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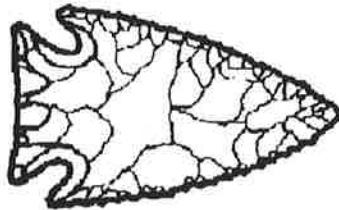
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What's Happening Around the State

Updating the Alabama State Site File - The Office of Archaeological Services, University of Alabama Museums, has received a matching grant from the Alabama Historical Commission for Phases 2B and 3B of the Alabama State Site File database project. Phase I was the initial creation of the database and was funded a few years ago. Phase II and Phase III are for the checking of map data and collection of missing map data for sites recorded prior to 1984 and after 1984, respectively. These phases take place concurrently because they use the same sources of information and it is more efficient to do them together. Approximately 3,600 site forms are updated under each grant for Phases II and III. In FY95 work was completed for twelve counties, focusing on the lower Coastal Plain. This year we will do five counties along the Tennessee River.

The information to be checked or collected includes all information which can be obtained from a map search. The project begins with site location given as both Township and Range and Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

coordinates. Some of the information deals with the specific site area: the site's topographic setting, the soil type, the nearest water source and its distance and direction, the elevation of the site, etc. Other information places the site in a regional context: The physiographic district, drainage basin, and so on.

The overall purpose of the project is to build a body of information on site locations which can be used to study the number, kinds, and distribution of archaeological sites in the state. This information will be valuable for archaeologists studying the settlement patterns of various groups and how they changed through time as well as for management and planning concerns such as estimating the effect of various developments on archaeological resources and determining which of several alternatives will have the least effect.

There are now 18,202 recorded sites in Alabama. Just about all of these, (approximately 95 percent), have been recorded by professional archaeologists. Only one or two percent of our society members register their sites on a regular basis. Even though amateurs collectively know where many times the recorded number of sites are, they have been reluctant to share this information due to unfounded concerns about site locations getting out, their materials being

confiscated, or competition for surface material from the professional. Site locations are protected information, available to qualified persons on a need-to-know basis only. There is nothing in state or federal laws that allows for the taking of any privately owned materials which were legally obtained. And, of course, professional archaeologists are far too few and far too busy to scour thousands of sites simply to get there ahead of the amateurs.

One of the most basic ways to contribute to archaeological knowledge and preserve what you have learned about your sites is to get your sites recorded in the Alabama State Site File. If you would like to record your sites, contact the Office of Archaeological Services, 13075 Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, AL 35474 and ask for site forms and information on how to record sites.

(Submitted by Eugene Futato)

Recorded Sites by County

Autauga-361	Baldwin-442	Barbour-120
Bibb-376	Blount-85	Bullock-30
Butler-45	Calhoun-596	Chambers-113
Cherokee-491	Chilton-271	Choctaw-229
Clarke-205	Clay-139	Cleburne-232
Coffee-113	Colbert-364	Conecuh-84
Coosa-157	Covington-196	Crenshaw-42
Cullman-181	Dale-326	Dallas-420
DeKalb-60	Elmore-450	Escambia-104
Etowah-200	Fayette-138	Franklin-580
Geneva-77	Greene-140	Hale-205
Henry-153	Houston-200	Jackson-977
Jefferson-479	Lamar-48	Lauderdale-605
Lawrence-697	Lee-106	Limestone-392
Lowndes-258	Macon-145	Madison-593
Marengo-134	Marion-192	Marshall-437
Mobile-235	Monroe-116	Morgan-680
Montgomery-274	Perry-152	Pickens-114
Pike-54	Randolph-418	Russell-285
Shelby-332	St. Clair-288	Sumter-92
Talladega-508	Tallapoosa-37	Walker-175
Tuscaloosa-765	Washington-140	
Wilcox-209	Winston-385	

Troy State University Archaeological Research Center is completing Phase II investigations in Gantt (Covington County) for the Alabama Department of Transportation. TSUARC has completed the testing at two multi-component sites on the west side of the Conecuh, which revealed artifact assemblages from Middle Archaic to Middle Woodland. TSUARC will test one more site across the river.

Dust Cave Field School

Dust Cave. June 3 - August 9, 1996. Join an interdisciplinary team of scientists, students and volunteers as they explore the deeply stratified remains of some of the earliest inhabitants of the Tennessee Valley in northwest Alabama. Live with other participants in a tent camp near the Cave as you experience the day to day operation of a long-term field project in Southeastern Archaeology. Learn as you work and study alongside professional archaeologists, biologists, and geologists through actual participation in daily dig activities as well as through scheduled classroom sessions in the field camp. All in all, a unique undergraduate experience awaits highly motivated students who wish to experience archaeology in action.

Students who are presently enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year institution of higher learning are eligible to participate in the University of Alabama field school. Each student will be enrolled in three undergraduate courses for a total of 12 semester hours credit.

Courses include:

Anthropology 269: Field Archaeology
(six semester hours)

Anthropology 107: Introduction to
Archaeology (three semester hours)

Anthropology 450: Problems in
Anthropology (three semester hours)

Fees: Summer tuition is anticipated to be \$93.00/semester hour. A one time application fee of \$25.00, a summer registration fee of \$22.00, and an equipment fee of \$30.00 are also required. Meals and lodging are provided at the rate of \$50.00 per week (fees may change prior to registration).

Grants including a \$2,500.00 summer stipend, travel expenses, subsistence, and tuition waiver may become available to highly qualified students.

A **Dust Cave Summer Dig Application** is located at the end of the newsletter.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Boyce Driskell, Program Director
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474
(205) 371-2266
Fax: (205) 371-2494
email: BDRISKEL@UA1VM.UA.EDU
World Wide Web:
<http://attila.atg.ua.edu/dustcave.htm>

Calendar

May 16-18, 1996- The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, the National Park Service's Natchez Trace Parkway office, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will examine the multi-layered cultural landscape of the American South through a conference entitled "Southern Landscapes: Past, Present, Future."

This three day event will consist of presentations by speakers from the fields of archaeology, historic preservation, landscape architecture, history, cultural geography, and anthropology. Participants will also have the opportunity to tour numerous sites in Mississippi. Possible locations include the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Philadelphia, Greenville and a variety of other locations in the Mississippi Delta, the Natchez Parkway, and Civil War battle sites around Corinth. The third day will begin with a keynote address by Roger Kennedy, Director of the National Park Service, and will be followed by a

series of panel sessions highlighting outstanding examples of landscape preservation, documentation, and restoration, cultural tourism, and preservation education.

The conference will take place at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Contact Jennifer Bryant at the Center for Study of Southern Culture for more information or a registration form. A reduced fee will be offered for students. (601) 232-5993. The address is

Center for Study of Southern Culture
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi 38677

April 10-14, 1996- **Society for American Archaeology** annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA. Contact Paul Fish and Suzanne Fish, program chairs, at:
(520)-621-2556
Fax:(520)-621-2976
email: archaeo@ccit.arizona.edu.

June 29-30, 1996- The 17th Meeting of the Mid-South Archaeological Conference will be held at Ellis Auditorium, The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. Sponsors are the Department of Anthropology at the University of Memphis; Garrow and Associates, Inc.; and Panamerican Consultants. Inc. Program organizers are:

Charles McNutt, Dept. of Anthropology
Univ. of Memphis, Memphis TN 38152
(901-678-2168; mcnuttch@cc.memphis.edu)

Michell Chidress
c/o Garrow and Assoc., Inc.
510 S. Main, Memphis, TN 38103
(901) 526-8008

Rick Walling,
Panamerican Consultants, Inc.
15 S. Idlewild, Memphis, TN 38104
(901- 274-4244; panamrcn@south.icerve.net)

The theme of this year's meeting is "Results of Recent Investigations in the Greater Mid-South." Presentations will be limited to 20-30 minutes. Titles and Abstracts must be received by Rick Walling by **May 15** on a 3 1/2" disk in WordPerfect 6, Word 5.1 for Mac, or compatible format. Papers will be published if provided in publication-ready form at meetings. For further information, contact any of the above sponsors.

October 24-27, 1996- The Council of West Virginia Archaeology invites you to the Eastern States Archaeological Federation 63rd Annual Meeting at the Radisson Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia. Abstracts for proposed papers and symposia are due **June 1, 1996**. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to: State, Local, and Chapter Site surveys and excavations, the Woodland Transition Mounds and related cultural complexes. Individual historic and prehistoric open session papers are also welcome. For more information contact:

Robert F. Malowski, Program Chair
Council for West Virginia Archaeology
PO Box 1596
Huntington, WV 25716-1596

November 6-9, 1996-Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. For further information, contact Jim Knight or Ian Brown, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.

November 7-10, 1996- The annual meeting for the American Society for Ethnohistory will be held at The Portland Hilton in Portland, Oregon. Papers, organized sessions, special events, and speakers that treat any world area are encouraged. Abstracts of 50-100 words on appropriate submission forms and preregistration fees of \$45 (non-members), \$35 (members), and \$15 (students/retired) are due by **May 31, 1996**.

Write for submission forms and return to :
Jacqueline Peterson
ASE 1996 Meeting Chair
Department of History

Washington State University
1812 E. McLoughlin Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98663
(360) 737-2179

Limited travel funds will be available on a competitive basis for students presenting papers. More detailed abstracts will be required. Write to the Meeting Chair for application forms and further details.

New Members

The following is a list of new members to the Alabama Archaeological Society:

Jack R. Bergstresser
9000 Bel Air Drive
Birmingham, AL 35206

Howard T. Steir
1800 M ST NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Crenshaw Christian Academy
Route 3 Box 8-S
Luverne, AL 36049

Josh Phillips
Route 2 Box 488
Ozark, AL 36360

Chapter News

Cullman County...

The Cullman County Chapter held their meeting on March 21 and watched a video on the tools and artifacts of the Neanderthals. The meetings have been moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month, and the new meeting place is the Cullman County Public Library.

East Alabama...

The East Alabama Chapter met March 12th in the Alabama Power Company auditorium in Auburn. Van King presented a program on flintknapping. He discussed the types of lithic materials used, how they were procured, and the various tools that were utilized to make finished points. King's major interest is archaeology of the southeastern United States. He did his graduate work in the department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama; following which he worked for 5 years with the University of Alabama's Office of Archaeological Research (now the Division of Archaeology).

Huntsville...

The Huntsville Chapter held their January meeting on the 23rd. Jeanne Allan, archaeologist with the U.S. Forest Service, presented "Iconology For Southeastern Ceremonial Motifs and Rock Art."

The February meeting was held on the 27th. Van King presented a "hands on" program on identifying ceramics.

In The Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

Eighteen years ago in March 1978, the Cullman Chapter listened to Mr. Al Beinlich on "bone tools."

The Huntsville Chapter listened to Mr. Richard Wright, who discussed archaeological research on the R.L. Harris Reservoir, with emphasis on stone fish weirs in the Alabama Piedmont.

Mr. Roy McKee present a slide presentation on the King Tut exhibition to the Muscle Shoals Chapter.

(Taken from the April 1978 issue of Stones&Bones.)

DUST CAVE SUMMER 1996

The Dust Cave fieldschool is scheduled for June 3 through August 9, 1996. In addition to 15 slots for undergraduate students, the fieldschool can accept four volunteers (adults and/or high school students) for each of ten weekly periods. Interested society members and high school students are invited to apply for this rewarding experience in archaeology!

The action begins each week on Monday morning with excavation within the Cave. Afternoons are spent in the nearby tent camp where college students and volunteers participate in classroom lectures and workshops in archaeology and related topics presented by the staff and guest lecturers.

Each participant lives with other staff, students and volunteers in a tent camp about 100 meters from the Cave. Tents and cots are furnished to all participants. Each participant should bring bed clothes (sleeping bag or sheets/blanket) as well as personal items. Meals are provided in the camp kitchen. A latrine and primitive showers are available.

Ten weekly sessions are planned for volunteers (see dates below). A fee of \$150.00 covers costs of participation as well as all food and lodging.

APPLY NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!

DUST CAVE SUMMER DIG APPLICATION

Name: _____ Adult volunteer _____ High School student _____

Address: _____
Telephone: _____

TEN WEEKLY SESSIONS ARE OFFERED TO VOLUNTEERS. Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice for session desired:

June 3-7 _____ June 10-14 _____ June 17-21 _____ June 24-28 _____ July 1-5 _____

July 8-12 _____ July 15-19 _____ July 22-26 _____ July 29-Aug 2 _____ Aug 5-9 _____

My check for \$ _____ (\$150.00 /participant/week) is enclosed. Make check payable to **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH.**

Return application and check to: Boyce Driskell
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, Alabama 35474

For additional information, write or call: (205)371-2266

ONLINE? See our **HOMEPAGE** at <http://attila.atg.ua.edu/dustcave.htm>

Note: Volunteers are subject to approval by the Program Director. Students younger than 15 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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- Vol. 20-31, each issue (two issues per volume).....\$3.50pp
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