

Any previous projects involving Shakers?

Yes, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) had a previous project that realigned a curve on SR 741 and involved the remnants of some of the buildings that comprised the North Family Lot of Union Village.



Aerial view in 2005 of the SR 741 curve prior to the realignment

What did you find?



Communal House after excavation



Potter's tools from the North Family Lot

Many artifacts were found that related to Shaker life and culture, from pottery tools & livestock bones, to exotic smoking pipes. Larger items found included the foundations of buildings and water pipes.



Exotic smoking pipes



Bryant's Root Beer extract bottle



Wax sealer canning jar lid

What happened to the artifacts?

The artifacts were documented, then released to local historical societies and museums so that the artifacts can be preserved and the Shaker history can be remembered.