

*Analysis of Artifacts*

Item # 159

*“Yellow china found under one of the stones in the quartz-lined boulder formation.”*

WHO FOUND

Dan Blankenship

WHEN FOUND

1979

WHERE FOUND

Near “Cave-in Pit” and “Stone-lined depression with plates”

FIRSTHAND/  
SECONDHAND

REFERENCES

Dan Blankenship’s Progress Report dated May 17, 1979 Pg. 2

LOCATION TODAY

ODDITY FACTOR

ASSESSMENT OF  
AUTHENTICITY

COMMENTS

We took pictures of the stones in place with one of the dishes in one corner. The other dishes were also in corners before they were removed.

After removing the stones we carefully excavated under and found virgin ground within 4 - 5 inches. The reason for this placement remains a mystery.

Near this area another suspicious area was found. There is a large granite stone, which I would guess weighs about one ton. Through this granite stone runs a straight white line of quartz (natural). This line when sighted seems to pretty much line up with the 5 stones that Mallen found and 10-X. He dug around this stone and found several other large stones which are placed to look this stone in place. These stones are definitely placed there by man, as voids can be clearly seen under some of the joints.

Other than exposing these stones by digging and taking photos of them they haven't been touched. In digging under one was found some old broken bright yellow china, which we have saved.

Last Sunday was a calm clear day, so in the morning before the wind came up, I took the view box and spent about two hours in the boat examining the bottom where the four flood systems showed up last Feb. These areas are clearly discernable. For some reason the rocks have developed a white and pink color.

This same white and pink coloration was found in an area of Smith Cove in 1970 or so. At the time they were shown to Claude Chappell and in fact some place I have a picture showing these rocks with Claude standing on them. It was this same area that turned up muddy while we were pumping, trying to lower the water level in 10-X, after we bull-dozed the area over with about 3 - 4 feet of earth, the muddy water stopped coming below the 27" casing at 181'. This was confirmed by the diver who made a second dive about a week after the first, which was terminated because of poor visibility.

These areas, besides being discolored, have had all of the large stones removed and there aren't many larger than your fist remaining.

Also this area is relatively clean. In other words there isn't the fine silt and sediment that is on the bottom normally around these areas. We suspect some kind of a chemical change taken place with the water going over these rocks and then air being compressed and coming back out.

When we get the time we are going to place dye on the bottom in these areas while we are pumping and when the dye assumes a pattern we will drop painted stones to mark the extent of the active area. Only after this, can measurements be taken and the actual size determined. After this information is available, the method to seal them off can be discussed and costs determined.

A preliminary opinion based upon viewing the area last Sunday is that the collection area is quite large and sealing them could become quite expensive.