

# *Analysis of Artifacts*

## Item # 170

### *“Rose bush root beneath Smith’s Cove”*

WHO FOUND	Dan Blankenship
WHEN FOUND	1969 (November)
WHERE FOUND	“Near the bottom of large horse-shoe shaped cement and stone foundation approximately 2 feet below the earth on the edge of the beach in Smith’s Cove.”
FIRSTHAND/ SECONDHAND	
REFERENCES	Items of Interest - 1965 to 1970 - Broken down as to fact circumstantial and theory (not dated) (Item #11)
LOCATION TODAY	
ODDITY FACTOR	
ASSESSMENT OF AUTHENTICITY	
COMMENTS	

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Fact: 1. The relocation of the original Money Pit thru drilling done by "Becker."

ITEM "BRASS  
FRAGMENT FROM  
M. P. AREA"  
(ITEM # 150)  
ITEM "WOOD BIRCH"  
FRAGMENT NP FROM  
M. P. (ITEM # 152)

ITEM "MAPLE  
KEYS FROM CLAY-  
FILLED DEPRESSION IN M.P."  
(ITEM # 151)  
ITEM "CLAY WITH  
POST-GLACIAL WILLEN"  
(NEW ITEM)

ITEM "PIELLS OF CHINA  
FROM M.P. AREA"  
(ITEM # 151)

ITEM "HEART-SHAPED  
STONE (ITEM # 70)

ITEM "LEATHER SIEVE"  
(NEW ITEM)

ITEM "SHAFT AT  
SOUTH SHORE  
BEACH"  
(ITEM # 13)

ITEM "BURNT  
PLACES IN  
DEPRESSIONS  
INCLUDING  
"BONE ASH"  
(NEW ITEM)

ITEM "LONG-  
INCLINED RAMP  
BEVATH SMITH'S  
COVE"  
(ITEM # 7)

ITEM "U-SHAPED  
STONEBASE IN  
SMITH'S COVE"  
(ITEM # 8)

ITEM "ROSE BUSH  
ROOT GENERAL  
SMITH'S COVE"  
(NEW ITEM)

2. The finding of a piece of brass in the Money Pit area about 175' deep by "Becker" that analysis shows was made by primitive rolling methods.
3. The finding of wood below bedrock and a cavity below the wood in at least 3 instances - Two by Becker and one by Bowmaster fall of 69 and designated Hole # 11A. This wood carbonated out as 375 years  $\pm$  85 years. (Currently cased to 198' and oped below to 212')
4. The finding of oak buds inbedded in tight clay approx. 202' deep, a geological impossibility.
5. Pollin dating of clay in Hole #3 and #201 showing post glacial origin.
6. The bringing up of pieces of china, spruce needles, wood and twigs from various holes by Becker and Bowmaster.
7. The finding of shoe leather and a heart shaped stone in Smith's Cove about 3' deep.
8. A hidden shaft on the south shore found Oct. 65, about 15' below the surface in which a nail, a piece of iron and numerous pieces of twigs were found proving it original.
9. The existence of many flood tunnels terminating at the beach between low and high tide.
10. Location of several chambers approximately 185' S. E. of Money Pit. A careful analysis of the drilling done by Becker, Bowmaster and Blankenship in this area confirms this location.
11. The finding of dark burnt places in saucer shaped depressions over suspected chambers, the analysis of which shows bone as being the white residue left there. These dark red places was caused by extensive heat and are still discernable today because only grass will grow there.
12. Carbon dating of wood found in the Money Pit area of some 375 years.
13. The finding of the remains of an "A" frame complete with notches for a 9" square hand-hewn timber. The log forming the "head-frame" is about 20" in diameter and over 15' long, through which a 2" hole was drilled and an oak peg inserted to secure the 9" timber. This log is still in place and sawn boards were laying on this log. This wood carbonated out to 850 and 1000 years respectively.
14. The uncovering of a large horse-shoe shaped cement and stone foundation about 15' in diameter and 25' long approx. 2' below the earth on the edge of the beach. A satisfactory explanation of use by searchers is doubtful. A rose bush root was found near the bottom of this foundation which may be original. At any rate it was wrapped in tin-foil and is available for possible carbon dating.