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Painted Bluff Gets a Facelift

Throughout the entire month of March, archaeologists and volunteers with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) worked to remove modern graffiti from among the ancient pictographs on Painted Bluff (1MS394) four miles below Guntersville Dam in Marshall County.

This extraordinary site includes over 80 individual prehistoric glyphs which represent everything from abstract designs to human and animal figures and representations of supernatural beings. The vast majority of the prehistoric art is drawn or painted with red or yellow ochre and is thought to date to the Mississippian period.

Archaeologists with TVA and OAR worked alongside volunteers from the surrounding area to painstakingly remove and cover up graffiti left by vandals, rock

climbers, and thoughtless visitors to the site. Historic graffiti going back to the mid-1800s was left in place along with anything that was potentially prehistoric.

Rock art specialist, Johannes Loubser of Stratum Unlimited directed the work which included removal of modern paint using dental picks, cotton swabs, and brushes and masking of modern graffiti in more sensitive areas using natural pigments.

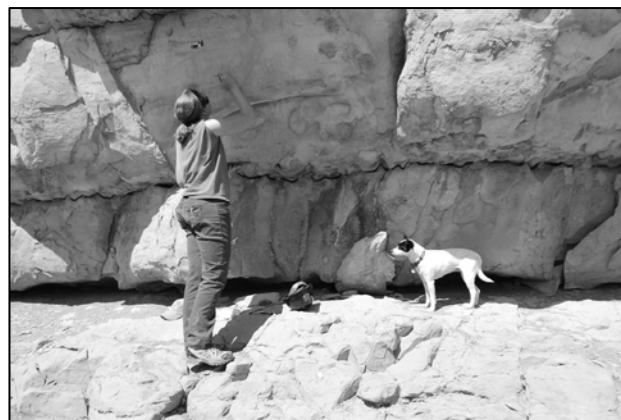
TVA is also working with archaeologists from the University of Tennessee and the Federally recognized Indian tribes to further document and interpret the site. It is the hope that by cleaning up the site, potential vandals will be less likely to leave their mark. By raising awareness of the rock art, TVA hopes to instill appreciation and respect among the public for this irreplaceable cultural resource.



One of the approximately 81 aboriginal glyphs at Painted Bluff



Rock art specialist Jannie Loubser begins removal of a spray-painted signature from a panel at Painted Bluff



TVA Archaeologist, Erin Pritchard and friend remove modern graffiti near a prehistoric painting of a bird man



The same panel after being cleaned



Jannie Loubser points out a prehistoric glyph to volunteers

Some Early Newspaper Accounts of Archaeological Remains in Northwest Georgia

By Donald B. Ball

In order to make them more readily accessible to both modern scholars and casual readers alike, it is the purpose of the present brief anthology to bring together a small sampling of early (1881-1915) newspaper articles relating to archaeological explorations in various parts of Georgia. As may be expected, some of the sites (most notably the Etowah Mounds) and people (in particular C. B. Moore and George G. Heye) discussed will be familiar to many readers while some sites and individuals are more obscure. Nonetheless, discounting their sometimes "creative" interpretations, these long hidden accounts serve to provide insightful glimpses (both serious and humorous) into the history and maturation of archaeological research within the region.

National Republican

1881 An Extinct Race. *The National Republican*, Monday, April 4, 1881, pg. 1. col. 4, Washington, D.C.

AN EXTINCT RACE, Evidences of Antiquity Unearthed by a Georgia Flood.

Rome, Ga., April 3 [1881].—A wonderful discovery has been made at the farm of Frank Perry, in this neighborhood. The Coosa River was higher than ever before and the farm was completely overflowed, and when the waters subsided they did so with a rush, which literally peeled off the top soil to a greater depth than it had ever been penetrated with either plow or spade. After the overflow the greater part of the farm was found to be an uncovered battle-field or burying ground. Part of the territory consisted of mounds, evidently fortifications, strewn with implements of aboriginal warfare, beads, and earthen vessels, and the remainder was covered thickly with skeletons, all exposed, in a good state of preservation, and all lying in regular rows. The place is attracting crowds from all directions, and it is almost impossible to prevent vandalism. The field will undoubtedly prove to scientists one of the richest "finds" ever made on the American continent, and among the

countless number of Indian pipes found is one of great size and exceedingly fine workmanship. The bowl is carved with great skill in the form of a human head.

Daily Dispatch

1884 A Race of Giants. *Daily Dispatch*, Saturday, March 15, 1884, pg. 4, cols. 1-2. Richmond, Virginia.

A RACE OF GIANTS. Strange Discoveries Made in an Indian Mound Near Cartersville, Ga.

Mr. J. B. Toomer yesterday received a letter from Mr. Hazleton, who is on a visit to Cartersville, says the Athens (Ga.) *Banner*. The letter contained several heads [sic; beads] made of bone, and gave an interesting account of the opening of a large Indian mound near that town by a committee of scientists sent out from the Smithsonian Institute. After removing the dirt for some distance a layer of large flag-stones was found, which had evidently been dressed by hand, and showed that the men who quarried this rock understood their business. These stones were removed, when in a kind of vault beneath them the skeleton of a giant that measured seven feet by [sic] two inches was found. His hair was coarse and jet black, and hung to the waist, the brow being ornamented with a copper crown. The skeleton was remarkably well preserved, and taken from the vault intact. Near this skeleton were found the bodies of several children of various sizes. The remains of the latter were covered with beads made of bone of some kind. Upon removing these the bodies were found to be encased in a net work made of straw or reeds, and beneath this was a covering of the skin of some animal. In fact, the bodies had been prepared somewhat after the manner of mummies, and will doubtless throw new light on the history of a people who reared these mounds. Upon the stones that covered the vault were carved inscriptions, and if deciphered will probably lift the veil that has enshrouded the history of the race of giants that undoubtedly at one time inhabited this continent. All the relics were carefully packed and forwarded to the Smithsonian Institute, and are said to be the most interesting collection ever found in America. The explorers are now at work on another mound in Bartow County, and before their return home will visit various sections of Georgia, where antiquities are found. On the Oconee River, in Greene County, just above Powell's mills, are

several large mounds, one of them very tall and precipitous.

Evening World

1915 Banker Who was Sued for \$78,000 Alimony Takes another Wife. *The Evening World*, Monday, July 12, 1915, pg. 4, cols. 5-6. New York.

BANKER WHO WAS SUED FOR \$78,000 ALIMONY TAKES ANOTHER WIFE. George G. Heye Found Bride While Both Were Searching for Indian Relics.

It was love for Indian relics, society heard to-day, that brought about the marriage of Mrs. Dorothea Page and George Gustave Heye, banker and broker, of this city, in Atlanta, last Thursday. Announcement of the marriage has just been made. The couple expect to spend several weeks in the South.

They are now in North Georgia inspecting Indian mounds, which has been a fad with both. It was while searching such mounds they first met. They prepared for their wedding with utmost secrecy, but must have told some of their intimate friends, for their apartment at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta was filled with flowers ordered by wire from New York. Judge George L. Bell performed the ceremony.

George Gustave Heye is said to be worth \$2,000,000, much of it coming from his father, who made it in Standard Oil. Heye's first wife was Miss Blanche A. Williams of this city, known as "the Wellesley girl," and they had a summer home at Roslyn and apartments at the Langdon, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-sixth Street.

In 1913 Mrs. Heye sued for divorce, asking \$78,000 a year alimony. She declared the \$15,000 allowed by the courts was not enough, and that \$10,000 was not more than sufficient for her dress allowance alone. Later she received \$2,500 additional yearly allowance for each of her two children. It was in this case that Justice Aspinall delivered his rebuke of certain types of New York society women for drinking cocktails and fondling poodle dogs.



AHA Public History Workshop: Making History Public

Are you a leader or volunteer in a local historical society, museum, or non-profit organization that preserves, interprets or makes history available to the public? Join with others for a day of networking and learning about resources and funding opportunities. A "Making History Public" workshop will be held on Thursday, April 10 at the Scottsboro Depot Museum in Scottsboro, AL.

Co-sponsored by the Alabama Historical Association and the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, this workshop will include around-the-table presentations on such topics as nonprofit management, oral histories, university-community partnerships and best practices for your institution:

- "Our Local Society's Story," Mary Jones-Fitts, Marengo County History and Archives Museum

- "Collaborative Opportunities with Colleges and Universities," John Kvach, University of Alabama at Huntsville

- "What I've Learned About Oral History Projects," Marty Olliff, Troy University Dothan

- "Archival Training Collaborative," Greg Schmidt, Society of Alabama Archivists

- "Using Archaeology to Fill the Gaps in Historical Research," Kimberly Pyszka, Alabama Archaeological Society

- "Saving the Places Where History Happens: Quick Tips on Historic Preservation," Valerie Pope Burnes, University of West Alabama

- "Digitizing History Through Alabama Mosaic," Susanna Leberman, Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

- "What I've Learned About Successful Non-Profit Organizations," Billy Baxter, Alabama Association of Nonprofits

The day will conclude with an introduction to the Encyclopedia of Alabama, an online resource on Alabama history, culture, geography, and natural environment. The registration cost for the workshop is \$15, which covers lunch.

The workshop precedes the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Historical Association, to be held April 10-12. The Alabama Historical Association, founded in 1947, is the oldest statewide historical society in Alabama. The two-day meeting in Scottsboro features talks, papers, and tours of historical sites and houses. For more information about the AHA Annual

Meeting, visit www.alabamahistory.net.

For more information about the workshop, visit our website at www.auburn.edu/cah or contact Maiben Beard at 334-844-4903



Moundville Archaeological Park's Jones Museum Celebrates 75 Years in May

By Amanda L. Morrow

The Jones Archaeological Museum at Moundville Archaeological Park, thirteen miles south of Tuscaloosa, will be celebrating its diamond anniversary this May.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp stationed at Moundville constructed the museum building out of reinforced cast concrete between 1937 and 1939. Dr. Walter B. Jones, director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History at the time, praised the CCC 'boys' and their concrete job as the finest anywhere. The design of the building reflects some of the iconography found on artifacts at the site. In profile, the shape of the museum references the step motif, which is repeated in the artistic feature around the entrance. The façade also employs the skull and arm bone design in a frieze around the top of the building. A concrete representation of one of the many stone and copper pendants found at Moundville completes the feature

over the entryway.

The building was dedicated in front of a crowd of 600 people on May 16, 1939, with speeches from the Mayor of Moundville, Chancellor of the University of Alabama Dr. George H. Denny, Dr. Walter B. Jones, and representatives of the CCC and the National Park Service. Colonel Robert Fechner, national CCC director, officially presented Dr. Jones with the keys to the museum.

The museum was designed to prominently feature exposed burial remains left in situ within each of the wings, reserving the central gallery for display of other associated objects like the famed rattle-snake disc. Over the years, the exhibits have changed and been updated. The burials are no longer on display, and the museum now features a state of the art imagining of a Mississippian wedding procession. Moundville Archaeological Park has also secured the loan of objects removed from the site over a century ago, most notably the widely acclaimed 'duck bowl' from the Smithsonian Institution.

Moundville Archaeological Park will be holding a public celebration of the museum anniversary on Saturday May 10, 2014. There will be hands-on activities for children, performances and demonstrations, as well as the opening of a special temporary exhibit exploring the history of the park and museum. In honor of the 75th Anniversary, on May 10 guests will be invited to pay "Throwback Admission" rates of \$.50 for adults and \$.25 for children. Other activities, such as a lecture series, are being planned for the rest of the year to commemorate this milestone.



A Civilian Conservation Corps worker drills framing for the Jones Archaeological Museum at Moundville during its construction in the late 1930's

2014 Field School Announcements



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University of Alabama, Huntsville Field School at Redstone Arsenal

UAH is planning a summer archaeological field school on a historic site on Redstone Arsenal. The site selected will depend on the number of students, but options include a 19th century house site, a 1930's tenant farm, or a multi-component site with a Civil War camp and historic cemetery. The course will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from May 20-July 17 and will introduce intellectual and practical concepts using elements of research, fieldwork, analysis, and interpretation to explore and recreate the documented and undocumented past. Prerequisites include 9 semester hours in history or permission from the instructor. Contact the UAH History Department at (256)824-6310 for more information.

University of West Alabama Field School at Fort Tombeche

The 2014 UWA field school is May 19-June 14 at the colonial Fort Tombeche site in Sumter County. The course (AN 401) emphasizes archaeological excavation techniques, with a secondary focus on survey and mapping. Students will become familiar with the tools of archaeology and methods of controlled excavation, pedestrian surveys, and lab processing. Specific skills to be covered include using a total mapping station, profiling, soil description, recording archaeological data, and the particulars of excavating a frontier historical site.

The current investigation is focused on locating intact French-period remains. Participants will be investigating the bread oven and barracks associated with the fort and searching for a Choctaw village. They will complete the excavation of a rich deposit of French and Choctaw artifacts that was located in the previous season of work.

The field school will extend four weeks. Students are expected on the UWA campus by May 18. All work will be completed by June 14. Excavations are scheduled for Monday through Friday with one evening per week doing lab work. Participants are expected to spend one Saturday at the site for a Community Archaeology Day.

The course is open to any undergraduate students and anyone with a college degree. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants on a first-come basis. The deadline for applying is April 14. An application packet can be found at: www.blackbeltmuseum.org/.

The University of West Alabama Archaeological Field School

Learn archaeology while earning 4 credit hours

Participants will learn the basics of archaeological excavation and artifact processing at the colonial Fort Tombeche site (1736-1797) on the Tombigbee River in west Alabama.

AN 401 is open to any undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited university.

May 18 – June 14, 2014

Application deadline is April 14

Evening Talks * Field Trips

Fort Tombeche was occupied in the 18th century by France, England, and Spain and served as an important center of diplomacy and trade with the Choctaw Indians. The 2014 excavations will focus on the French period (1736-1763) bakery and barracks.



Tuition, fees, room & board: In-state \$2150; Out-of-state \$3262. Two scholarships of \$500 to qualified students





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Member News

A few years, Stones and Bones regularly recognized all new members, membership renewals, and gifts and donations. We are reinstating that practice as of January 1. The lists below recognize activity since that date.

New Members

Thomas W. Kirkland, Headland, AL
Amanda L. Morrow, Moundville, AL

Renewals

William O. Autry, Jr., South Bend, IN
Donald B. Ball, Louisville, KY
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Mc Brooms, Mathews, AL
Dick Brunelle, Sharpsburg, GA
Hamilton Bryant, Auburn, AL
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Bill and Anita Fowler, Irondale, AL
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Scott Hammerstedt, Norman, OK
Patsy G. Hanvey, Gadsden, AL
Ben Hoksbergen, Paint Rock, AL
Amanda M. Hoogestraat, Hernando, MS
Don Hudson, Auburn, AL
Lewis R. Humphries, Ohatchee, AL
Gene R. Kearley, Dothan, AL
Richard L. Kilborn, Hartselle, AL
Jonathan Matthews, Valley Grande, AL
Tim S. Mistovich, Mary Esther, FL
Joe D. Parrot, Huntsville, AL
Erin Phillips, Tuscaloosa, AL
Heather R. Puckett, Pike Road, AL
David Saunders, Nashville, TN
University of Toronto, Toronto, ONT
Ted Urquhart, Mary Esther, FL

Paid 2013 Membership – 292
Non-Renewals – 55
New Members – 35

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Donations and Gifts

Most of the recent donations have been for support of our Annual Meeting just held in Dothan. We particularly appreciate the support of a number of cultural resource management firms in the state for their recent support of our meetings. These donations permit us to reduce registration fees and provide more amenities at the meeting without spending AAS' funds. Supporters for the past meeting included (in alphabetical order): MRS Consultants, Panamerican Consultants, Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research (TVAR), and Wiregrass Consultants. Teresa Paglione also supported the Annual Meeting.

Our grant funds have also received some contributions. MRS has sent a donation to the Education fund. TVAR and Teresa included contributions to the Mahan research fund. Remember that the grants are pass-through projects. According to the bylaws, the grants are restricted to donations. No dues or other regular AAS funds may be used for this purpose.

AAS also received two unrestricted contributions since January 1. These are particularly useful, because AAS can apply the funds where ever needed. Contributions to the general fund were received from Teresa Paglione and Heather Puckett.

No gift is too large; no gift is too small. We thank all of you for your generosity in support of AAS and its goals.

Thank you!

Treasurer's Report Summary

Below is a short summary of the 2013 Treasurer's report. We had a pretty good year overall. Our membership, however, continues a slow but steady decline. We show a fairly large unrestricted balance, but most of that money is being held for publication of past journals. Our fund balances for the Mahan and Education Grants are small, and unless additional contributions are received this year, these grants will not be awarded.

Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013

INCOME

LINE	TO DATE
Dues	6,638.38
General Fund	75.00
Publications	862.01
Interest	25.76
Winter Meeting 2012	1,491.06
Summer Meeting 2013	293.50
Mahan Fund	117.65
Wimberly Fund	20.00
Education Fund	117.65
TOTAL	\$9,641.01

EXPENSES

LINE	AMOUNT
Journal	\$3,187.55
Newsletter	2,105.00
Office	163.64
Publications	24.17
Winter Meeting 2012	750.21
Summer Meeting 2013	100.00
Publicity	175.00
Education Fund	500.00
Mahan Fund	500.00
TOTAL	\$7,505.57

SUMMARY

ACTION	AMOUNT
Balance Forward	\$33,978.88
Income	9,641.01
Expense	7,505.57
Balance	\$36,114.32
Net	\$2,134.69

FUND BALANCES

FUND	AMOUNT
Education Fund	\$372.65
Mahan Fund	203.15
Wimberly Fund	1,243.12
Pottery Fund	404.99
Investment Fund	3,551.47
Publicity Fund	261.22
Total Restricted	6,036.60
Unrestricted	30,077.72
Balance	\$36,114.32

Chapter News

News from the Cullman Chapter by Robbie Camp: The Cullman Chapter met Thursday night February 20th to the pleasure of a program presented by archaeologist Rick Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee. Rick opened a new interest to the group by bringing and discussing his enormous fossil collection. He has spent many years searching for and collecting fossils from all over the country. He gave us several pointers on where and what to look for while explaining how he has them prepped after finding them. We discussed upcoming archaeological shows and meetings, and Rick told us about an exciting Turkey Tail cache found in Obion County Tennessee by a 5 year old boy (Google "cat corner cache")

The next meeting was on Thursday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at the Cullman County Health Department Community Meeting Room. Archaeologist Mark Norton drove down from Old Stone Fort to present a program on current projects underway in Tennessee. A bluff shelter site on the Kentucky border and a Mississippian mound site in the Harpeth River State Park are two interesting sites under current investigation. Mark also discussed the use of LiDAR technology and several new features it has brought to light at Old Stone Fort and other sites. He recently attended the Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico and shared some photos of the displays of artifacts, wonderful posters and local individuals who were able to attend. Mark presents two or three programs annually to our chapter, and we always look forward to his visits. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m at the Cullman County Health Department Community Meeting Room.

News from the Huntsville Chapter by Ben Hoksbergen: The Huntsville Chapter met on February 26 for a presentation by Ben Hoksbergen on Old World lithic technologies and how they might relate to various Paleoindian lithic industries. Ben brought along his teaching collection of Old World lithics, and Paul Gray brought several excellent casts of Paleolithic tools.

On March 25, the Chapter met again for an excellent program about two world-class sites managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Scott Shaw opened with a presentation on the early investigations of Dust Cave in Lauderdale County. His PowerPoint presentation included a history of investigations at Dust Cave illustrated with several of his personal photographs of the excavations along with a summary of the exceptional stratified Archaic deposits that were documented there. This was followed by a presentation from TVA Archaeologist, Erin Pritchard who discussed the recent break-in and looting of Dust Cave, and TVA efforts to salvage the effected data and prevent further damage. The presentation ended on a high note with Erin's description of the intensive clean-up and restoration of the Painted Bluff rock art site below Guntersville Dam.

Long-time Chapter member, Ed Kilborn was missed by all who attended these meetings. Ed passed away this winter following an illness. The Huntsville Chapter mourns his passing, and the Chapter is diminished by the loss of Ed's enthusiasm, insight, and extensive knowledge.

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DUES

Type	U.S.	Foreign
Annual Associate (under 18 years of age)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Annual Individual	\$25.00	\$30.00
Annual Family	\$30.00	\$35.00
Annual Institutional	\$50.00	\$55.00
Annual Sustaining Individual	\$35.00	\$40.00
Annual Sustaining Joint	\$40.00	\$45.00
Life Individual	\$500.00	\$600.00
Life Joint	\$600.00	\$700.00

AAS Research Grant

The AAS will grant an award of \$500 this year to a deserving archaeological research project. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Chairman by October 1st. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals and announce the winner at the Winter Meeting. Minimum criteria for the grant are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the AAS; 2) the project must be located in Alabama; 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to present a paper on the archaeological project at the Winter Meeting; 4) the project director or other personnel working on the project must submit a written report for publication in the Journal of Alabama Archaeology within twelve months of receiving the grant.

Public Education Grant

The AAS will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500. Proposals for grants must be submitted to the Chair of the Public Education Committee (see below) by October 1st. The Board will announce the grant recipient(s) at the Winter Meeting. Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the AAS; 2) the public education project must be located in the state of Alabama.

AAS Scholarships

The AAS will award up to two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250 each to undergraduate and/or graduate students attending an Alabama college or university. Scholarship nominations are to be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Committee Chair (see below) by October 1st. Each eligible student nominee must have an academic sponsor who must submit the nomination on the student's behalf. The nomination must take the form of a letter addressed to the Chair of the Archaeological Resources Committee. The letter must clearly identify both the nominee and the academic sponsor and must include pertinent contact information for both. The nomination letter must indicate the academic degree being sought and progress made to date toward that degree. The letter should include and discuss all the information necessary for the committee to evaluate the nominee. The sponsor should summarize the academic credentials and achievements of the nominee in the body of the nomination letter. The student must also be a member of the AAS.

Submit applications and questions to Hunter Johnson, Hunter@TVAREsearch.com, or Hunter Johnson, Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research, 2211 Seminole Drive, Suite 302, Huntsville, AL 35805

Additional details are available on the AAS website at:

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