

Research Experience

I do not have a degree in either history or archaeology. However, I am a lifelong history buff and enjoy finding prehistorical and historical artifacts. I do have experience doing historical research and locating archaeological sites. In 1968 I joined the Minnesota Archeological Society. We would excavate, and metal detect historical Indian villages, an 1862 Indian War battle site, and trading posts from the fur trade era with other amateur archeologists. We also walked farm fields looking for Indian arrowheads and artifacts. I found several fur trading posts, including one from the Hudson Bay Company from 1792, near Wadena, Minnesota. (*Wikipedia*: [Reaume's Trading Post](#)) Artifacts and field notes were donated to the Wadena Historical Society. The University of Minnesota later excavated this site. Others and I discovered several historical Indian and trading post sites in Minnesota. Many of the artifacts I found, and others found were donated to Institutions.

In North Dakota with other amateur archeologists, we excavated a 14th century Indian village site on the bank of the Missouri River that was going to soon be washed away.

I have over fifty-five years of experience in using a metal detector to find artifacts from the past. Half a dozen times; I have gone metal detecting to Europe for artifacts on Roman and Medieval occupation and battlefield sites with British and Italian metal detecting clubs.

Since 2016, my wife, Sonia, son, and grandsons and I have traveled to western Minnesota numerous times conducting fieldwork on The Kensington Runestone and the Haakon VI 1362 Expedition. Several new discoveries have been made.

Discovery in April 2025: We discovered the grave of the 10 Christian Martyrs as inscribed on the Kensington Runestone.

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A committee has been formed on how to proceed with this discovery. To learn more about our progress, just contact me.

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