

## Ceramics

On an archaeology dig we find many different kinds of artifacts. What you find depends on the type of site you are working on. In Africville, at the Seaview Church location, we were working on a site from the early twentieth century, when that church was constructed and we had several decades to explore and to link artifacts to as we uncovered things and tried to identify our findings.

One of the most common groups of artifacts we found at Africville were ceramics. And when I say “ceramics”, I basically mean broken fragments of dishes, bottles, ceramic bottles, containers and bowls and things that would be used in food serving, food storage, beverage serving, beverage storage, *et cetera*.

So, we found a variety of ceramics with a full range of decorations and labels and by excavating those, cleaning them, studying them, we were able to begin to put together the story of the Seaview Church.

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