

PELLA MATERIALS IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – FINDING AID

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The finding aid is comprised in 2 parts:

1. The Pella Collection in Special Collections
2. Other Pella materials in Special Collections

Scope note: Beth Derderian (SOAN/Museum Studies), Siavash Samei (SOAN/Archaeology), and Marianne Wardle (CWAM) began the Pella @ Wooster project in 2022. The goals were to fully catalogue the materials in various depositories around the college. Since 2023 we have engaged students in this work as part of a new museum studies initiative (the impetus behind Derderian's hire). Sophomore research assistants and the students in Collections Research: Pella (Spring 2024) assisted in the creation of the below inventory with the support of Wardle and Denise Monbarren (Special Collections). Given that the Pella materials across the College have historically been unprocessed and formally not accessioned to Special Collections or CWAM, the below document shall serve to delineate what constitutes the Pella Collections in Special Collections at the College of Wooster. Objects and documents not outlined below are not considered part of Special Collections; additional materials reside in the Archaeology Lab in Kauke Hall and in the museum storage facility in Ebert Hall. Use of the Collections and access to them is outlined in the ["Guidelines for Use & Study in the Pella Collections at the College of Wooster"](#) document.

Notes in italics after an entry, usually the title of a folder, indicate BD's description of contents, based on May 2025 inventory of materials (5/15/25).

1. The Pella Collection in Special Collections

Box 1

"Factfile" folio with individual object photos from 1967
Illustrations from *Pella Volume 1*
Misc items not used in *Pella Volume 1*
History – general *scans of references*
Description & exploration *scans of references*
Ill – not used *copies of photos and maps*
Misc *miscellaneous notes & photocopies*
Illustrations from *Pella vol 2*
Historical Sources – Iron Age & Hellenistic"
Meaning of 'Pihil'
Nat. Hist. *notes, photos, references on natural history of Pella*
Historical sources – Bronze Age

Historical Sources – Byzantine & Islamic
Historical Sources - Roman
East Cemetery *notes, object lists, correspondence w/ Smithsonian re bones*
West Cemetery *notes, correspondence (early, 1960s)*
Pella in History
Historical Sources – Crusader to Modern

Box 2

Wooster Alumni magazine, 1967
Articles w/ RHS handwritten notes
List of slides on loan to RHS, 1984
Envelopes with small pictures (*not registered*)
Box of photos of Australian work at Sydney
Pella site overview - color photographs
Correspondence with Robert Bull
Large folders with photographs (1967), numbered 1, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39 etc thru 149
Negatives marked L1-30 (5x7 size)

Box 3

Pella of the Decapolis Vol I (2 copies)
Pella in Jordan I – Plates & Illustrations
Pella in Jordan I
Pella in Jordan II

Box 4

Photos from *Pella Vol II* (mixed)
Negatives L-30 (n.d.), L-32 (1988)
Folder with color photographs from Pella (1967)
Box of negatives 1a-37a (n.d.)
Folder with slides L-31 to L-84 (n.d.)
Unlabeled folders with photos, illustrations, maps (n.d.)
Drawings & photographs of Chancel screen (32225) in Area IV (n.d.)
“Pella” slides (1980)

Box 5

Binder (red) with coin information & coin list
Master contact prints, 340-380 (1983)
Master Contact Prints, 381-end (1983)
Master Contact Prints, 264-339 (1981-82)
Transparencies of plates, mixed
Envelope with Pella coin lists

Box 6

Object registry cards: 60000-62026 (1982)

Object registry cards: 42000-42645 (1980)

Object registry cards: 1-468 (1979)

Object registry cards: 50025, 52000-52274 (1982)

Object registry cards: 30000-30149, 32000-32229 (1980)

Object registry cards: 72456+ (1984; in plastic, unopened)

Object registry cards: 72588+ (1984; in plastic, unopened)

**These cards are copies from the Australian digs; the object numbers do not correspond to Wooster's seriation*

Box 7

Tombs (1979) excavation notebook

Area I, Plots T, V, & W (1980) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Trial Trench I (1979) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Plots A-D (1979) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Plot F (1980) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Plot G (1980) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Plot D-E (1980) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Plot H (1980) excavation notebook

Area VIII (1983) excavation notebook

Area VIII, Area Supervisor (1980) excavation notebook

Area IX (1979) excavation notebook *includes copy of Area IX (1980) report*

Area IX, All plots except T (1980) excavation notebook

Area IX, Plot T (1980) excavation notebook

Area IX (1981) excavation notebook

Area XI (1980) excavation notebook

Area XI (1980) folder *includes references to bones*

Area XIV (1981) excavation notebook

Box 8

Photo & film log notebook, March 1979

Master Contact Prints 150-221 (1979-80) *including film logs*

Master Contact Prints 1-130 (1967-1978)

Master contact prints: 222-263 (1980)

Area I, Plot P (1979) excavation notebook

Plates, mixed (appear to be 25xxx series, 1979)

Box 9

Area IX, Plots BS-BW (1983) notebook & reports

Area IX, Plots M, N, BH, Q, R, S (1983) notebook

Area VIII (1981) notebook

Enlarged photographs of coins (*comparative; not Pella coins*)

Transparencies of plates, 1967-1981 (*loose*)

Box 10

Correspondence between RHS & Leslie Day re: publication of *Pella Vol III* (1982-1995)

Plans and maps of the site, all areas (1980-1999)

List of photos and drawings needed (1980-1999)

Photographs from OARDC

Illustrations: Area I

Illustrations: Area VIII

Illustrations: Area XXVII

Illustrations: Area X & XIII

Illustrations: Area XXV

Illustrations: Artifacts

List of “to do at Pella”

Library check – bibliography for *Pella Vol III* (1989)

Notes and map of Area I Plot V on invoice for *Pella Vol I*

Area VIII Photographs & drawings

Area X notes, maps and drawings

Area XIII maps, notes, photos, correspondence (1981)

Area XIV – Chalcolithic Settlement notes & articles

Area XXV – EB-LB Sounding notes

Artifacts – Chapter IV Pottery notes, and a list of pottery terms

Area XXII – Desert Kite notes (1980)

Early Bronze Data articles

Middle-Late Bronze data – notes and articles (ca. 1985)

Iron Age Data – notes and correspondence (1980s)

Hellenistic Pottery – notes, annotated documents, slides (ca. 1988)

Roman Period Data – handwritten notes

Byzantine Data – notes

Transjordanian ware – diagrams, notes, articles

Umayyad Data – notes on Area VIII (1986)

Kohler Reports – reports and correspondence with Ilse Kohler, zoology and animal bone documentation (1990)

Zoology at Pella – correspondence with Giraud Foster

Immersion technique for inscriptions: notes, photographs, brochures (1979)

Master Pella Bibliography (1984) – *list of excavations at Pella*

Area I

Hellenistic data

MB-LB scarabs from tombs

Box 11

Area VIII (Rodriguez, 1979) excavation notebook

Area XXV (1983) excavation notebook and final report
Area VIII (Cannon, 1981) excavation notebook
Area VIII (Niemi, 1981) excavation notebook
Box with four empty object card binders
Binder enlarger kit
Black binder with plates 25xxx and up, annotated by Smith (*Pella Vol III*)

Box 12

Negatives of *Pella in Jordan 1, 2*; sketches for publication
Area II, Plots B-H (1967) excavation notebook
Area II, Plot A, Tombs 1 & 4 (1967) excavation notebook *2 copies; red binder original, black binder is photocopy*
Area I, Plot M-N (1967) excavation notebook
Draft of chapter on Pella coins (*labeled as Area I, Plot Q (1967) excavation notebook*)
Draft of Ch2, Early texts and maps relating to Pella (*labeled as Area I, Plot A (1967) excavation notebook*)
Area I, West Church Plots O-U (1967) excavation notebook
Area VIII, Plots W, X, Y & Probe (1983) excavation notebook
Master Contact Prints for Plates 75-225

Box 13 (A)

Area 1 Stratum dating paperwork (1967)
Registry and basket number list (1967)
Area I, Plots A-L excavation notebook (1967)

Box 14 (B)

Loose photographs, drawings and maps, mixed dates, some mounted (mostly 1967)

Box 15C

Object cards, 25771-25941 (1979) *not entered into main object registry, as they include soundings but no object data*
RHS terms for pottery descriptions and sherd groups
Bourke's (1989) Area XXXII Excavation Report
Walmsley, Bourke, Edwards & Tidmarsh "the Pottery Neolithic period" article
Copies of object cards 45001-45275 (on 8.5x11; 1981)
Draft of Ch4, Middle & Late Bronze Ages including artifacts (author unlisted)

Box 16

Box of Pella plates (*photographs glued to paper*)
Copies of plate illustrations (*annotated; all years*)

Box 17

Object cards 65001-65792 (on 8.5x11; 1983)

Box 18

Photographs of site and excavation, in folders numbered: 230-239; 240-249; 250-259; 260-269; 270-279; 280-289; 290;299; 300-309; 310-319; 320-329; 330-339 (*likely 1981, due to notes in folder 300-309. Roll & shot #s written on reverse*).

Box 19 (G)

Photographs, numbered 150-159; 160-169; 170-179; 180-189; (190-199); 200-209; 210-219 (**originally named “photographs from wooden file cabinet”; mixed years*)

Box 20 (H)

Envelope with color landscape photos of site

Photographs in folders numbered 340-349; 350-359; 360-269; 370-379; 380-389; 390-399; 400-409; 410-419; 420-429 (*possibly 1983, due to dating in folder 410-419*).

Box 21

Area and plot unknown, object cards (1979)

Area I, Plots A-T object cards (*sorted by plot not sequentially*)

Box 22

Area I, Plot U object cards

Area I, various plots – object cards

Amman Museum (incl. ASOR Sounding at Pella (1958) cards)

Area II, Plot A object cards

 MB II Stratum object cards

 Cist folder object cards

 Libation tube object cards

 Tomb 4, Ext 2-3 object Cards

Area II, Plot B object cards

 Tomb 2 object cards

 Tomb 2, Level 1 object cards

 Tomb 2, Level 3 object cards

Area II, Plot C object cards

Area II, Plot D object cards

Area II, Plot E object cards

 Tomb 5 object cards

 Tomb 5, Chamber folder, Level 3 object cards

 Tomb 5, Grave 1 object cards

 Tomb 5, Grave 2 object cards

Area II, Plot G object cards

 Tomb 6, Chamber object cards

 Tomb 6, Grave 1 object cards

Tomb 6, Grave 2 object cards
Area II, Plot H object cards
Tomb 7 object cards
Tomb 7, Chamber object cards
All 1967

Box 23

Area II, Plot A, Byzantine Stratum & Tomb 1 object cards (1967)

Box 24

Area II, Plot H object cards incl. Dump Group A-E, Tomb 8, Chamber, Grave 1-3 & 10 (1967)
Area VI Object cards (1981)
Area VII, Tombs 9-13 Object cards (1979)

Box 25

Area VII Str. 1-4, Corpus A object cards (1979)

Box 26

Area VIII, Corpus B & Str. 5 Object Cards (1980)

Box 27

Area VIII, Str 6-10 object cards (1983)
Area IX, Plots A-D, F, G, T, AB, AD, BE, BH, BU, BW, 1, 2A-C, 3B & AB (1983) object cards
Area IX, Loci 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 object cards (1983)

Box 28

Area IX, Loci 17-20, 22, 24-25, 27, 29, 30-31, 33, 36-38, 41-46, 49-50, 52, 55, 57, 58, 61-74, 64, 76, 77 object cards
Sounding object cards

Box 29

Area IX
Plot Q Locus 78, 93 Object cards (1983)
Plot BT Loci 80, 83, 84 object cards (1983)
Plot BS Locus 82 object cards (1983)
Plot BU Loci 95, 96, 103 object cards (1983)
Plot R Loci 85, 88, 94, 101, 102, 105 object cards (1983)
Plot U Locus 89 object cards (1983)
Area X (1979) object cards
Area XI (1980) object cards
Area XIII (1981) object cards

Area XIV (1981) object cards
Area XXV, Neolithic (1983) object cards
Area XXV, Chalcolithic (1983) object cards

Box 30

Area XXV, Early Mid & Late Bronze (1983) object cards
Area XXV, “uncertain” (n.d.) object cards
Other areas, unstratified object cards

Box 31

Blueprints and maps, Area I, Plot T (1980)

Box 32

Biblical Archaeology posters with Pella photo on them (4 copies)

Box 33

Pella (1980) area/wall survey map
Assorted blueprints & drawings, mostly Civic Complex (Area IX)

Box 34

Plot and elevation scroll maps, plots A-U (illustrated by Oliver Unwin, 1967)

Box 35

Artifact renderings 25xxx (1979 season) on graph paper

Box: Pella of the Decapolis Artwork

Relocated from the Kauke Archaeology Lab, Summer 2019

Loose materials “most likely to support Pella of the Decapolis”

*Including: renderings, drawings, maps and sketches of columns, mosaics,
Area I Plot V (1980) map, final drawings from 1983, legend for soil in N. Baulk
area VIII, negatives, rubbings*

Note: as of 6/5/24, Boxes 36 and 37, containing the coins excavated in 1967, were moved to CWAM to consolidate coin collection.

Box 38

Materials once housed at CWAM, moved to Special Collections summer 2024

Box with plate lists and artifact drawings for Pella of the Decapolis Vol III

Faunal remains recording sheets (1983)

Receipts

Summary of materials from Vivian Holliday (*note: not all listed are present*)

Correspondence RHS and Stephen Bourke and draft article on trephinated skulls

Printout of Pella Vol II Intro with corrections annotated
Negatives (97) of artifact plates for *Pella Vol III*
Tombs 9-15 maps and artifact plates, unnumbered
Iron II plates

Box 39

Materials once housed at CWAM, moved to Special Collections summer 2024
Blank object cards
Correspondence re bone, plant, coin samples
“The Petrographic Analysis of Ancient Pella Pottery” IS by Robert W. MacLeod ‘74
Misc notes by RHS, *incl draft of Chapter VI Pottery & Small Artifact, reference articles, draft annual report of 1981 season, proofs of Pella Vol II sections, draft plates (annotated)*
Petrographic analysis table (*including specimens from 1980, 1981, and 1983*)
Numismatics at Pella folder (*negatives & photographs*)
Student work from excavations
 Plot M Excavation Report (1983)
 Plots BT & BW Excavation Report (likely 1983)
 Area VIII, Plot Y Excavation Report (1983)
 Area IX, Plots N, S, U and BH Excavation Report (likely 1983)
 Plot BS excavation report (likely 1983)
 Area VIII, Plot X and Probe 220 excavation report (1983)
10x petrographic plates (*no text/dates*)
Notes and correspondence re: potential buyers for *Pella Vol III*
Draft article on the maize cob found at Pella
Pella forms & originals (*faunal remains sheet, excavation notes, cranial metrics sheet, skeletal inventory sheet, burial recovery form, travel information, conditions of participation*)
“Chipped stone tools from Pella” by Gary Rollefson & correspondence (1980s)
Botany at Pella: *notes and correspondence* (1980s)
Environment: *notes, articles, Koucky manuscript, RHS notes*
Marble chancel screens at Pella: *references and film negatives*
Pella’s name and ass trade: *draft articles and references*
Geology & climate: *Ewan Campbell report (1980) & correspondence, references*
Amphora handles at Pella: *notes, drafts, correspondence, references*
Reference articles & photographs of mosaics
Smith’s writing: Pella article in *Archaeology* (1981) 34 (5) and draft “Cancelli at Pella” article

2. Other Pella materials in Special Collections, Faculty & Misc. Files

Faculty Box 195

Faculty – Smith, X-refs
Faculty – Smith, Addresses (1985)
Faculty, Smith, Clippings about (1963-1983)
Faculty – Smith, Clippings by (1961- 1968)
Faculty – Smith, Correspondence about (1967-1992)
Faculty – Smith, Correspondence from (1964-1992)
Faculty – Smith, Correspondence to (1980-1990)
Faculty – Smith, Manuscripts about (1964?-1981?)
Faculty – Smith, Manuscripts by (1964 -1979)
Faculty – Smith, Photographs
Faculty – Smith, Press Releases (1x Nat Geo Society)
Faculty – Smith, Programs (1967)
Faculty – Smith, Proposals (1984-1988)
Faculty – Smith, Reports (1980-1990)
Faculty – Smith, Syllabi (Palestinian Archaeology 1977)

MISC 106a

Pella - Correspondence [about], 1965-1969: financial information, book publication, contacts w/ press

MISC 106b

Pella – Correspondence [about] 1970-1971: re: book funding, corresp. w/ Drushal, financial correspondence

MISC 106c

Pella – Flyers, Pamphlets, 1968-1982
Pella – Correspondence [about], 1980-1983

MISC 106d

Pella – Photographs, 1966-1983/1984
Pella – Press releases, 1971-1999: incl Pella exhibitions
Pella – Programs, 1980
Pella – Proposals, 1965-1966
Pella – Reports, 1967 – 1994: includes Director's Reports
Pella – Slide show notes, 1967
Pella – Transcripts: notes from call with Vivian Bull in 1972