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WORK CLOSED DOWN AT FORT HARKER



OAR, with Rick Walling being the archaeologist in charge, has completed a preliminary investigation of Civil War Fort Harker, near and overlooking the railroad and town of Stevenson, Alabama. The town was occupied and the Fort built by Union forces under command of Colonel Harker in 1862. It was built to guard the railroad between Chattanooga and Memphis. The investigation has uncovered seven gun platforms, the powder magazine, the octagon block house, the main gate and a pre-fort log cabin. The earthworks are well preserved, and the town of Stevenson plans to develop it into a park.

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NEW CHAPTER AT WADLEY?

Walt Farr at Southern Union State Junior College has been meeting with a group at Wadley the past several months. He is interested in starting a chapter and becoming affiliated with A.A.S. All you good folks in the area who are interested, get in touch with Walt and help get things going. Good luck!

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FAYETTE COUNTY RESIDENTS: TAKE NOTE

A chapter is being formed in Fayette County. If you are interested in participating in this chapter, please contact Mack E. Mangum; P. O. Box 195; Winfield, Alabama 35594.

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NOTES

Eugene Futato is again doing his usual good job in selling A.A.S. publications. The first four months, he has collected \$1,543.50. Outstanding! Keep up the good work, Eugene.

1986 dues are due - please send in your dues now and save your Society about \$200 in postage for mailing back issues of the Newsletter and Journal. Act now - don't delay!

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CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter

The November meeting of the Birmingham Chapter was held in the auditorium of the Red Mountain Museum. Dr. Gordon Bell, Paleontologist and Curator at the Red Mountain Museum, described the excavation of giant sloths that have recently been found in an Alabama cave. His excellent slide presentation stimulated a great deal of interest among our members in such fossil remains.

Eloise Clark

The December meeting of the Birmingham Chapter was held on the 12th at the Red Mountain Museum auditorium. Guest speaker was Dr. Jim Knight, who is presently the Senior Research Archaeologist at Moundville. Jim did his undergraduate work at The University of Alabama and worked with Dr. David DeJarnette at Moundville in the early 1970's. He presented a talk, accompanied by slides, on the old Creek village site of Tukabatchee, located on the Tallapoosa River.

Annette Weeks Otts

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter held a Christmas Party/December chapter meeting on Friday, December 20, 1985. Despite the snow and bitterly cold weather, some 30 chapter members and guests attended. Elections were held for chapter officers for 1986. President: Truman Ryan. First Vice President: Houston Wright. Second Vice President: Joe Parrott. Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Rohr. Librarian: Georgia Dunn. The next chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21. For more information, call Program Chairman Houston Wright at 881-2485.

Dorothy Luke

Tuscaloosa Chapter

The speaker for the November meeting of the Tuscaloosa Chapter was Ms. Jean Allan, who spoke on the Middle Woodland Indians in the Ohio Valley, which were the Adena and Hopewell people. Ms. Allan presented slides on artifacts and mounds and discussed Hopewell ceremonialism.

The speaker for the December meeting was Mr. Rick Walling, President of the chapter. His topic was recent excavations on an earthen Civil War fort built in 1862 by Union forces on the Tennessee River near Stevenson, Alabama. Working with Mr. Walling were volunteers, students, and Mr. Jim Ogden, a Civil War expert and park ranger at Russell Cave.

Rhonda L. Majors

PAPERS GIVEN AT A.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING

The following papers were presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society on December 7, 1985 in Florence.

Synthesis of Prehistoric Mortuary Practices in Northern Ohio from the Late Archaic through the Upper Mississippian - by Jonathan Bowen - Fremont, Ohio.

Mortuary Patterns Associated with the Woodland Period in Northwest Alabama - by Eugene Futato - Office of Archaeological Research, The University of Alabama.

Archaeological Investigations of the Hightower Site in East Alabama - by Richard Walling - Office of Archaeological Research, The University of Alabama.

Creek Investigations within the Lower Tallapoosa River Valley - by Gregory Waselkov, John Cottier and Craig Sheldon - Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Auburn University and Auburn University in Montgomery.

An Archaeological Survey of the Guntersville Reservoir, Northeast Alabama - by Carlos Solis - Office of Archaeological Research, The University of Alabama.

Discussion of the Alabama State Museum of Natural History Archaeological Associates Program - by Carey B. Oakley - Alabama State Museum of Natural History, The University of Alabama.

Archaeological Investigations at Fort Harker Near Stevenson, Alabama - by Richard Walling - Office of Archaeological Research, The University of Alabama.

Featured Speaker: Mortuary Practices of the Eastern Woodland Indians by Gregory Perino - Museum of the Red River, Idabel, Oklahoma.

Congratulations are in order for the Program Committee, for presenting such a fine lineup of speakers, and for the Muscle Shoals Chapter, for their hospitality and the local arrangements.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Statement of Need:

A need is perceived to enlist the aid and support of responsible citizens in an effort to increase the protection and preservation of our state's cultural resources. Destruction of these resources is occurring at an ever increasing rate and in many different forms ranging from natural erosion and urban/industrial development to unsystematic excavation of archaeological sites and properties.

Under these circumstances, it is both necessary and ethically proper to enlist the aid and support of individuals who have a demonstrated interest in archaeology beyond the collector level. These individuals are paraprofessionals or more appropriately, archaeological associates, for they have gone beyond the amateur level and have made definite contributions to Alabama archaeology.

It is proposed that the Museum develop a program whereby such individuals interested in participating within a professional archaeological framework may become certified archaeological associates under the auspices of The University of Alabama State Museum of Natural History. Through this program, the museum would benefit by enlisting a cadre of

unpaid museum associates who are interested in participating in a variety of museum related archaeological projects. These associates would benefit by being able to work within such a program to further his or her own avocational interests within a wider research framework of the Museum. For example, certified archaeological associates would have the opportunity to conduct surveys on federally owned properties upon which the museum has been permitted to conduct research. In essence, the associates would have a number of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of regular compensated museum staff, given similar levels of experience and educational background.

This certification program is designed to allow associates to retain their archaeological collections either as caretakers (in the case of materials collected on federal property) or as private owners of collections. It is not the intent of this program for the Alabama State Museum of Natural History to confiscate privately owned collections, but rather, the intent is to assist in the perpetual care of remnants of our American heritage through various curational and loan procedures.

It should be noted that any breach in this certification agreement in the form of legal and/or ethical infractions may result in the immediate revocation of all privileges extended under this agreement.

Archaeological Associate Certification Requirements

To obtain certification as an Archaeological Associate, the applicant, as a minimum:

1. Must be an active member of the Alabama Archaeological Society.
2. Must receive 40 hours of individual or group instruction pertaining to archaeological survey techniques, minimally including the following:
 - a. Archaeological orientation.
 - b. Map reading.
 - c. Proper preparation of Alabama State Site File Forms and other applicable records.
 - d. Moral and legal obligations pertaining to archaeology.
 - e. Instruction in site surveying methods, as well as laboratory and reporting procedures.

NOTE: Consideration will be given to prior experience and education on an individual basis.

3. Must submit no less than 25 completed Alabama State Site File Forms and associated archaeological materials (if collected), appropriately bagged and cataloged. Of this number, no less than five sites will be ground checked for data verification.

4. Must sign an affidavit that he or she will abide by ethical and legal stipulations which will include the following:
 - a. Obey all state and federal laws concerning archaeological matters.
 - b. Comply with the Constitution of the Alabama Archaeological Society
 - c. Participate in only authorized excavations, and not buy, sell, or trade any archaeological materials.
 - d. Make arrangements with The University of Alabama State Museum of Natural History for the eventual permanent curation of all collections obtained under the auspices of this certification program.

Rules Concerning Certification Program and Federal Properties

1. Surveys on Federal properties will be conducted under the guidelines of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA).
2. It will be necessary for associates to comply with all of the terms and conditions as detailed within each ARPA permit.
3. All materials collected on Federal property will remain within the Federal domain and as such will receive proper professional treatment with respect to correct laboratory and curational procedures.
4. Associates will be required to file narrative trip reports detailing all survey activities under ARPA permit. Included will be maps showing areas surveyed, site forms for all recorded sites, and completed catalog forms detailing all items collected. These records will be completed after each outing and submitted on a quarterly basis.
5. Associates will be responsible for the safekeeping of all archaeological materials and records. All notes, specimens, and other records will be delivered to the repository designated by the Federal agency:
 - a. If the associate no longer wishes to retain the collection.
 - b. If certification is revoked.
 - c. Upon death or incapacitation of the associate.
6. When conducting fieldwork the associate will observe all right-of-entry laws and requirements and other conditions which may be detailed in the ARPA permit. The associate will have on his or her person:
 - a. The certification card.
 - b. A letter from the Alabama State Museum of Natural History authorizing access to a specific ARPA permit area. NOTE:

Immediate family members may accompany the associate, who will be responsible for their activities as detailed within this certification program. Other than this exception, the privilege of certification as described is non-transferable to other individuals.

Summary

This certification program in connection with the ARPA permit will allow certified Archaeological Associates to conduct archaeological surveys and collect artifacts on ARPA permitted Federal property. The individual will be allowed to retain, on loan, collections obtained under this program and its specified conditions.

Carey B. Oakley
Moundville

A.A.S. REPORT TO ESAF

The following is a report which was presented to the Eastern States Archeological Federation 1985 Annual Meeting by the A.A.S. representative to ESAF, Marjorie Gay.

Membership in the Alabama Society remains around 500. There are now nine chapters since Dothan and Morgan County have reactivated. Some of the officers for 1985 are: President, Dr. Harry O. Holstein; First Vice President, Mr. James Parker; Second Vice President, Mr. Carey Oakley, Jr.; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Bettye Henson; Journal Editor, Mr. Eugene Futato; Newsletter Editor, Mr. Amos J. Wright, Jr.; Alabama Historical Commission Representative, Dr. Richard Krause; ESAF Representatives, Marjorie and Robert Gay.

Stones & Bones is the monthly newsletter, of at least seven pages. It is well illustrated, especially with photos of members active at the state meetings, and contains not only chapter and state news, but also articles from a wide variety of sources.

The Journal of Alabama Archaeology, Volume 30, No. 2, December 1984, contains "An Index to the First 30 Years of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology", compiled by Eugene Futato. There are three indexes: serial, author and subject. This volume also has the 1984 membership list. Volume 31, No. 1, June 1985, contains two articles: "The Joe Powell Site (1Pi38): A Dalton Manifestation on the Alabama Gulf Coastal Plain", by H. Blaine Ensor; and "Upland Subsistence Data from Colbert Ferry Park, Northwest Alabama", by Jay K. Johnson. These volumes and earlier numbers may be ordered from Eugene Futato; Office of Archaeological Research; 1 Mound State Monument; Moundville, Alabama 35474. From No. 20 should be available. Price each issue is \$2.50 to members, \$5.00 to non-members. Make checks payable to the Alabama Archaeological Society. Eugene reported that publication sales were increased by the ESAF publicity.

Board meetings are held during the summer and winter meetings, and another one in the spring. The Board approved the \$500 scholarship for Caryn Hollingsworth, a student at The University of Alabama, Birmingham, and also the \$500 additional scholarship for her to study material from a Society-sponsored excavation. Caryn will prepare a report for the Journal. The Board also approved \$500 for emergency salvage fund for the Creek site 1EE191, and an additional \$1,000 research grant for investigation of the site. This site was the location of the Society summer field meeting.

Site 1EE191 represents the best preserved historic Creek archaeological site still in existence in the lower Tallapoosa River Valley. It was discovered in 1979 by David Chase, Craig Sheldon and John Cottier, all of Auburn University. In 1981 Greg Waselkov, Auburn, visited the site during a survey. The site has been identified as Fusihatchee, an important Colonial Indian town for which data is available. The site is threatened with destruction from a gravel quarry. Cottier and Waselkov have been conducting research to explain the cultural changes that took place during this period. Their article "The First Creek War: Twilight of Annihilation" is in *CLEARINGS IN THE THICKET: AN ALABAMA HUMANITIES READER*, edited by Jerry Elijah Brown, Mercer Press. John obtained emergency funding for Site 1EE191 investigation from several sources. Artifact preservation is remarkable (cloth and basketry), and evidence of structures, trash-filled pits and burials. The summer Society Meeting, hosted by the East Alabama Chapter on May 18 and 19, was very well organized by John Cottier, Baker Dean (Chapter President), Greg Waselkov, Craig Sheldon and many others. About 40 people attended. Besides the opportunity to learn field techniques, a talk by William Dobbs - University of Alabama - "Osteological Study of an Upper Creek Population", carried the group from the burial excavations to the important work in the laboratory. Talks on the historical background of the site emphasized the importance of this project. Saturday evening, a real southern meal was enjoyed at Hotel Talisi in Tallasee.

In February the Society sponsored an eight-day expedition to Belize, the eastern frontier of the "Maya Heartland".

On May 21, the Huntsville Chapter hosted a public forum, moderated by Bart Henson, to review TVA plans for protection of archaeological resources on their land. The results of the forum are that the Alabama Archaeological Society, working with The University of Alabama, have developed a proposal for a program for surface collecting under strict University supervision. Carey Oakley, Chairman of the Society's Archaeological Resource Committee, says that after public comment, this proposal will be submitted to the TVA.

The Annual Preservation Conference of the Alabama Historical Commission was held in the Capitol building in Montgomery on June 7 and 8. The theme: "A Capitol Idea - Restoring the Statehouse". This next year interior restoration is scheduled. The exterior work was done in 1978-1980. The Alabama State Capitol, erected in 1850, is one of the oldest functioning statehouses in the country.

Archaeologists from the Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, have conducted surveys, excavations and field schools in the north and central areas of the state. Analysis of Archaic lithics, culture history of the Woodland through the white contact period, site distribution and study of historic buildings have been the result. They prepared a re-creation of a Choctaw Indian household at Columbus, Mississippi, for the dedication of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway on May 31 to June 2. Vernon Knight uncovered a collection of iron artifacts, all verified and datable to the 16th century, and which Knight feels are almost certainly part of the baggage carried by the Luna expedition in 1560. A computer data bank for archaeological sites and standing structures has been developed by OAR and the Historical Commission. Approximately 6,000 of the 7,500 recorded sites and 5,500 of the 22,000 structures have been entered so far.

The winter meeting will be on December 7, 1985 in the Florence area. The theme will be mortuary patterns. Gregory Perino of the Gilcrease Museum will be the guest speaker. Carey Oakley is program chairman.

Marjorie Gay
Standing Rock

ARCHAEOLOGISTS DISCOVER UNDISTURBED BURIAL SITES OF TWO MAYA RULERS

Archaeologists in Belize have found the burial places of two Maya rulers, buried 1,000 years apart, who ranked high among the elite of that ancient civilization and whose remains have survived intact, the National Science Foundation reported.

The scientists said the discoveries in the Central American country contradict long-held theories that Maya civilization had become decadent and was in a decline in its final centuries during a period known as the Late Postclassic, from 1350 to 1530.

"A sophisticated civilization flourished right up to the invasion of the Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century", they said.

The findings include a 1,500-year-old undisturbed tomb of a Maya king and a 500-year-old burial place of a provincial Maya ruler who reigned over a territory larger than the modern country of Belize, more than 8,800 square miles.

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