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NOTE: The following photographs were taken using a hand-held iPhone 7 using natural light sometimes augmented with a single 150W flood lamp. The photos capture the Deats/Thatcher collection in the manner in which they were found, except for some small adjustments to separate bunched pieces on cabinet shelves or in drawers. We assume that the arranged display of these artifacts mostly reflect the intent of the named originators, but recognize that they have been previously handled and perhaps augmented by former HCHS agents for public display at other locations. Many artifacts depicted below in the Library collection have been recently relocated to the River Road facility as a result of professional cataloguing and archiving.
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CABINETS 6 and 7
and loose items on pallets

3 BOXES OF MATERIAL COLLECTED BY NORMAN WITTWER
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SHELVES 1 (TOP) to 6 (BOTTOM)

27 Wooden Boxes and Drawers, 1 Plastic Bag, 1 Glass Jar
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CABINET 6 SHELVES 1 to 4

7 GOLD MEDAL wood boxes (GMWB)
11 Cigar Boxes (CB)
3 Miscellaneous wooden boxes (WB)
1 Glass Jar 1 (GJ)
1 Plastic Bag
2 Wooden Drawers
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CABINET 6 SHELVES 3 to 6

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Two knives of the prevailing form and white flint.

20 broken flint implements - see longer label.

20 broken flint implements of various kinds from the Arkansas River valley between Boonesville and Fort Smith. Found on village sites by Henry Griffin. These are not worth putting in collections but were found by him and may be used by you for exchange purposes. They give an idea of the material.

All this collection from sites along the Arkansas River between Fort Smith, Ark., and Boonesville, Ark.

Hammer-stone or nuce in the Ark. Rv. Valley.

[Image of artifacts with handwritten notes]
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HCHS Deats/Thatcher Native American Collection

The Hiram E. Deats Native American Collection represents hundreds of artifacts that Deats purchased from all over the world or found or traded locally, beginning in the 1880s. It also includes a collection from John Capner Thatcher of primarily local finds. The collection is currently being cataloged and will be added to the HCHS online searchable database.
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Large saprolite vessel
Large earthen mortar
Large trap-rock boulder

Long argillite pestle
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