

Chinatown Firearms Conservation Project

In March of 2013, city officials sent five firearms from the Deadwood Chinatown collection to the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Center, located in St. Lenard, Maryland (http://www.jefpat.org/mac_lab.html). All of firearms were discovered during the 2002 archaeological field season by South Dakota State Archaeologists. The guns at the time of discovery were heavily corroded after being buried for more than 100 years. Conservators in Maryland x-rayed the guns, as seen below. The next step will be removing the corrosion and desalinating the metal. Upon completion of this project, the firearms will be displayed in the new Days of 76 Museum, located at 18 76 Drive in Deadwood.

