

Kamloops Museum and Archives



Site EeQx:2 collection

1971.016, 1980.005

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Access: Open.

Site EeQx:2 collection

Textual, Cartographic, Graphic, Technical Drawing

1969-1971

0.10 meters

Title: Site EeQx:2 collection

Dates of Creation: 1969-1971

Physical Description: 6 cm of textual records, 85 colour negatives, 7 maps, 7 photographs, and 1 technical drawing

Biographical Sketch:

Michael Blake is an archaeologist who was one of the leads on the excavation of Site EeQx:2, alongside Morley Eldridge. Blake earned a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Michigan in 1985 and joined the faculty of the University of British Columbia the following year. He specialized in the household archaeology of the Postclassic period Maya centre of Canajaste in southeast Mexico during his doctoral research, and later carried out further archaeological projects in Chiapas, Mexico and in the Salish Sea region of British Columbia. Blake's recent work is focused on the origins and spread of maize agriculture in the Americas and on tracing the history of cacao use in Latin America. Blake continues to teach at the University of British Columbia in the Department of Anthropology.

Morley Eldridge is an archaeologist who was one of the leads on the excavation of Site EeQx:2, alongside Michael Blake. Eldridge earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Victoria, and became a leading professional in research associated with archaeological potential modelling, CMT and wet site recording and modelling, and resource management. He acted as a content advisor for the Resource Inventory Committee Inventory curriculum development, developed criteria for assessing the significance of CMTs for the Vancouver Forest Region, and is involved in the executive of the British Columbia Association of Professional Consulting Archaeologists (acting as the organization's president from 2000-2001). Eldridge is currently the president of Millenia Research Limited, an Archaeological and Heritage consulting company based in Victoria, B.C.

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Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records generated by archaeologists Michael Blake and Morley Eldridge during their excavation of Site EeQx:2 (a pit house) between 1969-1971, under the direction of the Kamloops Museum and Archives. Records include excavation reports in various forms, correspondence, artifact record sheets, field notes, a stratification diagram, and slides of the site.

Site EeQx:2 is a pit house site within a historical First Nations village, located in District Lot 515 K.D.Y.D. Range 14 Township 20, on the north bank of the South Thompson River, approximately 3/4 of a mile south of the Pritchard bridge. After First Nations use of the site ceased the land was owned by A.G. Pemberton (1863-1907), briefly by a real estate development company (site of the proposed Sunnyside development, 1907-1910), then by the Bostock Family (1910 onwards), and at the time of the archaeological excavation as part of the Ned Ranch. The site has predominantly been used for ranching activities during the modern era, and the pit house sites were deemed to be largely intact at the time of excavation. Site is at times referred to as the Pemberton Village and as Keekwillie.

Custodial History:

Accession 1971.016 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on April 2, 1971 by Michael Blake and Morley Eldridge, the creators of the records. Accession 1980.005 was donated to on January 24, 1980 by the Cariboo College per Arnold Stryd of the Archaeology Department. It is assumed that Stryd was the instructor overseeing Blake's and Morley's excavation, which was carried out to complete coursework at the College (currently Thompson Rivers University), and received the records directly from Blake and Morley. Both groups of records were stored together by former KMA staff.

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Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of collection.

Arrangement: Order that collection arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

Terms governing use and reproduction: No reproduction permitted without consent of copyright holder. It is the researcher's responsibility to obtain permission for the reproduction of materials for publication or dissemination.

Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Related materials: See Artifact Collection for additional materials donated with accession 1980.005.

Treatment note: Records from both accessions 1971.016 and 1980.005 were removed from their respective binders and placed in acid-free archival folders during processing in 2019.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1971.016	Excavation Report, Site EeQx:2 – File contains a report written by Morley Eldridge and Mike Blake on their excavation of Site EeQx:2 entitled “Pithouse Excavation on the South Thompson River (EeQx:2),” which was submitted to the Kamloops Museum and Archives. Report includes a brief history and land use of the site, descriptions of plant and animal life, excavation methods, stratification, artifacts discovered, faunal remains discovered, diagrams of the site, sketches of the artifacts, a contour map of the site pits, and photographs of the artifacts and site. – 1.5 cm of textual records, 6 colour photographs, 3 maps, and 1 b&w photograph	1971	1/1
1980.005.001	Keekwillie Excavation, report (incomplete) – File contains a report of the excavation completed by Morley Eldridge and Mike Blake, not including appendices or supplementary materials. – 8 textual records	January 1971	1/2
1980.005.002	Keekwillie Excavation, report – File contains a report written by Morley Eldridge and Mike Blake on their excavation of Site EeQx:2. Report includes a brief history and land use of the site, descriptions of plant and animal life, excavation methods, stratification, artifacts discovered, faunal remains discovered, diagrams of the site, sketches of the artifacts, and a contour map of the site pits. - 1.5 cm of textual records and 3 maps	1971	1/3
1980.005.003	Keekwillie Excavation, Correspondence and Centennial Mus. Record Sheets – File contains an Archaeological and Historical Sites Protection Act 1960 Permit and application, correspondence, an invoice for map reproduction, notes on artifacts discovered, reports and essays by Eldridge and Morley, articles, and blank copies of Vancouver Centennial Museum Archaeological Survey forms. – 1 cm of textual records	1969-1971	1/4
1980.005.004	Keekwillie Excavation, rough report (main), rough report (symposium), report (condensed) – File contains various condensed versions of Eldridge	1969-1971	1/5

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	and Morley's report, notes on artifacts discovered, a report outline, and a contour diagram of the site. – 0.75 cm of textual records and 1 map		
1980.005.005	Keekwillie Excavation, rough field notes – File contains lists and diagrams from field notes compiled by Blake and Eldridge. – 1 cm of textual records	1969-1971	1/6
1980.005.006	Keekwillie Excavation, stratification diagrams and adjoining storage – File contains a diagram of site stratification. – 1 technical drawing	[1969-1971]	1/7
1980.005.007	Pemberton Village Slides – File contains colour slides depicting artifacts, site stratification, the excavation site and surrounding landscape, Pemberton Creek, and site workers. – 85 colour negatives	[1969-1971]	1/8