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Scrapers from El Cuartelejo, 14SC1

Shown are 11 scrapers that were recovered from the El Cuartelejo site in Scott County. The scrapers were made of a variety of cherts including Smoky Hill silicified chalk from western Kansas and Alibates agatized dolomite from the Canadian River valley in Texas. The scrapers may have been hafted onto a handle and used to scrape hides. They would have required periodic resharpening. The site, unique in Kansas, is the location of a seven room pueblo occupied by refugees from the Taos and Picuris pueblos in New Mexico in addition to Dismal River aspect groups (Apache). El Cuartelejo, also called the Scott County Pueblo, has been excavated and studied by many archeologists since 1898. These scrapers were recovered during the 1976 Kansas Archeology Training Program field school.

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