Archaeology at the Hull-Peterson Site presents a unique opportunity to study the historical and archaeological development of rural Western New York, from the early 19th century until the present day. The UB Archaeological Survey and Hull House Foundation are committed to the site’s development as an accessible cultural resource for educational and recreational use by students, professionals, the local community and the general public.
Archaeology at the Hull-Peterson Site is a long term project organized by UB Archaeological Survey and the Hull House Foundation dedicated to the investigation of the National Register Listed Warren Hull House and the surrounding environment.

Excavations are designed to recover artifacts and locate landscape features that allow us to reconstruct the behaviors of site occupants over the past 200 years.

Artifacts can inform us about the past by providing evidence for the social customs, economic practices, and ethnic identities of the families who lived at the Hull-Peterson farmstead.

Archaeology

Between 2003 and 2006, archaeological investigations at the Hull-Peterson Site were supervised by Ryan F. Austin, M.A. with the help of UB students, professional archaeologists and volunteers.

Large-scale excavations behind the house involving students, professionals and volunteers of all ages.

Artifacts

This feature filled with animal bones was found behind the house and tells us the people who lived here ate very well. It contains the remains of swine and cattle that were butchered on-site. Feet and leg portions were discarded while the meat-bearing cuts were taken away and likely ended up on the dinner table.

About UB Archaeological Survey

The Archaeological Survey is part of the Department of Anthropology and the University at Buffalo (UB). We manage artifact collections and information about historic and prehistoric sites in western New York. Our site files contain information on over 3,400 different archaeological sites and represents the most comprehensive source pertaining to cultural resources in western New York. We also have an extensive reference and map library.

The Survey mission is to provide archaeological services, train archaeologists, and provide information and experiences for people with an interest in local archaeology.