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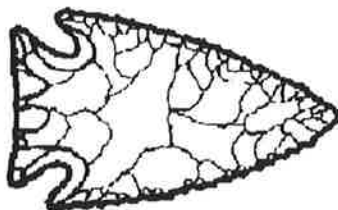
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AAS Winter Meeting

Time and Place:

Saturday, December 9th, 1995, at Wallace Community College, 3000 Earl Goodwin Parkway, off Highway 22, Selma, Alabama.

Special Note: This year's meeting is free and open to the general public. Special invitations are being extended to Alabama's school teachers. Potential new AAS members are especially welcome. Bring a friend.

For Early Arrivals:

Friday night reception 6:30-8:30 PM at the Selma-Dallas County Museum of History and Archives, Inc. on historic Water Avenue. There will be a display of artifacts from the White Oak site excavated by David Chase. Light refreshments. Don't miss this!

Main Event:

Saturday 9 AM-5 PM. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jim Knight who will discuss recent work conducted at Moundville. Additional presentations will be given on archaeological work at Bottle Creek, Fusihatchee, Old Mobile, St.

Stephens, Brierfield, St. James Hotel, Phoenix City, and more. The featured speaker will be K.C. Smith of the Public Education Committee for the Society of American Archaeology who will give a national perspective on Archaeological Education. This will be followed by short reports on some Alabama Efforts in Archaeological Education.

Visit "Archaeology Land"; Poster sessions on Archaeological activities, resources and programming for children, teachers, and the general public.

Saturday Evening, 7 PM:

Dinner with a featured speaker to be announced. The cost is \$8.50. World famous Dallas County BBQ (pork or chicken) will be served.

For Late Departures:

Sunday, 9:30 and 1 PM, Insider's tour of Old Cahawba Archaeological Site.

Book Auction: AAS members and organizations are encouraged to bring books to sell. If you have any books to sell, organizational or personal, or need more information contact Jim Lee at (205) 881-0527.

Call For Displays or Demonstrations:

Do you have an archaeological demonstration that you take into schools? Do you introduce Alabama Archaeology to the general public at a park or a museum or do some other form of public programming? If so, we need you to demonstrate or display at Archaeology Land, a poster session planned for Saturday afternoon at the AAS Winter meeting.

Please come share your ideas with other professional and avocational archaeologists. Advertise your services to invited teachers and scout leaders. The theme is "Archaeological Education." Hands-on activities are especially welcomed, but everything from brochures to flint knappers are welcome. Moundville is bringing an interactive computer simulation, and Cahawba is unveiling a new traveling trunk. We'll provide indoor space and tables; you provide the fun. If you prefer, there is also some outside space available, too. We want this to be fun, informal, and innovative.

We need everyone's help to make this event a success. As soon as possible, send your name, address, phone number and a brief description of your proposed display to Linda Derry, 719 Tremont St. Selma, AL 36701, or call (334) 875-2529. All participants will be invited to list their programs on a "Archaeology Education" Resource Listing that will be made available to interested teachers.

What's Happening Around the State

During the period of May 1st to June 16th, 1995, a crew from The University of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Services conducted a Phase I reconnaissance level survey of the Proposed Highway 431 expansion corridor in Russell County, Alabama, from south of Glenville to north of Pittsview. Joel Watkins was the field supervisor and report author, with Matt Gage, Wendall Gorum, Helen Gilder, and Joe Sharp serving as the

field crew. A total of sixty three sites within the five alternate corridors were relocated from a previous survey, or discovered during this survey. The cultural affiliation of these sites covered virtually all prehistoric stages ranging from Transitional Paleo-Indian through Protohistoric. In addition, the NRHP listed Glenville Historic District which represents some of the earliest historic occupation in the region. Nine of the prehistoric sites underwent additional limited Phase II testing to determine potential NRHP eligibility. Each of these nine sites contained possible intact deposits of cultural material. The final outcome of the project saw one prehistoric site, 1Ru189, recommended for avoidance or mitigation. The site contains what appears to be a near intact Woodland Stage Swift Creek occupation below the disturbed plowzone. A possible hearth and packed clay living floor at a depth of around 50 centimeters were noted during Phase II excavation of a number of 1 m by 1m units at the site. In addition, the Glenville Historic District was recommended for avoidance or mitigation should the engineering firm choose to utilize either of the alternate routes adjacent to the existing highway. The most unique find of the survey was the recovery of a fiber tempered vessel base from the bed of a logging road. The base was approximately 12 inches in diameter, and was nearly intact. Unfortunately, Matt's driving reduced the vessel to a number of large sherds by the time the crew made it off the logging road and onto the driveway!

written by:
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An Ode to Archaeology at Fusihatchee

The following poem was submitted by Mrs. Lois Nichols of Marion, Alabama, after attending

the AAS Summer Meeting at Fort Toulouse and the Fusihatchee Creek Indian site. At Fusihatchee she observed archaeologists working in the heat uncovering two burials. Mrs. Nichols set down her impressions in the following poem

An Ode to Archaeology at Fusihatchee

Where the gentle breezes blow
And a nearby river flows,
There a people of days gone by
Have slept long beneath the sky.

A man - nearby a child
So very young to have to die,
Around its neck a string of beads,
A favorite toy, a shell, lay at its feet.

It is a bird they cry with glee!
We run to look excitedly
To see what treasure they have found
As they brush so carefully in the ground.
A treasured pipe, tucked beneath his chin
A rare find, we learn, as we look within.
Sculpted so very carefully
A familiar bird was plain to see.

Our thanks to those who bravely toil
In sun and rain beneath the soil
To bring to us proof of days gone past
So their story will forever last.

Chapter News

Huntsville...

The Huntsville Chapter heard from two speakers the September meeting: Thomas Piff, an active member of the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society as well as the Huntsville Chapter of the AAS, discussed sources for lithic material. Jim Lee, former chapter and state president and current president of the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society, presented slides of the excavations at

Fusihatchee, a historic Creek village near Wetumpka and the site of this year's AAS summer meeting.

Reminder: the Huntsville Chapter meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church on Governors Drive.

East Alabama...

The East Alabama Chapter met October 10th in the Alabama Power Company Auditorium in Auburn. Cameron Wesson, from the University of Illinois and Auburn University, participated earlier this year in investigations at one of the most important archaeological sites in the Mexican state of Morelos. The focus on the dig was the small pueblo of Chalcatzingo, site of the earliest known platform mound in central Mexico which, based on research conducted in the 1970's, was believed to be buried 2 - 3 meters beneath the surface of rocky, volcanic soil.

Wesson presented a slide program on what has been learned from this site and how it contributes to an understanding of the relationship between the prehistoric people of Chalcatzingo and the Gulf Coast Olmec.

Coosa Valley...

The Coosa Valley Chapter held its initial meeting for 1995-1996 on September 20th. The slate of officers elected were: Dr. Phillip E. Koerper, President; Donald Frazier, 1st Vice-President; Chris Hill, 2nd Vice-President; Brigitte F. Cole, Secretary-Treasurer; and Larry Smith, Newsletter Editor.

Chris Hill presented a short program on the JSU project, "Classroom on the Coosa." This project will involve students K-12 to travel the Coosa River on a steamboat while participating in lectures and field trips in archaeology, history, and biology.

Dr. Harry Holstein gave a slide-show presentation on the Davis Farm site from 1979, to present. His talk ended with information concerning the destruction of the site due to sod-farming.

Submitted by Brigitte F. Cole

Troy State...

The Troy State University Chapter held its initial meeting of 1995-1996 on September 28th. Discussions about upcoming field trips, surveys, and excavations were held, as well as an informative video on archaeology.

Member News

Charlotte Hood, a long standing member of the Coosa Valley Chapter, has just published a book, Jackson's White Plumes. It describes the role the Cherokee Indians played during and after Jackson's campaigns in the Creek War.

*Submitted by:
Brigitte F. Cole*

Publications

Snapshots of the Past. by Professor Brian Fagle of the University of California at Santa Barbara, is a collection of Fagan's articles from his regular Timelines column in *Archaeology Magazine*.

This publication is available from AltaMira Press for \$14.95 (paperback). To order, call (805) 499-0721 or fax (805) 499-0871.

Volunteer Fieldwork Opportunities

The following list of publications has information on volunteer opportunities outside the state of Alabama..

PIT Traveler: Passport in Time Newsletter, published by the Forest Service. Write Jill Schaeffer, Volunteer Services Manager, Passport in Time Clearing House, P.O. Box 183664, Washington,

DC 20036. Telephone (202) 293-0922; fax (202) 293-1782.

Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin, published by the Archaeological Institute of America. Write: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Order Department, 4050 Westmark Drive, Dubuque, IA 52002. Telephone (800) 228-0810. The cost is \$9.00 for AIA members, \$11.00 for nonmembers.

Earthwatch, published bimonthly by Earthwatch. Write: Earthwatch Membership Service, P.O. Box 8037, Syracuse, NY 13217. Telephone (800) 776-0188; fax (617) 926-8352.

In The Alabama Archaeology Society's Past

Twelve years ago in July 1983, the Huntsville Chapter listened to Roy Blair, archaeologist, who discussed skeletal remains at 1Lu25.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter listened to Mary-Eliza Moore who presented a program on southwestern pottery making and showed examples of her work.

Eugene Futato of the Tuscaloosa Chapter conducted a tour of the research lab, museum, and park mounds at the Archaeological Research Lab in Moundville.

(Taken from August 1983 issue of Stones & Bones.)

Calendar

Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel, Knoxville, TN on November 8-11, 1995. Local arrangements co-ordinator is Dr. Jefferson Chapman. Program Chair is Dr. Gerald Schroedl. For more information contact: SEAC Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0720; (615) 974-4408; fax (615) 974-2686.

The Society for Georgia Archaeology's Fall Meeting will be held on November 18th at the Ocmulgee National Monument near Macon.

The winter meeting of the **Alabama Archaeological Society** will be held on December 9th, in Selma, Alabama.

Union Springs Public Library
103 N Prairie Street
Union Springs, AL 36089

Molly Gamble
3 Berkeley Circle
Selma, AL 36701

Vestavia Hills Public Library
1112 Montgomery Highway
Birmingham, AL 35216

New Members

Fayette Co. Memorial Library
326 Temple Avenue North
Fayette, AL 35555

Dallas County Public Library (Selma)
1103 Selma Avenue
Selma, AL 36703

Emmett O'Neal Library
50 Oak Street
Birmingham, AL 35213

Toreda D. Earls
2906 Emmet
Memphis, TN 38115

Jasper Public Library
20 East 18th Street
Jasper, AL 35501

Winfield Public Library
Hermine Russell, Librarian
130 N First Street East
PO Box 688
Winfield, AL 35594

Horseshoe Bend Regional Library
207 N West Street
Dadeville, AL 36853

Richard Davis and Family
Route 1 Box 90
Centreville, AL 35042

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Winter Meeting Registration Form

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Special AAS room rate good only on reservations made by Nov. 15.
- Chose from Holiday Inn or Jameson Inn. The Jameson is closer to the meeting site, but the Holiday Inn has free buffet breakfast, a restaurant, and a lounge.
- Jameson Inn, 2420 Broad Street, Hwy. 22 North
call 1-800-541-3268 **ASK FOR SELMA** or (334) 874-8600 between 7am to 3pm and ask for Debby & ask for AAS meeting room rates.
- \$46 + tax for all rooms, coffee available
- Holiday Inn, 1900 Highland, Hwy 80 West
call (334) 872-0461, ask for Flo (daytime) & ask for AAS meeting room rates
rates: \$46 + tax for Double all rooms include buffet breakfast
\$43 + tax for Single
\$51 + tax for King
- The following hotels are also in Selma but offer no special rates to AAS members:
Best Western 1-800-528-1234 - 1915 W. Highland, Hwy 80W
Travelers Inn (334) 875-1200 - 2006 W. Highland, Hwy 80W
Passport Inn (334) 872-3451 - 601 W. Highland, Hwy 80W

Advance Registration - AAS Winter Meeting
MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 1, 1995

Name _____ Date mailed _____

Address _____

PHONE # _____

Please reserve the listed number of tickets for the following special events HOW MANY ?

Friday, Dec. 8th, 1995, 6:30-8:30 PM Museum Reception FREE _____

Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1995, 7 PM Dinner & Speaker \$8.50 _____

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, 9:30 AM Insider's Tour of Cahawba FREE _____

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, 1:00PM Insider's Tour of Cahawba FREE _____

Return to: AAS Winter Meeting, Old Cahawba, 719 Tremont St., Selma, AL 36701. Make check out to "Cahawba Concern." We must receive form before DEC. 1, 1995

Remember: Your hotel reservation needs to be made directly with the hotel before Nov. 15.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

- Vol. 20-31, each issue (two issues per volume).....\$3.50pp
Vol. 32 & up, each issue (two issues per volume).....\$6.00pp
Stanfield- Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations (Journal of Alabama Archaeology)
Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint.....\$7.50pp
Special Publication 2 - *The Archaeological Sequence at Durant Bend, Dallas County Alabama*.....\$6.00pp
Special Publication 3 - *Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend ..* \$8.00pp
Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Types.....\$15.00pp
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Exploring Prehistoric Alabama through Archaeology (Juvenile).....\$9.00pp

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