Lessons from Our Legacy

Uncovering Keyaauwe, the North Carolina Archaeological Society's first excavation, 1936

"The purpose of this excavation is not so much to find Indian material as it is to increase the interest of the members and other citizens of the state in the problems of archaeology. In too many cases collectors, 'amateur archaeologists,' and professional archaeologists place too much emphasis on the finding of 'relics,' and in doing so lose sight of the real problems which they are digging to solve."

"The finding of a handful of potsherds, broken implements, charcoal, and broken bones in a carefully excavated refuse pit will tell more about the life of the people than a dozen perfect pots or axes obtained from careless digging."


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