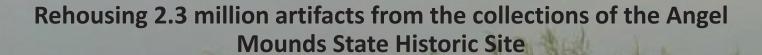
Curating Angel Mounds

(2018-2022)



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- The Angel Mounds State Historic Site was the residence of a Mississippian community that occupied the area between AD 1050 and 1450.
- Large scale archaeology Works Progress
 Administration projects and later Indiana
 University Field Schools conducted between
 1939 and 1983
- Over 2.3 million individual artifacts in these legacy collections housed at Indiana University still in original packing crates
- 2018 IMLS / Save America's Treasures grant awarded to rehouse collections into new archival quality bags and boxes, update new detailed catalog records, implement barcoding system and new storage tracking
- Over 50 staff and students contributed to the project between 2018-2022





Preparations Workflows

How was the collection initially packaged? How will it be rehoused? Where to start?	Determine how to verify quantity or add new quantities
Create database structure and data sheets to capture new information and rehousing steps	Identify types of mold and determine conservation process for bone with mold spores
Clean workspace, set up workstations, create safe work environment, order supplies	Assemble records needed to verify provenience or correct recording errors
Assemble pre-printed bag tags for packing crates to be rehoused	Determine bar coding, box labeling and staging areas for rehoused boxes







Evolution of Storage Environments







Evolution of Box Conditions



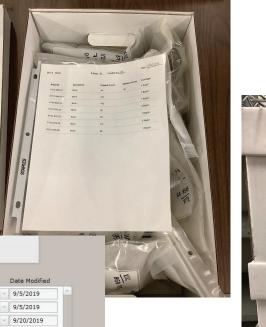




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Documentation – updated catalog records, curation notes, box inventories and labels, barcoding and location tracking





Rehousing Angel – Packing Crate Box Assessment

PC#

Photograph (Angel Box/PC#_image#)

Before unpacking

yes/no

Contents after unpacking

yes/no

Mold

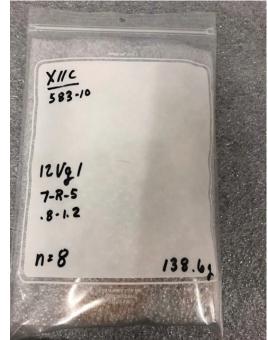
- On bags yes/no
- On artifacts yes/no
- Moved to fume hood for deaning
 - o Bags yes/no if yes, how many
 - o Entire box yes/no

Content Summary:

Rehousing special needs:

 ${\tt Conservation\, special\, needs:}$





Assessing and rehousing box contents







Identifying & treating mold



Moving finished boxes to offsite storage

