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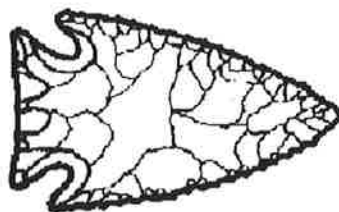
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A.A.S. Annual Winter Meeting

As discussed in the last two issues of the *Stones and Bones*, Troy State University will host the Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting on December 10, 1994. **If you have not registered, please fill out the Registration Form at the back of this Newsletter and mail it in today!** Registration has been slow coming in and we will not be able to register people at the meeting. Remember, the \$10.00 registration fee covers lunch. All Officers and Board of Directors are encouraged to register for lunch since the Board of Directors Meeting will occur in a separate dining room during lunch. Registration for the meeting only is \$2:00 per person.

The theme for this year's meeting will be current research in the Southeastern United States. Listed below is the program for the 1994 meeting:

9:00 - Welcome

9:10 - An Overview of Archaeological Investigations Along Corridor X, Marion and Walker Counties, Alabama, Jeffrey P. Blick, Panamerican Consultants, Inc.

9:30 - An Overview of Archaeological Investigations Along Corridor X, Jefferson County,

Alabama, Inez Reed-Hoffman and Daniel R. Pratt, Panamerican Consultants, Inc.

9:50 - Excavations at 1Ca522, the Dry Branch Site in Calhoun County, Alabama, Curtis E. Hill, Jacksonville State University

10:10 - 1994 Excavations at the Wright's Farm Site, 1Ca18, in Calhoun County, Alabama, Harry Holstein, Jacksonville State University

10:30 - Break

10:50 - Ethnohistory and Archaeology: A Map Method for Locating Upper Creek Indian Towns and Villages, Terry Lolley, Panamerican Consultants, Inc.

11:10 - Preliminary Report of the Archaeological Testing at Beartail Rockshelter, Red-stone Arsenal, Scott C. Meeks, Division of Archaeology, Moundville Archaeological Park

11:30 - Recent Research at Site 1Bt15, an Alexander Phase Site in Blount County, Alabama, Michael Finn, Division of Archaeology, Moundville Archaeological Park

11:50 - Lunch

12:00 - Board of Directors Meeting

1:10 - Business Meeting

1:30 - Keynote Address; Public Education and Archaeology, Chris Judge, South Carolina Heritage Trust / Diachronic Research Foundation

2:00 - *Dust Cave and Related Research, 1994*, Nurit Goldman-Finn, Division of Archaeology, Moundville Archaeological Park

2:20 - *Excavations at Site 1La601, Lawrence County, Alabama*, Eugene Futato, Division of Archaeology, Moundville Archaeological Park

2:40 - Break

3:00 - *Excavations at 1Es4, the Search for Fort Crawford*, Garnet Garvin, Troy State University

3:20 - *Promises of Plantation Archaeology in Alabama*, Dr. Linda Stein, Samford University

3:40 - *Excavations at Two Rockshelters in Lawrence County, Alabama, 1La238 and 1La239*, Kate McLaurin and Clay Helms, Troy State University

4:00 - *Elite Stoneworking and the Functions of Mounds at Moundville*, Julie Markin, University of Alabama

4:20 - *Recent Excavations at Bottle Creek*, Rick Fuller, University of Alabama

We will be holding a silent book auction like the one that was so successful at last year's winter meeting. Individuals are welcome to bring books to sell. If you would like to sell a book or books please contact Jim Lee at 205-881-0527 to let him know of your intentions. A 10% commission fee will be charged.

We will have tables for artifact displays. If you are interested in setting up an artifact display please call April Smith at 205-670-3637 or 205-670-3638 to reserve a space.

There will also be a table where your Paleo Points can be recorded. If you have a Paleo Point that has not yet been recorded for the Paleo Point Survey please bring it with you. We encourage everyone to give a general location of where their points were found, although this is totally voluntary. See the September issue for more information on the Paleo Point Survey. Fill out the form and bring it with you. This is the perfect opportunity to stop procrastinating and have that point recorded!

An informal gathering of AAS members will be held at the Holiday Inn Lounge on US 231 beginning about 8:30 PM, December 9th. If you are

planning to travel to Troy Friday night, stop by the lounge and renew old friendships and meet new members before you turn in for the night.

Below is a list of hotels in Troy if you need overnight accommodations:

Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express

205-566-1150

Room for one or two people - \$45.00

Includes full breakfast buffet

Econo Lodge

205-566-4960

Single Room - \$36.00

Double Room - \$41.00

Comfort Inn

205-566-7799

1 person, 2 queen beds - \$43.00

1 person, 1 king bed - \$47.00

2 people, 2 queen beds - \$48.00

2 people, 1 king bed - \$52.00

House of Dunn's Bed and Breakfast

205-566-9414

Double Room - \$50.00

Includes full breakfast

If you call any of the hotels tell the reception clerk that you are attending the A.A.S. Meeting at Troy State University as some of the prices listed are the discounted Troy State rates.

Look for a map of Troy and the Troy State Campus showing the location of the meeting at the back of this issue.

Coloring Contest Winners

Below is the second half of the list of winners of Troy State Chapter's rattlesnake disk coloring contest which was held during Archaeology Week. We would like to thank the teachers and students who participated in the coloring contest for helping to make Archaeology Week at Troy State a huge success.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Lisemby Elementary - Lauren Taylor

Abbeville Elementary - Mary Ann Cochran, McArthur Newman, Regina Spann, Kacey Whitehead, Catina Lampkin, Dexter Allen, Seth Osburn, Ricky

Goshen Elementary - Brittany Tillery, Amber Cooper Lonnie Maddox, Kristin Risks, Jonathan Folmar, Shelly Edwards, Stephanie Jordan, Derrick Simmons

Pike Liberal Arts - Jacob Cannon, Brett Carlyle, Elise Wyatt, Christy, Bubba Ash

Troy Elementary - Lynn Anderson, Charity Haveard, Laura Belcher, Sushannah Hannah, Ashley Morrow, Keri Wood, Shannon Tillery, Amanda Peacock, Helena Robinson, Sarah Nichols, Rachel Lowe, Felicia Williams, Rachel Jennings

In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

CONSTITUTION HALL PARK

On March 2, 1819, the U.S. Congress authorized the people of the Alabama Territory to develop a constitution for statehood. On the first Monday in July - July 5, 1819 - 44 delegates from throughout the territory convened the Constitutional Convention in Huntsville. A meeting hall located in the southeast corner of the block immediately south of the Madison County Courthouse was the site of this historic occasion, and by August 2, 1819, the State Constitution had been drafted, printed and signed.

The half-block area containing the site of the original "constitution hall" and other dwellings and business buildings of the 1819-1861 period has been designated "Constitution Hall State Park". The buildings of that era are being reconstructed in meticulous detail from information obtained through maps, sketches, drawings, written records, historical architectural studies and archaeological excavations.

The architectural firm of Jones and Herrin is responsible for planning the park and has, in addition to its own extensive research, benefited by the research done by the Huntsville Historical Society, excavations by the Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society and the University of Alabama.

In addition to the hall, the area was the site of law offices, a print shop, the home of Madison County's first sheriff and other business buildings. All of the original buildings disappeared years ago - the hall due to fire, and others due to deterioration or removal to make the land available for other uses. In more recent times, the area has accommodated automobile service stations and parking lots.

Although the nature of the original site had been greatly disturbed by the more recent land utilization, it was considered desirable to conduct excavations in the area to verify certain details on available maps of the period and to obtain representative artifacts of the period for display in the Park.

The first Huntsville Chapter excavations in the park were conducted in 1971 under the supervision of William Wesley, prior to any site construction work. This work resulted in the recovery of ceramics, glassware, coins, nails, bullets, early building materials, original building foundations and prehistoric lithic material. The excavated area did not include the site of Constitution Hall or the home of Sheriff Neal, as these two sites were still covered by concrete slabs from the service stations. See Volume XVIII, June 1972, No. 1 of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology for Wesley's report of the 1971 excavations.

The University of Alabama subsequently performed limited excavations in the areas of the Constitution Hall and the Neal Home.

By midsummer of 1979 all reconstruction had been completed except that of the home of Madison County's first sheriff, Stephen Neal, which was expected to begin in the fall. During this period of non-construction, access to the site had been available; and the Huntsville Chapter, led by archaeologist Ed Fulda and Site Manager O.D. Hartley, had been excavating the site of the

Neal Home. Work has been essentially limited to weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with all-volunteer labor from chapter members, students, and interested visitors. Squares are 3 by 3 meters, and levels are 10 centimeters.

The Neal House is believed to have been in existence in 1819, and consisted of the main house, a separate kitchen, servants' quarters and a stable. A brick floor, so far unidentified, has been uncovered. A wide range of artifacts has been uncovered, including old square nails, a Civil War belt buckle, pottery sherds, clay pipe fragments, early-type lead bullets and rifle balls, projectile points - including one fluted basal section, a clay marble, and more than 200 human teeth - some gold-filled. The presence of numerous human teeth, the occasional gold filling and the evidence of high-speed drill work on some teeth suggest the presence of a dental office on the site at some early date. According to Fulda, the treadle drill came into use in the 1800's.

The Chapter has been particularly interested in pinpointing the site of the Neal home's kitchen because it was the most important room in the home 150 years ago; it was the warmest room in the winter and usually produced more "day-to-day" artifacts, Fulda explains.

(Taken from the December 1979 issue of *Stones and Bones*)

Student Articles

As mentioned in the October issue of the *Stones and Bones* we are soliciting articles from elementary, high school, undergraduate and graduate students in an effort to get school students involved with archaeology in the state. Below is a copy of the letter being sent to randomly selected elementary and middle schools around the state. If you happen to know an elementary or middle school teacher or student that you think might be interested in participating please tell them about the letter below.

Dear Teachers,

The Alabama Archaeological Society is soliciting articles which deal with Alabama archaeology from students for our monthly newsletter, the *Stones and Bones*. Awards will be given for all articles published. This would be a good class project or if you know a student who might be interested please tell them about this opportunity. There is no deadline for submitting articles as this is a year around project. There are no guidelines as to length or style; that is left up to the teacher or student.

Below is a list of possible projects, but you or the student are encouraged to use your / their imagination in selecting a topic.

- History of home town
- Famous historical people in Alabama
- Visit an excavation site and write an article about it - (if you would like to take your students on a field trip to a site, please contact us to find one in your area.
- Family history - Grandma and Grandpa are great help!
- Students could visit an old house, barn, or building, tell what they find, and try to figure out what the items were used for.
- Research Indian battles or tribes around home town
- Write an article about Indian Arts and Crafts

Again the above are only a few suggestions out of the hundreds of possible topics dealing with archaeology in Alabama.

If you have questions, please contact Gwen Barron or April Smith at (205)670-3638 or (205)670-3637.

Please mail all articles to McDonald Brooms, 304 Wallace Hall, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082 or fax to Gwen Barron at (205)670-3706.

Thank You,
Gwen Barron and April Smith

Reminder: 1995 Membership Dues

Don't Forget - Your 1995 membership dues are due by January 1st. Please send in your renewal to Eugene Futato at 13075 Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, Alabama, 35474 as soon as possible in order that you can continue to receive the Newsletter and Journal. 1995 Membership dues are as follows:

Associate - \$9.00 US and \$14.00 Foreign
Individual - \$12.00 US and \$17.00 Foreign
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Institutional - \$17.00 US and \$22.00 Foreign
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Joint Sustaining - \$25.00 US and \$30.00 Foreign
Life Membership - \$240.00 US and \$340.00 Foreign
Joint Life Membership - \$300.00 US and \$400.00 Foreign

Calendar

Dec 10, 1994 Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Winter Meeting will be held at Troy State University. Charge of \$10.00 includes lunch. Paleo Point table, silent book auction, and papers on current research in the state are a few highlights of the meeting.

Jan 4-5 Society For Historical Archaeology's Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. Washington, DC. Deadline for abstracts: June 1, 1994. Contact Henry M. Miller, Historic St. Mary's City, MD 20686; 301/862-0974, fax 301/862-0968.

Apr 19-21 Southern Anthropological Society. Annual Meeting. Raleigh, NC. Theme; "Applying Anthropology in the South." Deadline for abstracts: February 15, 1995. Contact Kate Young, Anth/Soc Dept., North Carolina State U, PO Box 8107, Raleigh, NC 27695-8107; 919/929-6306, e-mail.

May 3-7 Society For American Archaeology. Minneapolis, MN. Deadline for abstracts: September 23, 1994. Contact SAA, 900 2nd St., NE #12, Washington, DC 202/789-0284.

Chapter News

Muscle Shoals Chapter...

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its October meeting on October 10th after a three month break.

Charles Hubbert presented a talk about the Bear-Tail Mountain Bluff Shelter. This early man shelter located on Red Stone Arsenal shows interesting stratigraphy and could hopefully provide some early dates after some additional work has been completed.

Thirty-Five members and guests attended this meeting. Charles Moore will report at our November 14th meeting. His subject will be Tennessee Valley Indian History.

Coosa Valley Chapter...

The Coosa Valley Chapter held its monthly meeting on October 12, 1994 in the Archaeological Resources Lab on the Jacksonville State University Campus.

Following a short business meeting, the Chapter members spent the evening cleaning and preserving materials collected on the Dry Branch Site in Calhoun County. From June 1st until August 31st, 1994, Dr. Harry Holstein directed an excavation of the Dry Creek Site on Highway 202 near Brynum, Alabama. This early, middle and late Woodland site yielded thousands of bifaces, over sixty post molds and thirty shallow pits. The club members, some of whom participated in the University's excavation, provided additional support to the project by utilizing their meeting to float material and to clean several bags of artifacts.

In addition to materials already mentioned, some items identified were fragments of steatite vessels, ornamental materials and various types of Woodland ceramics.

The Coosa Valley Chapter's next meeting will be November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Martin Hall, Room 221 on the Jacksonville State University

Campus. Dr. Karen Hendricks of the Jacksonville State Art Department will present a slide-lecture on Images of Southeastern Native Americans: "History in Art."

For more information on the Chapter, call 205-782-5656 or 205-782-5604.

What's Happening Around The State

University of Alabama...

is working on two new projects 1JA206 and 1JA321. 1JA206 is an Early to Middle Archaic site located on a tributary halfway between Russell Cave and Guntersville Lake. Components found at this site are similar to those found in layer G of Russell Cave. Archaeologists at the University of Alabama hope that these components will aid in the understanding of the upward portion of the Early to Middle Archaic settlement pattern.

1JA321 is one of a number of shell middens located along Guntersville Lake. Test excavations are being undertaken to determine the extent of the shell middens and define the components present. The University of Alabama hopes to gain more information on the stratigraphy of lithic debris buried deep in the riverbanks. So far, 1JA321 has produced Late Woodland pottery sherds, microliths and steatite.

New Publications

Native North America. *Timothy R. Pauketat.* Tuscaloosa, AL: The University of Alabama Press. 1994. 236pp. np (paper).

Native America in the Twentieth Century: An Encyclopedia, Volume 452. *Mary B. Davis, ed.* Garland Reference Library of Social Science. New York: Garland, 1994. 788 pp. \$95.00 (cloth)

The Research Process. *Gary D. Bouma.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. 216pp. \$19.95 (paper).

Colonial Discourse / Postcolonial History. *Francis Barker, Peter Hulme, and Margaret Iversen, eds.* New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994. 288pp. \$79.95 (cloth).

New Fax

The editors of the *Stones and Bones* would like to inform all AAS members that our new fax number is 205-670-3706. Please do not hesitate to utilize this number when sending anything for the *Stones and Bones*. This number runs directly to our computer which will help us tremendously in our preparation of the newsletter. The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Registration Form

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December 10, 1994**

To preregister, return this form along with your registration fee of \$10.00 (includes lunch) by December 1, 1994 to McDonald Brooms, 304 Wallace Hall, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082.

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Number of years you have been a member of the A.A.S._____

Number of people in your party_____

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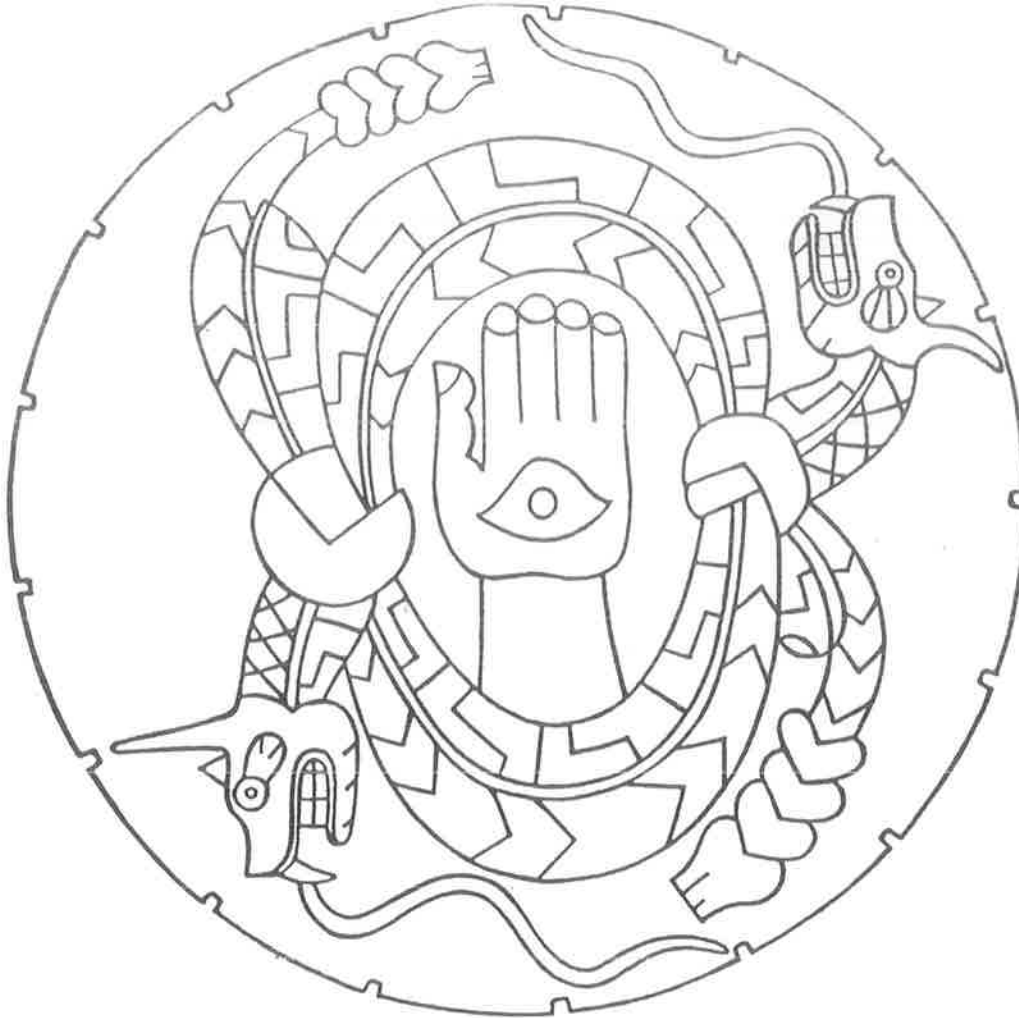
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