

## **Stoneware**

We often find more robust, or heavier, fragments of ceramics: coarse stonewares and earthenwares. These represent food storage or beverage storage vessels. So when we find these fragments and we clean them up and we start to look at them very closely and look at labels -if there are any- very closely, we can start to understand the kinds of foods or beverages that were on site at the church that were used during gatherings. Also, where some of these beverages came from. Were the beverages imported or were they from Halifax or from another community in Nova Scotia? Where were things manufactured, *et cetera*? So this all helps us to understand the daily activities and also the special celebrations that were happening at the church.

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