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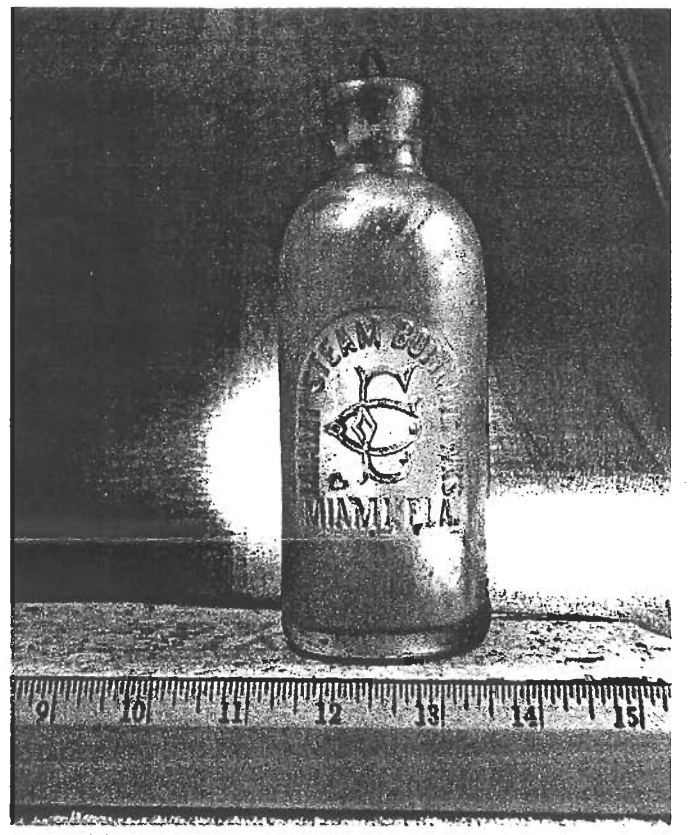
UPDATE ON MIAMI SITES with Gary Beiter

Gary Beiter, Dade County archaeologist, will present an informative program about the recently completed excavations and analyses of the Snapper Creek and Greynolds Park Archaeological Projects.

Gary will present detailed information about the artifacts and interesting discoveries made at both of the sites. One intriguing example is the pottery found on the Snapper Creek site. Special testing completed on this pottery has determined it was not procured from local clay deposits.

So mark your calendars to hear Gary Beiter speak Thursday, September 11th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue.

Contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 more information and Directions. Hope to see you there!



Miami Steam Bottling Works bottle of mystery...

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“MIAMI STEAM BOTTLING WORKS”
EARLY MIAMI SODA...Continued

Also found in this 1896-97 Business Directory under the heading of “Leading Business Firms” is one George Zapf ...

“Proprietor of the Seminole Hotel and block of business buildings, Seminole

Cigar Factory, wholesale and retail liquor dealer and agent of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association...”

CONNECTING THE DOTS...

The final connection for me was realized in the chance opportunity to re-examine the Steam bottles. In missing the mark (quite literally) the first go around, I did find some redemption in the very much-faded markings of “A B G M CO.” around the base of the bottle. This mark is important in that it was the bottling mark for Anheuser-Busch. Larry Wiggins was a big help in not only mentioning the Zapf name, but, by providing the points of reference shown above.

A CONCLUDED BIT OF SPECULATION...

Among the half dozen or so Miami Steam bottles that were collected, there were also a few blanks having the embossed tombstone design but without the added embossed emblem and lettering. This was initially confusing for me without the benefit of the connection above. The fact is that it was less costly for a bottler to buy a blank bottle and then to later apply a paper label describing its content. For the Zapf family with its contacts and distribution ability, an embossed bottle was not out of the question for the right buyer. Certainly the Hotel Miami would be the type of client that, at the very least, could provide this product to its guests – if not on a more exclusive basis.

This Miami Steam Bottling Works bottle tells a story. It was sold through the Hotel Miami at the time of its downfall and was distributed by a Zapf family bottling works in Miami. There is significance here. While the lifestyle and record of those businesses that defined Miami’s earliest days are becoming faded and seemingly left to a few repeated lines of text for the history books, it is nice to come across an artifact that offers us a new connection and clue to our unseen past.

ASSF monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35th Ave, 7:30 pm. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 for directions.

Upcoming speakers:

Oct.Rick Ferrer - South Dade
Preservation

Nov.Bob Carr – Scanning Methods

Dec.ASSF Christmas Dinner – no
meeting

If you have a speaker you’d like to refer please

W4YIH@earthlink.net or Pat Cervi at
pcerv@msn.com.

News From the Desk Of...

Bob Carr - Director of the
Archaeological and Historical
conservancy

One Miami Project - Work will continue for another six months to one year on this project. Nothing unusual has been excavated so far, but several interesting items have been found, including a stone celt and chert projectile point.

Also, work was recently finished on the preservation plan for the Trail Site.

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- Members of the Society agree to promote archaeological site preservation and conservation, to excavate only endangered sites as part of a qualified research group, to not excavate archaeological sites for the unscientific collecting of artifacts.
- All artifacts and material recovered from Society projects are the property of the Society.

ASSF OBJECTIVE:

To provide a formal means by which individuals and institutions interested in archaeological and anthropological studies in South Florida and related areas may come together for mutual benefit.

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 11th, 7:30 pm,
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