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The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

On November 16, 1990, President Bush signed into law the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P. L. 101 - 601 Stat. 3048; USC 3001 - 13). This law has generated widespread interest among Native Americans, museums, professionals, archaeologists, and Federal agency employees charged with meeting its requirements. We are interested in hearing your comments and concerns regarding this law.

This law sets forth the rights of Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations with respect to human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony with which they can demonstrate lineal descent or cultural affiliation. This statute also conveys to such groups the rights to decide disposition or take possession of such items.

The purpose of this Act is to require that Federal agencies and museums receiving Federal funds for inventory holdings of such remains and objects, work with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to reach agreements on the repatriation or other disposition of these remains and objects (House Report 101 - 877; 8 - 9). Once cultural affiliation and in some cases the rights of possession have been demonstrated, Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations normally make the final determination on the disposition of human remains or cultural items defined by the statute. It also protects Native American burial sites and controls the removal of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and items of cultural patrimony on Federal, Indian, and Native Hawaiian lands. Many historic or prehistoric artifacts besides those defined in Section 2 of the Act are found on archaeological sites or in collections. These kinds of artifacts, for example, pottery, stone tools, and metal artifacts not from burials, are not covered by the statute and may remain in Federal or museum ownership.

The Senate Report (101 - 473; 5 - 6) notes both that human remains must at all times be treated with dignity and respect and the important role that museums play in educating the public and increasing social awareness about the nation's prehistory and history. The statute requires two major activities for its implementation. These are:

(1) the collection, inventories, written summaries, and potential repatriation activities, and (2) the care and disposition of cultural items recovered during planned or unanticipated excavations, either data recovery or testing.

The *Stones and Bones* would like to solicit comments and concerns regarding the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act from Alabama Archaeological Society members. The National Park Service is interested in the views of the public and will soon be publishing guidelines regarding the implementation of the act. Please send your responses to:

Alabama Archaeological Society, 307 Wallace Hall, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082-0001. Please respond by July 1. Your comments will be published in an upcoming issue and will also be forwarded to the National Park Service.

Taken from: National Park Service Memorandum, Nov. 19, 1991

Alabama Historical Commission Fails to Fund Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey

The Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey grant application to the Alabama Historical Commission placed third out of 19 Survey and Registration grant proposals this year. Unfortunately, the proposal was not funded.

The Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey proposal, sponsored by the University of Alabama and the Alabama Archaeological Society (see the April newsletter) requested \$2200.00 for travel expenses. Travel to PaleoIndian collections throughout the state would be very beneficial in order to record and photograph significant Paleo points.

The Alabama Historical Commission awarded a total of \$75,440.00 in Historic Preservation Fund grants this year in all categories (Survey and Registration, Planning, Predevelopment, and Public Education). Certified Local Governments for historic downtown projects captured \$55,110.00 in grant money leaving only \$20,330.00 for other projects. The Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey was one of twelve Archaeological grant proposals submitted with only one of the twelve being funded. This project was submitted by the University of Alabama to fund their Archaeological Traveling Trunk series for a total of \$2320.00.

While the loss of the grant is disappointing, the Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey will continue. Without the funds necessary to travel, individual and chapter efforts to fully record and photograph Paleo points must be intensified.

Alabama Archaeological Society Field School at Dust Cave

As of April 30, seven A.A.S. members had signed up for the summer field school at Dust Cave. This is the largest enrollment of the A.A.S. sponsored field school yet. Since the Society sponsors only 10 positions for the school, reserve your place on this important project today. See your April newsletter for details or call Boyce Driskell at Moundville Archaeological Park:

☎ (205) 371-2266.

What's Happening Around the State

Jacksonville State University . . .

. . . is currently conducting an archaeological survey of the Pelham Range at Fort McClellan. To date, 8000 acres have been surveyed producing 72 newly discovered sites. Most of the sites are prehistoric, although a few historic sites have been discovered including an old iron furnace and a historic dam. The survey will include a total of 10,000 acres.

Troy State University . . .

. . . will hold its 1993 summer field school in Enterprise AL in Coffee County at 1Co54. The site contains Dalton, Early and Middle Archaic, and Gulf Formational phases as its major components. The field school is scheduled for June and July, Monday through Thursday, but excavations will continue seven days a week. All Alabama Archaeological Society members are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mac Brooms at Troy State University Archaeology Lab: ☎ (205) 670-3517.

In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

Twenty years ago in the May 1973 issue, society members were thanked for recording Alabama rock features. Their participation was recognized as a fine example of one of the countless worthwhile archaeological projects for non-professionals with which no rational professional could possibly find fault. Members were informed of the extreme importance that these features and symbols held, and that they should be sought statewide. When found these symbols should either be reported to someone who can give advice on proper techniques for making photographic or other records or else can help in some other way to get this information preserved and mapped.

Just as each pottery fragment, each bit of bone, each man modified rock or chip of rock is a bit of information about human activity, so is each feature that has been carved, scribed, painted or engraved by human hands into boulders or on cave walls. This was, and still is an area of archaeology that has received very little serious attention in the eastern states. Nevertheless, correlations do exist between these utilitarian or symbolic elements and the other archaeological data in a given area, and the society can contribute greatly if members locate and record such items for purposes of future interpretation, possible dating and correlation by a trained professional. (Taken from Alice Burns, May 1973)*

** Editor's note: This information, written twenty years ago, is still pertinent today and society members are asked to continue searching for rock features in Alabama.*

Chapter News

Troy State University

The Troy State chapter held its final meeting of the school year on May 14 in Smith Hall. Members celebrated their accomplishments with a small party, during which they discussed their plans for the summer. Members will continue working on phase III testing of the Enterprise site, which will also serve as the site for their field school this summer. Many members of the chapter will travel to the summer meeting at Dust Cave as a group. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of September at the TSU Archaeology Lab.

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New Members

Robert Beasley
Marietta, GA

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Dothan, AL

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Section, AL

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Auburn, AL

A Note to the Chapters

Please send all Chapter News and other information to be included in the June newsletter to the *Stones and Bones* editorial offices by the 28th of May.

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Enclosed is the new price list of the A.A.S publications. Society members are encouraged to order these publications as soon as possible since supplies are limited.

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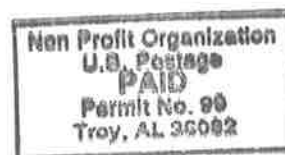
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