

## Roycroft Archaeological Mitigation Update: Week One July 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

We began working in the Copper Shop Parking Lot this week. We set up and began to excavate about 55 shovel test holes at 10 foot (3m) intervals across the dirt and gravel area. We have completed about 2/3rds of them, and started two larger test unit excavations—one near the concrete driveway and one in the center of the parking lot.

### Copper Shop Parking Lot—setting up shovel tests



The parking lot has been a surprise—underneath the dirt and gravel we found some asphalt. Under the asphalt layer was more dirt and gravel, and then a concrete layer, about 2-3 inches thick. We have been digging with a pick axe. Below the concrete we are finding large quantities of metal slag—at least two different kinds (probably from iron working and copper working). We are also finding numerous small artifacts.

**Test Unit #1—slag from copper working**



**Copper finial from lamp?**



To date we have recovered 5 pieces of original Roycroft printing type, probably from the Print Shop. Three characters are visible—a “w,” “x” and “9.” We have also found about 3/5ths of a maple syrup jug stamped “Roycroft Shops” on the bottom.

**Print Type—letters “w” and “x” from Test Unit #1**



**Roycroft Maple Syrup Jug from Test Unit #2**



In the center of the parking lot we have uncovered what is probably the floor of the Roycroft Greenhouse. We have bricks and a thick layer of terracotta flower pot fragments. We also found a piece of copper pipe from the original “automatic watering” system.

**Copper hand-made watering pipe from Test Unit #2**

