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/


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
faience (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
   =paste mold
waste mold
(surface working and finishing equipment)
(surface working and finishing tools and accessories)
abrader
scraper (finishing tool)
   concave scraper
distolateral scraper
descraper
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
  epiphysis
  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
      = puncated
      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>
coeiling
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>
<positional attributes by relative position>
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>

scallopingshell-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
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 Triangular
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