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19TH-CENTURY FEATURE CROSS SECTION



DECORATED CERAMICS

Linda Stone conducted supplemental documentary research and data recovery excavations along the path of a utility trench connecting City Hall to Chambers Street in Manhattan. The project was considered sensitive because of its location within the African Burial Ground National Historic Landmark and the African Burial Ground and Commons Historic District. In addition to the African Burial Ground Remains, the project area contained potential remains related to the burial of Revolutionary War prisoners and the burial of the dead from the Almshouse. Historic deposits were known to have dated to the 18th and 19th centuries.

Pockets of intact structural remains dating to the nineteenth century were identified, including remains of the Second Almshouse which was demolished in 1854. Artifacts dating to the Revolutionary War period and later were also recovered. Fragments of previously displaced human bone were also found, but within fill deposits and therefore they could not be identified with one of three historic burial places located in the vicinity.