RARE TUBULAR PIPE FROM THE SCHISLER SITE

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Found in 1946 by Philip Kientz at the Schisler village site, Lucasville, Scioto County, Ohio, this unusual Catlinite/pipestone tubular pipe, measures 3.45 inches in length, 1.13 inches diameter at the stem end, .99 inches diameter at the bowl. The pipe was perforated by solid stick drilling method in two stages, with .67 inches first stage diameter at the bowl, and the second stage perforation exiting the stem at .51 inches diameter.

Approximately 1.22 from the end of the bowl, a surrounding cut is incised. From this point the pipe tapers toward the stem to approximately .75 inches in diameter. The overall tubular artifact is highly polished. The bowl orifice shows minor interior nicks, probably from frequent removal of smoking substances.

This pipe was cataloged as Pipe #31 in the collection of Dan Stroud of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Stroud was a personal friend with Mr. Kientz and received it from him. The Schisler village site was predominantly Ft. Ancient and there is reason to believe that this artifact is in fact Ft. Ancient related.

NEW REGIONAL COLLABORATOR

Scott Yerkes of Fairfield, Ohio, has been appointed as a Regional Collaborator for the Archaeological Society of Ohio. The Regional Collaborator Committee was formed many years ago so that local people could inform our Society of important events, excavations, finds and discoveries in their home area. Those of our members in southeastern Ohio with local information can contact Scott at 513-313-7279.