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Spur Heel Band from the Kaw Mission, 14MO368

This fragment of a spur was recovered during excavations at the 2018 Kansas Archeology Training Program at the Kaw Mission. Shown is the arm or heel band portion of a spur. Spurs are generally shaped to fit around the rider's ankle to direct a horse. Without the neck and rowel it is difficult to identify the spur type. The site, now called the Kaw Mission State Historic Site, was built over the winter of 1850 - 1851 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South as a school for boys in the Kaw (or Kansa) tribe. The site was acquired by the state of Kansas in 1951.

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