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Small circular stone mortar and pestle, before 1850 Id: 1991.1.168
Object/Artifact
Acc. No. 1991.1.168 A & B Subject Category: Native Americans of Alameda Date or Period: before 1850 Object: Mortar and pestle, stone Description: Hollowed out granite stone mortar (A) and dark grey stone pestle (B). Size: (A) D 8 1/2 x H 2 1/4 to 3 1/4 inches. (B) L 5 3/4 x D 3 1/4 inches. History: Stone mortar and pestle found in one of Alameda's mounds. Part of a collection of objects found in the largest Shellmound, also known as Sather's Mound in Alameda, or smaller mounds. The excavations at Sather's Mound were carried out in 1908 by Captain Clark, an amateur anthropologist. The items were donated to the Alameda Free Library, and passed on to the museum when the museum moved to a separate location. Acquired from: unknown Date: before 1991



Title:
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Round stone mortar and pestle, before 1850 Id: 1991.1.171
Object/Artifact
Acc. No. 1991.1.171 A & B Subject Category: Native Americans of Alameda Date or Period: before 1850 Object: Mortar and pestle, stone Description: (A) Smoothly shaped mortar, almost symmetrical and visually circular, with wide grinding area. Rim is chipped. Size: D 9 1/4 x H 6 to 7 1/2 inches. Rim 1 inch. (B) Pestle of a dark grey stone with one end diagonally sheared off. Pestle has a mostly illegible Alameda Historical Museum label/sticker on it. Perhaps: "[...]INDIAN[...]" "[...]FOUND IN M[...]ON" "MOUND St." " 717 CYPRESS AVE"

"1585[?]" "Alameda[...]" Size: L 9 3/4 x D 2 1/2 inches. History: Stone mortar and pestle found in one of Alameda's mounds. The information on the pestle can be connected to a donation documented in the museum records: Subject: One Indian Mortar and Pestle. Date received: April 1954. Unfortunately, as a result of earlier inattention there is no further description, and as a result of later inattention during moves and minor catastrophes, it is not certain the mortar and pestles are together anymore, and the connection has been lost. Part of a collection of objects found in the largest Shellmound, also known as Sather's Mound in Alameda, or smaller mounds. The excavations at Sather's Mound were carried out in 1908 by Captain Clark, an amateur anthropologist. The items were donated to the Alameda Free Library, and passed on to the museum when the museum moved to a separate location. Date: April 1954 Mortar Acquired from: unknown Date: before 1991

Notes: 6/30/2020 MvL: The label has suffered water damage when a pipe in the museum burst. Any accession numbering of the mortars and pestles was lost and has been redone.

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machine made?

Condition:

was this reported to the city?

186 items
only 2
not taken
from shellmounds

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