

# Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc.

Town of Georgia, VT  
47 Town Common Road  
No. St. Albans, VT 05478

May 7, 2025

To Whom This May Concern,

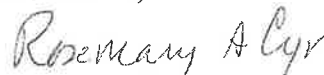
We are writing regarding the completion of archaeological services related to the Vermont Electric Power Company Inc. (VELCO) 2025 Transmission Line Refurbishment (TLR) Program for Line K80, in Georgia and Fairfax, Franklin County, Vermont. The work was conducted by the Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc. (NE ARC) on behalf of VELCO from November 1st through November 7th, 2024 as part of VELCO's Due Diligence effort, in accordance with the Vermont State Historic Preservation Office's *Guidelines for Conducting Archaeology in Vermont* (VTSHPO 2017) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines. VELCO's TLR Projects deal with the yearly maintenance and replacement of existing structures throughout the right-of-way (ROW). The TLR project also covers emergency maintenance across the system.

The archaeological Phase I work conducted by NE ARC resulted in the identification of two newly identified archaeological sites designated VT-FR-0480 and VT-FR-0481 on the State site inventory. Both sites are foundation remains of 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings that are depicted on 1857 and 1871 maps, located off Silver Lake Road on property currently owned by the town of Georgia.

NE ARC recovered a total of 85 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century artifacts related to the foundation within site VT-FR-0481, including 76 ceramic sherds, eight pieces of window glass and a single small copper/brass chain-like item (3 small, interlocked chains, as in a necklace or pull chain). The majority of the ceramics (61) are small fragments of redware and based on glaze and other attributes, at least three redware vessels are represented. Redware was common throughout the nineteenth and into the twentieth century, usually in the form of jugs, milk-pans and other food storage/preparation containers. Fourteen other fragments are small white ceramic sherds, some of which may be late 18th-early 19th century pearlware which generally dates from ca. 1795 to 1840. A single weathered buff-tan stoneware ceramic fragment and eight window glass fragments were also recovered.

We are finished with the artifacts and would like to ask the Town to consider donating them to the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, in Barre. The Heritage Center serves as the central repository for Vermont's archaeological collections and archives and is open to all members of the public who wish to explore history through exhibits, workshops, and lectures. If the Town does not wish to donate them, NE ARC will return these items to the Town. Please let us know either way. If the Town chooses to donate the material, the Heritage Center requires landowners to sign off on the material thus we are attaching a Deed of Gift form for a representative of the Town to sign and return. If there any questions or the Town wants the artifacts, please respond to the email (or email [nearc@nearcarchaeology.com](mailto:nearc@nearcarchaeology.com)) or call us at 207-860-4032. Thank you very much for your help with this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,



Rosemary Cyr,  
Lab Director, NE ARC, Inc.



Gemma-Jayne Hudgell, Ph.D.  
Archaeology Director, NE ARC, Inc.

# Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center

## Deed of Gift

I/we own the items described in the Inventory of Objects (below or attached), and hereby unconditionally give, donate, bestow and set over unto the State of Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, its successors and assigns, said items, to be used or disposed of in their unrestricted discretion. I waive all present or future rights in, to, or over said items, its use or disposition.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Inventory of Objects

☒ Listed below as follows:

☐ Listed on attached inventory

Artifacts from the Vermont Electric Power Company Inc. (VELCO) 2025 Transmission Line Refurbishment (TLR) Program for Line K80, Georgia, Franklin County, Vermont recovered by the Northeast Archaeology Research Center during archaeological Phase I survey within site VT-FR-0481 in 2024. Artifacts include 76 ceramic sherds (61 redware, 12 possible pearlware, 2 identified white-bodied, 1 stoneware), eight pieces of window glass and a single small copper/brass chain-like item.

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[historicsites.vermont.gov/vt\\_history/archaeology](https://historicsites.vermont.gov/vt_history/archaeology)





Outlook

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## Artifacts from the VELCO Line K80 Project


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From Rose Cyr <rcyr@nearchaeology.com>

Date Wed 5/7/2025 1:28 PM

To Georgia Town Administrator <administrator@townofgeorgia.com>

Cc Gemma Hudgell <hudgell@nearchaeology.com>; Hutch Mcpheters <mcpheters@nearchaeology.com>

 2 attachments (611 KB)

Georgia Landowner Letter.pdf; VAHC deed of gift form.pdf;

You don't often get email from rcyr@nearchaeology.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Stacy,

Thanks for taking my call a few minutes ago. As I mentioned, the Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc. conducted an Archaeological Phase IB Survey of the VELCO 2025 Transmission Line Refurbishment Program Line K80, on behalf of VELCO last year, and we recovered artifacts related to a 19<sup>th</sup> century foundation on property owned by the town of Georgia. The site was designated as VT-FR-0481, and a total of 85 historic artifacts were recovered. We would like to bring the artifacts back to Vermont, and as such we need to know if the Town, as the landowner, wants them back or wishes to donate them to the VT Archaeology Heritage Center in Barre. I am attaching a letter which provides more detail, along with a form we need signed if the town decides to donate them. We appreciate you bringing this to the attention of the Board during the May 28 meeting- please let us know if you have any questions before or after the meeting. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rosemary Cyr

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