

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS ON CAYO
PELEU

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Preliminary Investigations on Cayo Peleu

Surface collection 7/16/91

1 sherd unglazed earthenware, plato form: 15th to 19th century
1 sherd stoneware mineral water bottle: 19th century to present
5 sherds misc sand tempered plain aboriginal wares (STP)
1 frag greenstone (?)

surface collection, camp beach 10/23/91

1 sherd marine ware: 1700 to 1750
1 sherd whiteware transfer printed: post 1820
pipe: 1780s to first 1/3 of 19th century

surface collection, Matthew Veal 10/23/91

1 sherd polychrome underglaze painted pearlware;
probable dinner plate (flatware form): 1795 to 1815
1 sherd faience or delft
1 sherd Englewood Incised
1 sherd dark green bottle glass

surface collection, talus, NELy from Test Unit 1, ca. 3m

1 lg body sherd, olive jar; unglazed; thickness range:
11 to 13 mm; Middle Period: 1570 to 1800

Test Unit 1 (10/21 thr 24/91): area 2m N/S by 4m E/W staked out;
gumbo limbo tree immediately adj to E; on small tongue
of shell midden connected at right angle to midden beach ridge.
Initial excavation confined to E 2m X 2m area.

S1L1 (measurements taken from SE corner. Heavy roots, humus;
matrix becoming clean, predom oyster shell

SE 25cm

SW 13cm

NE 22cm

NW 13cm

ceramics:

Jefferson ware, type A or D (eroded): 1 body

Pinellas plain: 7 body; 1 rim, slightly folded; 2 frags

STP pebbles & frags: 20

STP1 (poorly fired, some smoothed surfaces, fairly even paste):
9 body

STP2 (hard fired, smoothed to burnished surfaces, contorted
paste; approaches Pinellas pl; usually dark surfaces, but few
w red exterior surfaces. C.f. "Seminoe plain"): 19 body;
1 rim, very slight ext fold

Belle Glade/Okeechobee like: 5 body

faunal: UID fish, drum

metal: 1 flake iron, 4 pcs "slag"

shell: 7 frags Busyon tools (col/sh splinters, 1 ant tool edge);
1 frag Pleuroploca col splinter; 1 umbo drilled Noetia, very
finely done, prob ornament; 1 oyster valve showing distal edge
percussive breakage; 1 oys valve, perf at muscle scar