

MS-659: Dr. Robert Riordan Collection of Miami Valley Archaeological Surveys

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Dates: 1975-2014 (Bulk 1975-1998)

Creator: Riordan, Robert V.

Summary/Abstract:

This collection consists of approximately 70 archaeological surveys undertaken by Dr. Robert V. Riordan Professor Emeritus in the Wright State University Anthropology Department. A portion of the archaeological surveys were completed by Wright State University students through the Anthropology Department's Archaeological Field School. Dr. Riordan completed the remaining surveys as a private contractor.

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged chronologically by date of publication.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Dr. Robert V. Riordan is a distinguished archaeologist. He received his BA in Sociology & Anthropology from Colgate University in 1968 and completed his PhD in Anthropology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale in 1975. In the fall of 1976, Dr. Riordan started teaching in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. He later became the chair of the department. He's academic focus was on the mound-building Hopewell culture. Dr. Riordan, now Professor Emeritus, retired in 2014. He worked for Wright State University for nearly 40 years.

Dr. Riordan taught an archaeological field school every summer at Wright State. Many of the surveys in this collection came from those summer field schools. The remaining surveys were completed by Dr. Riordan as a private contractor. Contract archaeology became increasingly necessary in the late-1960s with the passing of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Section 106 of the Act dictates that organizations must submit to a review process for all federally funded and federally permitted projects that could impact sites listed on, or qualified for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places. Many archaeologists joined or started Cultural Resource Management (CRM) firms or worked independently as contractors to fill the growing need for archaeological surveys on federally funded or permitted projects. The privately contracted archaeological surveys in this collection likely were conducted due to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Scope and Content Note:

The archaeological surveys predominately focus on sites in the Miami Valley in Ohio, with the exception of one survey conducted in Tennessee. The reports were created for various city, county, and state departments as well as private organizations (especially Ralph L. Woolpert engineering and surveying firm in Dayton). The surveys generally consist of an abstract, description of environmental setting, literature review, description of cultural setting, field methods, results, and recommendations. The surveys also include maps and photographs of the surveyed areas.

The early archaeological surveys dated 1975-1982, 1987-1988, and 2006-2014 were completed by Dr. Riordan with help from Wright State University students through the Anthropology Department's Archaeological Field School. These surveys are labeled "Laboratory of Anthropology, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio." The remaining surveys, dated from 1983-1986 and 1989-2000, were completed by Dr. Riordan as a private contractor and not as a representative of Wright State University. There several years in the collection without any surveys including: 1979, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2001-2006, 2008, 2010, 2011.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Riordan, Robert V., 1946-

Organizations/Corporate Names

Wright State University. Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Places

Miami Valley (Ohio) -- Antiquities

Subjects (General)

Archaeological surveying -- Ohio

Archaeology -- Ohio

Material Types

Surveys (documents)

Occupations

Anthropologists

Archaeologists

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Archaeological Testing of Sites on North Branch, Newfields New Community, Ohio	1975
1	2	Summary Field Report: The Wisner-Stephens I Site (40CF81), Tennessee, published by the Tennessee Valley Authority	1975
1	3	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the New Madison, Ohio, Facilities Planning Area, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1976 Nov.
1	4	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Hamilton Suburban Service Area, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1976 Dec.
1	5	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of East Fork Lake, Ohio	1976
1	6	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Clayton, Ohio, Facilities Planning Area, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 Jan.
1	7	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Lower Little Miami River Waste Water Treatment System Planning Area, Warren County, Ohio, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 Jan.
1	8	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the New Lebanon, Ohio, Facilities Planning Area, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 May
1	9	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Opossum Creek Facilities Planning Area, Montgomery County, Ohio, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 May
1	10	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Oldtown Creek Area, Greene County, Ohio, for City of Xenia Oldtown-Wilberforce Community Interceptor	1977 June
2	1	An Archaeological Assessment of Two Interceptor Routes for the Urbana Facility, for the City of Urbana	1977 June
2	2	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of Proposed Sewerage Facilities in the Vicinity of Spring Valley, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 Dec.
2	3	An Archaeological Survey of Proposed Wastewater Collection System Facilities Alignments: Lower Little Miami River Area, Warren County, Ohio, for Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1977 Dec.
2	4	An Archaeological Survey of Selected Alignments of the Proposed New Madison, Ohio, Facilities Plan, submitted to Ralph L. Woolpert Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1978 Dec.
2	5	An Archaeological Survey of Selected Alignments of the	1978 Dec.

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		Proposed Union City, Ohio, Facilities Plan, submitted to Mote-Garrison and Associates, Inc. (Greenville, Ohio)	
2	6	An Archaeological Survey of Proposed Route 35 Interchanges and Widening, submitted to Barrett, Cargo, Withers, and Associates, Ltd. (Chillicothe, Ohio)	1980 June
2	7	An Archaeological Survey and Assessment of the Chautauqua Road Bridge Replacement, submitted to Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff (Cleveland, Ohio)	1980 Aug.
2	8	An Archaeological Testing of Carriage Hill Reserve, submitted to the Dayton-Montgomery County Park District	1981 Feb.
2	9	A Phase I Literature Search and Phase II Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Troy Wastewater Systems Improvements, submitted to Clyde E. Williams and Associates, Inc., and the City of Troy and Miami County	1981 Apr.
2	10	An Archaeological Investigation of the Proposed North Regional Wastewater Systems Improvements, submitted to the Miami Conservancy District	1981 Aug.
2	11	An Archaeological Literature Search and Reconnaissance for the Indian Hill Subdivision, Gratis, Preble County, Ohio, submitted to North Construction Company	1981 Aug.
2	12	An Archaeological Reconnaissance for the Bellefontaine Community Park, Logan County, Ohio, submitted to Design Enterprise Limited	1981 Oct.
3	1	An Archaeological Survey of Beaver Creek Valley, submitted to the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (Columbus, Ohio)	1982 May
3	2	An Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Housing Tract in Beavercreek, Ohio, submitted to Be-Am-Co, Inc. (Dayton, Ohio)	1983 June
3	3	An Archaeological Survey of the Union Road Realignment and Bridge Replacement in Miami and Jefferson Townships, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert Consultant (Dayton, Ohio)	1983 July
3	4	An Archaeological Survey of an Industrial Park Site, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Design Enterprise, Ltd. (Dayton, Ohio)	1983 Oct.
3	5	An Archaeological Survey of an Urbana, Ohio, Storm Sewer Route, submitted to City of Urbana	1984 Jan.
3	6	An Archaeological Survey of the Breiel Boulevard Extension, Middletown, Ohio, submitted to the City of Middletown	1984 Apr.
3	7	An Archaeological Survey of the Baker Road Bridge Replacement, Shelby County, Ohio, submitted to Shelby County, Ohio	1984 Oct.
3	8	The Pollock Works: Report on the 1982 and 1983 Field Seasons	1984

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3	9	An Archaeological Survey of Runway Expansions at Dayton International Airport, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Aviation Planning Associates, Inc. (Cincinnati, Ohio)	1984 Dec.
3	10	An Archaeological Survey of the Dog Leg Road Realignment, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Lockwood, Jones, and Beals	1984 Dec.
3	11	An Archaeological Survey of the Eastern Regional Relief Sewers, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Montgomery County Sanitary Engineering Department	1985 Sept.
3	12	An Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Beaver Creek Sewer System, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Shaw, Weiss, and DeNaples	1986 Jan.
3	13	An Archaeological Survey of the East Lockington Road Realignment and Bridge Replacement, Shelby County, Ohio, submitted to Shelby County Engineer's Office (Sidney, Ohio)	1986 Feb.
3	14	An Archaeological Survey of the Germantown-Liberty Road Bridge Replacement, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Montgomery County Engineer's Office	1986 Mar.
3	15	An Archaeological Survey of the Conifers Development, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Oberer Development Co. (Dayton, Ohio)	1986 June
3	16	An Archaeological Survey of the Lofino and Seaman Parks, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Greene County Recreation and Parks Department and City of Beaver Creek	1986 June
3	17	An Archaeological Survey of the Greenville Technology Inc. Plant and Utilities, Darke County, Ohio, submitted to City of Greenville	1986 Oct.
3	18	An Archaeological Survey of the Victory Express Inc. Truck Terminal Facility, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Board of Clark County Commissioners and Victory Express, Inc.	1987 June
4	1	An Archaeological Survey of the Warren Grimes Bikeway in Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, submitted to City of Urbana	1987 June
4	2	An Archaeological Survey of the South Montgomery County Bikeway Extension, submitted to Shaw, Weiss, and DeNaples (Dayton, Ohio)	1987 Sept.
4	3	An Archaeological Survey of a Wastewater Treatment Plant Site near Fort Loramie, Shelby County, Ohio, submitted to Design Enterprise Ltd. (Dayton, Ohio)	1987 Nov.
4	4	An Archaeological Survey of portions of the Mound Facility, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Monsanto Research Corporation (Miamisburg, Ohio)	1987 Dec.
4	5	The Bell Works: 1986 Archaeological Excavations at a	1987

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		Greene County Enclosure	
4	6	Phase III Excavations at the Achilles Hill Site, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Wright State University	1988 Jan.
4	7	An Archaeological Survey of the Opossum Creek Force Main, Phase II, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Montgomery County Sanitary Department (Dayton, Ohio)	1988 Feb.
4	8	An Archaeological Survey of the Eagle City Road Realignment and Bridge Replacement, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Clark County Engineer	1988 Apr.
4	9	An Archaeological Survey of the Middletown River Corridor Deposition Areas, Butler County, Ohio, submitted to City of Middletown	1988 July
4	10	An Archaeological Survey of the S.R. 741 Widening Project, Montgomery and Warren Counties, Ohio, submitted to City of Springboro	1988 Dec.
4	11	An Archaeological Survey of the Snider Road Realignment and Bridge Replacement, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Clark County Engineer	1989 May
4	12	An Archaeological Survey of the Williamson Road Bridge Replacement, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Greene County Engineer (Xenia, Ohio)	1989 May
4	13	An Archaeological Survey of the Bellbrook Crossing Development, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Oberer Development Company (Dayton, Ohio)	1989 Nov.
4	14	An Archaeological Survey of the Old Mill Road Realignment and Bridge Replacement, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Clark County Engineer	1990 Aug.
4	15	An Archaeological Survey of the Indian Lake Facilities Plan Update, Logan County, Ohio, submitted to Floyd Browne Associates, Inc. (Marion, Ohio), and Logan County Commissioners	1991 June
4	16	An Archaeological Survey of Water Intake and Utility Lines for the Country Club of the North, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to NBL Development Group (Dublin, Ohio)	1991 Oct.
5	1	A Review of the Archaeological Literature for a proposed Golf Course in Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon (Miamisburg, Ohio)	1991 Dec.
5	2	An Archaeological Survey of a proposed Golf Course in Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon (Miamisburg, Ohio)	1992 Apr.
5	3	An Archaeological Survey of the proposed Yankee Trace Lake in Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to	1992 Oct.

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		Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon (Miamisburg, Ohio)	
5	4	An Archaeological Survey of the Hartman Drive Storm Sewer in Alpha, City of Beavercreek, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to City of Beavercreek	1995 Oct.
5	5	An Archaeological Survey of the Carriage by the Lake Park in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District	1995 Oct.
5	6	A Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Miller Brothers Property, Englewood MetroPark, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Five River MetroParks	1996 Apr.
5	7	An Archaeological Survey of the Cedarville Park, Cedarville Township, Greene County, Ohio, submitted to Greene County Department of Recreation and Parks (Xenia, Ohio)	1996 May
5	8	Phase I Archaeological Investigations at the Scitex Property, Miami Valley Research Park, Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert (Dayton, Ohio)	1996 Aug.
5	9	Phase I Archaeological Investigations at the Miami Valley Research Park, Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert (Dayton, Ohio)	1996 Aug.
5	10	Phase I Archaeological Investigations at the Residenz Inn Tract, Concord Township, Miami County, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert Consultants (Dayton, Ohio)	1996 Nov.
5	11	Phase I Archaeological Investigations at a 100-Acre Tract in the Miami Valley Research Park, Kettering, Montgomery County, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert Consultants (Dayton, Ohio)	1996 Nov.
5	12	An Archaeological Survey of the Museum Tract, George Rogers Clark Park, Clark County, Ohio, submitted to Clark County Park District (Springfield, Ohio)	1997 July
5	13	A Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Coldwater Creek Road Bridge Replacement, Mercer County, Ohio, submitted to Woolpert LLP (Dayton, Ohio)	1998 Nov.
5	14	A Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Ellis Park Bikeway Connector, Greene County, Ohio, including a Literature Review and Preliminary Field Assessment, submitted to Greene County Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Arts Department (Xenia, Ohio)	2000 Dec.
5	15	Report on the Excavations of the Moorehead Circle at Fort Ancient, 2006, submitted to the Ohio Historical Society	2007 Mar.
6	1	Report on the Excavations of the Moorehead Circle at Fort Ancient, 2007, submitted to the Ohio Historical Society	2009 Feb.
6	2	Report on the Excavations of the Moorehead Circle at Fort Ancient, 2011, submitted to the Ohio Historical Society	2012 July

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6	3	Report on the Excavations of the Moorehead Circle at Fort Ancient, 2012, submitted to the Ohio Historical Society	2013 May
6	4	Report on the Excavations of the Moorehead Circle at Fort Ancient, 2013, submitted to the Ohio Historical Society	2014 May