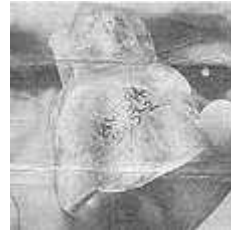


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Wyandotte County Museum to take Quindaro artifacts



Portion of Glass Jar
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The Wyandotte County Historical Museum is expected to be the eventual home of artifacts found during the excavation of the old Quindaro ruins in northeast Kansas "City, Kan., a few years.

KCK officials last week endorsed transfer of the artifacts found on city-owned land from the custody of local archaeologist Larry Schmits to the museum for eventual public display. That planned transfer apparently needs the approval of the Kansas Antiquities Commission in Topeka before taking place. City officials believe the commission will approve the transfer.

The artifacts include ceramics, nails, glass, hardware items, bottles, tableware, doorknobs, cork, horseshoes, stove parts and egg shells, Schmits reports. There are 10,000 catalogued artifacts but maybe up to 70,000 to 90,000 separate pieces of material, he said.

The artifacts have been under Schmits' control since he supervised the excavation of several old building foundations from the Civil War era town of Quindaro near the Missouri River. The townsite is where Browning-Ferris Industries had intended to build a sanitary landfill. The excavation in the mid to late 1980s was done to compile a history of Quindaro before the landfill was to be built.