getting to examine the museum's artifacts from the site on March 30, 1988. I studied the fine material donated by Heflin/Reynolds and the material listed in Acc. Book #47 under number 61.51. The latter material seems to be what Shippee and Reynolds obtained as described on page 1 of their report, "Archaeological Sites Visited and Recorded by the St. Joseph Museum and the University of Missouri During April 1961."

There was some additional material reported to also be from the Amazonia Mound (Acc. Book #108 under number 81.43) that I was reluctant to utilize for three reasons: 1) the artifacts from this last collection were from several cultural components and appeared to not quite be consistent with the other collections I had examined from the site, 2) Marilyn and I could find no written background on this latter collection, and 3) the possibility exists that this could be the collection donated by the Sonnwald's (I think that's their name) from the mound and other nearby sites. Don Reynolds told me about this collection which, as he last remembered was unlabeled in a box except with an enclosed paper with "the Amazonia Mound" or something similar on it. Therefore, when labeled in 1981, they could have been considered as all being from 23AN37, when in reality some of these artifacts could be from nearby sites. I may be wrong in my suspicion, but since I felt I could not be sure, I did not use the later material in my study of the mound's excavation (as presented in my paper at the "Symposium on Kansas City Area Archaeology: The Last 1,000

Years" (1988). This paper along with the others will appear as vol. 49 of the Missouri Archaeologist. I had intended to write to you sooner so that future researchers would know that they need to use the collection from the site listed in Acc. Book #108 with care.

Most museums that have had collections for any length of time from various sources have similar problems. I was pleased with the St. Joseph Museum's curation and rapid accessibility of the archaeological collections. I only wish that the Kansas City Museum's archaeological artifacts were nearly so well organized.

I hope to see you and others from St. Joe in October at the MAS workshop at Van Meter. Perhaps I can get up to the Pony Express excavation again later this year. Best wishes with that project!

Sincerely,



Jim D. Feagins

I think I will send a copy of the report on the skeletal analysis from the Amazonia Mound to Don Reynolds as I think he would be most interested in it. I hope his health is fine! Tell Mike, Ed, Rich and all hello for me.

8-9-88

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Habitat has big plans following land purchase

St. Joseph News-Press

St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity has plans to soon build five new houses on land donated by the city from a little-used Midtown park. Linda Hartel, Habitat executive director, said this is the most ambitious project for the organization to date. Usually the organization prefers to scatter its homes throughout the city to better integrate in the community, Mrs. Hartel said.

But the opportunity to acquire a large piece of land presented some advantages.

"Since it's open space, that's one way to have impact on the community all at once," Mrs. Hartel said.

City officials approached Habitat for Humanity last year to ask if they were interested in acquiring Washington Park, a one-half acre property at 20th and Sylvania streets. Gerald McCush, city community development manager, said eight small "pocket parks" are scattered throughout the city. These parks are little-used and the city looks to work with potential developers to build on the properties. The largest property is the 16-acre Devil's Backbone Park at 14th and Duncan streets.

Donating Washington Park to Habitat proved advantageous for

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"We think it's a great way to reinvigorate the neighborhood with very solid families moving into those homes," Mrs. Hartel said. "It also adds about \$400,000 to the tax rolls."

The City Council also recently approved for Habitat for Humanity to receive \$250,000 in HOME Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds this year. The organization plans to build six to eight homes with the money this year.

Habitat for Humanity normally builds, on average, four to five homes for low-income residents in the community. They recently celebrated 10 years in the community and just completed their 30th home in St. Joseph this past December.

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Construction will begin on the new homes as soon as weather permits, Mrs. Hartel said. The five homes will all be 1,050-square-foot, three-bedroom, one-bathroom units. Each unit will have a different facade and color and have a value of about \$80,000.

February 13, 1968

Mr. John S. Sigstad, Research Associate
Catlinite Age and Distribution
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear John:

I am very glad to hear from you and to know that you are pushing ahead with the study on catlinite. As we told you when you were here summer before last, we will be most willing to help.

It is possible that some of the catlinite from the King's Hill dig that we still have on hand here might also be of interest to you.

Some of the members of our local archaeological society in discussing pipestone just recently inquired as to the progress of your work. We look forward to seeing the results in published form. (Also not forgotten and still open for discussion is the possibility of a short popular article on catlinite for the MUSEUM GRAPHIC.)

Our new museum director is Mr. Richard Nolf and to him falls all responsibility of any final decision concerning our collections, so I am referring your letter to his desk and expect that you will be hearing from him in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Don Reynolds, Preparator and
Photographer
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js

March 9, 1968

Mr. John S. Sigstad, Research Associate
Catlinite Age and Distribution
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Sigstad:

I have talked with our Preparator and Photographer, Don Reynolds, about your letter of inquiry into collecting samples of catlinite for study. I agree with him that it is good that a study is being done, however, I am a bit concerned when you mention taking pieces from the objects. I realize that you indicated small pieces, but since I am not specifically familiar with the amount that is needed for chemical analysis, I would be interested in knowing that quantity. I am also interested in knowing where on the object that the sample would be taken.

As Don indicated in his letter to you I am most interested in receiving a popular article for the MUSEUM GRAPHIC.

If you are ever up this way I would be delighted to meet you, and I will be waiting to hear from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Nolf, Director
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March 19, 1968

Mr. John S. Sigstad, Research Associate
Catlinite Age and Distribution
University of Missouri
Room 15, Switzler Hall
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Sigstad:

I received your prompt letter of March 12 on the techniques of your catlinite sampling. At this point I see no reason why you would not be able to pursue this with the articles that we have in our collections.

I am most interested in reading your article for the MUSEUM GRAPHIC and I am very happy that you have written one.

I would appreciate if you would drop me a note as soon as you know the day you will be in St. Joseph, as I do a good deal of teaching in the schools and might well be absent from the Museum when you come, unless I know of the estimated date of your arrival. I will be looking forward to meeting you and talking with you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Nolf, Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Department of Anthropology

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
Room 15 Switzler Hall
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12 March 1968

Mr. Richard A. Wolf, Director
St. Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Thank you for your note pertaining to my inquiries about the catlinite in the St. Joseph collections. Your concern about the sampling is certainly understandable and I hasten to assure you that the sampling process does not visibly alter the specimens. The analytic techniques which I employ require only minute samples, on the order of 25 to 50 milligrams. I usually obtain these by scraping a powdered sample with a small knife. On broken items this is really no problem, on pipes and the like I usually scrape the sample from the inside of the stem perforation where it cannot be seen.

I have the article you requested for MUSEUM GRAPHIC, but the final typescript and illustrations are still in preparation. I have been planning to bring it along when I visit you at the end of the month.

Actually I find I may have to make a trip to Colorado during Spring Break too, so it may be the middle of the first week in April, before I get to St. Joseph. I hope this will be convenient for you.

Many thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

John S. Sigstad

John S. Sigstad,
Research Associate
Catlinite Age and Distribution

Dear Don;

I have searched everywhere for Mett's article on King's Hill which appeared in the Museum Graphic. I have had a copy 'right where I could find it', but it has disappeared. If possible, I would certainly like to have another and will happily reimburse for cost of same.

Our students are still numbering the materials from King's Hill, but are nearly done. I hope to make real inroads on that stuff this summer and next fall in order to get it into print. It is a most vital site.

Best to all,

Dale

Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Dale:

We are sending along with our compliments two copies of MUSEUM GRAPHIC Winter 1967, Vol. XIX, No. 1 with 23BN1 articles as requested.

Glad to hear from you and to hear that work is moving along with the King's Hill material. We all look forward to a report.

We now have all of our 23BN1 material cleaned and ready for you to pick up. The St. Joseph Archaeological Society members are anxious to have you up for a program, and the King's Hill material will be ready to go back with you if you can come. Mike Fisher will contact you by phone soon.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Henning from all here.

Sincerely,

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And Pony Express Museum

914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



March 20, 1968

Mr. Dale Henning
15 Switzler Hall
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri 65201

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don".

Don Reynolds, Photographer and
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Mr. Donovan L. Reynolds
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Eleventh and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

At this time I would like to express my gratitude to you for the help you gave me on the King's Hill site in St. Joseph.

Without the information supplied by you I would not have been able to present this site to the Archaeological Advisory Council of the Missouri State Historical Survey.

The council meeting was on the 26th of Oct and the King's Hill site was selected to be placed, with other sites, on the National Register. I hope that the placement of the King's Hill site on the National Register will in some way aid you in obtaining the needed funds to purchase and preserve the site.

Again, thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist

You are Always Welcome in Missouri's Scenic State Parks



Saint Joseph Museum

ELEVENTH AND CHARLES STREET SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

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914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



October 10, 1968

Mr. Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist
Missouri State Historic Survey
212 S. Eighth
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Born:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 1, concerning your need for more information on our King's Hill Oneota site in South St. Joseph. I notice that your designation of the site is 23-BN-4. Our designation for the King's Hill site on South 1st Street is 23-BN-1. Probably a typographical error?

The site is at present vacant and covered with weeds except for the south portion where the owner, Mrs. Betty Derry, has a small house. The site includes all of lots 1 through 8 and the north 20 feet of lot 9, block 12 in Bowen's addition. (5600 block on South 1st Street - West side of street) About the only visible evidence of the site that remains would be the shell tempered pottery sherds that erode from the slope to the west. The slope is tree and brush covered with a few small gullies that terminate at Cumberland Street. Cumberland on the west of the site, and South 1st on the east are the two north-south streets that sandwich the narrow area. The area lays generally north-south and is approximately one-half block in width by eight and a fraction lots long, or 120 feet by 210 feet. It is situated on the west edge of the loess bluff that continues south from King's Hill and is about two blocks from the summit. According to the St. Joseph City Engineering Department, the elevation of the site is about 150 feet while the summit of King's Hill is 256 feet above the Missouri River. The view westward from the site includes a wide expanse of the Missouri River Valley with South St. Joseph and the packing industry district below.

The Archaeological Department of the University of Missouri and later the local St. Joseph Archaeological Society (with help and direction from Missouri University) have excavated a total of 15 ten foot squares, some to a depth of ten feet. Test drilling to a depth of 72 inches along the edge of the bluff each direction from the excavation shows evidence of midden deposit.

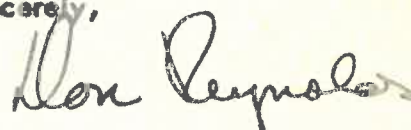
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Most of the material, except for a representative display in the St. Joseph Museum, was taken by the University of Missouri for study. (Mr. Dale Henning) Dr. Johnson of Kansas University, with his student archaeologists, assisted at the King's Hill for one day last fall. Their department, with sanction from Missouri University, has taken animal remains from those squares that were excavated by the local archaeological society members. These are to be studied to determine identity, butchering methods, etc. Seeds and other plant remains were sent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens for identification and a report will be forthcoming in the MUSEUM GRAPHIC this fall.

About two years ago the St. Joseph Archaeological Society and the St. Joseph Museum submitted a request to the city of St. Joseph that the King's Hill site be purchased with Bode Trust funds and included in the city park system as a small overlook park. Until last spring the St. Joseph Museum had been able to lease the site. The site has now been offered for sale. Our most recent request for Bode funds (last spring) has as yet brought no action. The St. Joseph Archaeological Society and the St. Joseph Museum are interested in preserving the site and continue to pursue the matter.

We appreciate your interest and hope the enclosed material will be of some help to you. If we can be of further assistance, please call on us.

Sincerely,



Donovan L. Reynolds
Preparator-Photographer
St. Joseph - Pony Express Museums

Trustee, Missouri State Arch. Soc.

DLR:js
Enc.

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Mr. Donovan Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Missouri State Park Board is now engaged in a program to make a survey of the state of historical, architectural, and archaeological sites.

You have been recommended to me by Dr. Chapman as a possible source of help and information about archaeological sites. At this time, I would like to enlist your aid, if I may, to get some information about the "Kings Hill Slope" site (23-BN-4). The enclosed map has the area of interest marked on it.

What I need to know is;

- 1) What is on the property now
- 2) Does any evidence of the site remain

Also, if you have any recent photographs of the site you could send me, I will be very happy to re-emburse you for them.

Thank you in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip L. Born".

Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist
ce
Enclosure

Missouri State Historic Survey
212 S. Eighth
Columbia, Missouri 65201

You are Always Welcome in Missouri's Scenic State Parks

December 19, 1968

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

Under separate cover we have sent to you several copies of the latest MUSEUM GRAPHIC. On page four is a very fine article that I am sure you will recognize.

Our sincere thanks to both of you for your fine efforts. I hope that the printing and layout of the article meet with your approval. I also hope that it will help to bring some positive action towards saving our King's Hill site for the next crop of diggers. (See the editor's note.)

Again many thanks to you and Dr. Cutler.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds
Assistant to the Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js

December 21, 1968

Dr. Carl H. Chapman
Director of Archaeological Research Activities
University of Missouri
Room 15, Switzler Hall
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Carl:

Just a few lines to more or less keep you posted on our progress (or possibly lack of, so far) in getting our 23BN1 included in the St. Joseph City Park system.

We sent Mr. Born of the State Park Department a description of the site and also photographs as you advised. I am sending copies of that correspondence along since the site description contains a few real estate facts that may be of some interest to you.

After the site was placed on the National Register, instead of hitting the paper with it, we decided to "play it cool" and wait for an opportune time. Also we were afraid that any such publicity about the Derry property at that time might induce her to take a new look at it and up the asking price. In the meantime, I informed Mr. Robert A. Brown, our museum attorney, of the national register status, and he has been using his influence we hope.

Anyhow, now comes the latest MUSEUM GRAPHIC with its fine 23BN1 article on seeds by Dr. Cutler and Leonard Blake. Mike (Fisher), Rich Nolf and I decided that this is the "opportune time" that we have been waiting for. We will strike while the article is hot. It probably is now or never. Wish us luck. If you haven't already written to Bob Brown, I might suggest now is the time. We will have a GAZETTE article the first of the week on King's Hill seeds so the matter is about to climax. Will let you know of any results. The efforts of yourself and others are much appreciated whatever the outcome.

The Mike Fisher's and the Reynolds' all enjoyed the last meeting--particularly the visit with you and Mrs. Chapman afterwards.

Our kindest regards to you both from all here.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds, Asst. to the Director
Photographer and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum

DR:js
Enc.

December 20, 1968

Mr. Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist
Missouri State Park Board
212 South Eighth Street
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Born:

I have delayed writing to you hoping to include word of immediate favorable response to local efforts to secure the 238N1 King's Hill site and include it in the City Park system. To date this has not been done but the effort goes on and the wheels are still turning although, as should have been expected, somewhat slow.

This is to inform you that the politics of the matter are still percolating and to let you know that your efforts in our behalf were much appreciated. Will inform you of any favorable developments.

Again thank you.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds
Assistant to the Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js

P.S. Under separate cover we are sending the latest copies of our MUSEUM GRAPHIC with an article on King's Hill.

Copy 2: Bob Brown Pres. M. B. B.
St. Joseph's Museum
Museum of St. Joseph
Archaeological Society

Dear Mr. Baker:

In view of the possibility that the King's Hill archaeological site 23BN-1 may soon be incorporated into the St. Joseph Park system we of the St. Joseph Archaeological Society wish to offer our continued cooperation and help in the preservation of the area for orderly and scientific investigation. The efforts and cooperation of city officials in bringing about such an arrangement ~~will be appreciated~~ and of the park department in maintaining ^{it} has and will be much appreciated by our ^{Arch. Soc.} society.

Recent discussion within our St. Joseph Archaeological ^{THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM AND} Society and with State Society advisors prompt us to respectfully offer you our resulting and considered opinion as to the disposition of the King's Hill site.

It has come to our attention that there is some thought that it may be necessary to fence in the whole area in order to protect it. This concern is much appreciated. ~~We feel~~, however, ^{we feel} that a fence, even though quite high, would be an ~~inadequate~~ ^{IN ADEQUATE} barrier to youngsters bent on getting in. ~~Any fence~~ ^{we feel that} formidable enough to be effective, ~~we fear~~ might be dangerous ~~to~~ and in itself be a challenge and constitute a hazard. It also would increase maintenance problems by hampering weed and vine removal and by limiting ^{maneuvering} space needed by earth moving equipment in back filling excavations. Since the site is of the midden type ^{and} for the most part under about four feet of overburden a fence should not be needed. ~~We hope~~ ^{we feel at this time that} ~~the extra expense of a fence~~ ^{that} ~~will not be necessary and at this time feel that it will not be.~~ ^{would}

We further feel that the plot could best serve the public as a dual purpose area by also being used as a small neighborhood park and playground. * ~~Neighborhood residents that were consulted gave their approval of the area as an open park and we feel that~~

Letter to Park Dept
over Mike's envelope (to apply)
whenever necessary the St. Joseph Soc. might have

considerably
catching up with
debris

ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2519 Jackson Street
St. Joseph, Mo. 64507

January 30, 1969

Mr. Byron K. Baker, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
305 City Hall
St. Joseph, Mo. 64501

Dear Mr. Baker:

In view of the possibility that the King's Hill archaeological site 23BN-1 may soon be incorporated into the St. Joseph Park system, we of the St. Joseph Archaeological Society wish to offer our continued cooperation and help in the preservation of the area for orderly and scientific investigation. The efforts and cooperation of city officials in bringing about such an arrangement and of the Park Department in maintaining it, has and will be much appreciated by our Archaeological Society.

Recent discussion within our St. Joseph Archaeological Society and with the St. Joseph Museum and State Society advisors, prompts us to respectfully offer you our resulting and considered opinion as to the disposition of the King's Hill site.

It has come to our attention that there is some thought that it may be necessary to fence in the whole area in order to protect it. This concern is much appreciated. However, we feel that a fence, even though quite high, would be an inadequate barrier to youngsters bent on getting in. We fear that any fence formidable enough to be effective might be dangerous and in itself be a challenge and constitute a hazard. It also would increase considerably maintenance problems by hampering weed and vine removal, catching wind blown debris and by limiting maneuvering space needed by earth moving equipment in back filling excavations. Since the site is of the midden type and for the most part under about four feet of overburden, a fence should not be needed. We feel at this time that the extra expense of a fence would not be necessary.

We further feel that the plot could best serve the public as a dual purpose area by also being used as a small neighborhood park and playground. Neighborhood residents that were consulted were in favor of the area as an open park, and we feel that there would be quite a few objections if it were restricted so severely by the addition of a fence. Their good will has been of considerable help to us in our efforts there. We feel quite sure that they would help curtail and discourage any vandalism there by reporting such to the police, the St. Joseph Museum or to our Archaeological Society. Society members have been and will continue to keep watch on the site and in contact with the neighborhood residents.

Mr. Byron K. Baker, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
January 30, 1969
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The southeast part of the area, being less productive of midden material would be suitable for some playground equipment and/or picnic tables. In fact, the whole upper area could be used as a playground except at such time when archaeological work is in progress. Even then such work areas would be relatively small and would be barricaded while being worked and covered at night leaving the rest of the area for recreation use.

The St. Joseph Museum as the parent organization of the St. Joseph Archaeological Society, and depository of records, archaeological material, excavation progress data, photographs and maps will necessarily continue to act with cooperation of the Archaeological Society, to coordinate archaeological work at the site.

Since the Indian people that once lived on the site were of the Oneota Culture, we suggest that the park be named ONEOTA PARK.

Again, we offer our assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Michael R. Fisher, President
St. Joseph Archaeological Society

MRF:js

cc: Robert A. Brown, President Museum Board

St. Joseph Museum

J. Mett Shippee, Associate Archaeologist
Univ. of Mo. Archaeological Dept.

JANUARY 24, 1967

MR. ROBERT T. BRAY, DIRECTOR
LYMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER
HAMILTON FIELD SCHOOL
MIAMI, MISSOURI 64344

DEAR MR. BRAY:

WE HAVE YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 17 AND ARE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND AT LEAST SOME TIME WITH US AT KING'S HILL NEXT SUMMER. WE ARE SORRY THAT YOUR TIME HERE WILL BE LIMITED DUE TO A HEAVY SCHEDULE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND YOUR PROBLEM.

AFTER READING YOUR LETTER IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT JUNE 2ND THROUGH THE 4TH OR 5TH MIGHT BE THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR YOU. THIS WOULD WORK OUT FOR US TOO, ALTHOUGH WE MUST CONFESS WE WILL MISS THE ABLE ASSISTANCE AND COMPANY OF THE STUDENTS.

SINCE MOST OF THIS PERIOD WILL BE OVER A WEEK-END, PRES. MIKE FISHER CAN HAVE A DISSEABLE CREW OF LOCAL CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT. NETT SHIPPER IS SURE TO BE ON HAND AND WE FEEL QUITE CERTAIN THAT, WEATHER PERMITTING, WE CAN HAVE A GOOD DIG.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. WALDO WEDEL IS INTERESTED IN OUR LOCAL EFFORT AND IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO DROP BY FOR A QUICK LOOK ON HIS WAY OUT TO KANSAS, SINCE HE WILL BE HEADED OUT THAT WAY ABOUT THE SAME TIME. HE HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SEE SOME OF THE POTTERY FROM 25BN1.

WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOU AND ANY NUMBER OF "VOLUNTEERS" HERE IN THE MUSEUM CRAFT HOUSE ROOMS MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS LAST YEAR. IT HAS BEEN AIR CONDITIONED SINCE THEN.

AS IT NOW STANDS THE JUNE DATE (2ND THROUGH 4TH OR 5TH) WILL BE FINE AND WE CAN PLAN ON IT.

MR. ROBERT T. BRAY
JANUARY 24, 1967
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AS AN ADDED POSSIBILITY, SHOULD THE JULY 15-16 OR 18-19 DATES BECOME AVAILABLE, YOU AND YOUR CREW WOULD AGAIN BE MOST WELCOME TO STOP BY FOR A SHORT DIG THEN IF YOU THOUGHT THE STUDENTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM IT. THE SAME ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

BEST REGARDS FROM ALL.

SINCERELY,

DON L. REYNOLDS, PHOTOGRAPHER
AND PREPARATOR
ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM

DLR:js

University of Missouri

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Department of Anthropology

Lyman Archaeological Research Center
Hamilton Field School
Miami, Missouri 65344

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
Room 15 Switzer Hall
Phone 314 449 9411

January 17, 1967

Mr. Roy Coy, Director
Saint Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Roy:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 concerning proposals for work at King's Hill this coming summer.

It is difficult for us to make hard and fast plans, especially as regards time schedules for our field school. Three new things have come up which I did not anticipate at the time Don Reynolds and I talked about Kings Hill at the Fall Meeting of the MAS. Unsettled at this moment is a project at St. Charles recently proposed to me by the State Parks acting historian and a project in South Dakota involving the field school. The latter depends on whether we are able to secure the services for the summer of a K.U. anthropologist who will direct the South Dakota affair.

At this time two possibilities seem open for our participation in your project at Kings Hill. I am afraid this would be rather brief in either instance. We could stop by with half the field school for 2 or 3 days in the periods July 15-17 or July 18-20 provided all concerned are agreeable to our South Dakota plans being moved forward one week. If so, I would have about half the school on the way to South Dakota about July 15-16 and would be returning with the other half about July 18-19. As it tentatively stands now this schedule is set for me at about July 8-9 (on the way up) and about July 11-12 (on the way back).

The other alternative would be for me and a volunteer or two to come up June 2 through 4 or 5. This would be before the field school begins. In view of the limited time that is going to be available, I would not want to feel that the project was mine. Since the Society is working this site anyway I would rather be in the position of advisor. At present, you could schedule me to lend a hand June 2 through 4 (or 5). I would hope that we could know before long whether the July date could be agreed on. If so, I would appear then (instead of the June period) with half the field school. I

would hope that whichever alternative is selected would not prevent your scheduling the Society work at times that your people can be on hand (the Society members, I mean).

I will write you again when the South Dakota plans are complete.

Cordially Yours,

Bob Bray

Robert T. Bray
Director

cc/Henning
Chapman

MARCH 4, 1966

MR. R. A. BROWN, ATTORNEY
610 FRANCIS
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

DEAR MR. BROWN:

MR. MIKE FISHER, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JOSEPH
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, AND I HAVE CONFERRED WITH MRS.
DERRY AND THE FOLLOWING SEEMS AGREEABLE. WE HAD HOPED
FOR A LOWER FIGURE BUT \$75.00 SEEMS NOT TO BE TOO MUCH
OUT OF LINE CONSIDERING THAT SHE WILL LOSE HER GARDEN
PLOT FOR A SEASON. ALSO SHE AGREES TO LET THE MUSEUM
HAVE ALL ARTIFACTS. MR. FISHER EXPECTS HIS ST. JOSEPH
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLUB TO PAY HALF.

WILL YOU PLEASE DRAW UP SOME SORT OF DOCUMENT FOR
US?

LEASE FOR \$75.00, AMOUNT AGREED ON FOR 1 YEAR FROM
DATE FROM BETTY DERRY, 5636 SOUTH 1ST, THAT PORTION OF
HER PROPERTY NORTH OF HER HOUSE DESCRIBED AS HER GARDEN.
IT IS BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY HER YARD, ON THE EAST BY
THE SIDEWALK AND 1ST STREET, ON THE NORTH BY THE RESIDENCE
OF MR. LAWRENCE T. DUFFY AND OVER THE BANK ON THE WEST
TO THE PROPERTY LINE.

INCLUDE RIGHT TO TEMPORARILY LOCATE TRAILER FOR USE
AS OFFICE AND/OR QUARTERS FOR WATCHMAN. (THIS CONTINGENT
ON PERMISSION FROM CITY ZONING DEPARTMENT.)

PURPOSE OF LEASE--TO MAKE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION
IN DESCRIBED AREA FOR SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION AND EVALUA-
TION OF INDIAN REMAINS BY ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM PERSONNEL
AND OTHERS AUTHORIZED BY THEM--THE LATTER BEING SELECTED
MEMBERS OF THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. ARTI-
FACTS EXCAVATED FROM THE DESCRIBED SITE DURING THE PERIOD

Mr. R. A. Brown, Attorney
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WILL BE TAKEN TO THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM FOR STUDY CLASSIFICATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY AND WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THAT INSTITUTION.

RIGHT TO EXTEND LEASE AT END OF YEAR ON SAME TERMS IF STUDY IS NOT AT THAT TIME COMPLETE.

EXCAVATIONS WILL BE REFILLED AND GROUND LEVELED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION AS BEFORE LEASE PERIOD.

SINCERELY YOURS,

D.L. REYNOLDS
St. JOSEPH MUSEUM
PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM
DTR:JS

US?

LEASE FOR 2 1/2 YRS. ABOUT 1880-1885. THE SITE IS ON
DATE FROM BETTY BRADY. THE SITE IS ON THE CORNER OF
HER PROPERTY EAST OF THE MAIN ROAD. THE SITE IS ON THE
IT IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE MAIN ROAD, ON THE EAST
THE SIDEWALK AND THE STREET, ON THE SOUTH BY THE MAIN
OF MR. LAWRENCE J. BRADY AND THE PROPERTY ON THE WEST
TO THE PROPERTY LINE.

RIGHT TO TEMPORARILY REMOVE TRAILS
AN OFFICE AND/OR CHANGING FOR TRAILS. (THIS
OF PERMISSION FROM CITY ZONING DEPARTMENT.)

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IN DESCRIBED AREA FOR SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION
TION OF INDIAN REMAINS BY ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
AND OTHERS AUTHORIZED BY ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
MEMBERS OF THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
YARDS EXCAVATED FROM THE SITE.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Department of Sociology
and Anthropology

15 Switzler Hall
Area 314 449-9411

July 21, 1966

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Public Museum
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don;

Thank you for all you did for our group while we worked on the Kings' Hill site. It was one of the highlights of the summer for both the students and me. This was an excellent experience for them because they were able to see an excavation from start to finish, to sweat out what we were actually into, and to analyze what was involved. I think we trained a few good archeologists while over there.

It was truly a pleasure to work with you, Mike Fisher, and the other members of the St. Joseph Archeological Society. It would have been impossible to have cut trenches and really polish up our thinking about the site without the heavy-duty assistance we had on that final Sunday. The consistent and good help throughout the week was an invaluable aid to our completing the job. I hope you will express our sincere appreciation to all those who ventured forth in the heat to run shovel and sifter.

We have begun washing up the materials gathered, but have been deeply involved with other projects since leaving and are not finished yet. I have the things that R. B. Aker dug up last spring and could easily send some of that over for you if you should wish to put in a display in the near future. He found representative pot sherds and a sample of stone, bone, and shell artifacts in the hole he dug.

By the way, do you have a couple of 8 x 10 photographs of the site and excavations that we could borrow for the Open House displays? We should have some to put into a display and I have not as yet received our films from photo service.

Again, our thanks. I hope you will relay the thank-you to all members of the St. Joseph group.

Sincerely,


Dale R. Henning
Director, American Archeology

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Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th & Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don:

This is a rather belated answer acknowledging receipt of the questionnaire on the Lewis and Clark Trail. We certainly appreciate your fine cooperation in sending this to us.

CHC/jp

Sincerely yours,

Carl H. Chapman
Secretary

THEIRS TO DISCOVER—OURS TO ENJOY

SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

MR. DALE HENNING, DIRECTOR
AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
15 SWITZLER HALL
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65202

DEAR DALE:

OUR LAST WEEK-END DIG PRODUCED VERY WELL IN SPITE OF A WEAKENING WORK FORCE AND A LOST SUNDAY DUE TO A MUCH NEEDED RAIN. THE TOP LEVEL OF THE SITE WAS ALMOST AS HARD AS SOFT BRICK AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO RESORT TO MEASURES THAT MAYBE ARCHAEOLOGISTS DON'T OFTEN MENTION. NOT BLASTING BUT "SELECTIVE" USE OF A PICK! AFTER THE $1\frac{1}{2}$ " RAIN, HOWEVER, THE SOIL WAS VERY SOFT AND WORKABLE.

BY TUESDAY EVENING WE HAD COMPLETED THE FOURTH LEVEL TO 24" IN SECTION GGG. WE TRY TO WORK EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WITH CLUB VOLUNTEERS AND MIKE FISHER AND I WORK MONDAY AND TUESDAY WHENEVER HE CAN GET OFF FROM HIS REGULAR JOB. GGG SEEMS TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY RICH. SO FAR LOTS OF BONE, CHARCOAL, RED LIMESTONE, ETC. ALL THROUGHOUT. SEVERAL GOOD FINDS. SOME MORE RED POTTERY AND SOME DARK GRAY SHERDS WITH TRAILED DESIGN. ANOTHER ROUND PROJECTILE POINT FROM ANTLER (PERFECT). IT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ONE FOUND LAST JULY IN THAT IT HAS TWO SMALL POINTS EXTENDING BACK FROM ONE SIDE OF THE SHAFT END. BARBS? ALSO FOUND AN ELK SPIKE SMOOTHED FROM USE AND A FOOT OR SO LONG. A BONE AWL, BONE NEEDLE AND A BONE TUBE ADORNMENT. THE NEEDLE IS COMPLETE AND IN FINE SHAPE BUT IN TWO PIECES, FLAT, SLIGHTLY CURVED, AND WITH EYE. ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN INCHES LONG. FOUND AN EAR OF CORN--USED ELMER'S GLUE AND WATER ON GRAIN AND COB THEN PLASTER AROUND DIRT SUPPORT.

MR. DALE HENNING
SEPTEMBER 21, 1966
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WE ALSO FOUND A PORTION OF A PIPE--PART OF THE CONTOUR WITH DRILLED RIB FOR ATTACHMENT. IT COMPARES TO ILLUSTRATION IN WEDEL. SO DOES THE BONE ADORNMENT TUBE. FOUND HALF A HAWK BELL. ALSO OTHER SPLIT BRASS TUBE ORNAMENTS AND AN IRON KNIFE BLADE. ALSO MORE SMALL POINTS AND MORE DRILLS, AND A BONE SHAFT WRENCH AND MORE ABRAIDING STONES.

ROY THINKS WE HAD BETTER GET ALL OF THIS STUFF DOWN TO YOU FOR STUDY. IF SO I HESITATE TO SHIP IT. WOULD RATHER LOAD IT IN THE CAR AND HAUL IT DOWN. IT'S ALREADY MANY SACKS AND SOON WILL BE ENOUGH FOR A LOAD. DO YOU WANT IT BROUGHT DOWN THERE WITH THE REST OF THE 23BN1 MATERIAL?

WE INTEND TO KEEP AT IT UNTIL THE WEATHER GETS US.

SINCERELY,

DON L. REYNOLDS, PHOTOGRAPHER
ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
PONY EXPRESS MUSEUM

DLR:js

SEPTEMBER 16, 1966

MR. DALE HENNING
15 SWITZLER HALL
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

DEAR DALE:

RECEIVED THE MAPS OF THE KING HILL DIG AND
MANY THANKS FOR SENDING THEM. THE PHOTOS YOU NEED
NOT HAVE RETURNED.

WE ARE AT PRESENT WORKING ON THE DIG AGAIN.
STARTED LAST WEEK AND COMPLETED SECTION HHH. ABOUT
THE SAME MATERIAL. DID FIND A HARDIN TYPE POINT,
PART OF A TRANSLUCENT AGATE POINT AND ONE-HALF OF
A RED SANDSTONE PIPE. ALSO MANY OF THE USUAL SMALL
TRIANGULAR POINTS. OH, YES, AND THREE DOUBLE
POINTED SO-CALLED PIPE DRILLS. OR MAYBE THEY ARE
FISH GORGES. DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. SOME ARGUMENT
HERE AND THERE SEEMS LIKE. WILL START AGAIN
TOMORROW MORNING ON GGG.

WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT I COULD NOT GET DOWN
TO SEE THE GANG AND THE RELICS FROM OUR DIG AT THE
OPEN HOUSE. FRED HYDE BROUGHT US UP-TO-DATE.

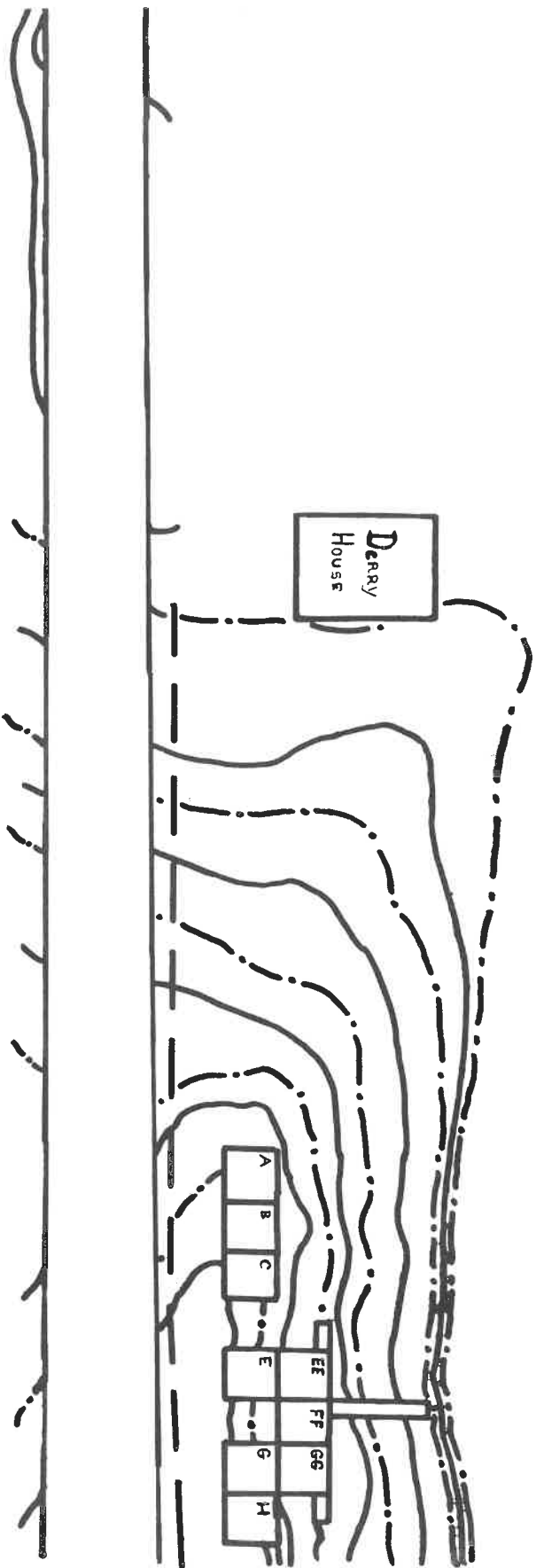
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HAND AND EXPERIENCE.

OUR BEST TO ALL.

SINCERELY,

DON L. REYNOLDS, PHOTOGRAPHER
ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
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- N** →
- SCALE 0 10 feet
- contour interval of 2 feet
 - - - contour at 1 foot interval
 - sidewalk
 - designates approximate limits of southern portion of site

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September 23, 1966

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Mr. Don Reynolds
St Joseph Museum
11th & Charles Sts.,
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don:

Thank you for your very informative letter about the recent excavations on the Kings Hill site. It sounds as though you are having a mighty exciting excavation.

Do not send the material down right away. I would much rather attend to picking it up during the State Society meeting on the 16th of October. Judging from the schedule I am keeping of late, some time will elapse before much study of the material can be completed.

Good luck with the weather.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Sincerely,



Dale R. Henning
Director, American Archaeology

DRH:dd

Richard Dean
Box 219 A, Cooper Hall
Northwest Mo. State
Maryville, Missouri
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Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

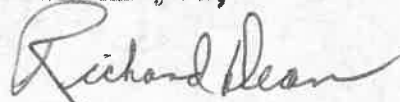
In visiting with Gordon Vojta recently I viewed some of the pictures you had taken of the skeleton just as it was when uncovered by Gordon and his playmate.

If the imposition is not too great, I would appreciate it if you would send me one copy each of the following: (1) the picture of the skeleton in the grave with the right leg bent under and with two brushes and a dental pick close by; (2) the close up of the skeleton with the ornaments near the arm, immediately to the left of the skeleton. These pictures were taken in September, 1958.

Your aid, Mr. Reynolds, and the museum have been invaluable in my project, I appreciate it sincerely.

I am enclosing two dollars to defray expenses.

Thank you,


Richard Dean

P. S. Since I will be going home for Christmas very soon, please send the copies to my home at the following address:

Richard Dean
4015 Terrace Ave.
St. Joseph, Missouri
64504

Richard Dean
Box 219A, Cooper Hall
Northwest Mo. State College
Maryville, Missouri
October 19, 1966

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I am an anthropology student at Northwest Missouri State College and am attempting to gather information on the Kansa Indian diggings in the King Hill region of South St. Joseph. I have an additional interest in this, besides the formulation of a paper, since I lived within two blocks of your diggings before moving some four years ago.

I would appreciate it if you might provide me with any information on the Indians or the diggings you might have available. Since I am just beginning my project, any amount of information will be appreciated.

Also, I would appreciate any list of sources of additional information you might be able to provide me with.

Your help and cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you,

Richard Dean
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Box 219A, COOPER HALL
MARYVILLE, MO
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MR. RICHARD DEAN
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OCTOBER 20, 1966

WE WILL COMPLETE OUR DIGGING OPERATIONS FOR
THIS YEAR WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO BUT HOPE TO
RESUME NEXT SEASON. YOU WOULD BE WELCOME TO VISIT
THE SITE THEN OR SOME SUNNY WEEK-END OR IN THE
FUTURE TO SEE THE EXHIBIT OF MATERIAL FROM THE
DIG HERE IN THE MUSEUM.

MR. RICHARD DEAN
Box 219A, COOPER HALL
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI 64468

SINCERELY,

DEAR MR. DEAN:

I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT WE CAN AS YET GIVE YOU
LITTLE DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THE 23BN1 KING HILL
DIG HERE IN ST. JOSEPH.

MR. DALE HENNING, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN ANTHRO-
POLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, DIRECTED THE
DIG HERE LAST JUNE AND THE MATERIAL AND FINDINGS ARE
IN THE HANDS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR STUDY. IT WILL
PROBABLY BE TWO YEARS OR LONGER BEFORE ANY REPORT IS
MADE. THERE WILL, HOWEVER, BE A SHORT ARTICLE IN OUR
MUSEUM GRAPHIC ABOUT THE SITE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT
WILL BE WRITTEN BY ARCHAEOLOGIST JAMES METT SHIPPEE
AND WILL SPECULATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE KING HILL
SITE BEING KANSA. WE ALSO HAVE MATERIAL TAKEN FROM
THE SITE BY THE MUSEUM AND THE LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SOCIETY RECENTLY THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

THE DIG HAS PRODUCED SHELL TEMPERED POTTERY,
BONE TOOLS (NEEDLES, AWLS, HOES, ETC.) SMALL TRIANGULAR
POINTS, SANDSTONE ABRAIDERS, CATLINITE PIPE PIECES
AND ENOUGH BRASS (KNIFE BLADES, TINKLERS, BEADS, ETC.)
TO MAKE THE SITE EARLY HISTORIC.

IT APPEARS CERTAINLY TO BE ONEOTA AND THE MATERIAL
RESEMBLES THAT OF THE KANSASITE NEAR FANNING, KANSAS.
ARCHAEOLOGISTS VIEWING THE LOCALLY EXHIBITED MATERIAL
SINCE SAY IT ALSO RESEMBLES THAT OF THE UTZ SITE OF THE
MISSOURI DOWNSTREAM NEAR MIAMI, MISSOURI.

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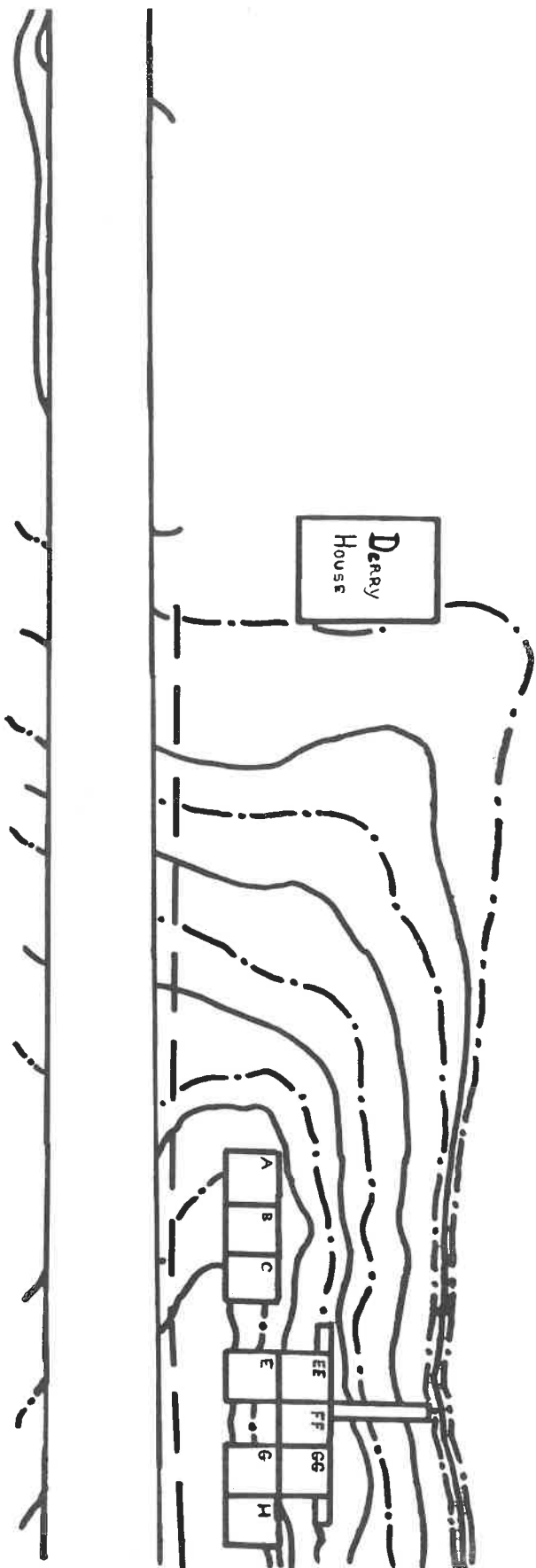
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- contour interval of 2 feet
- - - contour at 4 foot interval
- - - sidewalk

○ designates approximate limits of southern portion of site

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560

January 5, 1967

Mr. Mett Shippee
3622 Russell Road
Kansas City, Mo. 64117

Dear Mett:

Thank you for your letter of December 29, with its additional background material on the King's Hill operations. The more I learn about the site, the more interesting and significant it seems to be. I've seen none of the pottery, but I judge that it is pretty good stuff; I shall be greatly interested to see how it compares with the Fanning wares.

I don't know whether it will ever be possible to demonstrate that King's Hill is Kansa; but if the trade stuff is distinctive enough to be identifiable and datable within a reasonably tight time span, the documentary record should certainly be re-examined very closely for all possible leads to the tribes resident in the Blacksnake Hills locality at that time level. Chouteau's 1816 description of the former Kansa territory, including lands east of the Missouri, makes sense in terms of the easterly origin of the tribe and its long residence on the prairie-woodland margin. It seems to me entirely possible that Kansa movements to their earliest recorded historic locations could have involved both banks of the Missouri River, rather than exclusively one or the other.

King's Hill points up the importance of further and wider exploration for Oneota sites in the Missouri drainage within a radius of 50 or 75 miles around St. Joseph. If Leary is anywhere near as early as the radiocarbon dates suggest, this and the occurrence of trade goods at Fanning and King's Hill suggest a fairly long period of use by Oneota peoples of this locality; and there may be other sites that would help fill in the apparent time gaps that still confront us in our reconstructions here. Whether several tribes were involved, rather than the development through time of a single tribe like the Kansa, I wouldn't try to guess, but there is certainly no shortage of problems for the future here.

I hope to return to Rice County about June 1st for further digging at Kermit Hayes' circle and perhaps at other sites in the locality. I'm a little concerned about what the May and June rains might do to slow down our digging, but that is a chance I'll have to take. Hope you can visit us and linger a while.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo

Waldo R. Wedel
Senior Anthropologist

Doc
I thought the Museum and the Archeological Society would be interested in this letter from Wedel. I surely hope he can see the case of artifacts that you have on display and eventually the pottery and trade material.
Mett Shippee



Saint Joseph Museum

ELEVENTH AND CHARLES STREET SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

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914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



MAY 4, 1967

DR. HUGH C. CUTLER
MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

DEAR DR. CUTLER:

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION HERE AT THE MUSEUM THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING ANY CORN OR CORN COBS FROM THE KING'S HILL AREA HERE IN ST. JOSEPH.

THE ATTACHED CARTON CONTAINS ALL SUCH MATERIAL TAKEN FROM THE 23BN-1 SITE LAST FALL BY THE MUSEUM AND ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. (THE SAME DIG AS MATERIAL YOU ALREADY HAVE FROM MR. METT SHIPPEE OF KANSAS CITY AND FROM MR. DALE HENNING OF MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.)

WE HAVE MARKED IT AS TO LEVEL AND SECTION AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE OF USE TO YOU. IF AFTER STUDY, YOU SHOULD HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR THESE SPECIMENS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR RETURN.

WE PLAN TO DIG AGAIN AT 23BN-1 THIS JUNE (POSSIBLY WITH HELP OF THE MISSOURI UNIVERSITY TEAM) AND IN THE AUTUMN (ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY) AND WILL NO DOUBT FIND MORE CORN AND COBS. WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL THAT WE COULD SEND TO YOU?

WE HERE AT THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT YOUR STUDY OF THE KING'S HILL MATERIAL MIGHT PRODUCE. WE OFFER OUR SERVICES AND COOPERATION IN YOUR ENDEAVOR.

SINCERELY,

D. L. Reynolds
DON L. REYNOLDS, PREPARATOR
ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM
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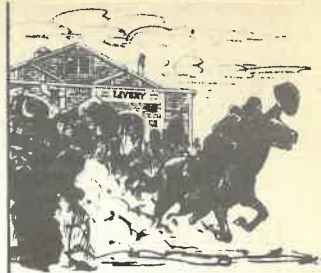


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APRIL 29, 1967

MR. ROBERT T. BRAY, DIRECTOR
 LYMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER
 HAMILTON FIELD SCHOOL
 MIAMI, MISSOURI 64344

DEAR MR. BRAY:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BETTY SIGSTAD INQUIRING ABOUT OUR DIG AT 23BN-1 ON KING'S HILL FOR THIS SEASON. WE ARE STILL AIMING FOR YOUR SUGGESTED DATE OF JUNE 2, 3 AND 4TH AND MIKE FISHER WILL HAVE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLUB MEMBERS ON HAND.

WE HOPE YOU AND OTHERS THAT CAN GET AWAY CAN BE WITH US DURING THAT TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND WORKING WITH YOU THEN.

OUR CRAFT ROOM FACILITIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR "CAMPING IN." WE CAN MAKE THREE ROOMS AND BATH (POSSIBLY FOUR) AVAILABLE BY SHIFTING SOME STORAGE IF YOU DON'T MIND SLEEPING ON COTS AND WITH A SAMAURAI WARRIOR.

BETTY TELLS US THAT SHE WILL WORK ON 23BN-1 POTTERY FOR HER MASTERS SO WE WILL TRY TO GET THE REST OF THE MATERIAL THAT WAS EXCAVATED BY OUR LOCAL CLUB LAST FALL WASHED UP BEFORE SENDING IT DOWN.

WE HEAR THAT DALE TOOK CORN COBS TO THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS AND KNOW THAT METT SENT SOME. WE SORTED ALL OURS OUT LAST WEEK AND ARE SENDING THEM ALONG TOO. THE FACT THAT THEY THINK THEY "ARE ON TO SOMETHING" DOWN THERE CONCERNING OUR KING'S HILL VARIETY IS OF NO LITTLE INTEREST HEREABOUTS. DARNED IF WE MAY NOT HAVE TO START BRAGGING ABOUT ALL THIS ATTENTION WE ARE GETTING OFF UP HERE IN THE PLATTE PURCHASE.

LET US KNOW HOW YOUR PLANS ARE WORKING OUT. OUR CLUB IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DIG AND WE ALL HOPE YOU CAN BE WITH US.

MR. ROBERT T. BRAY
APRIL 29, 1967
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WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING 23BN-1 WITH YOU AND TO GET OPINIONS OF ITS IMPORTANCE AS COMPARED TO THE WHOLE ONEOTA ASPECT. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT WITH THE RIGHT PERSUASION OF THE PROPER LOCAL PEOPLE THE SITE COULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR ST. JOSEPH PARK SYSTEM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO STUDY. IT IS FOR SALE AND IS SO LOCATED THAT IT COULD BE AN ASSET TO THE SYSTEM AT A NOMINAL COST AND WITH LITTLE MAINTENANCE. OUR TEST DRILLINGS SHOW THAT WE CANNOT HOPE TO EXCAVATE IT ALL SO WE ARE TORN BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITY AND LAZINESS. SUCH A SCHEME HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO THE CITY BY OUR ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BUT WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE. ADDED PUBLICITY FROM THE JUNE DIG MIGHT PROVOKE SOME ATTENTION. CARL CHAPMAN RECOMMENDED THAT THE SITE BE SECURED IN HIS SITE'S REPORT AND THIS WILL SURELY HELP.

BEST REGARDS TO YOU FROM ALL HERE.

SINCERELY,



DON L. REYNOLDS, PHOTOGRAPHER
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2519 JACKSON
ST. JOSEPH, Mo.
NOVEMBER 1, 1966

MAYOR DOUGLAS MERRIFIELD
CITY HALL
11TH & FREDERICK
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

SUBJECT: INDIAN VILLAGE SITE ON THE SOUTH SLOPE OF KING
HILL IN SOUTH ST. JOSEPH.

DEAR MAYOR MERRIFIELD:

ALREADY MUCH PUBLICIZED BY PUBLIC NEWS MEDIA IS THE
FACT THAT SOME TIME AGO REMAINS OF AN INDIAN VILLAGE WAS
LOCATED IN THE 5600 BLOCK OF SOUTH FIRST STREET HERE IN
ST. JOSEPH. IT WAS AT ONCE LEASED BY THE LOCAL ARCHAEO-
LOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM SO THAT A PROPER
SCIENTIFIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION COULD BE MADE.

AUTHORITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI WERE CON-
TACTED AND AT ONCE AGREED TO HELP IN EXCAVATION AND STUDY
OF THE SITE SINCE VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE PRE-HISTORIC
AND EARLY HISTORIC PEOPLE WHO OCCUPIED OUR IMMEDIATE AREA.

THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM, THE MISSOURI UNIVERSITY ARCHAEO-
LOGICAL TEAM AND OUR OWN ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
JOINED IN THE FIRST EXCAVATION IN LATE JUNE 1966. SINCE
THAT TIME THE MUSEUM AND THE LOCAL SOCIETY HAS CARRIED ON
THE EXCAVATION WHICH HAS PRODUCED A WEALTH OF FINE STUDY
SPECIMENS AND ARTIFACTS FOR DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM.

THE UNIVERSITY WILL AGAIN SEND IT'S TEAM TO THE SITE
NEXT SUMMER (1967) PROVIDING WE STILL HAVE SOME LEGAL HOLD
ON THE PROPERTY. WE HOPE TO AGAIN LEASE THE PROPERTY BUT
SINCE SAID PROPERTY IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE OUR EXACT
FUTURE STATUS IS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN.

OUR COMBINED PROGRESS HAS BUT MADE A DENT IN THE POTEN-
TIAL OF THE SITE. TEST DRILLINGS AT THE EXTREMITIES OF THE
SITE INDICATE THAT WE CANNOT HOPE TO DO A COMPLETE EXCAVATION

MAYOR DOUGLAS MERRIFIELD
NOVEMBER 1, 1966
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IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS SITE, AS EXTENSIVE AS IT IS, COULD AND SHOULD BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR A LONG RANGE STUDY. A PLACE WHERE FUTURE ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND STUDENTS CAN WORK AT THE BUSINESS OF DECIPHERING THE REMAINING CLUES TO THE IDENTITY OF OUR CITY'S INDIAN ANCESTORS. IT IS THE ONLY SUCH KNOWN RICH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IN THE CITY NOT ALREADY DESTROYED BY THE DEVELOPMENTS OF CIVILIZATION.

IT OCCURS TO US THAT SITUATED AS IT IS ON A WEST HILLSIDE SLOPE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ALREADY HISTORICALLY FAMOUS KING HILL AND BEING VIRGIN HILLSIDE OVERLOOKING SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, THE MISSOURI RIVER AND KANSAS, IT WOULD MAKE A FINE NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLOOK PARK SIMILAR TO THE ONE ON SOUTH 13TH STREET ACROSS FROM THE NAVAL RESERVE CENTER.

WE WOULD SUGGEST USE OF THE BODE FUNDS TO PURCHASE THIS PLOT AND WOULD HOPE THAT THE CITY PARK DEPARTMENT COULD ACCEPT IT INTO ITS FINE SYSTEM. IT COULD THEN SERVE A DUAL PURPOSE--A SMALL PLAYGROUND PARK THAT COULD BE ENJOYED BY THE PUBLIC AND ALSO SERVE AS A STUDY AREA WHERE OCCASIONALLY AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION COULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER GUIDANCE OF THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM AND/OR MISSOURI UNIVERSITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENTS.

PRESERVATION OF THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE WOULD ALSO BE IN LINE WITH THE PRESENT LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION POLICY OF LOCATING AND MARKING HISTORICAL SITES ALONG THAT TRAIL. A MINIMUM OF MAINTENANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED SINCE MOST OF THE AREA IS WILD GRASS COVERED HILLSIDE.

THE PROPERTY CAN AT THIS DATE PROBABLY BE PURCHASED AT A REASONABLY LOW FIGURE. A SMALL CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSE ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE PROPERTY COULD BE REMOVED TO ENHANCE THE SCENIC QUALITY OF THE SITE.

A SIMILAR INDIAN SITE HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN DISCOVERED IN NORTH KANSAS CITY AND IS NOW UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THEIR PARK DEPARTMENT. KNOWLEDGE OF THIS HAS IN PART PROMPTED US TO SEEK YOUR HELP.

MAYOR DOUGLAS MERRIFIELD
NOVEMBER 1, 1966
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THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS MRS. BETTY DERRY, 5636 SOUTH FIRST STREET. SHE VALUES THE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND THE NORTH 20' OF LOT 9 OF BOWEN'S ADDITION AT \$4,000 BUT WE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND SHE EXPECTS LESS.

WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THIS SUGGESTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND OFFER OUR WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA. SHOULD YOU WISH WE COULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO SHOW YOU THE SITE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MICHAEL R. FISHER, PRESIDENT

MRF:JS

Letter by Mr. R



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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APRIL 28, 1967

MRS. ELIZABETH R. SIGSTAD
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ROOM 15 SWITZLER HALL
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 64201

DEAR BETTY:

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU AND TO LEARN THAT YOU INTEND TO DO FURTHER WORK ON 23BN-1. WE, OF COURSE, WILL CERTAINLY BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE BY SENDING THE MATERIALS FROM LAST FALL'S DIG ALONG TO YOU FOR INCLUSION WITH THE REST OF THE KING'S HILL MATERIAL.

OUR LOCAL GROUP'S DIG OF SECTIONS FFF, GGG AND HHH PRODUCED SOME 35 OR 40 PARTLY FILLED GROCERY SIZED SACKS OF ASSORTED BONE, POTTERY, ETC.--ABOUT THE SAME KIND AS OUR SUMMER DIG--EXCEPT POSSIBLY WE MAY HAVE INCLUDED SOME OBJECTS OF RATHER DUBIOUS IMPORTANCE JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE. NONE OF IT IS NUMBERED BUT MORE THAN HALF IS WASHED UP. IT HAS BEEN A RATHER SLOW AND TEDIOUS PROJECT OF THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLUB MEMBERS DURING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH IT UNTIL YOU NEED IT. POSSIBLY YOU CAN GET IT WHEN YOU COME UP FOR OUR DIG THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. OUR CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THE MATERIAL LEAVE BUT POSSIBLY CAN TRY THEIR HAND AT POTTERY RESTORATION WHEN IT IS RETURNED HOME.

WE HAVE TENTATIVE PLANS WITH BOB BRAY FOR JUNE 2, 3, 4 AND POSSIBLY 5TH. THIS WAS PROVIDING EVERYTHING WORKS OUT FOR YOUR PEOPLE AT THAT END. THE DATE IS FINE FOR US AND WE ARE PLANNING ON IT. WILL WRITE TO BOB NOW SINCE HE PROBABLY HAS HIS SUMMER PLANS PRETTY WELL FORMULATED BY NOW.

YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CRAFTS ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS. WE APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING BETTER BUT ALL THAT CAN SQUEEZE IN ARE MOST WELCOME.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. SIGSTAD
APRIL 28, 1967
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JUST ONE OTHER THING--WE HAVE A CASE OF 23BN-1 ITEMS DISPLAYED IN THE FRONT HALLWAY OF THE MUSEUM. SOME POTTERY IS INCLUDED. WOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO TAKE THAT DOWN TO THE CENTER OR WOULD IT BE NEEDED? WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT ON DISPLAY FOR AWHILE LONGER UNLESS IT IS NEEDED NOW.

OUR CLUB PLANS TO PREPARE THE SITE A WEEK EARLY BY REMOVING THE PLOW ZONE AND HAVING THE AREA LAYED OFF. WE WOULD THEN BE MORE OR LESS ORGANIZED FOR DIGGING IN EARNEST ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND (JUNE 2, 3 AND 4).

YOU ARE ALL MOST WELCOME ANYTIME THAT YOU CAN COME UP. WE WILL ALSO NO DOUBT BE DIGGING AGAIN LATER IN THE SUMMER TO TAKE FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF OUR LEASE ON THE PROPERTY. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF 23BN-1 AS COMPARED TO THE WHOLE ONEOTA PICTURE BUT WILL TRY TO GET WHAT WE CAN OUT OF THE SITE BEFORE WE LOOSE HOLD ON IT.

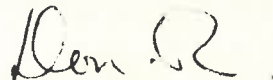
THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLUB'S PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE IT IN THE PRESENT CITY PARK SYSTEM AS A SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (ONEOTA PARK?) SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. MAYBE WE CAN USE THE JUNE DIG TO PROMOTE THIS.

OUR TEST DRILLINGS LAST YEAR SHOW THE AREA TO BE QUITE EXTENSIVE. ACTUALLY PROBABLY MORE THAN WE CAN EVER COPE WITH IF IT NEED ALL BE EXCAVATED. HENCE THE PROPOSAL TO SAVE IT FOR STUDY IN THE FUTURE.

SO--FOR ANYONE WITH AN URGE TO DIG--WE HAVE THE PLACE!

MR. COY AND MIKE JOIN IN SENDING BEST REGARDS TO ALL.

SINCERELY,



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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Department of Anthropology

April 26, 1967

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
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Mr. Donovan Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles Streets
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am writing to request some information concerning the material which was excavated by the St. Joseph Museum from the King's Hill site (23BN-1) last fall. I was a member of the University of Missouri Archaeological Field School when that group joined you for the initial excavations at King's Hill last July. I am now a graduate student at the University of Missouri and wish to do an analysis of the pottery from 23BN-1 for my Master's thesis.

My advisor, Dale Henning, and I have discussed the project and think it should prove very worthwhile in an attempt to determine aboriginal relationships in the St. Joseph area during protohistoric times.

I understand that last fall the Museum was able to excavate two more squares and recover a sizeable amount of material. If possible I would very much like to include the materials obtained in your excavation in the analysis, if that is amenable to all concerned.

I don't know as yet when it would be possible for us to come up and collect the material. Dale tells me it is possible that you have been able to number the material this year.. Our material is still in the process of being fully catalogued, but we are hoping to be able to have a student working full-time on that project for at least part of the summer. If your material is not completely numbered, it would probably be advantageous to transport it here so that our people would be able to work on it this coming summer while they are working on ours.

Bob Bray was in yesterday and mentioned that the St. Joseph Museum is considering doing more work at King's Hill this spring. Dale and I would appreciate further information on this as we would like to come up while you are working and obtain some additional soil samples from the site.

Mr. Donovan Reynolds

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I would very much appreciate any information you can provide concerning the material from King's Hill and possible future excavations there.

Please give my regards to Mr. Coy and Mike Fisher. I am looking forward to a visit with you.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Sigstad

Elizabeth R. Sigstad
Research Assistant



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February 17, 1967

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th & Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo. 64501

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I'm returning your slides that Mr. Cox and I borrowed for a cover on our annual report. The printing firm in Chicago has the color negatives we made from the slides and I will make your prints of these as soon as the negatives are returned to us.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Theodore Bryant
Advertising Manager

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May 14, 1967

Mr. Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don:

A reply to your letter of April 29 has been delayed too long already, yet I still do not have a good answer for you regarding the time that we could be able to appear in St. Joseph.

Our earlier plans involving Dr. Bill Bass of K.U. have fallen through and we are still looking for someone to replace him. Whether we find a man or not will influence both the whether and when of the proposed trip to Kings Hill. I regret that I am still unable to be specific. Suggest you go ahead with whatever plans you want to make involving the Society. When I am able to give you a date I will telephone you.

Sincerely Yours,

Bob Bray

Robert T. Bray
Director



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Kings' Hill
Indian excavation

Excavation at the
Kings' Hill archaeological
site in South St. Joseph
have been resumed. The
St. Joseph Museum and
the St. Joseph Archaeological
Society have opened another
ten foot section and digging
will continue on week end
until that particular square
has been excavated to the

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bottom extent of Indian
remains.

Assisting at the dig will
be Mr. Alfred Johnson who
is bringing students from
the archaeological department
of the University of Kansas
to study artifacts at
the dig and at the St.
Joseph Museum.

Earlier digging operation
and study at the site by the
University of Mo archaeological

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Department showed
the site to be of Anasta
culture and quite probably
of the Kansa tribe.

Also on hand ^{for this week}
ends dig will be ^{Mr. Peter R. Henning and} J. M. H.
Shippee, ~~archaeologists~~ archaeologists
from the University of Mo.

An earlier excavation
at the midden or trash
heap site this year by the
St. Joseph Archaeological Society
and the museum showed
indication of Indian deposits
at a depth of ~~very~~ ten feet.



From

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Missouri State Archaeological
Society at the University of
Missouri.

Allen R

MEMO

From

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Certain similarities of
our King's Hill ~~of~~ materials
to those found at sites
across the river in Kansas
have aroused the interest
of the University of Kansas
people. They are ~~assisting~~
lending their assistance
by doing an identification
study of animal bones from
~~some~~ a portion of the
site. This study to be conducted
by Robert Gilbert

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is expected to shed
shed some light on the
~~our loss of Indians~~
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give some ~~idea~~ indication
of wildlife species and
numbers of that day

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VISITOR'S DAY
AT
KING'S HILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG
SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 11

THE KING'S HILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IS NOW IN PROGRESS AND WILL LAST THROUGH JUNE. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO RESUME AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER AFTER HOT WEATHER.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT FINDS. MANY EXCAVATED ITEMS ON DISPLAY IN THE FRONT HALL OF THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM WERE TAKEN FROM THE LOCAL SITE LAST AUTUMN BY THE MUSEUM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. A PREVIOUS DIG THAT YEAR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DALE R. HENNING, DIRECTOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, PRODUCED A WEALTH OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL THAT IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. AMONG ITEMS FOUND WERE CHIPPED FLINT IMPLEMENTS SUCH AS KNIVES, SPEARS, ARROWS, ENGRAVING TOOLS AND HIDE SCRAPERS. BONE TOOLS SUCH AS NEEDLES, AWLS, SQUASH KNIVES AND HOES AND DIGGING TOOLS MADE FROM BUFFALO BONE. ALSO ARROW POINTS MADE FROM DEER ANTLER AND ELK SPIKES (YOUNG ELK ANTLERS) THAT WERE USED FOR AGRICULTURAL TOOLS. BOTH THE BUFFALO AND ELK WERE ONCE PLENTIFUL ON OUR MIDWESTERN PLAINS.

OTHER ANIMALS AS INDICATED BY THEIR REMAINS TAKEN FROM THE DIG WERE DEER, TURKEY AND OTHER SMALLER BIRDS, FISH, BEAVER, TURTLE, DOG, WOLF, FOX, OPPOSSUM, RACCOON AND GROUND SQUIRRELS. THE SHELLS OF RIVER CLAMS ARE ALSO FOUND, THE FLESH HAVING BEEN USED FOR FOOD AND SOME OF THE SHELLS USED FOR DIGGING AND

SCRAPING TOOLS WHILE OTHER SMALLER ONES WERE BORED AND USED AS SPOONS.

POTTERY FRAGMENTS OF MANY SIZES AND DESIGNS HAVE BEEN FOUND. SOME RED OR TAN OR BLACK, SOME WITH DESIGN, SOME WITHOUT. MANY STILL BLACKENED FROM SMOKE. ALL ARE TEMPERED OR STRENGTHENED WITH CRUSHED SHELL. STUDENTS AND CLUB MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR WINTER'S WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM IN ATTEMPTING TO FIT TOGETHER THE MANY THOUSANDS OF PIECES OF RIM SHERDS, HANDLES AND BODY SHERDS INTO RECONSTRUCTED POTS. A SEPARATE POTTERY STUDY OF MATERIAL FROM THE KING'S HILL 23-BN1 SITE IS PLANNED FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

PAINT STONES, "PEACE" PIPES AND BONE AND STONE BEADS ARE ALSO FOUND IN THE EXCAVATION. ALSO OBJECTS OF METAL SUCH AS KNIFE BLADES, SMALL COPPER AND BRASS BEADS AND BELLS AND BRASS EARRINGS SHAPED LIKE SMALL SPRINGS THAT WERE LITERALLY SCREWED INTO THE EARS. THE METAL FOR THESE OBJECTS WAS OBTAINED FROM THE WHITE MAN AND THE PRESENCE OF IT IN THE SITE HELPS TO DATE THE SITE AT AROUND 1700 TO 1725.

THE BUSINESS OF ARCHAEOLOGY IS A SLOW, TEDIUS AND LABORIOUS PROCESS. TONS OF DIRT MUST BE CAREFULLY SIFTED BY HAND THROUGH SHAKER SCREENS AND CONTENTS EVALUATED AND SORTED. LEVEL BY LEVEL EACH TEN FOOT SQUARE DIGGING AREA IS SCRAPED AWAY WITH TROWELS UNTIL THE BOTTOM OF THE INDIAN HABITATION DEPOSIT IS REACHED. SOMETIMES ON KING'S HILL AS DEEP AS TEN FEET.

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM AND ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WILL

BE PUBLISHED IN THE MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGIST SOME TWO YEARS OR SO HENCE.

THE SITE HAS ALSO RECENTLY AROUSED THE INTEREST OF DR. HUGH CUTLER AND LEONARD BLAKE OF THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS IN ST. LOUIS. THEIR FOCUS OF INTEREST IS ON THE SEEDS, NUTS, PLANT FIBER AND ESPECIALLY CORN AND CORN COBS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN FROM THE SITE. THE CORN RAISED BY OUR LOCAL INDIANS SEEMS NOT TO HAVE BEEN SIMILAR TO OTHER STRAINS IN THE GENERAL AREA BUT POSSIBLY AN "IMPORTED" VARIETY INTRODUCED FROM THE SOUTHWEST OF WHAT IS NOW OUR UNITED STATES AND GROWN HERE BEFORE JOSEPH ROBIDOUX BUILT HIS BLACKSNAKE HILLS TRADING POST AND BEFORE LEWIS AND CLARK VENTURED UP THE MISSOURI RIVER.

SAMPLES OF SUCH MATERIAL INCLUDING SOIL SAMPLES FROM VARYING DEPTHS ARE BEING SENT TO THE MISSOURI UNIVERSITY AND THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS AS THEY ARE COLLECTED.

THE KING'S HILL DIG WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE AND WILL START AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. ANYONE INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY IS WELCOME TO VISIT THE SITE ON SOUTH FIRST STREET JUST SOUTH OF FLEEMAN THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY JUNE 11TH, WHERE THEY MAY OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS. SOCIETY MEMBERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND DISPLAY MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN EXCAVATED. J. METT SHIPPEE, ASSOCIATE ARCHAEOLOGIST WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, WILL BE AT THE SITE TO DISCUSS ARCHAEOLOGY WITH VISITORS.

SINCE ALL OF THIS MATERIAL IS BEING TAKEN FROM A REFUSE DUMP OR "KITCHEN MIDDEN" AT THE TOP OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BLUFF JUST

TO THE SOUTH OF KING'S HILL, IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE AREA IMMEDIATE TO THE SITE WAS PROBABLY A SUMMER CAMP. DR. CHAPMAN OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INDICATES THAT INDIANS WERE ESPECIALLY FOND OF HIGH GROUND SUMMER CAMP SITES THAT GAVE THEM THE ADVANTAGE OF SUMMER BREEZES IN ESCAPING THE DISCOMFORTS OF BUFFALO GNATS AND MOSQUITOS. THEIR WINTER CAMP WAS PROBABLY IN THE MORE PROTECTED AREA TO THE SOUTH THAT NOW INCLUDES HYDE PARK SINCE PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS SHOW THAT AREA TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED AS SUCH.

WHO WERE THOSE PEOPLE THAT ONCE LIVED ON OUR RIVER BLUFFS? INFORMATION TO DATE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN KANSA. THEY LEFT CLUES THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE LEFT BY INDIANS THAT ONCE LIVED ON A SITE NEAR FANNING AND EXCAVATED BY SMITHSONIAN'S, DR. WALDO WEDEL, IN THE MID-1930'S--A SITE HE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN KANSA. ALSO, THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THE MISSOURI FURTHER DOWN RIVER OR THE OTO WHO WERE MORE NOMADIC. AS OF NOW THEY SEEM MOST LIKELY, ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS, TO HAVE BEEN KANSA.

MUCH MORE CERTAIN IS THE CONNECTION OF OUR LOCAL KING'S HILL INDIANS WITH THE ONEOTA CULTURE OF SIOUXIAN ORIGIN WHICH INCLUDES ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TRIBES. DUE TO THE INFORMATION THAT OUR LOCAL INDIAN SITE IS PRODUCING ABOUT THIS CULTURE, IT HAS ASSUMED MUCH MORE THAN LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY RANDOM TEST BORING THAT THE KING'S HILL SITE IS MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN AT FIRST THOUGHT.

IN FACT, SO MUCH SO THAT AT THE PRESENT RATE OF PROGRESS IT CANNOT POSSIBLY BE EXCAVATED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE IMPORTANCE AND EXTENT OF THE SITE HAVING INCREASED, ADDED CONCERN IS NOW BEING FELT FOR ITS PRESERVATION. AUTHORITIES INCLUDING MR. ROY E. COY, MEMBER OF THE PRESERVATION OF SITES COMMITTEE OF THE MISSOURI STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, ARE SEEKING A SOLUTION.

IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND DR. CARL CHAPMAN THAT THE SITE BE SECURED FOR FUTURE AND CONTINUED STUDY. THE BENEFITS WOULD BE THREE-FOLD.

(1) TO FURTHER THE SIFTING OF KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING OUR LOCAL INDIANS, (2) PRESERVE A STUDY AND TRAINING AREA FOR FUTURE STUDENT ARCHAEOLOGISTS (POSSIBLY ALSO FOR MISSOURI WESTERN SHOULD THEY DEVELOP AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT) AND (3) PROVIDE A MARKED AREA OF INTEREST--POSSIBLY A SMALL PARK--TO COMMEMORATE OUR RED MEN ANCESTERS.

PERSONS WISHING TO ASSIST AT THE DIG MAY CONTACT MR. MICHAEL R. FISHER, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JOSEPH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (AD 2-5738) OR MR. D. L. REYNOLDS OF THE ST. JOSEPH MUSEUM (AD 2-4238) OR CONTACT SOCIETY MEMBERS SUNDAY DURING "VISITOR'S AFTERNOON" AT THE DIGGING SITE. TAKE FLEEMAN STREET WEST FROM THE BOULEVARD, TURN LEFT (SOUTH) AT TOP OF HILL ON FIRST STREET, $\frac{1}{2}$ BLOCK ON RIGHT.

IN CASE OF RAIN VISITOR'S DAY WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 18.

Handwritten signature

November 30, 1967

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

We are sending along to you two boxes of charred vegetal material from King's Hill 23BN1 as requested in your letter of Nov. 3. Included are all of square FFF and part of GGG. The remaining 4 1/2 squares will be along as soon as we can get the material treated.

We took your advice about shipment methods and also an added precaution--the use of Duco Cement and acetone to harden the specimens. We thought it worth the added trouble and time required so that when the material gets back to the museum it will still be in good enough condition for display or study.

Thanks again for your help.

Mike Fisher sends his regards.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"



2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63110
TOWNSEND 5-0440

November 3, 1967

Mr. Don L. Reynolds
Photographer and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Attached you will find the charred seeds from 23BN1 that you kindly sent to us on October 24th and a list of identifications. Hugh Cutler and I would like very much to see ~~all~~ the seeds, corn kernels and cobs excavated by your local chapter that we have not yet seen. The seeds may include things that we have not yet come across and the corn will give us a larger sample from which to draw conclusions.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard

Leonard W. Blake

P.S. Any charred vegetal material, other than wood charcoal, also may be of interest. Carbonized gourd rind was identified in some of the material that Dale Henning sent to us.

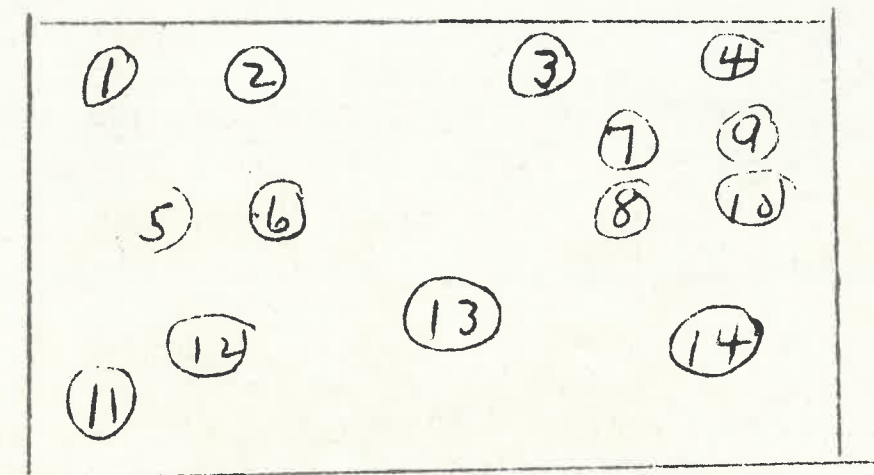
23 BNI King Hill

St. Joseph
Buchanan Co. Mo

Level 5, pit, 5g F

Rec'd Don Reynolds, St Joseph Museum 10/27/67

all carbonized



Squash (C. pepo) seed

	<u>L.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Th</u> in mm
⑦	17.3	9.5 (est)	
⑧	15.2	8.5	
⑤	15.0	8.6	
⑨	14.7	8.7	
⑥	14.6	6.5	
⑬	14.4 (est)	7.1 (est)	
⑪	13.6	7.4 (est)	

swollen

barely charred

Common bean

(P. vulgaris)

③	13.3	7.0	6.0
⑫	12.4	6.3	5.0

Corn grain (Z. mays)

④	6.3	10.9	5.0
⑩	6.7	7.6	?

swollen

Wild material

- ① nut shell, broken nut
- ② popcorn seed
- ⑭ unidentified plant remnant.

October 24, 1967

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

Enclosed are the questionable 23BN1 seeds that Mike Fisher mentioned to you at our Shelbina meeting. (Level 5 pit, square F)

The material from FFF, GGG and HHH that we sent to you did not include all of the seeds etc. found in those squares--only the corn and cobs, plus a sampling of other seeds. We thought we should mention this in case you are figuring averages.

We still have on hand here all the seeds from the six squares that our local chapter has excavated. This includes also the additional corn and cobs from the last three squares dug this season. We will send any or all of this material should you need it.

Mike and I enjoyed talking with you Sunday about our local dig and very much appreciate the interest and help you have given us.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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Missouri Archaeological Society

15 SWITZLER HALL
Columbia, Missouri

December 7, 1967

Don L. Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Don:

I certainly was interested in learning that you don't have any fluted points in the Museum or in that area. I was hoping that some would show up there, because I am very interested in what type they might be. If any do show up at any time please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

I am certainly sorry that the King Hill site is still not under control. I had hopes that you would be able to obtain it. I am glad to learn about this though, because I had tentatively assumed that you had been able to get hold of the site and had included it as a point of interest along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Just as soon as it is under your control let me know so I can put it in again.

I am at a loss to know what site report you are talking about, but if you could be more specific concerning it and I have a copy I will certainly send you one. Would you by chance mean Volume 21, No. 1 on the Osage Sites?

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



Carl H. Chapman
Secretary-Treasurer

CHC:jp

December 14, 1967

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Gardens
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

We are sending you attached the remaining five levels of Section GGG, all of HHH (levels 3 through 10) and levels 16, 17, 18, and 19 of section EEE.

Will send the remainder of our 23BN1 charred vegetal material just as soon as club members can get it cleaned and treated.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DLR:js

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND ANTHROPOLOGY

January 18, 1961

Mr. Don L. Reynolds
Photographer-Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
11th & Charles St.
St. Joseph, Missouri

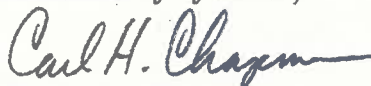
Dear Don:

I was pleased to hear from you and to get the further information about the potsherds, and the bones that were found under the Benton High School ball field bleacher seats. If anything exciting turns up in the King Hill area, would appreciate knowing about it.

I certainly hope that I can stop by this Spring and of course will plan to do so if the weather at all permits.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



Carl H. Chapman
Director of American Archaeology

CHC:ps

P.S. I liked the article in the Museum Graphic, Winter 1961, Volume 8, No. 1, by John Rohner entitled "A Method of Reconstructing Pottery from Fragments". If it would be possible to secure five (5) more copies of this I would certainly appreciate receiving them, and if there is any charge bill me. Thanks.

CHC

JANUARY 12, 1961

DR. CARL CHAPMAN
15 SWITZER HALL
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

DEAR DR. CHAPMAN,

YOU ARE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO BOTH THE PHOTOS AND THE POT SHERDS. I AM PLEASED THAT THEY MAY BE OF SOME USE TO YOU. INCIDENTALLY, LEE MCNAIR FOUND THE POT SHERD JUST A FEW FEET BELOW THE SPOT ON THE HIGH BANK WHERE YOU DISCOVERED SOME PIECES ERODING OUT NEAR THE TOP. THEY COULD VERY WELL BE FROM THE SAME POT. (WE HAVE THE PIECES THAT YOU FOUND.)

I WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THE KING HILL AREA FOR WHATEVER MIGHT TURN UP.

LAST SPRING, A FEW BONES WERE FOUND BY KIDS PLAYING UNDER THE BENTON HIGH SCHOOL BALL FIELD BLEACHER SEATS. THEY HAD WASHED DOWN FROM A CAVE IN ON THE STREET ABOVE. WE WENT NO FURTHER SINCE THEY CAME FROM BENEATH THE PAVEMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS HAD ALREADY STARTED A ROW AMONG ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS BY DIGGING THE HOLE BIGGER. NO POTTERY OR IMPLEMENTS. WE HAVE THE BONES AND WILL SHOW THEM TO YOU IN MARCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN.

SINCERELY,

DON L. REYNOLDS,
PHOTOGRAPHER-PREPARATOR

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

January 4, 1961

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
12th & Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don;

I was extremely pleased to get the King Hill Indian Burial location and information, including the photographs, which you sent down by Mr. McNair. I was even more pleased to see the pottery fragments, one of which had the handle attachment that rather definitely places your site as an Oneota site, as Dr. Wedel, in his letter of October 16, 1958, indicated might be a possibility. McNair tells me that you would like the letters returned and thus I am enclosing the one from Waldo and the one written by Roy. I would like very much to keep the pictures and the pot sherds if this would be agreeable with you. If not, I will plan to return them as soon as I hear from you, but it might be wise to keep the pot sherd here that appears to identify the site fairly definitely as Oneota, but if you would like to have it sent back up there this would be quite satisfactory.

I am planning to be in that vicinity in March if the weather permits, and if so will try to stop by and say "hello".

Give my best regards to Roy, and I wish you and the museum the very best for 1961.

Sincerely yours,



Carl H. Chapman
Director of American Archaeology

P.S.

Thanks also, for the photograph of your display on the mastodon found on Grand River, near Bethany, Missouri. I plan to show this to Dr. Mehl, who is writing ~~the~~ book on the Pleistocene mammals of Missouri.

University of Missouri

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September 26, 1969

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Don:

In my own library, I found an Index to Schoolcraft's "INDIAN TRIBES OF THE UNITED STATES", published by the B.A.E. of the Smithsonian (Bul.152). I now have four pages of references to investigate that are in the six big volumes at K.C. Public Library and yesterday Margaret and I looked up those relative to the Kansas Tribe. Again, we found the reference to the fact (Vol. 6p410) that the principal village had been on the Missouri River near Cow Island, (1825) but nothing about on which side of the river. And again I came upon the reference (Vol. 6, p. 459) "James Monroe president of the U.S., in a message to Congress on Jan. 27, 1825, suggested that the Kansa cede their land; by Aug. 16 1825 it was ceded by treaty. All their land lying in the boundaries of the State of Missouri as also the wide tracts, lying along the Missouri River to the west of the State and comprising the villages of the Kansas, Nodowa and Nemahaw (rivers). The Nemahaw reference surprises me and the Nodaway one really suggests that the Kansa had had a village just north of St. Joseph. The Nodaway was more easily pointed out on a map than the Blacksnake Hills or King Hill.

In Volume III, p. 274, there is this reference: "It is said, however, that about three miles below St. Joseph's, in the State of Missouri, near the bottom of a very high hill, called "King Hill", (on the top of which are the evident remains of a fortification) are three broken pieces of potter's ware, of very rude and curious formation, and evidently the work of an ancient and very rude people; but we have not seen any specimens, but believe that they exist." Don, this is typical of many of Schoolcraft's publications and they leave a person wondering about where he got his information. It seems that it came from a great variety of informants.

The foregoing is all I can contribute now but from that INDEX, I have gleaned references that concern Donáphan, Major Long, Lykins and McCoy of Kansas City, the Potawatomes, Dougherty, the Otoes, Osages, Missouris and smallpox, and none of it really satisfies a person as to detail etc. I am flabbergasted by the huge volumes which lack so much detail.

I probably will write Dale Henning about the Kanza villages and especially the one on the Nodaway.

Sincerely,

Mett
Mett Shippee

KANZAS TRIBES

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K.C. 716 64117

Oct 2, 1969

October 16, 1969

Dear Don:

Mr. Mett Shippee
3622 Russell Road
Kansas City, Mo. 64117

Dear Mett:

Just a note to thank you for all the scurrying around that I suspect you did and the time you spent in looking for the King's Hill reference in Schoolcraft's Journals. I hope you gleaned some other tid-bits of information in your search so I won't have to feel so guilty about the trouble you went to. Your pondering on where Schoolcraft got his information set me to pondering also, and methinks he may have gotten his King's Hill information from Father DeSmet's writings.

Finally got together an article of sorts on the hill. Ran across mention of Wyandotts that once were supposed to have lived on King's Hill and are said to have been killed by the Sac and Foxes. Not able to as yet trace this to any hard and fast documented source (at least to our satisfaction) but we thought it interesting enough to include for the local populace to kick around. I think you probably heard mention of the Wyandotts when we were digging. Several onlookers mentioned it at various times while we were on the dig there.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds, Asst. Director
Photographer and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js
Enc.

K.C. Mo. 64117

Oct 21 '1969

Dear Don:

Check these legends to the limit for a few of them may lead to some real information. But I question the one that you sent me last week. The tribal names may have been mixed up in passing on the stories of Indian wars.

The Sac and the Fox tribes did decimate the Missouri tribe after the latter had lost thousands from Small pox. The Missouri people left the Van Meter Park area and went up to the Oto in Nebraska who were their relatives. Perhaps it was the Missouri whom the Sax & Fox killed but I'll bet a dollar they didn't return any scalps. The Sax & Fox (2 separate tribes) were enemies of the Oneota culture people for the Missouri and Osage helped the French fight the British up in the Detroit area and I think the Sax & Fox were helping the British as all those Great Lakes Indians did. I am not sure but the ~~Potomac~~ ^{Wyandotte} could have been of the same general culture as the Sax & Fox.

The Wyandotte got here to K.C. after our government made them move out to Kansas and they were living out here in houses for they were civilized. They came to Kansas City, Kansas. (^{then} Wyandotte).

Platte Co. was Indian territory until 1836. I don't know about Buchanan Co. It could have been part of the Platte purchase. Whites moved in immediately when the tribes were moved out.

The St. Joe area was pretty well civilized in 1849 when your legend states the California gold miners were exterminated. You are too far north for stories of Spanish gold in the Ozarks which is what we are told about. About 99% of those old wives tales are pure fairy tales. I don't doubt but that plenty of bones of Indians have been discovered around King's Hill as we do know, but a midden like 23BN1 is often thought to be the deposit of human remains. It makes a good tale and even some M.D.'s mistake animal bones for human.

Over

The Wyandotts were moved west to Kansas in 1842.

The Sauk + Fox were in and out of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa during the forced movement of them until the Civil War. It really is all a mixed up affair.

Where did you get this reference which you sent me?
I have nothing by De Smet.

I'll get this in the mail.

Sincerely, Nett.

An ethnologist could help a lot with this.
Carl Chapman may have some ideas.

November 27, 1982

Mr. Frank Bäck
Route 1
Rushville, Mo. 64484

Dear Frank:

I want to get your seed, seed sheets and projectile point back to you before I leave the museum. Will retire at the end of this year except for a while at the Pony Express Stables next summer. Thanks for the loan of the seed information and for a few of the seeds. Will plant a hill of pumpkin, some watermelon and red corn.

The arrow point is in the seed box for extra protection. I photographed it and put the slide in the files with the other slides from the Frank Black dig. I missed out on the last dig at your place since I was on vacation. Would like to have taken slides of that too. Don't know if Mike took any or not.

Thanks again. See you later.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

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Enc.

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Missouri
Botanical
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November 16, 1977

23BN1 

November 18, 1977

Mr. Leonard W. Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Leonard:

Have been advised of your letter to Mike Fisher concerning the 23BN1 plant material that remains in your care. Just mail it along to me here at the museum and we will place it with the rest of that material that you and your assistants labored over so diligently. We hope to some day have all of the King's Hill dig material back here at the museum for possible study by those who might wish to use it for that purpose. Also will want to exhibit more of it at some future time when it returns from Nebraska and elsewhere.

Leonard W. Blake

Hope that Dr. Cutler has a long, happy and exciting retirement but am glad that you will still be in there pitching and will file your future contact address at Washington University for future reference.

Hope all is well with you. I missed the fall meetings again. It's difficult to be in two places at the same time. Maybe next time.

Best to all.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DLR:js



November 18, 1977

Mr. Don Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles Sts.
St. Joseph, Mo, 64501

Dear Don,

At Mike Fisher's request, we will be shipping back to you,
sometime in the next few days, the carbonized plant remains from the Museum's
excavation at King Hill.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Leonard
Leonard W. Blake

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

November 4, 1974

Dear Mike and Don,

I hope these copies of my thesis will express my appreciation of your assistance with the King Hill project. It couldn't have been a success without your help.

It looks as if I'll be working on the Cannon Project in northeastern Missouri for the next three or four years and I expect to get a dissertation out of it. You are both more than welcome to stop in whenever you get a chance. I'm sure there will be some cold beer waiting for you.

Thanks again

Sincerely,

Mike Ruppert

December 3, 1974

Mr. Mike Ruppert

December 3, 1974

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Again thanks. Hope you can drop by for a visit when next you are in St. Jo. Please pass along our kindest regards to any of our buddies from the "King Hill diggers Club".

Mr. Mike Ruppert
Department of Anthropology
The University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Sincerely,

Dear Mike:

Don L. Reynolds, Asst. Director
St. Joseph Museum

Thank you for sending copies of your King Hill 23BN1 report along to us. A copy is now in the library of the St. Joseph Museum and Mike Fisher and I each have our own copies at home for our personal libraries. It is a fine piece of work. I saw Leonard Blake at the fall meeting of the Missouri State Archaeological Society and he spoke highly of your report. I had at that time not seen it but now realize what he meant. Congratulations on a job well done.

We just recently had from the Missouri State Council on the Arts, a temporary exhibit of photographic prints of Missouri archaeological sites on display here at the museum. We added some of our own prints of the King's Hill dig to round out the subject. Also a case of archaeologists tools, etc. and another with such material that we have from the site. The exhibit proved to be of interest and the artifact and archaeological tools portion of the exhibit have been kept on display for awhile longer.

As you may have noticed, I seem to have by habit called our hill, "King's." This is only one of the pronunciations and spellings that we here in St. Jo struggle with. Some years ago local historians argued local street and place names. King or King's Hill was one of those. One newspaper article stated that the hill was named from a property owner near its summit by the name of King. Thus, according to that newspaper article, King's Hill. Rudolph Frederick Kurz labeled it King's Hill on his drawing in the mid-1850's. Then at sometime through the years, maybe when the main thoroughfare from north to south St. Joseph became King Hill Avenue, the hill also may have become King Hill. Incidentally, the hill just to the north was once called Queen's Hill according to older residents thereabouts.



Saint Joseph Museum

ELEVENTH AND CHARLES STREET SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

And Pony Express Museum

914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



November 19, 1969

Mr. Orval L. Henderson, Jr.
Assistant Director, Historical Division
Missouri State Park Board
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, 1969 concerning the site status of King's Hill site 23BN1. We were aware of a difference in the two designations having been informed that no funds are as yet available for a marker or plaque at the King's Hill site with that particular designation. Our information did, however, come to us from a National Park Service release on May 30, 1969.

It is correct that the designation was "Registered National Historic Place." This, when applied to our local landmark King's Hill, came out Registered National Historic Landmark. The word landmark should not have been capitalized. It does invite a misconception. I expect that future reference should be more explicit and we will so inform anyone concerned.

Incidentally, our local Archaeological Society which meets here at the museum and since it looks after the King's Hill site, is really the backbone of responsibility for it, has inquired as to what possible plans may be in the offing for these registered sites. They, and we, would like to keep apprised of the developments and would appreciate any information that you may be able to pass along to us.

Thanks again for your letter and interest.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds, Assistant Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js



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Mr. Donovan L. Reynolds
Preparator-Photographer
St. Joseph-Pony Express Museum
Eleventh and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Work has been keeping me jumping and I am just now getting around to thanking you for your fine help on the King's Hill site. The site is now officially on the National Register of Historic Sites. I hope that this will aid in its preservation.

Should there be any threat to the site by construction, etc. please let our office know, and we will do all we can to save it.

Again, let me express my thanks to you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

MISSOURI STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY

Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist

PLB:ahb

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2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
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January 15, 1969.

Mr. Don Reynolds,
Photographer and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Don,

Our letters must have crossed. Of course we have no objection to the article on King's Hill being reprinted or distributed. We are pleased indeed that people like it and hope that it may help a little in getting the site preserved in a park.

Sincerely,

Leonard

Leonard W. Blake

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January 10, 1969

Mr. Don L. Reynolds
Asst. to the Director
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Don,

Thanks very much for the copies of the Museum Graphic with our story on the plants at King's Hill. We are delighted to have it printed by your museum and your good pictures of the excavations help it a great deal.

Either you or Mike Fisher asked at the Fall Meeting of the MAS last October whether we planned to publish something on the King's Hill plants in a scientific journal. We are presently working on a revision with documentation. This we plan to send to Dale Henning at Nebraska to ask him if he will consider writing a short background piece on the site to be submitted with our part under his and our names to the Plains Anthropologist. Will such action be satisfactory to you and to the Museum Graphic? The proposed revision will have much of the same wording as the Graphic article, which we notice is copyrighted. We think that getting more mileage out of the plant study with a different readership will be beneficial both to the St. Joseph Museum and to the Missouri Botanical Garden. If such action is satisfactory to your Director and others who have authority to pass on such matters, we shall be glad to submit any such revision to them before sending it on to the Plains Anthropologist or other scientific journal.

Last, but not least, we enjoyed Mr. Nolf's story on your activities. I hope that some of the people at the St. Louis Academy of Science Museum can get up to see the job that you have done with the Pony Express Barn. I have been talking about it ~~me~~ here ever since the very pleasant visit with you with Mett Shippee last June.

With best regards to you and Mike Fisher,

Sincerely yours,

Leonard

Leonard W. Blake

January 19, 1969

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Leonard:

Your plan to rewrite and publish a 23BN1 article in the PLAINS ANTHROPOLOGIST delights us no end. Rich Nolf will send along a waiver of copyright under separate cover.

As you say, the exposure in the PLAINS ANTHROPOLOGIST will benefit both the Missouri Botanical Gardens and the St. Joseph Museum. Also the St. Joseph Archaeological Society if they can be given mention. We have had many flattering comments on your article, all well deserved.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds, Assistant
to the Director
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js

well, but not least, we enjoyed Mr. Nolf's story on the Pony Express. I hope that some of the people at the St. Louis Science Museum can set up to see the job that you have done at the Pony Express Barn. I have been talking about it ever since the very pleasant visit with you with Betty Shipman.

With best regards to you and Mike Fisher

Sincerely yours,

Leonard



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I am not quite sure that I recall exactly which photos that I sent to you last October but printed up two that fit the description and am sending them along. One of them was a view northward, with South First at the right. The other picture was labeled

Dear Mr. Born:

We wish to keep in our own files a copy of everything that we send to Washington. Therefore, I find it neces-

I am not quite sure that I recall exactly which photos that I sent to you last October but printed up two that fit the description and am sending them along.

Many, many thanks for your continued efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,

The map location that you plotted for us was excellent.

We were greatly impressed by Don Reynolds, Asst. Director of the U.S.N.S. Topographical Photograph-Preparator St. Joseph Museum for his aid in this matter. It was very necessary for us to make a trip to St. Joseph to plot the site.

Your co-operation has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY

Philip L. Born

Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist

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Mr. Donovan Reynolds
St. Joseph Museum
Eleventh and Charles
St. Joseph, Missouri 64500

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I would like to report to you that the final form for the King's Hill Site has been sent to Washington for approval and placement on the National Register.

We wish to keep in our own files a copy of everything that we send to Washington. Therefore, I find it necessary to ask you for duplicates of the photos we sent to Washington with the form. These are pictures you sent me last October. One of them was a view northward, with South First at the right. The other picture was labeled "View of excavation southward from the north limit of the property. Derry house in background. Excavations were re-filled to the original level." If you could send me one 8" x 10" print of each of these, I would appreciate it very much.

The map location that you plotted for us was excellent. We were greatly impressed by the photographic enlargement of the U.S.G.S. Topographical map that was used. Without your aid in this matter, it would have been necessary for me to make a trip to St. Joseph just to plot the site.

Your co-operation has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip L. Born".

Philip L. Born
Research Archaeologist

PLB:rmc

You are Always Welcome in Missouri's Scenic State Parks

February 18, 1969

Mr. Philip L. Born, Research Archaeologist
Missouri State Historical Survey
Missouri State Park Board
212 South 8th Street
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Born:

Your map on which we have marked the location of 23BN1 site in red is enclosed. Also an expanded map of the same area. I hope these will be satisfactory.

We are somewhat in doubt if these maps, limited in detail as they are, will be descriptive enough. Especially after your caution for accuracy. If you think it necessary we will have a surveyor furnish us with the information you may need.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer-Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DLR:js
Enc.



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Mr. Donovan L. Reynolds
Preparator-Photographer
St. Joseph-Pony Express Museums
Eleventh and Charles Streets
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Again, I find it necessary to call upon you for help concerning the King's Hill site. The new form that has come out for nomination of sites to the National Register calls for location of each site by longitude and latitude to the nearest second of accuracy. For sites larger than one acre in size, we need four pen point marks placed in a square on a U.S.G.S. topo map so that when connected by lines, a square is formed enclosing the entire site. For sites under one acre, a pen point mark in the center of this acre is sufficient.

Would you, on the enclosed map, locate the King's Hill site for me? Let me stress the importance of accuracy for this location, especially one in the circumstance that the King's Hill site is. Should a building project be proposed that would destroy this site, we would have to know the exact location of the site on a map in order to divert destruction. If the location is wrong, and the project is diverted around an empty lot and through the site, we will be in trouble.

I am aware of your keen interest in having the King's Hill site recognized and preserved and am confident that what help you can give me will be as good as can be done by anyone.

Thank you very much.

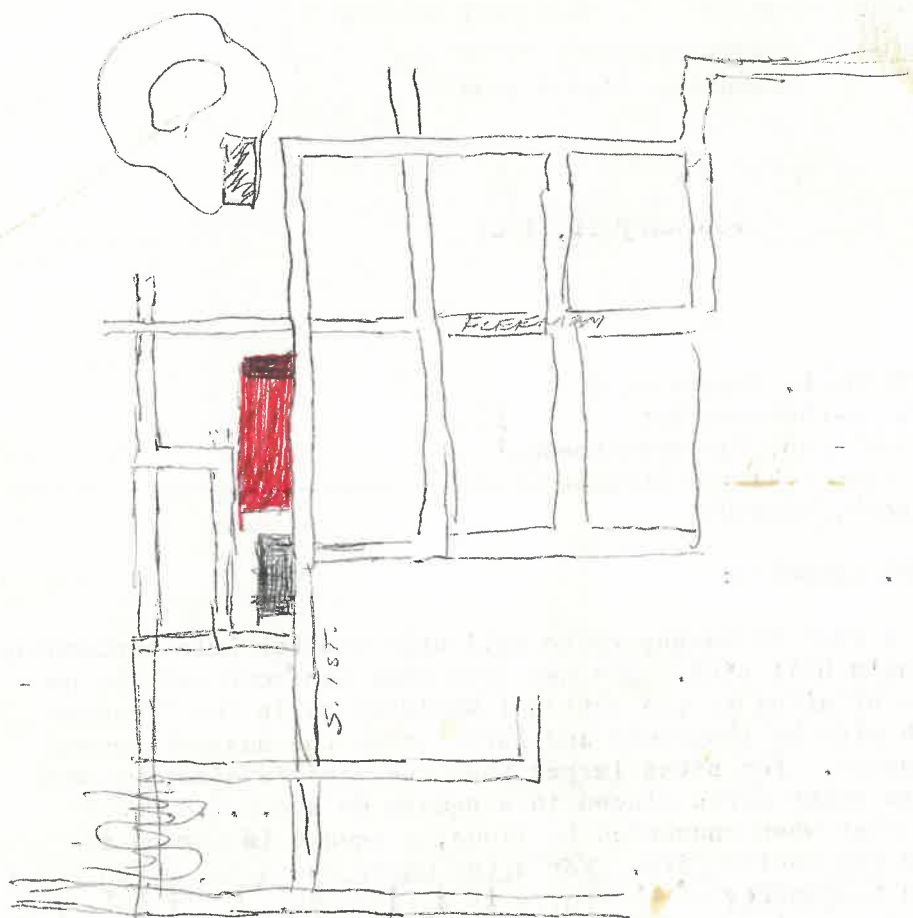
Sincerely,

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Research Archaeologist

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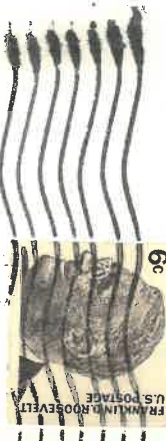
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Preparator-Photographer
St. Joseph-Pony Express Museums
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St. Joseph, Missouri

developed?

West Lane?

Mural Steed

Lins Creek site

K.C. park system bought
the property on which the
site is located. Paid app
\$18,000 for that part of
the area and included
it in the park department's
holdings calling it
Lins Creek Park.

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Room 15 Switzler Hall
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August 11, 1969

Mr. Don Reynolds
Assistant Director
St. Joseph Museum
11th and Charles Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Dear Don:

Your letter telling of the purchase of the King's Hill site 23BN1 as part of the City Park System was really good news. Congratulations to you and to the City of St. Joseph.

It was good to hear from you.

Best regards,



Carl H. Chapman
Director, Archaeology Research Activities

CHC:jb



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And Pony Express Museum

914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



August 1, 1969

Mr. Phillip L. Born, Research Archaeologist
Missouri State Historical Survey
Missouri State Park Board
212 South 8th Street
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mr. Born:

I know you will be interested to know that the King's Hill 23BN1 site is now a part of the city park system of St. Joseph, Missouri.

The local Historic Homes Foundation provided the means for purchase of the property and presented it to the city of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Museum now has an agreement with the city whereby the museum, assisted by the St. Joseph Archaeological Society, will keep track of the archaeological aspects of the site while the city park department will keep the grounds in shape.

Plans are to use the area as a neighborhood park and if and when funds become available in connection with the national historic landmark status, to place an appropriate explanatory monument at the site.

Sincerely,

Don Reynolds, Asst. Director
Photographer - Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DR:js

Copy also to Carl Chapman
Bob Bray
Leonard Blake

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG ON KING'S HILL
(23BN1)

^{THREE} Five more 10 foot squares have been excavated by the museum and St. Joseph Archaeological Club on the Derry property on the south slope of King's Hill in South St. Joseph in the past year. ^{ONE} ~~Some~~ to a depth of ten feet. The material from them is being cleaned and prepared for shipment to the proper authorities by museum personnel and members of the local Archaeological Society.

Some animal bones have been sent to the archaeological department of the University of Kansas for identification and study. They expressed their interest in our local dig last autumn and sent an archaeological field team to help at King's Hill one week end. The St. Joseph Museum and Archaeological Society wives served food and refreshments during the day.

Samples of charred vegetal materials are being sent to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis for identification and study. Mr. Leonard Blake and Dr. Hugh Cutler there are especially interested in the type of corn that was grown by the Indians around King's Hill. They will eventually compile a report of their findings.

The balance of the excavated material will go to the University of Missouri to be included with the other 23BN1 material already under study by their archaeological department. They sent a team to work for a week in June 1966. Their report will eventually be published in the MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGIST and in condensed form in the MUSEUM GRAPHIC.

The digging activity at King's Hill site is expected now to slacken since at the present time much material is on hand for study and comparison. Need for further digging will now depend on laboratory requirements for further materials. We hope, however, to keep the

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site under control of lease since only a small part of it has been excavated. Dr. Carl H. Chapman, head of the archaeological department, University of Missouri, and chairman of the Missouri Lewis and Clark Trail committee, has recommended that the Kide's Hill site be acquired by the city and protected by the city (possibly the park department) for further study in the future. The St. Joseph Archaeological Society also had previously asked that the small area be set aside as a small overlook bluff park along the Lewis and Clark route to honor our city's first citizens--the red men.

As of this date, most of the parties concerned seem to be agreeable except the owner of the property who cannot find a suitable home to purchase for herself and nine children at the price she originally agreed to sell for.

For release

Don B



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914 PENN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI



January 17, 1968

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

We are indeed happy to hear that you and Dr. Cutler have agreed to write up the King's Hill corn, seeds, etc. for our MUSEUM GRAPHIC.

As to the length of the article--whatever you people think is needed to tell the story. Our Graphic articles usually run from around 1000 to sometimes 4000 words, so anywhere in between will be fine.

If you should have a black and white 8 x 10 photo of yourself and Dr. Cutler at work with the samples in an appropriate laboratory setting (microscope, etc., etc.) we could very well use same for illustration.

By April or May will be fine. Whenever is convenient for you.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
Pony Express Museum

DLR:js

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
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January 15, 1968

Mr. Don L. Reynolds
Photographer and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
11th and St. Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo. 64501

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

This will acknowledge receipt in good condition of your three shipments of charred vegetal material from the King's Hill site on Nov. 30th, Dec. 14th, 1967 and Jan. 9, 1968. We are very glad indeed to have the opportunity to see this material for a number of reasons. It is one of the few large midwestern collections that have been received. The time, at the beginning of the historic period, and the place, on the border of the Eastern Woodlands and the Plains, add to its interest and significance.

We have retained the cobs that Mett Shippee sent, some samples from material excavated under the direction of Dale Henning and a few from your earlier shipments for study collections here, and trust that this is satisfactory to you. The rest will be returned.

I have talked to Dr. Cutler and he agrees that we can get out a popular article for the MUSEUM GRAPHIC. When convenient, can you let us know how long an article you would like to have and when? We should go over the entire collection before writing such an article, however, and with our present backlog, this could not be much before next April.

With thanks and best regards to you and to
Mike Fisher,

Sincerely yours,

Leonard

Leonard W. Blake

January 9, 1968

Mr. Leonard Blake
Missouri Botanical Gardens
2315 Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Mr. Blake:

Attached are the charred vegetal materials from levels 3,5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of square EEE; levels 2,3,4 and 5 of square D and levels 5,6, and 7 of square F.

This is all of such material that we have from 238N1. Mike Fisher and I suspect that you may be relieved to know that we will not have to bother you for awhile. We found the acetone-duco treatment to work satisfactorily, but also found that to work with it is a sure way to get a headache. Mike and I are now known around here as the "glue sniffers."

We do not plan much more digging activity at King's Hill if we now have enough material for proper study. However, if more is needed we can go in again. You would help be the judge of this. We would like your opinion.

When you complete your study of the 238N1 material we would like to have it here at the museum for display and also for future comparison study. You will remember that at the Shelbina meeting we discussed the possibility of getting a more or less popular article based on your findings concerning the King's Hill corn, seeds, etc. I have discussed this with Richard Nolf our new director here at the museum. We feel that such an article from your end in our MUSEUM GRAPHIC would be of interest and a follow-up of our previous King's Hill writing that Matt Shippee did for us. If such would be agreeable and not be too much trouble for you, it would be much appreciated.

Thanks for your interest and services. We hope you can visit us in St. Joseph in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Don L. Reynolds, Photographer
and Preparator
St. Joseph Museum
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February 16, 1968.

Mr. Michael Fisher
Saint Joseph Museum
11th and Charles St.
St. Joseph, Mo. 64501

Dear Mr. Fisher,

On coming to the Garden this morning, I found a note that you had phoned last Wednesday about seeds from the King's Hill Site. Sorry to have missed your call, but am only down here on Mondays and Fridays and Dr. Cutler happened to be out of town at the time of your call.

We have gone through all the material which you sent, so we are able to send you a brief listing by levels of the plant material which was identified. We hope to have a popular report for your Museum Graphic, as requested by Don Reynolds, some time in April.

The watermelon seeds you asked about, you will notice, are listed from Levels 3 and 4 of Square FF and Level 2 of Square G. These seeds were carbonized. There are good historical references to the growing of watermelons by the Indians earlier than the estimated date of this site that we have been given. Also of interest is the peach pit, Level 6, Square F. This is small and looks like the Spanish peach stones that we have from historic Pueblo sites in the Southwest. It was carbonized. The peach stone from Level 2 of Square FFF was larger, different in other ways and not carbonized. It probably is modern.

With best regards to both you and
Don Reynolds,

Sincerely,

Leonard

Leonard W. Blake

Enclosure

(23 Bn 1) KING'S HILL SITE
(Cultivated Plants)

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>EEE</u>	<u>FFF</u>	<u>Excavation</u> <u>GGG</u>	<u>Units</u> <u>HHH</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>G</u>
1.			C, <u>Ca</u>					
2.		<u>Pe, Ca</u>	<u>Ca</u>			C	C	C, B, S, W
3.	<u>Ca, Cb</u>	<u>Ca</u>	C	C	C, W	C	C	C
4.			C	C, B	C, B, W	C, S	C, B	
5.	C	C	C	C, <u>Ca</u>	C	C, B, S	C, B, S	
6.	C		C, <u>Ca</u>	C	C	C, B, Pe		
7.	C	C, B	C	C		C		
8.		C	C	C				
9.		C	C	C, B				
10.	C	C	C	C				
11.	C, B	C	C					
12.	C, B	C						
13.	C	C						
14.	C	C, G						
15.	C	C, B, G						
16.	C							
17.	C							
18.	C							
19.	C							

C = Corn, Zea mays
 B = Bean, Phaseolus vulgaris
 S = Squash, Cucurbita pepo
 G = Gourd, Lagenaria vulgaris
 (Rind only, no seeds)

Old World Plants
 W = Watermelon, Citrullus vulgaris
 Pe = Peach, Prunus persica
 Ca = Canna, Canna indicus
 Cb = Castor Bean, Ricinus communis

Underscored items are NOT CARBONIZED
 and are probably modern specimens that
 were accidentally carried or dropped into
 excavations, or recently deposited.

(23 Bn 1), KING'S HILL SITE
(Wild Plant Remains)

<u>Level</u>	<u>EEE</u>	<u>FFF</u>	<u>GGG</u>	<u>HHH</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>G</u>
1.								
2.		Bw				H, Pl	Bw	Pa, Hb
3.			H, Pa	H, Pa	Bw, H	Bw, H	H	
4.			Bw, H	Bw, H, Pa	Pa, Bw, H,	Bw, H, Pl, Hi	Bw, H, Pa	
5.		H, Pa	Bw, H	Bw, H, Pa, Pl, Hi	Bw, H, Pa	Bw, H, Pa, Hi	H, Pa	
6.	Bw, H		Bw, H, Pa, Pl	Bw, H, Pa	Bw, H, A	Bw, H, Hi		
7.	Bw, H, Pa	Bw, H, Pa, Pl	Bw, H, Pa, Pl	Bw, H, Pa		Hb Bw, H,		
8.	Pa	Bw, H, Pa, Pl, Hi, A	Bw, H, Pa, Pl	Bw, H				
9.	Bw, H	Bw, H, Pa, Pl, A	Bw, H, Pa	H, Pa				
10.	Bw, H, Pa	Bw, H, Pa	H, Pa	H				
11.	H	H, Pa, Pl						
12.	H, Pa	H						
13.	Bw, H		Bw =	Black Walnut				
14.	H	Bw, H, A	H =	Hazel Nut				
15.	Bw, H	Bw, H	Pa =	Papaw				
16.	H		Pl =	Wild Plum (probably <u>Prunus americana</u>)				
17.	Bw, H, Pa		Hi =	Hickory				
18.	H		Hb =	Hackberry				
			A. =	Acorn				

3/26/68

Dear Don;

The Museum Graphics arrived and were much appreciated. I will be glad to obtain the mtl's from your excavations and suspect that in some ways it will constitute a better sample than the one we got in 1966. So much stuff to work with; I hope to get started on it before too long.

Will be happy to give a talk up there if at all possible. Just let me know.

Best Regards,

Dale

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10 February 1968

Mr. Donovan Reynolds
St. Joseph Public Museum
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am currently engaged in researches pertaining to the age and distribution of catlinite and/or red "pipestone", under the joint sponsorship of the National Park Service and the University of Missouri. It is in this regard that I am writing to you.

The present phase of the investigation involves the examination and sampling of documented catlinite artifacts, both historic and prehistoric. The sampling is for purposes of microanalysis in order to determine the origin of the stone and entails removing a small portion of the material from some unobtrusive spot. This does not visibly alter the specimens.

I am aware of some artifacts in the collections of the St. Joseph Public Museum and I would very much like to include those which are reasonably well documented in my study. I would also like to examine any catlinite items which are in the Pony Express Museum. I did not know who to write to so Dale Henning suggested that I write to you.

If I may obtain permission to examine your specimens, I would plan to spend a couple of days doing so, during the Spring break of the University. That would be sometime during the first week in April. Please let me know if this would be convenient.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John S. Sigstad

John S. Sigstad,
Research Associate
Catlinite Age and Distribution

Nov. 15, 1972

Dear Mom, Fred asked me to write and thank you for the splendid slides of the King Hill diggings. He is so pleased with them! He plans to show them on a slide program for the St Joseph Hobby Club this month together with other interesting slides.

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He enjoys working with you and all the members of the St Joseph Museum staff.

Sincerely,

Hazel Lee Hyde
He adds "Call ~~on~~ us to help you anytime."

1930 Model "St." Ford
TOWN SEDAN

