

Alabama Archaeological Society

Stones & Bones

Volume 41, Issue 9

NADB DOC # - 4,062,266

November/December 1999

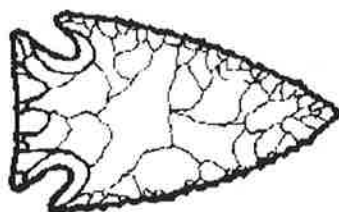
Editor:

McDonald Brooms

Associate Editors:

Kathy Gilchrist

Samantha Wolfe



Editorial Office:

40 Eldridge Hall

Troy State University

Troy, AL 36082

☎ 334-670-3638

Fax # 334-670-3706

Email: anthro@trojan.troyst.edu

AAS 1999 Winter Meeting

The Alabama Historical Commission and Old Cahawba Park will host the AAS 1999 Winter Meeting at the Performing Arts Center in historic downtown Selma on Saturday, December 11th. The theme for the Winter Meeting is *New Directions for the New Millennium*. Registration begins at 9:00 am and presentations will commence at 9:30 am.

We hope to break for lunch at 11:30 so folks can enjoy downtown Selma. The Board of Directors meeting will be held during lunch. The meeting will commence promptly at 1:00 pm.

The afternoon will feature our keynote speaker, Dr. Amy Young from the University of Southern Mississippi. Amy will be talking about the Archaeology of Urban Sites. There will also be time for viewing artifact displays and of course, we can't have an AAS Winter Meeting without the incomparable Jim Lee silent book auction. After the auction, there will be a special tour of the historic St. James Hotel on Water Avenue that will end up on the hotel's waterfront terrace for drinks and the best view of Selma's Christmas Riverboat Parade. The St. James Hotel was built in 1837 and is among the oldest

functioning hotels in Alabama, as well as one of the few remaining antebellum riverfront hotels in the United States. It has been completely restored and authentically decorated in the style of the antebellum period.

For those who stay over Saturday night, we will be offering a morning tour of Old Cahawba. If you have not visited the site in the last five years you will be pleasantly surprised. This is your chance to get the insider's tour from an archaeological perspective.

The **Performing Arts Center** in Selma is located on the corner of Selma Avenue and Lauderdale Street, just south of Broad Street (Hwy. 80). The address is **1000 Selma Avenue** and the phone number is **(334)874-2145**. There is plenty of public parking available at the Dallas County Courthouse, directly across the street. Please keep in mind that there will be no parking on Broad Street on the morning of December 11th. This is due to Selma's annual Christmas Parade, the route for which runs along Broad

Visit the AAS Web Page:

<http://www.gulfmart.com/org/aas.htm>

Street. Because of the parade, we advise that you plan on getting to the Performing Arts Center early so that you can park, but also because during the parade, it will not be possible to drive down Broad Street.

Call for Papers and Artifact Displays

Please submit papers to be presented at the Winter Meeting to be held December 11th, 1999 in Selma. We will be offering an award to the best avocational paper presented so don't be shy. Plans are underway to have a poster and/or display session so we need participation from everyone. Feel free to call Julie Lyons at (334)875-2529, if you have questions or ideas. Abstracts should be submitted to Julie Lyons by November 15th. Mail to: Old Cahawba, 719 Tremont Street, Selma, AL 36701, or email Julie at Gjlyons1@cs.com.

Back by popular demand! Everyone had such a great time looking at member's collections of Archaic and Paleo lithics at the Summer Meeting that we would like to ask those with artifact displays to participate in this year's Winter Meeting. In honor of the publication of the ceramics volume, we hope to see some pottery collections as well as lithic collections. If you have artifacts that you would like to bring to the meeting for others to enjoy, please contact Julie Lyons at (334)875-2529. The deadline for submission of artifact collections is November 30th. Tables will be available on a first call basis.

Winter Meeting Lodging

The following is a list of hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts are provided for those of you who may be interested in staying over in Selma after the meeting. If you are planning to stay, we recommend that you make a reservation as there

are various other activities planned for the the December 11th weekend in Selma.

Best Western

1915 W. Highland
1-800-528-1234/(334)872-1900

Budget Inn

601 Highland Avenue
(334)872-3451

Comfort Inn

Highway 14 East & Bypass
1-800-228-5150/(334)875-5700

Craig Motel

Highway 80 East
(334)875-3150

Days Inn & Suites

1120 Highland Avenue
(334)872-0014

Economy Inn

Highway 80 East
(334)875-1212

Grace Hall (Bed and Breakfast)

506 Lauderdale Street
Coy and Joey Dillon
(334)875-5744

Graystone Motel

1200 W. Highland Avenue
(334)874-6681

Holiday Inn

1806 W. Highland Avenue
1-800-465-4329/(334)872-0461

Jameson Inn

2420 N. Broad Street
1-800-541-3268/(334)874-8600

St. James Hotel

1200 Water Avenue
1-888-264-6788/(334)872-3234

Travellers Inn

2006 Highland Avenue
(334)875-1200

Nominations for AAS Officers, 2000

The nominations committee has submitted the following slate of officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming year. Elections will be held on December 11, 1999 at the Annual Meeting in Selma.

President: Van King

1st Vice President: Gary Mullen

2nd Vice President: Judith Knight

Secretary: Linda Derry

Treasurer: Eugene Futato

Asst. Treasurer: Julie Lyons

Newsletter Editor: McDonald Brooms

Assistant: Kathy Gilchrist

Assistant: Samantha Wolfe

Photographer: Anderson Brooms

Journal Editor: Eugene Futato

Assistant: Ned Jenkins

Assistant: Carey Oakley

Assistant: Boyce Driskell

Board of Directors (3 Yr. Term):

Bart Henson

Steve Meredith

Bill Fowler

Howard King

Tom Maher

Joe Copeland

Vacant One Yr. Term: Charles Hubbert

AAS Board Establishes Two New Awards

Two awards of appreciation and support were established for the Alabama Archaeological Society at the Fall Board of Director's meeting.

Chapter Recognition Award:

Certificate to be awarded at the Winter meeting beginning in 2000.

Criteria:

1. At least 50% of registered members also are registered members of the AAS
2. The Chapter must meet at least 5 times a year.
3. President, or vice-president, must attend all Board meetings.
4. Conduct, or participate in, as a chapter, one activity during the year (fieldwork/lab work, community outreach, etc.) promoting archaeology or preservation.
5. Applied for by the Chapters at least two weeks prior to the Fall Board meeting.

Rationale:

The strength of the society is in the Chapters as this is the pool from which we draw support for AAS goals and for statewide preservation activities. A loose affiliation of individuals interested in archaeology in general is not as useful to preservation activities as an organized and active chapter membership. Communication is critical to meeting these goals and if few Chapter members are getting AAS publications, invitations to meetings, etc., the communication link is weak. The Chapter presidents also must serve as conduits between AAS and the Chapters to communicate the concerns and activities of both groups.

Milt and Bea Harris Outstanding Service Award:

Plaque to be awarded at the Winter meeting beginning 1999.

Criteria:

1. To an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the AAS, through service or personal commitment to archaeology and the goals of the AAS. This can be volunteering, i.e., site work, lab work, giving talks; donating a large, well-documented collection; recording and reporting a large number of archaeological sites;

behind-the-scenes support for archaeology and the AAS.

2. Nominated by the Publicity Committee with two backup letters of support.

Rationale:

Long-term commitment and service creates stability within an organization. It takes more than officers to run a successful and strong organization. Many are interested in working quietly, making a contribution, doing what they can, to further the goals of the AAS. These individuals often go unnoticed and under-appreciated. The Board should recognize and reward this long term commitment and show support for the contributions made by these individuals. This award is named for two long term AAS members who served the AAS in many capacities but are best remembered - for working with Britt Thompson - editing the Stones & Bones newsletter for 13 years.

Milt and Bea were active supporters of the society, participants in all volunteer activities from digs to fund-raisers, diligent behind-the-scenes workers in almost every aspect of the Society, selflessly giving service wherever needed. Their model sets a good example for the kind of commitment needed by the Alabama Archaeological Society.

AHC Hires Dr. Lee Warner as Executive Director

After an exhaustive search, the Alabama Historical Commission has hired a new Executive Director. Chosen from a qualified field of candidates, Dr. Lee Warner was chosen because of his breadth of preservation and organizational



Dr. Lee Warner, new Director of the Alabama Historical Commission.

development experience, achievement and distinction managing cultural institutions.

After receiving a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Wisconsin, Warner became an assistant professor of history at Florida State University, following which he was appointed to a curatorial position within the Florida Department of State. Between 1979 and 1981, he coordinated the work of eight state Historic Preservation Boards in different regions of Florida. In 1982 he began a five year tenure as director of the Florida Museum of History. Under his leadership, museum attendance doubled and a statewide citizen support organization was founded.

In 1978, Dr. Warner was appointed Capitol Curator in the state of Florida and directed the restoration of the Florida Capital building as well as the installation of museum galleries and interpretive programs in the structure.

In 1986 he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Division of Historic Resources, with responsibility for Florida's historic preservation, archaeology, folklife and history museum programs.

In 1987, Warner became Executive Director of the Asolo Center for the Performing Arts in Sarasota. While serving in this capacity Warner was decorated by the French Government for his work with the French Film Festival.

Prior to coming to Alabama, Dr. Warner served for four years as executive director of the Woman's Exchange in New Orleans. This institution operates the National Historic Landmark Herman-Grima and Gallier Houses in the French Quarter. While in New Orleans, he was also an adjunct professor at the University of New Orleans.

The AAS welcomes Dr. Warner to Alabama and we extend our assistance.

Amos J. Wright Donates Artifact Collection

A good thing happened the other day. Amos J. Wright, a long time friend, colleague and amateur



Eugene Futato (left), A.J. Wright (center), and Carey Oakley (right) examine artifacts and maps at the OAS Laboratory, Moundville Archaeological Park.

archaeologist, donated a portion of his personal artifact collection to the Office of Archaeological Services, The University of Alabama Museums. This is the first installment of three areas that A.J. collected over the past fifty years.

By making this significant contribution, he has made a conscious commitment to permanently preserve a portion of our heritage for generations to come. As the various boxes were carried from his van into the OAS laboratory, I could not help from peering into a box every now and then to see what was inside. Even though I have been in this business for almost as long as A.J. has been collecting, I still get a thrill at looking at artifacts! I could almost share his excitement when he originally picked up a particular piece on a hot summer day years ago. Even A.J. said that he, in most cases, could remember the occasion when he found a particular point.

After lunch, A.J., Jim Lee (another long time friend and amateur archaeologist), Eugene Futato, Archaeological Collections Curator, Joel Watkins, Archaeological Technician, and myself gathered around a table in our library to pour over the accompanying topographic maps. It became increasingly obvious that A.J.'s collection was quite different from most personal collections that I have seen in Alabama. Over the years A.J. had taken the time and effort to precisely record every site that he collected and then meticulously catalogue each artifact. This is marvelous as this simple procedure tremendously enhances the research value of a collection. Archaeological Collections Curator, Eugene Futato said, "If everyone who collects would put forth this effort for future researchers." I second that statement, particularly since I'm getting older I no longer trust my memory to sometimes remember even the simplest appointment.

Many people think that since the University's archaeological collections are so massive, we would have little need to acquire or even want additional collections. The truth is that we are becoming selective about what we accept. However, when it comes to provenienced collections we can never have too much as we are acquiring for present and future generations of

archaeological researchers. Keep in mind that every site, and yes even every artifact, is a unique specimen made by humankind and represents their mark on our heritage. Once they are destroyed by progress, looting, or simply lost, then that critical tangible evidence is gone forever.

It is our goal, hope, and ambition to preserve, research and exhibit more and more of our collections for the public good. I for one salute A.J. Wright for his decision to assist in the continued preservation of our precious Alabama Heritage; I hope others will do the same.

Carey B. Oakley, Director
Office of Archaeological Services
University of Alabama Museums

AAS Board Awards Moundville Native American Festival Public Education Grant

At the September 21st Board meeting in Birmingham, the AAS Board of Directors voted to award the Moundville Native American Festival a grant of \$500.00. The Festival (held October 6th through the 9th, 1999) is an annual event celebrating Southeastern Indian culture and heritage. The Festival hosts about 15,000 visitors annually and at least 10,000 of these visitors are school children. The Festival intertwines integral aspects of Alabama prehistory and history utilizing North America's most pristine Mississippian Indian ceremonial site as its backdrop. Visitors are encouraged to submerge themselves through living history enactments, archaeological and natural history interpretations, traditional lifeway demonstrations, and other interactive presentations and programs.

The AAS Board recognized the opportunity to serve as a Festival sponsor as a way to educate the public about archaeology as well as the Alabama Archaeological Society. With the Board's increased emphasis on public education and attracting new members, the fact that thousands of

school children attend the Festival each year was a major factor in awarding the grant. The AAS's grant was also matched by a \$1,000.00 grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

As a result of our grant, the AAS received sponsorship benefits that included an Alabama Archaeological Society information booth operated by AAS volunteers, the AAS logo in the official Festival program, the AAS name listed as a grant sponsor on the Festival flyers, and an acknowledgment in the official Festival program, as well as a promotional paragraph advancing AAS membership.

In addition to assisting in the sponsorship of a worthy public education cause, promoting the Alabama Archaeological Society to 15,000 potential new members will serve our organization well.

Obituary

We would like to acknowledge the passing of **Harris C. Hughes, Jr.** of Summerville, S.C.

Mr. Hughes joined the Alabama Archaeological Society in 1964 and was a life member since 1965. We extend our sympathy to the Hughes family and mourn the loss of a long time member.

AAPA Election of Officers

The Alabama Association of Professional Archaeologists meeting was held October 16th at Moundville. The newly elected officers for the AAPA are:

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| President | Tom Maher |
| V. President | Stacye Hathorn |
| Sec/Treasurer | Paul Jackson |
| Board #1 | Boyce Driskell |
| Board #2 | Lee Luis |
| Board #3 | Terry Lolley |

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Assume SHPO Duties

The Poarch Band of the Creek Indians has officially assumed State Historical Preservation Officer functions within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's reservation in Alabama. The effective date of the Tribe's assumption of duties was June 10, 1999. The Poarch Band of the Creek Indians is the eighteenth Tribe to assume SHPO duties pursuant to Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Duties assumed by the Tribe include the responsibility for consulting with Federal agencies on Federal undertakings and entering into appropriate Memoranda of Agreement pursuant to Section 106. If an agency is planning any undertaking on the Poarch Creek Reservation, representatives must now consult with the Tribe on the same basis as they formerly would have consulted with the SHPO.

The Tribe's historic preservation officer is William Day. Please address correspondence to his home address:

Mr. William Day
128 Olive Street
Pineville, Louisiana 71360
318-641-5773
Fax: 318-641-5767

The tribal offices are located at:
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502

Book Review

"People of the Lightning"
Kathleen O'Neal Gear and
W. Michael Gear
1995. St. Martin's Press

The authors are professional archaeologists; Kathleen is a former historian and archaeologist for the Department of the Interior and Michael is the principal investigator for Wind River Archaeological Consultants. They live in Thermopolis, WY.

This historical novel is about prehistoric Indians in southern Florida. Pondwader is a young Indian of 15 who has some magical powers, but does not know how to effectively use them. He is traded by his clan to Musselwhite, a female warrior, who reluctantly takes him in tow. The husband of Musselwhite is captured by the fearsome chief Cottonmouth. The story involves the clash of these two clans and the rescue of Diver, Musselwhite's husband. There is considerable realism about Indian life in the Archaic period interwoven with mysticism.

There are several books in this series, the latest being "People of the Mask" 1998.

contributed by Amos J. Wright, Jr., Huntsville
Chapter

Now Class Pay Attention!

In our last issue we included an article that contained strange answers from students in an archaeology class. We enjoyed the answers so much that we thought we would continue with it. The following were selected from lists of answers from 16 year olds compiled by the 1998 GCSE examiners.

-Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

-The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

-Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

-Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advise. They killed

him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

-In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java.

-Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

-During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe.

-Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called Pilgrim's Progress. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

Teachers Discover Frozen Man in Canada

Three teachers hunting for sheep in a remote corner of northwestern British Columbia found the well-preserved remains of an ancient man on August 14th.¹ Archaeologists and elders from the territory where the body was found announced the discovery at an August 24th news conference.

Tribal leaders speculated the body was that of a male hunter who was crossing a glacier when disaster struck. Somehow he died, and his body was trapped in an ice field.

"The elders have indicated that we should use this situation, what appears to be an ancient tragedy, to learn more about this person, when he lived, and how his clothes and tools were made and how he died," Chief Bob Charlie of the Champagne-Aishihik First Nation said.

The teachers said they found the remains frozen in ice in Tatshenshini Park, just south of the Yukon-British Columbia border. They also found some belongings, believed to be a walking stick and weapons.

One of the teachers, Bill Hanlon of Sparwood, British Columbia, said they were walking along rocks next to an ice patch when they saw odd-shaped pieces of wood that had been carved.

"We started saying, 'This looks pretty neat,'" Hanlon said. One of the men then spotted a patch of fur in the ice. Hanlon said the fur turned out to be either a pack or a coat from which they pulled out a tool.

Then they saw the body.

"We noticed a hip bone protruding from the ice," he said.

The hip bone had been decomposing, so it felt rubbery and spongy.

Then they spotted the lower part of the body in the ice.

"The lower torso, we could tell, was in the ice and there was flesh on that," he said.

While they could see the lower part of the body, he said, they didn't spot the head or upper torso.

The three hunters picked up a few artifacts, including pieces of wood, hiked back to their truck and later informed authorities.

Scientists said the frozen remains are a rare and intriguing discovery. Recovered with the man was his simple possessions: a fur cloak, a broad-brimmed hat, a walking stick, a spear and a leather pouch filled with fish and edible leaves. The body is in cold storage in Whitehorse, the provincial capital of Canada's Yukon Territory. Scientists who initially examined the remains said it is comparable to the 5,300-year old frozen hunter found in the Alps in 1991.

A variety of tests, including analyzing his ancient DNA and X-rays of his skeleton, can reveal the man's health and diet, as well as his culture, way of life and the environment in which he lived.

To conduct the tests, scientists had to obtain permission from native tribes in the area to take small samples of hair, flesh or bone from the body. The Champagne and Aishuhik First Nations in west Canada have claimed the ancient man as their ancestor.

Tribal leaders said they would support research efforts on the remains, in contrast to

tribal opposition that has blocked research on the Kennewick discovery.

Several other tests, including DNA sampling and skull measurements, could shed light on the frozen man's cultural background, and whether he is distantly related to any modern groups or tribes.

Microscopic pollen on his clothing, as well as the edible leaves in his bag, could help researchers reconstruct the ancient environment. Fur clothing and the size of the glacier demonstrates that portions of the region were cold, especially at high elevations.

As early as 14,000 years ago, coastal regions that are now underwater were treeless plains similar to today's Yukon, said paleontologist Rolf W. Mathewes of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

Contamination is another concern. Frozen mummies decompose rapidly if allowed to thaw.

Europe's famous Ice Man, the oldest and best-preserved frozen mummy, now resides in a below-zero chamber in an Italian museum.

In Argentina, three pre-Columbian mummies found high in the Andes are kept in freezers. They still have blood in their hearts and lungs.

Other 500-year old Inca mummies, such as Ice Maiden, are kept in air-tight displays. But the Ice Maiden was freeze-dried in the arid climate, and lacks internal fluids.

Researchers said the Canadian remains probably contain prehistoric pathogens that would offer insights into disease among ancient peoples. Investigators must maintain cold sterile conditions for their own safety.

"Pathogens survive very well in these mummies," Dansie said. "There's good reason to be very cautious."

A chronological date has recently been determined for the prehistoric man. With a carbon 14 date of 550 BP (approx. 1450 AD), the ice man is definitely not as old as was originally thought.² Even so, he will still be a source of valuable information for scientists trying to determine how people lived in that part of the world during the 15th Century.

Notes

1. Unless otherwise noted, all of the information in this article is taken from: http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/ap/19990825/wl/canada_ancient_man_1.html

and

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/ap/19990825/sc/canada_iceman_1.html by Joseph B. Verrengia

2. George Forsyth, personal communication, 1999.

French Scientists Say Cave Footprints are Oldest in Europe

A young boy walking barefoot inside a cave 25,000 to 27,000 years ago left behind what French archaeologists believe may be the oldest human footprints in Europe.

French archaeologists discovered the four footprints while exploring the so-called Chauvet cave, which already boasts the world's oldest reliably dated wall paintings, in the southern Ardeche region.

Scientists studying the site said there was no way to precisely date the prints in the damp clay but that carbon datings nearby in the cave strengthen their case.

"We have made an intellectual link-one that is very strong," said Jean-Pierre Dugas, an archaeologist and chief administrator for the cave. "Before the cave was discovered, it had been closed off for 20,000 years. Everything we have found near the footprints is older than that."

The cave, discovered five years ago by an amateur spelunker, contains 300 prehistoric wall paintings, considered the world's oldest. The radiocarbon datings of the paintings, as well as campfire remains, range from 23,000 to 32,000 years.

The footprints were discovered by a team of 15 scientists who joined those already studying the paintings in May. The markings, which

measure 8.3 inches long, are thought to have been made by a boy 8 to 10 years old.

If the scientists are correct, the footprints are the oldest known in Europe, belonging to Cro-Magnon man - "people like you and me," Dugas said.

The Chauvet cave's walls are adorned with animals of the glacial era and the floors littered with campfires, flints and the bones of bears still in their hibernation dens.

The valuable find also has been the subject of legal wrangling between the state and Jean-Claude Chauvet, who claims that as the cave's discoverer, he has rights to some of the future financial proceeds.

Revenue from the caves will come from photographs, postcards, posters, and other memorabilia sold to visitors.

Scientists agree the cave could outclass the famous Lascaux caves in the Dordogne region, about 18,000 years old, which draw hundreds of thousands of tourists each year.

"The cave is extremely rich and will likely give us many more clues to exactly how these people lived," said Jean Clottes, the archaeologist who heads the team that discovered the footprints.

Taken from The Birmingham News, June 11, 1999, by Susannah Patton

Alabama Historical Commission Awards Grants

The following is a list of grants awarded by the AHC for Fiscal Year 1999. This list contains only grants that pertain directly to archaeology. For a complete listing of Fiscal Year 1999 grants, you may contact the AHC at (334) 242-3184.

- ♦ **EAST ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Archaeological Resources Talapoosa River
Amount \$3,350**

Approximately 200 sites have been recorded along the Tallapoosa River in Macon, Elmore, and Montgomery counties. Sites will be studied to determine their National Register status for possible nomination to the Register.

- ♦ **ALABAMA HISTORIC IRONWORKS COMMISSION**

- Brierfield Ironworks System Survey**
Amount \$7,936

- To survey peripheral sites associated with the Brierfield blast furnace and produce a map of the entire iron-making system in GIS software.

- ♦ **ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION**

- Fort Strother Survey & Verification Project**

- Amount \$9,000**

- To verify the location of Fort Strother and identify the location of individual graves in the associated cemetery.

- ♦ **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

- Character of Mississippian Settlement in Black Warrior Valley**

- Amount \$9,000**

- Locate outlying prehistoric settlements within the area encompassed by the prehistoric Moundville chiefdom of the Black Warrior River Valley.

- ♦ **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA**

- Reading About Our Archaeological Past**
Amount \$7,500

- To publish archaeological studies that will appeal to the general public, as well as to historians, craft specialist, folklorist, Civil War enthusiasts, and the African-American community.

- ♦ **ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

- Typology Compilation for "Prehistoric Pottery of Alabama"**

- Amount \$3,000**

Develop a volume on prehistoric pottery of Alabama. This project will expand upon work over the past seven years to create a complete typological volume.

- ♦ **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA**

- Material Culture of an Eighteenth-Century Gulf Coast Plantation**

- Amount \$25,000**

- One of the few known colonial plantation sites that have survived the last two centuries intact as an archaeological resource has yielded data on French plantation structures and the material culture for this dynamic period of Mobile's history.

- ♦ **ST. STEPHENS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

- Archaeology at Old St. Stephens**

- Amount \$25,000**

- Professional archaeological services to investigate and stabilize sites in the area. Mapping and recording will be done on approximately 65 acres. Permanent datum points will be established. Master plan produced. Will include informational web site.

- ♦ **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

- Continued Archaeological Mitigation Dust Cave**

- Amount \$24,948**

- Dust Cave contained extremely important, well-preserved, and organic laden archaeological deposits from late Paleoindian through middle Archaic periods. This long term project has mitigated the effects of heightened water levels from adjacent lake. A teacher education component (Project Archaeology) is also a part of the project.

- ♦ **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

- Online Access to Alabama State Site File**

- Amount \$16,500**

- Will provide online access to Alabama State Site File. A web server and software will provide the system with capability to meet needs.

Complete versions of all site forms will be contained, including site maps. Immediate access to current site information will assist project planning, Section 106 review, research, and other archaeological resources management needs.

- ♦ HISTORIC SHELBY ASSOCIATION

Archaeological Testing of the Civil War Rolling Mill

Amount \$10,062

To determine as nearly as possible, how many additional structures and foundation remnants of the Antebellum/Civil War Shelby rolling mill have survived. A sampling strategy will achieve optimal results within the time and funding of this grant to provide the field data that can be linked with research findings and enable the development of an interpretive concept that will make it possible for public to benefit from this project.

- ♦ JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Morgan Mountain Village Site Project

Amount \$6,000

This site contains Woodland and Mississippian components. Maps will be produced that show locations of feature plans and profiles. Will include radiometric dating for the site.

Kids-N-Digs

The Troy State University Archaeological Research Center has developed a program entitled ***Kids-N-Digs*** which is aimed at teaching children in the fourth through seventh grades about Alabama archaeology and prehistory. While this program was designed to help social science teachers, it would also be an excellent resource for other groups such as Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

The program consists of a sourcebook, 2 slide presentations, and an artifact kit. The sourcebook is entitled *Teachers-N-Digs/Kids-N-Digs*

Archaeological Source Book: For Fourth through Seventh Grade Teachers. It includes information about the Alabama State artifact, archaeology as a career, the Alabama Historical Commission, how archaeological sites are excavated and analyzed, prehistory of the Coastal Plain, projectile points and pottery of the Coastal Plain, archaeological opportunities and special programs, attractions in Alabama, recommended readings and videos, as well as activities for students.

The two slide presentations are entitled *Alabama Archaeology* and *Alabama Prehistory*, and are designed to be used in conjunction with the source book. Each slide presentation is approximately 45 minutes in length and a narrative is included. The *Alabama Archaeology* presentation follows the steps taken by archaeologists from locating a site to excavation to artifact analysis and curation. The *Alabama Prehistory* presentation examines the life and cultures of Native American Alabamians in south Alabama, from the Paleo stage to the Historic period. It includes slides of characteristic pottery, projectile points, and other tools from each of the different cultures.

The artifact kit, also designed to be used in conjunction with the source book, contains replicas of the different types of projectile points used at various times in the past in southern Alabama. It includes not only projectile points, but also a hammerstone, baton, pressure flaker, and a preform.

These materials are available for loan, free of charge, to interested teachers and groups. Due to the limited number of slide presentations and artifact kits, we kindly ask that if you do borrow them, please return them to TSU a maximum of 10 days after receiving them. If you are interested in any of these materials contact:

Kathy Gilchrist or Mac Brooms
TSUARC
40 Eldridge Hall
Troy, AL 36082
(334)670-3638 phone
(334)670-3706 fax
anthro@trojan.troyst.edu - email

Recent Additions to the Alabama Site File

As a new feature, the *Stones & Bones* will list the number of new sites added to the Alabama site file on a quarterly basis. This data will keep AAS members informed about survey activities in their county. The new sites listed are those for the past quarter as of October 1, 1999. In the future, only those counties with new sites will be listed.

| <u>County</u> | <u>New Sites</u> | <u>Total Sites</u> |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Autauga | 18 | 363 |
| Baldwin | 2 | 509 |
| Barbour | 0 | 135 |
| Bibb | 8 | 434 |
| Blount | 0 | 87 |
| Bullock | 0 | 33 |
| Butler | 3 | 48 |
| Calhoun | 0 | 625 |
| Chambers | 0 | 147 |
| Cherokee | 7 | 512 |
| Chilton | 1 | 339 |
| Choctaw | 0 | 242 |
| Clarke | 1 | 246 |
| Clay | 4 | 189 |
| Cleburne | 5 | 272 |
| Coffee | 7 | 127 |
| Colbert | 3 | 413 |
| Conecuh | 0 | 84 |
| Coosa | 0 | 159 |
| Covington | 0 | 208 |
| Crenshaw | 0 | 44 |
| Cullman | 2 | 242 |
| Dale | 0 | 339 |
| Dallas | 1 | 432 |
| Dekalb | 9 | 86 |
| Elmore | 1 | 493 |
| Escambia | 0 | 113 |
| Etowah | 0 | 202 |
| Fayette | 0 | 139 |
| Franklin | 53 | 679 |
| Geneva | 0 | 95 |
| Greene | 0 | 140 |
| Hale | 2 | 226 |

| | | |
|----------------|----------|------------|
| Henry | 0 | 167 |
| Houston | 0 | 231 |
| Jackson | 0 | 1013 |
| Jefferson | 4 | 596 |
| Lamar | 3 | 53 |
| Lauderdale | 1 | 636 |
| Lawrence | 12 | 791 |
| Lee | 0 | 279 |
| Limestone | 14 | 501 |
| Lowndes | 0 | 329 |
| Macon | 0 | 179 |
| Madison | 21 | 867 |
| Marengo | 0 | 172 |
| Marion | 3 | 242 |
| Marshall | 2 | 449 |
| Mobile | 3 | 291 |
| Monroe | 0 | 123 |
| Montgomery | 0 | 312 |
| Morgan | 5 | 794 |
| Perry | 0 | 174 |
| Pickens | 0 | 122 |
| Pike | 0 | 71 |
| Randolph | 0 | 422 |
| Russell | 0 | 435 |
| Shelby | 0 | 384 |
| St. Clair | 0 | 291 |
| Sumter | 0 | 101 |
| Talledega | 36 | 608 |
| Tallapoosa | 0 | 47 |
| Tuscaloosa | 2 | 831 |
| Walker | 1 | 202 |
| Washington | 0 | 147 |
| Wilcox | 0 | 209 |
| <u>Winston</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>470</u> |
| TOTAL | 242 | 20941 |

Archaeological Web Sites

Searching the USGS Maps

Have you ever needed a United States Geological Survey (USGS) map for a city, site, project area, etc., only to find you weren't quite sure which map you needed? Now the USGS provides an avenue to inquire about place names

online at its Geographic Names Information Systems (GNIS) Web Site. The address is: <http://mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis/gnisform.html>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's New Section 106 Regs Online

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has new Section 106 regulations. Published in the Federal Register at 64 F.R. 27043-27087 (May 18, 1999), they went into effect June 17, 1999. Visit the ACHP's web site www.achp.gov to review and download a copy of the new regulations.

The National Center for Preservation Technology Web Site

The National Center for Preservation Technology (NCPTT) promotes and enhances the preservation and conservation of prehistoric and historic resources in the United States for present and future generations through the advancement and dissemination of preservation technology and training. <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/index2.stm>

BETA Analytic, Inc.

BETA's website provides information on everything one needs to know about the sending, processing, analysis, and reporting of a carbon sample. www.radiocarbon.com

Chapter News

East Alabama Chapter

The first meeting of Fall 1999 of the East Alabama Chapter was held on Tuesday, October 12th. Meetings of the East Alabama Chapter have been moved from the Alabama Power Company auditorium to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The next meeting will be held on November 9th, where John Ross will be

presenting a program on the restoration of Bean's Mill.

Calendar

November 10-14, 1999- The Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held at the Pensacola Grand Hotel, Pensacola, Florida. Contact: Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL 32514; Phone: 850-474-3015; Fax: 850-474-6216.

November 17-21, 1999- Eastern States Archaeological Federation (EASF), The Ohio Archaeological Council invites you to the 66th ESAF Annual Meeting at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center, Kings Island, Ohio. For further information contact Arrangements Chair: Martha Potter Otto, Ohio Historical Society, 1982 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211; Phone: 614-297-2641; Fax: 614-297-2411; Email: motto@ohiohistory.org.

April 5-9, 2000- The 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Contact: Society for American Archaeology, 900 Second St. NE, Suite 12, Washington, DC 20002; Phone: 202-789-8200; Fax: 202-789-0284; Email: meetings@saa.org; www.saa.org.

Donations Received

The following people made donations to the **Wimberly Scholarship Fund**:

Bonnie Gums, Mobile, AL
Gary R. Mullen, Auburn, AL

Will H. Blackwell made a donation to the **Edward C. Mahan Fund**.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!

Donations can be made to the grant programs any time during the year. Donations to the Stephen B. Wimberly Scholarship Fund provide the financial support necessary for the Student Scholarship program, while donations to the Edward C. Mahan Fund are used to fund research grants. Funds for the Public Education grants are provided by the Public Education Special Projects Fund. Due to the current low balances in both the Public Education and Edward C. Mahan Funds, donations to either of these funds would be especially appreciated.

Please send your donations to:

AAS

13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474

Current Fund Balances

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Wimberly Scholarship Fund | \$492.50 |
| Edward C. Mahan Fund | 65.00 |
| Public Education Fund | 55.00 |

1999 Renewals

Alabama Historical Commission,
Montgomery AL
M/M James F. Anderson, Ashville AL
Donald B. Ball, Louisville KY
Daphne O. Battle, Montgomery AL
Brenda Baucom, Mobile AL
Will H. Blackwell, Tuscaloosa AL
John H. Blitz, Tuscaloosa AL
Jerry M. Brown, Huntsville AL
Carroll B. Butler, Shalimar FL
Jerry & Lanelle Cauthen, Apalachicola FL
Jefferson Chapman, Knoxville TN
David W. Chase, Norcross GA
Jerome A. Cooper, Birmingham AL
Cornell University Library, Ithaca NY
Ann D. & Tom Cousins, Atlanta GA

M/M Charles J. Ebert Jr., Foley, AL
Lawrence & Viola Evans, Anniston AL
Phylis Floyd, Opelika AL
Charles R. Gremillion, Warner Robins GA
Bonnie Gums, Mobile AL
Gene M. Hamby Jr., Sheffield AL
Jean S. Hartfield, Carriere MS
Samuel W. Henderson Jr., Montgomery AL
Greg Hendryx, Moundville AL
Del Hiestand, Alabaster AL
Caryn Y. Hollingsworth, Birmingham AL
Harry O. Holstein, Jacksonville AL
Horseshoe Bend, Dadeville AL
Wayne Hunter, Alexander City AL
Hunter B. Johnson, Tuscaloosa AL
Betsy Jones, Moundville AL
Douglas E. Jones, Tuscaloosa AL
Richard S. Kanaski, Savannah GA
Steve Lamb, Geneva AL
Scott Lancaster, Norman OK
Robert Lusteck, Tuscaloosa AL
Mark J. McDougal, Laceys Spring AL
Scott Meeks, Moundville AL
Julie Morrow, State University AR
Gary R. Mullen, Auburn AL
Tom A. Mullendore, Anniston AL
Mark R. Norton, Pinson TN
Robert H. Polk, San Pedro CA
M/M David C. Russell, Mobile AL
Frank T. Schnell, Columbus GA
Charles Setterlund, Ardmore TN
Larry Smith, Jacksonville AL
Karen Y. Smith, Columbia MO
Lesly & Margaret Southard, Rogersville AL
M/M Cecil W. Stedham Jr., Weaver AL
Read & Becky Stowe, Mobile AL
Charles P. Stripling, Nashville TN
Tennessee Valley Authority, Norris TN
Thomas & Associates, Fort Walton Beach FL
Jeff and Suzanne Thomson,
Owens Cross Roads AL
John Van Valkenburg, Orange Beach AL
Walter B. Viall, Huntsville AL
Kenneth A. Webb, Ohatchee AL
W. Rex Weeks Jr., Tempe AZ
Richard A. Weinstein, Baton Rouge LA

2000 Renewals

Alan B. Blake, Mandeville LA
Lewis H. Larson, Carrollton GA
Jerald T. Milanich, Gainesville FL

New Members

Phil Carr & Amy Young, Mobile AL
Alison Hadley, Eufaula AL
Gail Tate King, Sterrett AL

New Life Members

John H. Blitz, Tuscaloosa AL
Betsy Jones, Moundville AL

AAS Chapter Presidents

Bill Fowler-Birmingham Chapter
1308 Sumar Rd.
Birmingham, AL 35213
205-592-2990 (home)
205-581-2305 (work)
wk.at.fowler@att.net

Howard King-Cullman Chapter
P.O. Box 1271
Cullman, AL 35056-1271
256-739-1194 (Home)

James Thomas- Troy Chapter
Route 2 Box 142
Goshen, AL 36035
334-566-3855 (Home)

Please send us your name and address if you are a chapter president!

1999 Alabama Archaeological Society Officers & Board Members

OFFICERS:

President - Jim Knight
1st Vice President - Julie Lyons
2nd Vice President - Judith Knight
Secretary - Linda Derry
Treasurer - Beverly Curry
Assistant Treasurer - Eugene Futato
Journal Editor - Eugene Futato
Associate Editors - Ned Jenkins, Carey
Oakley, Boyce Driskell
Newsletter Editor - McDonald Brooms
Associate News Editor - Kathy Gilchrist,
Samantha Wolfe

Board Of Directors:

Three Year Term
Rick Fuller
Gary Mullen
Charles Moore
Margaret Russell
Amos Wright
Ian Brown
Greg Rhinehart
Michael Poe

Two Year Term
Jim Lee
Van King
Lee Luis
John Van Valkenburg
Bonnie Gums

One Year Term
Greg Waselkov
Joe Copeland
Bart Henson
Joe Watkins
Charles Hubbert
Bill Grantham

Steven Meredith, Past Pres.

AAS Scholarships

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250.00 each to two students actively engaged in an archaeological research project. Proposals for the scholarships must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by January 31st. The Scholarship Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipients will be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the student recipients must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the research project that the student is involved with must be located in the state of Alabama, 3) the student must be an undergraduate or a graduate student enrolled in a college or university in the State of Alabama with an active anthropology program, 4) the student must submit a letter of endorsement from an anthropology program, and 5) the student will be required to present a paper on his or her research project at the 1999 Winter meeting.

Public Education

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500.00. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500.00. Proposals for the grants must be submitted to the Public Education Committee Chairman by January 31st. The Public Education Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the grant recipient (s) shall be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the public education project must be located in the State of Alabama, 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to give a presentation on the project at the Winter meeting.

Research Grant

The Alabama Archaeological Society will grant an award of \$500.00 this year to a deserving archaeological research project. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Chairman by January 31st. The Archaeological Resources Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipient shall be made by March 31st. Minimum criteria for the grant are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 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 and, 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.

Scholarship Committee Chair

Margaret Russell
P.O. Box 353
Eufaula, AL 36702

Public Education Committee

Linda Derry
Old Cahawba
719 Tremont Street
Selma, Alabama 36701

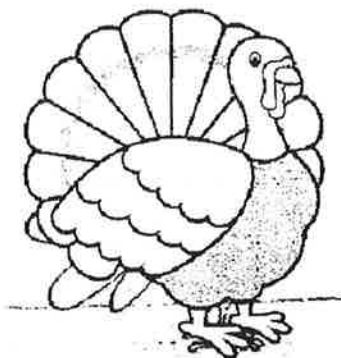
Research Committee Chair

Jean Allan
P.O. Box 278
Double Springs, AL 35553

ARTIFACTS!

Do you have any interesting artifacts that you would like to share with the members of the Alabama Archaeological Society? If you do, please send a description of the artifact and a color photo (black and white is fine if that's all you have) to the editorial staff here at *Stones & Bones* and we'll include it in an upcoming issue.

Happy Thanksgiving



HAPPY



HANUKKAH

TELL US ABOUT IT!

The editorial staff at *Stones & Bones* is looking for articles to publish and we would like those articles to come from you the members. If you have visited a site recently that you found to be of interest (it doesn't have to be in Alabama) tell us about it. If you have been doing research on a particular topic, tell us about it. If you have been involved in anything else archaeological, tell us about it. These do not have to be professional papers, so please feel free to contribute. If you have color pictures (if you only have black and white photos that's fine) which accompany your article, please send those as well and we will include them with your article.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Are you a reader? Do you read interesting books about archaeology and related topics? Do you think others might be interested in reading the same books? If so, *Stones & Bones* would like to hear from you. If you have read an interesting book, write a review and send it to us. Book reviews are a good way of letting others know about archaeological publications which may be of interest.



MERRY



CHRISTMAS!!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE OF STONES & BONES IS DECEMBER 10TH, DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS!!

Available Publications

Available Issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

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

Vol. 32 & up, each issue (*two issues per volume*)\$6.00pp

Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations (Journal of Alabama Archaeology)

Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint.....\$7.50pp

The Archaeological Sequence at Durant Bend, Dallas County Alabama

Special Publication 2\$6.00pp

Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend

Special Publication 3\$8.00pp

Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Types\$15.00pp

Membership

The form below may be used for any or all of the following: applying for membership, payment of annual membership dues, change of address, or donations. Please be sure to print your name and address clearly, and check the appropriate boxes. All checks should be made payable to: **Alabama Archaeological Society**. Send the membership form and/or publication orders to:

Alabama Archaeological Society
Archaeological Services
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474

The Alabama Archaeological Society Membership Form

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP

☐ ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT

☐ CHANGE OF ADDRESS

☐ DONATIONS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

☐ Life (individual).....\$240.00**

☐ Sustaining (individual).....\$20.00

☐ Joint Life (husband & wife).....\$300.00

☐ Sustaining (husband & wife).....\$25.00

☐ Annual (individual).....\$12.00

☐ Annual (institutional).....\$25.00

☐ Annual Family (husband, wife,
children under 18).....\$15.00

☐ Associate (students under age 18).....\$9.00

☐ Steven B. Wimberly Scholarship Fund* \$ _____

☐ Edward C. Mahan Research Fund* \$ _____

☐ Public Education Special Projects Fund* \$ _____

*All donations are tax deductible.

**Residents of foreign countries, including Canada and Mexico, please add: \$2.00 for Annual Individual, Institutional, or Associate; \$20.00 for Life; and \$25.00 for Joint Life



STONES & BONES
NEWSLETTER

Alabama Archaeological Society
40 Eldridge Hall
Troy State University
Troy, AL 36082-0001

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 99
Troy, AL 36082