

# PENN MUSEUM - FINDINGS FROM GIBEON

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## SITE OVERVIEW

- The biblical city of Gibeon was thought to be the modern day site of El Jib
- The University of Pennsylvania and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific excavated from 1956-1962

## MY WORK IN STORAGE

- My work included inventorying objects from Gibeon excavations, photographing them for the museum website, and rehousing them
- Objects included oil lamps, sherds, bowls, jugs, jewelry, & metal objects

## A TRIP TO ARCHIVES

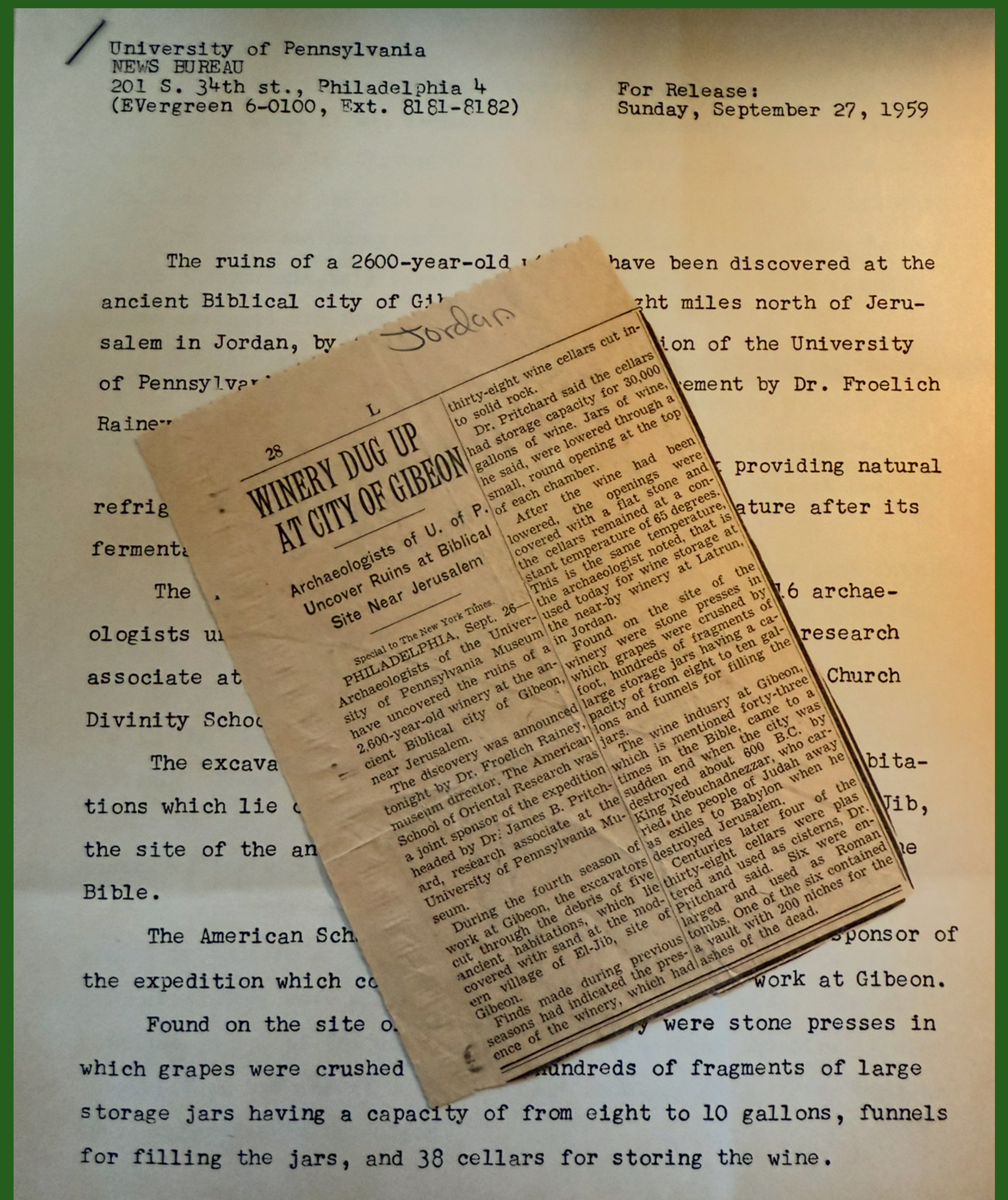
- Correspondence to/from the excavators in 1955/56 include telegrams, receipts, financial information
- Press releases, newspaper clippings, and maps are also included in archival records
- There are numerous telegrams discussing how the site was chosen

## FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Each of the 80 hired excavators were paid 0.25 JD per day (roughly \$0.35)
- More money had to be wired to Pritchard during the excavation to cover costs, and Pritchard was frustrated over not receiving \$4.80 that he paid out of pocket for supplies. He took home a substantial profit (thousands of dollars in today's economy)

## TAKEAWAYS

- This was a highly educational and rewarding experience. I learned transferrable skills in photography, research, and museum collections management that will help me navigate my future museum career



A press release and newspaper clipping from archives



A spouted cup I photographed!



Our field trip to APS and the Museum of the American Revolution



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