

Dates: 1925 - 1930

Size: 14 lf. (14 boxes)

Abstract:

This collection was found at the Restaurant Depot Project site, Barrio Logan, San Diego, California as a result of archaeological monitoring to fulfill the requirements of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program of the City of San Diego. The site was previously occupied by the Fish Camp Kushimoto no Kyampu, a settlement of Japanese-Americans working in the fishing industry in San Diego.

Biographical/Historical Notes:

The project site lies in the Barrio Logan community of San Diego between Harbor Drive and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks, and between Cesar E. Chavez Parkway and the Coronado Bay Bridge, in the Barrio Logan Redevelopment Plan Area (Figure 3). RECON conducted archaeological monitoring between September 2010 and January 2011. The purpose of the monitoring program was to fulfill the requirements of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) of the City of San Diego for Restaurant Depot.

The project includes the demolition of three existing industrial structures (two warehouses and one maintenance/store building) and the construction of one new 71,647-square-foot wholesale warehouse building and associated parking lot.

The site consisted of six features: two trash deposits, two brick cisterns, a trench filled with construction debris, and a portion of a spur rail line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (formerly called Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe). The brick cisterns were excavated using both hand tools and heavy equipment. No artifacts were collected from the cisterns due to their contaminated condition. The trash features were hand-excavated and artifacts were collected, cataloged, and analyzed. A total of 426 artifacts were recovered from the two features.

The assemblage was dominated by consumer and kitchen items, and represented kitchen refuse deposited between 1925 and 1930 by Japanese-Americans occupying Fish Camp Kushimoto no Kyampu, a settlement of Japanese-Americans working in the fishing industry in San Diego.

All recovered artifacts from the two trash features and some isolated artifacts were donated to the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD), an approved curation facility for this artifact collection.

Scope and Content:

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Condition and Preservation:

Some items are intact (bottles) although many are only fragments of the original.

For the most part the items are clean.
 Care should be taken when handling as there are many sharp edges.

Collection Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for research although restrictions may apply.

Collection Use Restrictions:

Restrictions may apply

Comments:

Should JAHSSD move in the future and/or no longer be able to house the collection, it should be transferred to an appropriate curation facility such as the San Diego Archaeological Center per the accession agreement between the original owner of the artifact collection and the JAHSSD.

Research Note:

In addition to this finding aid, for more information on the project and the resulting archaeology researchers are encouraged to read the full project report:

Artifact Analysis Report: Living in Two Worlds; Fish Camp Kushimoto no Kyampu; Historical and Archaeological Investigations of Early 20th Century Japanese Fishing Families in San Diego California by Stephen R. Van Wormer and Susan D. Walter.

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Provenance: Donated by JMDH Real Estate of San Diego, 2011

Accession: Agreement signed July 8, 2011

Box	Description	Catalog #
1	Glass bottles: Complete and partial bottles.	1(3), 2 - 8
2	Glass bottles, jars, pots, medicine bottles: Complete and partial items; clear, brown and green glass including a small brown bottle; 2 small white milk glass pots minus lids (one with inscription "Ingrams Milk Weed Cream, Bottle Patd. No. 48195.)	9-17, 262-267, 271-275
3	Glass bottles: Complete and partial bottles; Of interest - "Globe Mills Brand"	18(2), 19-23
4	Glass bottles: Complete and partial bottles including Coca Cola bottles.	24, 25, 26(2), 27-34

5	Ceramics (hotel ware); glass bottles: Complete and partial items including ceramic dishes, bowls, cups, plates, small jug.	35-50, 52-54, 56-63, 65-70, 257, 259-261
6	Ceramic water cooler: broken into several pieces.	71, 72a-b, 73
7	Japanese ceramics; glass bottles: Complete and partial items including blue patterned ceramic cups, plates, sake bottle (broken). Also large brown teapot (broken spout), small brown teapot (broken into several pieces)	74-88, 90a-b-108, 258
8	Glass bottles, medicine bottles: Complete and partial items; clear, green and brown glass.	109-118
9	Glass bottles: Complete and partial bottles.	119, 121-129
10	Glass bottles, jars, medicine bottles: Complete and partial items.	130-152, 154, 155, 268-270
11	Glass bottles, jars, medicine bottles: Complete and partial items; green, blue and brown glass including one very small medicine bottle.	153, 156-198
12	Glass, ceramics; onyx; enamel ware; brass: Miscellaneous complete and partial household items including enameled pitcher, coffee pot, pan, dipper; flatware; ornamental spheres and knobs.	199-202, 204, 205, 207-209, 211-218, 220-223, 225-233, 276, 277
13	Metal bucket with handle: rusty with many holes	206
14	Shells: complete and partial Bone: animal	240-256; 278