

# S. J. McKee Archives



# Graham site DiMe-30

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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub-series
Series Number:	1.4
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2004-2008

History /

Biographical:

The Graham site is a located adjacent to the Crepeele site towards the western end of the Crepeele locale. The Graham site was initially designated as a separate site early in the testing of the Crepeele locale due to what appeared to be a distinction between Early and Late Woodland ceramics. Subsequent testing has shown that this distinction was premature and that the cultural mosaic represented in the western section of the Crepeele locale may not readily separate in this manner. However, due to the records management that was already in place, the original separate designations have been retained.

#### Environment

Ground cover is a mosaic of aspen poplar groves and patches of mesic grass prairie. Excavation profiles indicate that this has been the situation since early precontact times, although as local climatic conditions change (primarily rainfall), the relative size of these areas and where they may have occurred also changed. The soil is aeolian sand sheet derived from delta outwash deposits along the western edge of glacial Lake Hind. The present topography is a variable dune landscape reworked by aeolian activity that creates a mosaic of microhabitats. These include forested patches in the lee of sand dunes grassland on the southern and western exposures and small damp lowlands that support balsam poplar, willows, red osier dogwood, high-bush cranberry and water birch. There is no permanent water source in the area although a small seasonal stream meanders through a damp lowland along the eastern margin of the Crepeele locale.

Excavations at the Graham site took place from 2004 to 2008. Analyses of the recoveries shows that, with two exceptions, all of the occupations that have been tested produced bison foetal bone. The presence of foetal bison is a strong indicator of wintering occupations...The absence of foetal in some area does not necessarily indicate warm season occupations since these excavation series are small and the absence could be due to sample error or perthotaxic factors, such as scavenging of the fragile bone by dogs or other carnivores.

From this evidence the Graham site has been interpreted as being primarily a wintering area. This is consistent with the lack of surface water (snow would serve as a substitute in winter) and the abundance of wood for fuel – a critical requirement for winter occupation. Cultural occupations date from Mortlach circa 250 B.P to woodland circa 580 B.P.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series has been divided into sub sub series including: Graham 2004, Graham 2005, Graham 2006 and Graham 2008

Name Access: Graham site DiMe-30 Subject Access: Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30



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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2004
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

#### History /

#### **Biographical:**

Graham units 9 and 14 were excavated with the Crepeele site in 2004 and were reassigned to the Graham site DiMe-30 keeping the same unit numbers. Tomasin Playford was crew chief in 2004.

The Graham site was initially designated as a separate site early in the testing of the Crepeele locale due to what appeared to be a distinction between Early and Late Woodland ceramics. Subsequent testing has shown that this distinction was premature and that the cultural mosaic represented in the western section of the Crepeele locale does not readily separate in this manner.

Scope and Content:

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Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2004

Graham site 2004

# Graham site 2004 - summary information

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Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2004
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Biographical:

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Graham site 2004 - summary information

Name Access: Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2004





# Graham site 2004 - field journals

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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.1.2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2004
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.
History /	

**Biographical:** 

Graham units 9 and 14 were excavated with the Crepeele site in 2004 and were reassigned to the Graham site DiMe-30 keeping the same unit numbers.

Field journals from 2004 contain notes concerning the Graham, Sarah and Atkinson sites. The relevant page numbers are noted.

Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

 Name Access:
 Graham site 2004 - field journals

 Subject Access:
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Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2004



### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11904

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2005
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

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**Biographical:** 

The Graham site is located south of the Crepeele site. Due to the close proximity the Graham and Crepeele sites have both been the site of the Brandon University Archaeological Field School.

In 2005 both sites were excavated as part of the Field School experience instructed by Denise Ens with teaching assistant James Graham Six units (XU 1-6) were excavated at the Graham site.

Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics (points, scrapers), and ceramics.

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Name Access:

Graham site 2005

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2005

# Graham site 2005 - summary information

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Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.2.1



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GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2005
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Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.2.2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2005
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.
History /	

**Biographical:** 

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Field journals from 2005 contain notes concerning the Graham and Crepeele sites.

Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access:

Graham site 2005 - field journals

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2005



### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11922

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.3
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2006
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

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Name Access:

Graham site 2006

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2006

### Graham site 2006 - summary information

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.3.1
Accession Number:	1-2010



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Material Details:

Date Range:

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Name Access: Subject Access: Graham site 2006 - summary information Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2006





# Graham site 2006 - field journals

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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.3.2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2006
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.
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**Biographical:** 

In 2006 a small Brandon University Archaeology Field School was conducted at the Graham site. Four excavations (XU 7, 8 15 & 16) were completed with Denise Ens Instructor and Jessica MacKenzie Teaching Assistant.

Field journals from 2006 contain notes concerning the Graham and Crepeele sites.

#### Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access:

Subject Access:

Graham site 2006 - field journals Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2006



# Graham site 2008 - summary information

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.4.1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2008
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact
	catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg
	format.

### History /

Biographical:

In 2008 Brandon University Archaeology returned to the Crepeele locale to conduct further testing at the Graham and Crepeele sites. Four units (XU 47-49 & 53) were excavated at Graham 2008 in order to collect samples and add further data to previous excavations. The usual excavation methology was employed.

The small crew was directed by Bev Nicholson with Crew of Bill Foy, Andrew Lints & Kim Harrison

Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics and ceramics.

Scope and Content:

Sub-sub-sub series contains: Summary information of field methology, number and coordinates of excavations, personnel and their staff position.

Name Access: Graham site 2008 - summary information

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2008





### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11957

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.4
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2008
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

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Name Access: Graham site 2008

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2008



# Graham site 2008 - field journals

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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.4.2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2008
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.
History /	

**Biographical:** 

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Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics and ceramics.

#### Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access:	Graham site 2008 - field journals
Subject Access:	Archaeology
	Crepeele locale
	Graham site DiMe-30
	Graham site 2008



# Graham site 2008 - Bev Nicholson field journal

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	File
Series Number:	1.4.4.2
File Number:	1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2008
Physical Description:	6 pages
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.

#### History /

**Biographical:** 

Tln 2008 Brandon University Archaeology returned to the Crepeele locale to conduct further testing at the Graham and Crepeele sites. Four units (XU 47-49 & 53) were excavated at Graham 2008 in order to collect samples and add further data to previous excavations. The usual excavation methology was employed.

The small crew was directed by Bev Nicholson with Crew of Bill Foy, Andrew Lints & Kim Harrison

Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics and ceramics.

The field journals contain information about both the Crepeele and Graham sites 2008.

Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Graham site 2008 - Bev Nicholson field journal

Name Access:

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2008

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# Graham site 2008 - Kim Harrison field journal http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11961

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	File
Series Number:	1.4.4.2
File Number:	3



Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2008
Physical Description:	10 pages
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.
History /	

Biographical:

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Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics and ceramics.

The field journals contain information about both the Crepeele and Graham sites 2008.

Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access:

Graham site 2008 - Kim Harrison field journal

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2008

### Documents



Graham site 2008 - Bill Foy field journal

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11962



Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	File
Series Number:	1.4.4.2
File Number:	4
Accession Number:	1-2010
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Biographical:

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Recoveries included faunal (mostly bison), lithics and ceramics.

The field journals contain information about both the Crepeele and Graham sites 2008.

#### Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access: Subject Access: Graham site 2008 - Bill Foy field journal Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30

Graham site 2008





# Crepeele site 2008 - Andrew Lints field journal

### http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11963

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.2.5.2
File Number:	2
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
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Date Range:	2008

**Biographical:** 

The Crepeele site was identified from the results of the Casselman survey and excavated in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007.

In 2008 a small crew under the direction of Bev Nicholson returned to the site to gather further samples and verify profiles. Three units (XU 50, 51 and 52) were excavated. As well the Graham site 2008 was also excavated.

The field journals contain information about both the Crepeele and Graham sites 2008.

#### Scope and Content:

Record of daily observations at the site including: excavation methods, items recovered, features, local environment and weather.

Name Access: Crepeele site 2008 - Andrew Lints field journal

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Crepeele site DiMe-29 Crepeele site 2008





# Crepeele site 2003 - summary information

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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	sub sub series
Series Number:	1.2.1.1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2003
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

History / Biographical:

The Crepeele site was identified from the results of the Casselman survey. The site is located within the Crepeele locale approximately 400 meters to the west of the Sarah site. The units were excavated by Crew Chief James Graham and the crew from the survey.

The Crepeele site was excavated in 2003 as Crepeele 3 with the units numbered as units 10, 11, 12 & 13. These numbers have been changed on the catalogue to XU 110 – 113, due to duplication in 2005. Corresponding documents have been changed but there may be some reference to the initial numbers in the field journals.

The artifacts recovered from these four excavations are faunal (animal bone), mainly bison, lithic materials (stone tools and flakes) and some ceramic (pottery). The artifact catalogue has over 600 records.

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Name Access:	Crepeele site 2003 - summary information
Subject Access:	Archaeology
	Crepeele locale
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Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.4.1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2004
Material Details:	Field journals have been scanned in multi-page PDF files. Artifact catalogues are PDF files in spreadsheet format. Photographs are in jpeg format.

#### History /

Biographical:

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Name Access:

Subject Access:

Archaeology Crepeele locale Graham site DiMe-30 Graham site 2004

Graham site 2004



# Crepeele locale Radiocarbon Report I

Part Of:	RG 7 Beverley Nicholson fonds
Description Level:	Sub sub series
Series Number:	1.5.1
Accession Number:	1-2010
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	2003-2008
Physical Description:	3 pages
Material Details:	Radiocarbon date reports have been scanned in multi-page PDF files.

#### History / Biographical:

Crepeele locale Radiocarbon Dates. C14 report by IsoTrace Laboratory for Crepeele site 2005 XU 8.

From 2003 to 2008 field work took place at the Crepeele locale with 75 - 1m x1m units excavated.

To help establish the cultural sequence at the locale Radiocarbon dates were obtained from the three sites in the Crepeele locale.

#### Radiocarbon dating

The technique of radiocarbon dating was developed by Willard Libby and his colleagues at the University of Chicago in 1949.

Radiocarbon dating is used to estimate the age of organic remains from archaeological sites. Organic matter has a radioactive form of carbon (C14) that begins to decay upon death. C14 decays at a steady, known rate of a half life of 5,730 years. The technique is useful for material up to 50,000 years. Fluctuations of C14 in the atmosphere can affect results so dates are calibrated against dendrochronology. Radiocarbon dates are calibrated to calendar years.

Dates are reported in radiocarbon years or Before Present. Before Present refers to dates before 1950. The introduction of massive amounts of C14, due to atomic bomb and surface testing of atomic weapons, has widely increased the standard deviation on all dates after A.D. 1700 causing these dates to be unreliable.

Accelerated mass spectrometry can more accurately measure C14 with smaller samples and can date materials to 80,000 years.

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series contains radiocarbon dates from: Crepeele, Sarah and Graham sites.

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