

McLean County Museum of History

Wayman A.M.E. Church Archeology Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1992-95
PROVENANCE:	
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Photos – Subject – Churches & Temples (B-N) Wayman Church Archaeology ca. 1992

Brief History

In the summer of 1992, an archeological excavation was conducted at the Wayman A.M.E. Church at 806 N. Center Street in Bloomington. The congregation, one of the oldest black congregations in Illinois, requested the investigation in anticipation of moving to a new site. They had occupied their current site starting in 1847.

The work was co-sponsored by MCHS and the Midwestern Archaeological Research Center at Illinois State University with involvement of the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project. The site proved particularly rich in bottles, especially medicinal ones. Resulting conclusions were based both on the archeological findings plus historical research.

Scope Note

This collection includes field documents of the excavation, newspaper articles, and resulting published manuscripts—including one on health care of the time.

Box 1 (9 Folders)

The Excavation (Folders 1-6)

Folder 1: Basemap and Plainview

One basemap and nine plain views of the excavation site, n.d.

Folder 2: Artifact Inventory

22 page inventory attached to correspondence from Mark Groover of South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology to Scott Wagers of Midwestern Archaeological Research Center at Illinois State University, 15 Sep 1993.

Folder 3: Field Lot Book

Over 150 loose pages detailing artifacts by location, 1993.

Folder 4: Artifact photos

16 photos of artifacts, negatives.

Folder 5: Field Notes

Over 60 pages, 1992.

Folder 6: Newspaper Articles

1.6.1 "Church yard dig could reveal black history, culture," *Pantagraph*, 11 Jul 1992.

1.6.2 "Teens unearth treasured past," *Peoria Journal Star*, 2 Aug 1992.

Publications (Folders 7-9)

Folder 7: "Health Care and the Wayman A.M.E. Church"

"Health Care and the Wayman A.M.E. Church," by Melanie A. Cabak, Mark D. Groover & Scott J. Wagers, *Historical Archaeology*, 1995 29 (2): pp 55-76.
Plus draft of same.

Folder 8: Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage

"Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage," *Society of Historical Archaeology Newsletter*, Vol. 25 No. 4, pp 18-19 reporting on excavation and initial results.

Folder 9: Wayman A.M.E. Church history booklet

"Wayman A.M.E. Church One Hundred Fifty Years of History: 1843-1993," 20 pp. History including archeology findings.