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### **Wright Roberts Site**

**This issue concerns itself with “Digging up the Past”, an attempt to locate and reconstruct the burned home of Wright Roberts, who lived in West Rutland in the 18th Century.**

**Written by Prudence Doherty member of the Consulting Archaeology Program of the University of Vermont, it discusses in great detail the process of the “dig” beginning with the potentials of a given area based on records, maps, atlases and county histories.**

**Included are soil level tests; recovery of artifacts; and notations from a map by William Cockburn drawn in 1771. The article is illustrated with pictures of the digging site with samples of artifacts including personal and domestic item.**

**The issue concludes with a brief article written by Edward C.Purdy, editor of the Rutland Herald in the mid-19th Century, It concerns his grandfather, who married the Robert’s widow. There is a detailed 1854 map of Rutland indicating the log cabin inhabited by Roberts. It names all the inhabitants at that time, and their locations in the State. A wonderful reference for further genealogical research.**