

**An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away: A Reanalysis of Seeds Recovered from Mobile's Banana Docks
Site 1MB564**

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Introduction

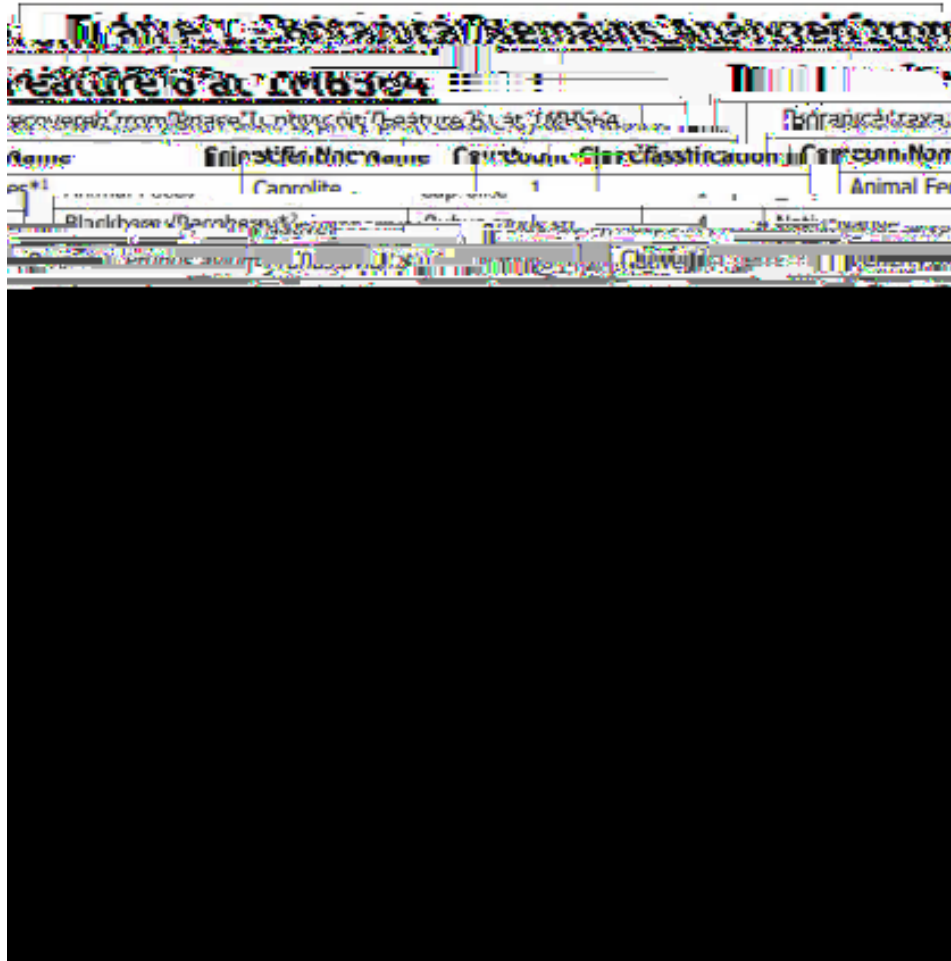
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Banana Docks History

The Mobile Banana Dock's were a large open-air city market constructed in 1857, six blocks north-northeast of site 1MB

Banana dock workers loading bananas. Erik Overbey Collection, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama.

Trains exported bananas north bound and returned south bound to Mobile with grapes and apples (Blejwas 2019;



Preliminary Findings

The botanical assemblage recovered from this privy contained a variety of fruits, specifically large quantities of muscadines and grapes. Future analysis can identify the grapes into further sub species used for Wine versus Table grapes.

This additional analysis will support the correlation between what these grapes were used for, and if there is any connection between the early Italian wine industry and these deposits.

Further analysis identified evidence of animal feces. This identification supports a hypothesis of fruit spoilage piles as trash dumps discarded near the privy likely attracting animals.