MHS Local Vocabulary List for Archaeology Terms

The bolded terms on this list may be used to catalog collections for deposit with MHS without submitting an AAT Candidate term form. Choose “Local” for the Descriptor Type with these terms.

VOCABULARY HELP:
http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/aat/
http://www.tc.umn.edu/~bakk0029/MinnLith/index.html


Terms listed in boldface are Local vocabulary terms.
Terms listed in regular typeface are official AAT vocabulary and guide terms.

Format:
Use case as listed in the AAT
Use singular forms for nouns and –ed forms for verbs.
Term enclosed by “< >” are guide terms, not vocabulary terms, just headings.
“=” Indicates non-preferred variations; do not use except for the –ed forms listed above.

Object Facet

Components Hierarchy
  component
    <components by general context>
      fastener
        anchor (fastener)
        anchor plate
          hook anchor plate
      nail
    <nails by location or context>
      shoe nail
    screws
      <screws by form>
        <screws by form: head type>
          cap screws
          Phillips head screws
      tang
    hardware
      <hardware by location or context>
        furniture hardware
    <components by specific context>
      architectural element
<surface elements and surface element components>
<surface element components>
  glazing point
  muntin
<container components>
  closure
  coves (closure)
  canning seal
<handles: container components>
  loop handle (container component)
  strap handle
  bodies (container components)
  collars (container components)
  finish (container component)
  lips (container components)
    beak
    castellated lip
    flattened lip
    folded lip
    notched lip
    pinched lip
    pointed lip
    rolled lip
    rounded lip
  rim
    channeled rim
    collared rim
    curved rim
    direct rim
    everted rim
    galleried rims
    inverted rim
    s-rim
    straight rim
    string rim
    vertical rim

Containers Hierarchy
  container
  <containers by form>
    vessel
    jar
      canning jar
      = fruit jar
pot

pinch pot

Furnishings and Equipment
Costume
costume
    <costume accessories>
tinkler
Tools and Equipment
equipment
    <equipment by context>
        <fishing and trapping tools and equipment>
net sinker
Recreational Artifacts
    <recreational artifacts>
        <recreational artifacts for noncompetitive activities>
toy (recreational artifact)
    <toys by form>
        toy automobile

Object Genre Hierarchy
    <object genres>
        <object genres by form>
            <beads and sets of beads>
                bead
                    <beads by form>
                        bugle bead
                        seed bead
                        wire-wound bead
                    <beads by function>
                        trade bead
                            cornaline d’aleppo
                                =Hudson’s Bay bead
biface
    final thinning stage biface
    initial edging stage biface
    primary thinning stage biface
core (object genre)
    bipolar core
    blade core
    platform core
debitage
    flake (object genre)
    bipolar flake
blade flake
prismatic blade
decortication flake
primary decortication flake
secondary decortication flake
primary flake
secondary flake
thinning flake
bifacial thinning flake
= biface thinning flake
primary thinning flake
secondary thinning flake
tertiary flake
microdebitage
shatter
fragment
base fragment
proximal fragment
medial fragment
distal fragment
tip fragment
sherd
potsherd
base sherd
body sherd
neck sherd
rim sherd
shoulder sherd
spall
uniface
denticulate

<object genres by material>
ceramic
pottery (object genre)
earthenware
earthenware
creamware
faïence fine
Queen's ware
delftware
faïence (earthenware)
lusterware
maiolica
marbled ware
  agate ware
mocha ware
pearlware
redware
yellowware
stoneware
  ironstone (pottery)
whiteware
  electrical porcelain

Tools and Equipment Hierarchy
  equipment
    <equipment by context>
    <animal equipment>
      horseshoe (animal equipment)
        ox shoe
    <equipment by process>
    <cutting equipment>
      <cutting tools>
        adze
        augers
        axe
        celt
        chisel
        chopper
        gouge
        graver
        knife (cutting tool)
          backed knives
      <flintknapping equipment>
        anvilstone
        flaker
          pressure flaker
            hammerstone
      <piercing tools>
        awl
      <shaping and guiding equipment>
        <shaping and guiding tools>
          mold
            blow-back mold
            dip mold
            full-size mold
            hinged mold
part-size mold
**pattern mold**
piece mold
**poly-part mold**
press mold
Ricketts mold
turn mold
turn mold
=paste mold
waste mold

<surface working and finishing equipment>
<surface working and finishing tools and accessories>

**abrad**
scraper (finishing tool)
concave scraper
distolateral scraper
endscraper
humpback scraper
keeled scraper
sidescraper
spurred scraper
thumbnail scraper

Materials Facet
Materials Hierarchy
materials
<materials by composition>
<combination inorganic/organic material>
<combination inorganic/organic animal material>
bone
<bone by form>
antler
<tooth and tooth components
tooth
tusk
inorganic material
<clay and clay products>
<clay products>
<ceramic and ceramic products>
ceramic
biscuit
porcelain
<glass and glassmaking mixtures>
glass
<glass by form>
sheet glass
   =flat glass

mineral
galena
quartz
chalcedony
agate
   Lake Superior agate
   Gunflint silica
   Kakabeka chert
   jasper taconite
   Tongue River silica
   silicified wood

rock
igneous rock
   <igneous rock by composition>
   <igneous rock by composition: chemical>
      acid igneous rock
      felsite
         anorthosite
metamorphic rock
quartzite
   Baraboo quartzite
   Barron quartzite
sedimentary rock
   <sedimentary rock by composition>
      argillaceous rock
      argillite
      chert
         Burlington chert
         Cedar Valley chert
         Cobden Dongola chert
            = Cobden chert
            = Cobden flint
            = Dongola chert
            = hornstone
         Cochrane chert
      flint
         Knife River flint
            =Knife River chalcedony
         Galena chert
         Grand Meadow chert
         Hudson Bay Lowland chert
         Moline chert
Prairie du Chien chert
Red River chert
Silurian chert
Swan River chert

claystone
marlstone
mudstone
pipestone
= catlinite
sandstone

<sandstone by composition>
<sandstone by composition: aggregate type>
siliceous sandstone
= orthoquartzite
= silica sandstone
Alma quartzite
= Alma silicified sandstone
Amherst sandstone
Aquia Creek sandstone
Dunville sandstone
Hixton quartzite
= Hixton silicified sandstone
silica (mineral)
taconite

<materials by function>
coating (material)
<coating by location or context>
glaze
ceramic glaze
<ceramic glaze by composition or origin>
alkaline glaze
Bristol glaze
celadon
lead glaze
mocha glaze
slip glaze
tin glaze

<materials by origin>
animal material
<animal material by form or function>
<skeleton and skeleton components>
skeleton
sponge
<skeleton components>

broad bone
long bone
short bone
epiphysses

mandible
skull (skeleton component)
spicule

(element name – use as needed)

Activities Facet
Process and Techniques Hierarchy

<processes and techniques>

<processes and techniques by specific type>

<additive and joining processes and techniques>
alteration (process and technique)
=altered
  reworking
  =reworked
<surface covering processes and techniques>
coating (process)
  slipping
  =slipped
  tempering (additive process)
  =tempered (additive process)
<analysis and testing techniques>
  soil flotation
<condition changing processes>
<surface or structural changes>
chipping
  edge modification
  =edge-modified
  exfoliation
  =exfoliated
cracking
  fire cracking
  =fire-cracked
<finishing and refinishing processes>
finishing (process)
  smoothing
  =smoothed
<image making processes and techniques>
<printing and printing processes and techniques>
printing
  transfer printing
  = transfer-printed

flow blue

<processes and techniques by material>
<pottery techniques>
  <pottery decorating techniques>
    <pottery decorating techniques: impressing>
      cord impressing
      =cord-impressed
      cord-wrapped stick impressing
      =cord-wrapped stick-impressed
      fabric impressing
      =fabric-impressed
      fingernail impressing
      =fingernail-impressed
      net impressing
      =net-impressed
      tool impressing
      =tool-impressed
    <pottery decorating techniques: stamping>
      check stamping
      comb stamping
      =comb-stamped
      dentate stamping
      =dentate-stamped
      drag stamping
      =drag-stamped
      ovoid stamping
      =ovoid-stamped
      punctation
      =punctated
      reed stamping
      =reed-stamped
    rocker stamping
    brushing (pottery decorating technique)
    =brushed (pottery decorating technique)
    channeling
    =channeled
    combing (pottery decorating technique)
    =combed (pottery decorating technique)
    trailing (pottery decorating technique)
    =trailed (pottery decorating technique)
<pottery forming techniques>
  coiling
  paddle and anvil method
  cord marking
  =cord-marked
  smoothed cordmarking
  =smoothed-over-cordmarked
  pinching
  =pinched
  slab method
  slip casting
  throwing (pottery technique)

<physicochemical processes>
  burning
  =burned
  calcination
  =calcined
  cooking
  =cooked
  canning
  =canned
  <temperature-related physicochemical processes>
    heating
    heat treating
    =heat-treated
    thermally altering
    =thermally-altered

<subtractive processes and techniques>
  flintknapping
  =flintknapped
    bifacial reduction
    bi-polar reduction
    blade/core reduction
  retouching (flintknapping)
  =retouched (flintknapped)
  pecking
  =pecked

<surface marking processes and techniques>
  impressing
  incising
  =incised
  sponging
  =sponged
  stamping (marking)
blind stamping

Physical Attributes Facet
Attributes and Properties Hierarchy
<attributes and properties>
<attributes and properties by specific type>
<fabrication attributes>
  bifacial
  hand-painted
  handmade
  unifacial
  <fabrication attributes: ceramics>
    fiber-tempered
    grit-tempered
    grit and sand-tempered
    grog-tempered
    limestone-tempered
    sand-tempered
    shell-tempered
  <form attributes>
    flat (form attributes)
    shape
      curved
      lanceolate
      pointed
      round (shape)
      triangular
      <shape: projectile points>
        corner-notched
        side-notched
        stemmed
      <shape: vessels>
        conoidal
        globular
        sub-conoidal
    size (extent)
      <size by specific type>
        large
        medium
        small
  <physical properties>
    specific gravity
      heavy fraction
      light fraction
  <positional attributes>
cortical

Conditions and Effects
<conditions and effects>

gnawing
= gnawed
solarization (condition)
= solarized (condition)
cut marks
saw marks
seam marks
spalling
= spalled
wear
=worn
microwear
water wear
= water-worn

Design Elements Hierarchy
<design elements>
<ornament areas>
borders (ornament areas)
fields
medallions (ornament areas)
zones (ornament areas)

patterns (design elements)
<patterns by specific type>
<edging and surfacing patterns>
scalloping
shell-edge

Associated Concepts Facet
Associated Concepts
<functional concepts>
use
= utilized
Styles and Periods Facet

Styles and Periods Hierarchy

<styles and periods by region>

<The Americas>

<Pre-Contact> (change from Pre-Columbian)

< Pre - Contact North American styles and periods>

< Pre - Contact North American styles>

< Pre - Contact eastern North American styles>

<Pre-Contact eastern North American ceramic styles>

Allamakee Trailed
Blackduck
Blue Earth
Brainerd
Cambria
Clam River
Fox Lake
Great Oasis
Havana
Howard Lake
Hopewell
Kathio
Lake Benton
La Moille
Laurel
Malmo
Marion
Ogechie
Onamia
Orr
Sandy Lake
Silvernail
Snake River
Sorg
St. Croix
Vach
Sandy Lake

<Pre-Contact North American projectile point styles>

Adena Stemmed
Agate Basin
Angostura
Avonlea
Benton Stemmed
Brewerton Corner Notched
Brewerton Eared-Triangle
Brewerton Side Notched
Bottleneck Stemmed
Browns Valley
Buck Creek Barbed
Cahokia
Charleston Corner Notched
Chesser Notched
Clovis
Cumberland
Cumberland Fluted
Dalton
Dalton
Delhi
Durst Stemmed
Dickson Contracting Stemmed
Eden
Etley
Eva I
Eva II
Folsom
Fort Ancient
Fox Valley Truncated Barb
Godar
Graham Cave Side Notched
Grant Side-Notched
Hardin Barbed
Hell Gap
Hi-Lo
Jack's Reef Corner Notched
Karnak Stemmed
Kessell Side Notched
Kirk Corner Notched
Kirk Stemmed
Klunk Side Notched
Koster Corner Notched
Kramer Stemmed
LeCroy Bifurcated
Ledbetter Stemmed
Little Bear Creek
Lomoka
Lost Lake
Lowe Flared Base
MacCorkle Stemmed
Madison Side Notched
Madison Trinangular
Matanzas Side Notched
Morris
Motley
Nebo Hill Lanceolate
Norton
Osceloa
Pelican Lake
Pickwick
Plainview
Plano
Preston Corner Notched
Quad
Raccon Notched
Raddatz Side Notched
Robbins
Scallorn
Scottsbluff
Sedalia Lanceolate
Snyders
St. Albans Side Notched
St. Charles
Stanley Stemmed
Steuben Expanding Stemmed
Table Rock Corner Notched
Table Rock Stemmed
Thebes
Turkey-tail
Vosburg Corner Notched
Waubesa Contracting Stem