

Bernard Wailes Post Card collection

2052

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
Creator	Wailes, Bernard, 1934-
Title	Bernard Wailes Post Card collection
Call number	2052
Date [inclusive]	1957-1967
Extent	0.25 linear foot
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Bernard Wailes was born April 2, 1934 in St. Mawgan, Cornwall, England. He attended St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and graduated with a B.A. (with honors) in 1957. He did research in archaeology between 1957 and 1961 and earned a M.A. in 1961. Wailes instructed in Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania and became an assistant for the Mediterranean Section of the University Museum beginning in 1961, and a Research Associate for the Applied Science Center of Archaeology beginning in 1962. The collection consists of 276 post cards of places and objects from Wailes personal files.</p>

Biography/History

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College, Cambridge, and graduated with a B.A. (with honors) in 1957. He did research in archaeology between 1957 and 1961 and earned a M.A. in 1961. Wailes instructed in Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania and became an assistant for the Mediterranean Section of the University Museum beginning in 1961, and a Research Associate for the Applied Science Center of Archaeology beginning in 1962. In addition, Wailes was a member of the Prehistoric Society, the Royal Archaeological Institute (London University), Cornwall Archaeological Society, Society for Medieval Archaeology, Philadelphia Anthropological Society, and the Archaeological Institute of America. Wailes conducted field work in the British Isles (Mesolithic to Medieval) between 1952 and 1955. He was the director of excavations in the British Isles for sites from the Bronze Age to the Dark Age between 1955 and 1960, and conducted excavations in Great Britain and Field Research in France during the summer of 1963. Wailes work in the early 1960s included a directorship at the two year dig at Castle an Dinas, St. Columb Major in Cornwall. In the later 1960s, he assisted Charles Thomas at Sperry Quoit and worked at the twenty-year project at Gwithian. He received his Ph.D. from Cambridge in 1964 and then began his excavation at Dún Ailinne, a royal site in Ireland for the University Museum. He was the former editor of the Museum Mosaic Magazine and Expedition Magazine. In addition to his work in Great Britain and France, Wailes participated in other excavations in India (1992) with Gregory Possehl and Thailand (1992) at Non Pa Wai with Vincent Pigott. Wailes retired in 1999 and became a Curator Emeritus, European Archaeology Section, and a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Anthropology. Before his retirement, he served as the Graduate Chair of Anthropology, Classical Archaeology, Ancient History, and Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World at the University of Pennsylvania.

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The Bernard Wailes Post Card collection consists of 276 cards from his personal collection, representing archaeological ages from the Paleolithic/Mesolithic to the Medieval. Pictured are areas of England and Ireland where he worked and made discoveries and objects typical of the work of the ages studied. Some of the cards have messages from friends traveling the world.

The collection in its entirety is in Box 5 of the post card group.

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Controlled Access Headings

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Ireland

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Wailes, Bernard, 1934-

SUBJECT(S)

- Antiquities
- Archaeology--History

Collection Inventory

	Box
Palaeolithic and Mesolithic (17 cards).	5
Neolithic (18 cards).	5
Megalithic Monuments and Art (45 cards).	5
Bronze Age (26 cards).	5
Iron Age (28 cards).	5
Roman Iron Age (9 cards).	5
Roman (28 cards).	5

Dark Age -Celtic (12 cards). 5

Dark Age -Teutonic (55 cards). 5

Medieval (25 cards). 5

Miscellaneous (13 cards). 5