Schmidt Cemetery

Date of Fieldwork

10/20/14

Location

SEC/TWP/RNG: 23-110-25 (Cemetery Shovel Tests)

Southeastern shoreline of Scotch Lake, Cleveland, MN, 56017

Physiographic Setting

Lakeshore; General Lake Area

Surface

Visibility: 40-50% (Field)

Surface Type: Corn field, freshly tilled..

Current Land Use

Hunting Lands

Threats to Site

Agriculture

Soil

Silty loam, increased clay at 30 CMBD

Landscape

Slightly elevated plateau overlooking Scotch Lake

Weather

Partly cloudy, 60-75 degrees.

Personnel

Cory Nowak
Joshua B. Anderson
Ty Warmka
Duncan Widman
Adam Peterson

Work Type

Phase 1: Shovel Tests

Methodology

Shovel Testing, 30 X 30 cm holes dug in 10 cm increments until soil is consistently sterile. GPS points on each shovel tests.

Results

12 lithics found.

1 faunal

0 floral

4 pottery

Owner

Schmidt Family Trust % Patricia A Scheffert

Notes

- Site nearby and Southwest of the Meeker Cemetery
- 1 surface lithic found near a tree within the Meeker Cemetery (Owner retained)
- 34 Shovel Tests
- Pottery found near the datum (0 N, 0 E), where the platform shovel tested sloped down into the low lying area east into the corn field
- Shovel test furthest south yielded very few artifacts
- Owner's nephew Jaimie Schmidt stopped out to explain he could (theoretically) have been hunting, and that if had he wanted to go hunting, we would have scared away the animals he would have been hunting, because he likes to hunt, and he could have been hunting that day maybe, had he decided. and it wouldn't have been good for us, because he's a hunter, and although he admitted we had permission to be out there and that he doesn't really have any say in the matter, he also wanted us to know that he is a hunter, and that he hunts there, and he could have been hunting there, had he wanted to hunt, and that we were there, even though we could be, but he could have been hunting, because he likes to hunt, and he's a hunter, and he could have been hunting, and it's his grandparents land, and he likes to hunt on it, and he's a hunter, and they maybe forgot about him, but he could have hunted had he wanted to, but we were there, where he hunts, not that he would ever say anything, but he's a hunter, and we are probably on his hunting cam, which he uses for hunting, because he is a hunter.