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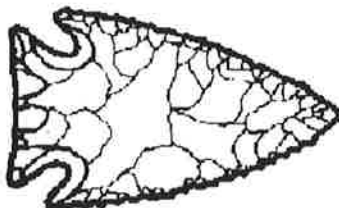
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### **Announcing the David and Elizabeth DeJarnette Endowed Scholarship in Anthropology**

A scholarship has been established in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama in honor of long-time Alabama archaeologist and educator David L. DeJarnette and his wife, Elizabeth. Alabama Archaeological Society members will remember Mr. DeJarnette as a staunch supporter of the Society since its founding. He was the first editor of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology.

Mr. DeJarnette can genuinely be called the founder of modern archaeology in the state of Alabama. He began his archaeological career in 1930, with excavations at the Moundville site conducted by the Alabama Museum of Natural History. During the Depression era, Mr. DeJarnette played a leading role in numerous large-scale excavations conducted with New Deal relief labor in various parts of the state. After World War II, he authored the first synthesis of Alabama archaeology, published in 1952.

Of great significance to Alabama Archaeological Society members was David DeJarnette's program of bluff shelter excavations conducted during the 1960s and 1970s. DeJarnette worked closely with Society members in supervising the excavation of many promising sites in north Alabama. These projects also served as University of Alabama field schools where a generation of students received training in field techniques. The crowning achievement of this program was the excavation of the Stanfield Worley Bluff Shelter in Colbert County, which resulted in the recognition and dating of what DeJarnette named the Transitional Paleo-Indian cultural horizon in the Tennessee Valley.

Elizabeth DeJarnette was a graduate of the University of Alabama, after which she served during the 1930s as Secretary of the Geological Survey of Alabama. As assistant to State Geologist Walter B. Jones, who was a member of the original U. S. De Soto Commission, Elizabeth DeJarnette was placed in charge of preparing for printing the now-classic report of that commission, authored by John R. Swanton and published in 1939. Many visitors to Mound State Monument will remember that Mrs. DeJarnette was for a long time in charge of the gift shop.

The David and Elizabeth DeJarnette Endowed Scholarship in Anthropology is designated for anthropology students conducting work on the archaeology of Moundville. It was established by the DeJarnettes' daughter, Dr. Sarah DeJarnette Caldwell, and her husband, James, both of St. Louis.

Contributions to the scholarship are requested from Alabama Archaeological Society members who wish to honor the DeJarnettes' memory by supporting students who are studying Moundville archaeology. Those who wish to contribute should contact Pam Parsons in UA's College of Arts and Sciences at (205) 348-8538.

## Chapter News

### *Huntsville Chapter...*

The Huntsville Chapter held its June meeting on Tuesday the 28th. Michael Finn of the Division of Archaeology, The University of Alabama, spoke on the excavations at site BT-15, a late Gulf Formational-Woodland site near Oneonta in Blount County. The Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. The public is welcome.

## In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

The 1980 Summer Meeting was held near Epes, Al at the site of Ft. Tombekbe. The meeting consisted of 2 days of field school which were conducted by the University of Alabama, in conjunction with the University of Livingston. Supervision of the Ft. Tombekbe project was carried out by archaeologist Jim Parker. All interested parties were invited to participate.

According to Bienville's letters of 1735, Ft. Tombekbe was originally to be built about 70 leagues from Mobile on the Upper "Mobile" River. It appears that Bienville's choice of location would have fallen somewhere within the forks of the Tombigbee and Black Warrior Rivers. Bienville later abandoned this idea because of "the sentiment of the trustworthy Choctaws". He later found the present day location, which is 15 leagues farther up, to be far more advantageous. The Fort was built of red cedar and completed in May of 1737. In November of 1763 it was surrendered to the British, where it was known as Ft. York. Ft. Tombekbe/York was abandoned by the British in January of 1768. In following years the fort was used as a trading post, with its last use as a Choctaw trading factory under the U.S. in 1800.

## New Publications

***Protecting Archaeological Sites on Private Lands.*** This recent publication is a study of techniques for protecting private archaeological sites, and is provided free of charge by the National Park Service. It has three main sections dealing with "Archaeological Values and the Law", "Regulatory Strategies," and "Non-Regulatory Strategies," with an extensive bibliography following each section. Copies are available from: Interagency Resources Division, National Park Service, Suite 250, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

"The Mount Vernon Site: A Remarkable Hopewell Mound in Posey County, Indiana" is the lead article in the forthcoming ***Archaeology of Eastern North America, Volume 22, 1994.***

The Mount Vernon site (see **State News**, page 6), otherwise known as the "GE Mound," has been involved in an ARPA case against several looters. The site has been tested by the Indiana Department of Highways. What is left of the site

is now protected. Available from ESAF, PO Box 368, Bethlehem, CT 06751-0386

## What's Happening Around the State

The University of Alabama at Birmingham recently hired a new Research Assistant Professor for the Department of Anthropology. Dr. Jack Bergstressor has a Ph. D in History of Technology from Auburn University and a Masters in History and Anthropology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Bergstressor has worked with various archaeologists in Illinois and Alabama on the early iron and steel industry.

## The Calendar

**The Alabama Archaeological Society Summer Meeting 1994**, will be held Saturday, July 9th at Dust Cave near Florence Al. A Board of Directors Meeting will be held during lunch. Please consult the May or June edition of the *Stones & Bones* newsletter for more information.

**November 9-12 Southeastern Archaeological Conference / Midwest Archaeological Conference**, Annual Meeting. This year the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and the Midwest Archaeological Conference will hold a joint meeting, November 9-12, 1994, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington, KY. A keynote address will be given by Dr. Alison Wylie. This joint meeting is an exciting opportunity for archaeologists working in the Southeast and Midwest to exchange information and ideas. The local arrangements chair is Margaret Scarry. The program chair for MAC is Richard Jeffries. Contact SEAC/MAC Committee, 101 American Bldg., University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0100. Phone: 606-257-1944. Fax: 606-323-1968.

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

Vol. 20-31, each issue.....	\$3.50pp
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