# Sturgis Library Archives

## Sturgis Library Archaeological Artifacts Collection
## MS. 149

**Extent:** 9 boxes

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of artifacts found during archaeological explorations at Sturgis Library. The majority of the materials are rough findings, bits of metal, clay, shell, stone, and other items that are uninteresting to the non-archaeologist. About 1/4 of the material is recognizable and stored in display boxes with clear tops, and include pottery, metalware, clay pipes, a frozen charlotte, window glass from the original building, antique nails, coins, jewelry, gun shell casings, brass furniture pulls, and other household items.

**Historical and Biographical Information:** Archaeological explorations between 2012 and 2019 were:

- Diggers (NatGeo TV Show) George Wyant and Tim Saylor visited the Library in 2012 and discovered artifacts using metal detectors. They focused on undisturbed areas around the front of the building and around an old foundation behind the Library parking lot.
- Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project archaeologists Craig Chartier and Dave Wheelock conducted an archaeological survey of the building and grounds in 2014, which included digging in and around the old basement and crawl spaces, as well as explorations of the attic spaces.
- Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery archaeologist Craig Chartier worked with volunteers to undertake an extensive dig along the stone wall in the front of the Library in 2017.
- Historian and metal detectorist Ken Camilleis explored the Library grounds in 2018/19.
- Erik Thompson explored the grounds in 2024.

**Access:** Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library Archives for publication purposes.

**Acquisition:** All artifacts were donated to the Library by the finders.

**Processed by:** Lucy Loomis, Library Director, October 2019.

**Contents:**

**Stored in regular archives:**

- 2 display boxes (Boxes 1-2) with clear lids and labels showing the most interesting items from all the digs.

**Stored in attic**

- 5 boxes (Boxes 3-4-5-6-7) from Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project's 2014 dig
- 1 box (Box 8) from Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Projects 2017 dig
- 1 clamshell box (Box 9) containing Diggers artifacts from 2012