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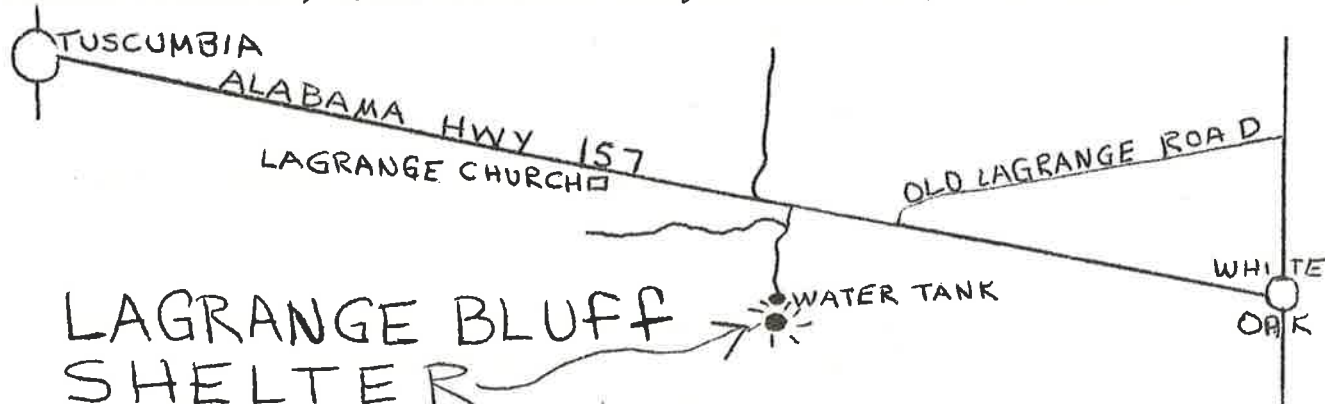
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### RESEARCH ASSOCIATION SPONSORS EXCAVATION

The Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc. has entered into an agreement with the University of Alabama Department of Anthropology for archaeological investigations of the LaGrange Bluff Shelter in Colbert County, Alabama.

This work will be conducted under the direction of Professor David L. DeJarnette and his two Field Assistants, Vernon J. Knight, Jr. and Carlos Solis. Students in anthropology taking Anthropology 369 and 419 during Summer School will serve as the field crew. Excavations will be held from June 3rd through July 3rd. Interested members of the Alabama Archaeological Society and the Research Association are invited to the LaGrange Bluff Shelter on June 21, 1975 to view the excavations and see what their money is being used for. Bring your own picnic lunches to this informal get-together and plan to spend the day! And speaking of money, much more is needed by the Research Association to enable them to continue to sponsor excavations such as this. Many fine donations have been received to help defray the costs of this excavation, but we need a few more folks to get involved-in-archaeology--involved in the financial side. The last page of the newsletter contains information concerning donations to the Research Association and we sincerely hope that a lot of you will take advantage of the opportunity to give. Remember that your donations are tax deductible and that it will be money well spent.

So send in your donations and plan to spend the day at the LaGrange Bluff Shelter on June 21, 1975. Come and see just how much your money can buy!!!!



JUNE 1975

## STEATITE ANALYSIS

The January Stones and Bones includes an article describing a trace element study of Alabama steatite. A number of persons in Alabama submitted samples of steatite to scientists in Virginia who are trying to match the chemical composition of steatite artifacts to samples from aboriginal quarries. It is their hope to determine the trade routes for steatite, and so learn more about contact among prehistoric peoples.

Their study of the Alabama samples is complete and as usual, more questions are raised than answered. The most interesting discovery is that artifacts from Jackson, Pickens and Russell counties are all of the type of steatite found at Soapstone Ridge, a large quarry site near Atlanta, Georgia. Whether steatite from Soapstone Ridge was traded over the entire state, or how it came to these three widely separated sites is not yet known.

One major problem in the study to date is the lack of sufficient quarry samples. While the people in Virginia have tested several dozen quarries from Rhode Island to Alabama, this is only a fraction of the total possible sources. This lack of knowledge about quarries is evident in the study of the Alabama material. Four artifacts from a group of sites in Chambers and Tallapoosa counties were identical, indicating a common source. However, this source is not now known.

Another example of sherds from the same, but unknown, source are sherds from Baldwin, Macon and Greene counties. Again, we have the question of how did this material, apparently from the same source, come to rest in such divergent sites, and where did it come from?

Two quarry samples from Alabama were also tested. One of these sites is the one described by Amos Wright in the Journal of the Alabama Academy of Sciences, Vol. 45, No. 1. These samples did not match any artifacts tested. Where did the artifacts from these quarries go?

Right now we have some bits of information about the trade of steatite in Alabama, but not enough to piece much together. We have artifacts with no quarry, and quarries with no artifacts. Work will continue on this problem and if you can help by providing information on quarries, the scientists would certainly be grateful. If you can provide any information about (or even better, a small sample from) a quarry you know about, please contact me at Drawer BA, University, Alabama 35486.

Let's continue this cooperative effort. It's been beneficial so far and with your help it can be even better.

(Eugene Futato, Tuscaloosa Chapter)

### A QUOTE

Education---has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading. George Macaulay Trevelyan.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY LAB NEWS

Archaeological excavations at the west end of the proposed I-65 Mobile River Bridge have continued throughout the winter. This excavation is a salvage project sponsored by the Alabama Highway Department. To date two sites, 1Mb62 and 1Mb68 have been excavated. 1Mb62 is a multi-component Indian/Colonial/19th Century site. This site has produced aboriginal ceramics and stone tools; colonial ceramics, buttons and gun flints; also 19th Century artifacts. The 19th Century artifacts are comparable to those recovered at the Jefferson Hall Site on the University of Alabama campus. Site 1Mb68 is a historic structure.

Also during the winter archaeological investigations were completed at the Dow-Badische plant site on the Tombigbee River north of Mobile. The survey and excavations were funded by the Dow-Badische Chemical Company. Ten sites, ranging from Early Woodland to Historic were located; six were excavated. The most important of these was 1Mb83, a single component Bayou La Batre-Tchefuncte site. All artifacts recovered from the survey and excavations have been cleaned and analyzed. Mike Rushing has completed the final report and it is now being edited.

Recent laboratory work has included the cleaning, preservation and analysis of artifacts from Port Dauphin, an early 18th Century settlement on Dauphin Island. The Port Dauphin excavation was funded by the University of South Alabama Research Committee. All of the artifacts have been analyzed and the final report is approximately 1/2 complete. Greg Spies has analyzed 4,666 aboriginal sherds from this site and tentatively described several new types of Terminal Mississippian ceramics.

Presently, Mike Powe is analyzing the artifacts and preparing a final report on 1Mb69, a single component Bayou La Batre-Tchefuncte site located in western Mobile. Numerous charcoal samples suitable for dating were collected during the excavation. It is hoped we will be able to find funds for a radiocarbon date for this site.

During recent weeks several site surveys have been conducted in southern Alabama by staff members of our department at the University of South Alabama.

(Read Stowe, University of South Alabama)

### HOLY GROUND BATTLEFIELD

Just before the Creek Indian Wars ended with the battle at Horseshoe Bend, hundreds of Indians were killed at Holy Ground Battlefield. The Medicine Men had told the warriors that if they stood on the Holy Ground, the bullets of the U.S. troops would not harm them! A marker has recently been placed at this site which is at the intersection of highways U.S. 80 and Lowndes County 23 between Montgomery and Selma.

(Exerpt from article in Birmingham News)

## ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE NEWS

The Alabama Academy of Science held its fifty-second annual meeting in Auburn, April 3-5, 1975. Even though there was a light turnout, a wide range of anthropological topics were covered. The following papers were presented:

A New Approach to Migration Analysis Through the Coordination of Demographic Interviews and Population Genetic Data. Kenneth R. Turner, University of Alabama.

Aboriginal Stone Constructions on Morgan Mountain in Calhoun County. W. J. Reid, Jacksonville State University.

Contract Archaeology - New Requirements, New Guidelines, But Not New Archaeology. Mrs. Marjorie Gay, Alabama Archaeological Society.

Late Archaic Occupation of Northwest Alabama. Eugene Futato, University of Alabama.

Archaeological Explorations Within the Gainesville Reservoir - Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Ned J. Jenkins, University of Alabama.

Temporal and Spatial Subsistence Activities on the Central Tombigbee River. Cailup B. Curren, Jr., University of Alabama.

Eighteenth Century Acculturation on the North Central Gulf Coast. Read Stowe, University of South Alabama.

Historic Indian Pottery on the Northern Gulf Coast. Gregory Spies, University of South Alabama.

Review of Artifacts Recovered from Preliminary Investigations of the Jefferson Hall Site. James Parker, University of Alabama.

Archaeological Investigations of Nanna Hubba Bluff, Mobile County, Alabama. Michael Rushing, University of South Alabama.

Delay of Gratification, Personal Control, Self-Concepts and Ethnic Stereotypes for Anglo and Navaho High School Seniors. Avery Church, University of South Alabama.

The Definition of an Indian in Three North American Countries. Margaret Searcy, University of Alabama.

A business meeting was held at the close of the session and the following officers were elected: Vice-President, N. Read Stowe; Vice-Chairman, Avery Church. Next year's meeting will be held in Mobile. We hope everyone will make an effort to attend.

(Read Stowe, University of South Alabama)

## VALLEY NEWS DIGEST NEWS

The Georgia Bicentennial Commission has approved a \$5000 grant to the Lower Chattahoochee Area Planning and Development Commission to provide for cataloging of all historic sites in the Columbus, Georgia area.

Visit historic Howard's Grist Mill located near Jakin, Georgia, this month's Valley Attraction of the Month. Other outstanding attractions and events await your discovery along the Chattahoochee Trace.



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Since April 1st an archaeological site survey team, composed of Ned Jenkins, Field Supervisor, and Sonny Curren, has been plying the Tombigbee River in search for archaeological sites which will be destroyed or endangered by the construction of the Gainesville and Demopolis Lake Navigation channels. Because of the rainy weather and subsequent high water, a great deal of this work has been conducted by boat and to date over 30 endangered sites have been located. This survey, which will continue through July 31st, is being sponsored by the United States Department of the Interior-National Park Service.

The Alabama Highway Department is currently sponsoring an archaeological excavation at two sites in Jefferson County. The first site to be investigated was a rock shelter, which, although not outstanding in geologic formation, proved to be deceptive in its cultural contents. Pending further excavations, it appears at present that Archaic material is present to a depth of 70cms. A pottery zone overlies the Archaic material and a steaming pit in which burned bone and shell have been discovered has also been recorded. The second site has thus far produced evidence of what appears to be a rounded structure with attendant refuse and possibly storage pits. Known cultural affiliations for data recovered thus far ranges from Late Archaic through early Mississippian. Field Supervisor, Blaine Ensor is being assisted in these excavations by Stewart Posey, Jerry Carter, Mike Hartsfield and Alan Veasey.

May 12th heralded the beginning of archaeological salvage excavations on Dauphin Island. These excavations, scheduled to last through June 6th, are centered in the area of a proposed private boat slip located in Indian Mound Park. The landowner, Mr. Scott L. Green, has been extremely cooperative and helpful during these excavations, conducted by Jim Knight, Baxter Mann, Mark DeLeon, Gary Taylor, Hank Clemmons and Carlos Solis who is serving as Field Supervisor. The National Park Service is sponsoring this important investigation.

The second season's excavations in the Harris Reservoir in Randolph County began March 1st and is scheduled to continue through the middle of July. This work, sponsored by the Alabama Power Company, has thus far resulted in the recovery of an extremely fragmented burial with Lamar ceramics in association. Field Supervisor for this work is John O'Hear with Jorge Solis, Steve Clark, Mark Berry, Edward Alderson and Dan Bollman serving as the field crew.

Laboratory work is continuing on the report of the archaeological salvage investigations conducted at Site 6 in the Choccolocco Creek Watershed under the sponsorship of the Soil Conservation Service. Ben Coblentz, Jim Knight, Carlos Solis and Mark DeLeon have completed the writing of the final report of their investigations at Whitesides Mill, an important historic structure located near Anniston which used to serve the community of White Plains and the surrounding area. This extremely interesting report contains over 80 pages of transcripts of taped interviews with inhabitants of the area who remember the mill when it was operating and who provided interesting insights into early mill procedures.

(Judith Nielsen, Mound State Monument)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

SEAC, CHSA and ASE, these three societies will be meeting simultaneously at the Gainesville Hilton, Gainesville, Florida on November 6-8, 1975.

The Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) program is organized around topical symposia and volunteered papers. The preliminary outline includes, "Synthesis of Cultural Traditions in the Southeastern U.S." (J. T. Milanich); "Structure of University Field School Research in the Southeast" (C. H. Fairbanks); "Prehistoric Agriculture in the Southeast" (G. W. Percy); "Coastal Plain Subsistence Patterns" (L. L. Larson). Paper and symposia titles should be sent by June 15, 1975 to: Kathleen Deagan, SEAC Program, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306. The deadline for abstracts is September 15, 1975.

The Conference on Historic Site Archaeology will hold the 16th annual conference on November 6-7, 1975. If you wish to present a paper at this conference, send the title to Stanley South, CHSA, Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208, by September 15, 1975.

The American Society for Ethnohistory will also meet in Gainesville. The deadline for title and 200 word abstract was May 15, 1975. The preliminary program includes two Plenary Sessions: "Teaching Ethnohistory" (James W. Van Stone); "The American Society for Ethnohistory" (Alice Marriott); four scheduled symposia, "New Viewpoints on Seminole Life and History" (James Covington); "Underwater Ethnohistory", "S. E. Native American Tribal Governance Since 1934" and a special for Sunday, November 9th to be at St. Augustine, "Ethnohistory and Historic St. Augustine" (Kathleen A. Deagan).

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

## THE CONSTITUTION

All members should have received their copies of the Constitution and By Laws of the Alabama Archaeological Society by this date. Don't just file it away without reading these very important words. As members of the Society you have agreed to abide by the policies set forth in those pages and if you don't read it you won't know what your responsibilities are regarding your role in Alabama Archaeology. So take some time and go through the Constitution and By Laws. If you have any questions concerning any portion, let us know and we'll see to it that your questions are answered.

## AND SPEAKING OF QUESTIONS...

For those of you who don't know (or have forgotten) the newsletter has a Letters to the Editor section, although it is seldom used. If you have any questions concerning the Society, Research Association or archaeology in general, send those in too, and we'll answer them. That is what we are supposedly here for...to spread knowledge. We can't answer a question that isn't asked.

## 1975 DIG FUND DRIVE

It is heartening to report (after drawing a blank on contributions for the last two months) that our faithful members are still conscious that funds are required to enable the Research Association to finance archaeological endeavors. The following are remittances received since our last report:

Lively-Long-Josselyn Pebble Tool Papers in their first submission of sales proceeds for the benefit of the Dan Josselyn Memorial Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. DeJarnette, Moundville, bring to FIFTEEN the total number of contributions they have made during the period of our Fund Drives.

That coupon at the bottom of the inside back cover of this or any Newsletter is available at any time for making your donation! As noted on Page 7 of the May issue of the Newsletter and Page 1 in this issue, the Research Association is really involved in archaeology this summer...and donating to the Dig Fund is your chance to share in these very worthwhile projects. If you are wondering about the best and most worthwhile way to put your rebate money to work; this is your golden opportunity. Not only will you be helping to further Alabama Archaeology, but your donations are tax deductible which will be quite a boon next April!!!

## SUMMER MEETING INFORMATION

Dr. Roger Nance, University of Alabama in Birmingham, has invited the members of the Alabama Archaeological Society to have their Summer Meeting in conjunction with his archaeological field school this summer. Thus far the plans are for the Summer Meeting to be held on Saturday, July 19, 1975 in Selma. The exact meeting place has not as yet been settled upon, but will be reported as soon as definite plans are made. Starting about 10:00am there will be visits to sites which have been worked and tours of the archaeological laboratory. Plan either to bring a picnic lunch or eat out on your own. Tours will continue in the afternoon. The evening meal will be held in conjunction with talks by those in charge of the excavations with explanations of the excavations and the findings to date. This will be an informal meeting with the site depending entirely on which excavation is in progress on July 19th. Your July newsletter will contain more details of this meeting.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

## HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

Currently there are only 76 copies of Part I of the Handbook available for sale. Plans are in the works for another publication of this most valuable book, but the exact date of when they will be available is not as yet set. If you need a copy, or have a friend who needs a copy, order it now before the supply is exhausted. Ordering information is on the back page of this newsletter. The Point Tupe book is a must for any archaeological library!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY

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William Monteith, 2900 Kennedy Street, Columbia, SC 29205 (Assoc.)  
John David Farmer, Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 Eighth Avenue North,  
Birmingham, Al. 35203 (Family)  
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Ann Early, Box H-2661 HSU, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923  
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### CHAPTER NEWS

Choccolocco Chapter was treated with color slides on the Ocmulgee National Monument, presented by Tom Mullendore, at their April 17th meeting at the Regar Museum. The May 15th meeting featured Sgt. Billy Busick who gave an interesting talk on projectile points.

Cullman County Chapter's April 21st meeting featured Jack Cambron who gave a fine program on projectile points and uniface tool types. The May 19th meeting program was presented by Tom Cornell from the Huntsville Chapter. Tom's subject was the Whitesburg Bridge site that he helped to excavate and record. The chapter reports progress on the Archaeology Room to be set up in the Col. Cullman Home. Display cases will be set up and the chapter plans to design the cases so they will give a true and accurate picture of the beginnings of Cullman County as proved through archaeological excavations.

Huntsville Chapter was pleased to have as its April 22 speaker the president of the society, Mrs. Marjorie Gay. Marjorie spoke on the West Point Dam Archaeological Work and this meeting was well attended. The May 20th meeting was held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library, the regular meeting place, at 7:30pm.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Temple Mound Museum. The April speaker was John Martz who gave an interesting talk on old maps of the Tennessee Valley. The May program featured Al Bienlich on the Cahokia Mounds in St. Louis, Missouri. The June meeting will be a picnic on the grounds of the Temple Mound Museum.

### SPREAD THE WORD

Each member of the society is an ambassador for archaeology within their own communities. Tell your friends and co-workers of the Alabama Archaeological Society and invite them to join. The more people we have involved in archaeology the more work we can do, and therefore, the better we will be able to achieve our goals. Invite a friend to a chapter meeting and urge them to join the State Society.



## THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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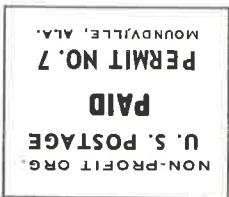


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