Screen an Excavation!

Your excavation unit has been excavated for you by another dig crew. The upper levels of the unit have already been screened for cultural items. This is what they recovered so far:

**Items recovered:**
- glass fragments
- wire
- ceramic plate fragments, 1 engraved with date (1888)
- nails, square shaped

These items represent historic occupation during the ranching period. From the items, we can imagine a story. For example, the ceramic plate fragments and glass fragments could have been dishes used by the ranchers at this location. Maybe their house was nearby. The wire and nails indicate that they probably built something (maybe a fence) in the area. Since these items were found in the uppermost levels of soil, they are more recent than items that may be found below.

**THE TASK:**
Now it’s your turn to finish investigating the excavation. **Your team’s job is to screen the remainder of the excavated soil. Bag and label the items and complete the inventory list.** The deposits you will screen are older than the soil screened above.

**What activities/artifacts may be associated with the cultural deposit found?**

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