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### A TRIP TO THE TALLAPOOSA RIVER COUNTRY: SUMMER MEETING 1986

PROGRAM: To assist anthropologists from Auburn University (both Auburn and Montgomery) and the University of Alabama in the investigation of a multi-component archaeological site in Elmore County.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1986

- 7:30-12:00 Meet at Maness Gulf Station, Highway 231, for directions to the site.
- 8:00-12:00 Investigations at Site 1EE191.
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (bring your own).
- 1:00-4:00 Continued investigations of the site.
- 4:00 Summary of day's activities.
- 6:00 Supper at the Hotel Talisi, Tallasee, Alabama.

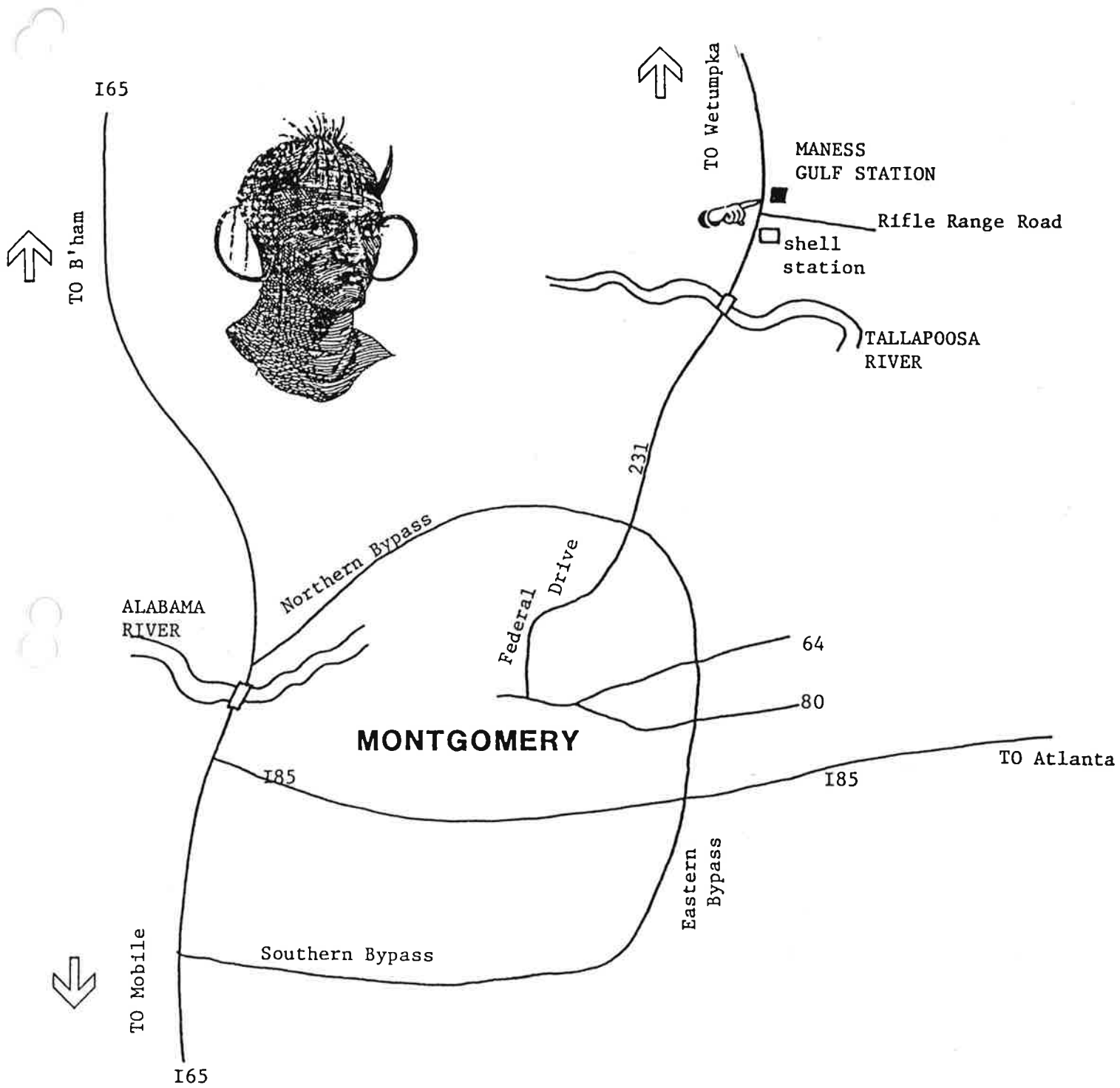
#### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1986

- 7:30-8:30 Meet at Maness Gulf Station, Highway 231, for direction to the site.
- 8:00-12:00 Continued investigations of the site.

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#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS:

1. We will meet at the Maness Gulf Station at the Junction of Rifle Range Road and Highway 231 (see map). This station is about 3 miles north of the Montgomery Northern Bypass. The site is about 5 miles away, but this is the most convenient meeting place. Someone will be at this station from about 7:30 to 12:00 on Saturday and from about 7:30 to 8:30 on Sunday with directions to the site.
2. To make your visit an enjoyable experience, and also of assistance to archaeology, you will need to consider the following points:
  - A. Bring food for lunch and snacks as it's a long way to any store.
  - B. Don't forget something to drink. Some water will be available, but we don't want to run out.
  - C. The site is open so dress as you wish, but don't forget you have come to work. Work shoes, a hat and gloves are often necessary items. Likewise, long pants and a long sleeved shirt provide protection from the sun.
  - D. Please bring your own trowel and any other small tools you may wish to use. Shovels and screens will be provided.
  - E. Other suggested personal items you may wish to bring include: camera, film, sunglasses, notebook, pencils, aspirins, suntan lotion, band aids, handkerchief, and insect repellent.
3. Saturday night we will have an informal buffet supper of home cooked food, all you can eat, at the Hotel Talisi in Tallahassee, Alabama. Cost of the buffet is \$6.00 per adult. Some of you may wish to stay overnight at this hotel, and accommodations are nice and run: single for \$16 and double for \$20.50. Reservations may be made by calling 205-283-2769. The other motel in town is the Tallahassee Motor Inn (205-283-5752) with a single for \$18 and double for \$20. Tallahassee is about 20 miles from the archaeological site, and maps to the hotel will be available at the dig. Those who wish less quaint lodging may want to stay in the eastern bypass area of Montgomery. No formal program will be presented at the buffet, but we will have a room available for our group meal.
4. Individuals directing the research at 1EE191 include Dr. Greg Waselkov (Auburn University and Auburn University, Montgomery), Dr. Craig Sheldon, Jr. (Auburn University, Montgomery), Dr. Ken Turner (University of Alabama), and Dr. John Cottier (Auburn University). Please feel free to ask them questions about any aspects of work at this important site. Likewise, remember your efforts can make an important contribution to a better understanding of the archaeology of Alabama. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!
5. IF POSSIBLE, please let Baker Dean (Box 508, Opelika, AL 36801) or John Cottier (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Auburn University, Alabama 36849) know if you plan to attend. This will help provide the best allocations of resources.



### CAMP AT FT. TOULOUSE THIS SUMMER

Fort Toulouse-Jackson Park and the Alabama Historical Commission would like to extend free camping privileges to members of the Society for the weekend of July 19-20. Just show your membership card. The park is only 10 miles from Fusahatchee. Anyone wishing to camp for the weekend can reserve a campsite by calling 567-3002. Be sure to indicate your membership in the Alabama Archaeological Society. Each camp pad has water and electricity and the bathhouse has hot showers.

The weekend of July 19-20 is also the weekend we put on our 18th Century Living History Program. In this program we try to give the public an idea what life was like at Fort Toulouse during the 1750's. Visitors will see such things as blacksmithing, dugout canoe building, cannon and musket firing and food preparations. All re-enactors are dressed in carefully researched period clothing. The Living History program ties in well with the research being conducted at Fusahatchee in that the Creeks at that site were trading and interacting with Fort Toulouse on a fairly frequent basis.

I would also like to invite Society members who wish to participate in excavations at Fusahatchee or Fort Toulouse anytime during the summer to camp at Fort Toulouse. Dr. Richard Krause and I will be conducting a University of Alabama field school here from June 10 until August 15. We will be excavating the earliest of two French forts built here. Very little of this fort has been previously uncovered.

Ned J. Jenkins  
Archaeologist/  
Park Manager

### GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS EDWARD C. MAHAN RESEARCH FUND

The Alabama Archaeological Society wishes to acknowledge the generous contributions to the Edward C. Mahan Research Fund received during the past month. Contributors were:

Mrs. Louise Katz	Guntersville, Alabama
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Mr. Timothy Stevens	Montgomery, Alabama
Mr. and Mrs. Bart Henson	Huntsville, Alabama

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### DEJARNETTE RESEARCH CENTER

On May 24, many friends and former students of David L. DeJarnette gathered at Moundville State Park to dedicate the David L. DeJarnette Research Center. The Center is a remodeled Ramsey Hall, at a cost of \$160,000, and will house the large

collection of artifacts for study by scholars that has accumulated since WPA days. It will also be used as a depository for the U. S. Government. Former students gave David a "roast" which revealed some interesting sidelights to the early days of David's career.

A bronze plaque was unveiled by Carey Oakley, Director of the Office of Archaeological Research. Everyone enjoyed the barbeque and draft beer - and the opportunity to talk over "old times" with David and renew friendships.

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#### FULBRIGHT LECTURER

Dr. Roger Nance, UAB Department of Anthropology, will be in Guatemala for the next year serving as Fulbright lecturer at Universidad del Valle, Guatemala City. Roger will be teaching courses in lithic tool analysis and use of microcomputers in archaeology.

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#### CHAPTER NEWS

##### East Alabama Chapter

For our January meeting Dr. David King presented a program on the geological time scale entitled "Stratification Record". In February Mike Gillman, a student in anthropology and history, gave us a program called "The Creek Confederacy and the Charleston Fur Trade". Bishop Anthony, II, Auburn student, presented an illustrated talk on "Rock Art of the Chaco Canyon Region" for our March meeting.

In April Bill Deutsch, a graduate student in the doctoral program at Auburn University, told about his experiences with archaeology in Israel. He showed slides called "Excavations in Tel Laclish, Israel". For our May meeting, Dr. David Icenogle, History Department, Auburn University, presented a slide-lecture entitled "Samuel H. Lockett, An Alabama Artist in Ethiopia". He talked about the development and exploration of that country in the 1870's.

Auburn University Archaeology Department and the East Alabama Chapter of the A.A.S. will host the statewide summer meeting at Fusahatchee, the Creek village currently being excavated.

For more information on East Alabama Chapter meetings, contact Baker Dean at 745-2494.

Caroline Dean

## Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter met on June 2 at the Tuscaloosa Library. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Earle Smith, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology and Biology at The University of Alabama. He spoke on the "New Archaeological Information from Plant Remains".

Joan King

## ALABAMA DESOTO COMMISSION

Governor Wallace, by executive order, has created the Commission to study and research the early Spanish exploration and colonization of Alabama. Established for an initial period of five years, the Commission will also designate sections of existing Alabama highways as the DeSoto Trail and plan an appropriate commemoration of DeSoto's entry to Alabama, which in 1990 will be the 450th anniversary, and also relates to the 500th anniversary in 1992 of the discovery of America by Columbus.

The thrust of the Commission's work will be historic research, archaeological research and surveys, educational promotions, community programs and involvement, trail location and marking, significant site location and marking, including an intensive search for Mauvilla, culminated with appropriate publications.

The first meeting of the Commission took place at The University of Alabama May 23-24, where most of the time was organization work and committee assignments. Following are members of the Commission:

Dr. Richard Bailey - Montgomery  
Dr. Thomas Bibb - Montgomery  
Dr. Edwin Bridges - Montgomery  
Mr. Joe Carver - Montgomery  
Judge C. J. Coley - Alexander City  
Mr. Caleb Curren - Camden  
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Mr. Daniel Williams - Tuskegee  
Mr. Amos Wright - Huntsville

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### BOOK REVIEWS

"Indian Traders of the Southeastern Spanish Borderlands" - by William S. Coker, et al. 1986. University Presses of Florida, 15 NW 15th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32603. 428 pages. \$30.00.

This is the story behind the Pantan-Leslie Company and its successor, John Forbes Company, dating from 1783-1847. The Pantan-Leslie-Forbes history is one of fascination as they survived on the Indian frontier as the largest trading firm of their times, through British, Spanish and American regimes. They were successful and survivors.

Dr. Coker has been aggressively collecting the most complete file of Pantan-Leslie-Forbes papers, numbering in the thousands, and from sources worldwide. These papers are housed at the University of West Florida, where Dr. Coker is Professor of History. At times the reading becomes a little tedious due to the "dryness" of the business aspects of the company, but this is an outstanding contribution to the historical period of that time and far surpasses anything attempted to date on the subject. A must for those interested in the Indian trade - especially the Creeks.

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"A Field Guide to America's History" - by Douglass L. Brownstone. 1986. 336 pages. \$9.95 paperback or \$17.95 hardback. Facts on File, Inc., 460 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016.

"With the aid of this book, people can more easily explore the country and their neighborhoods, tracing the lives and activities of the common men and women who built America. The Field Guide can turn a simple afternoon outing into a historical adventure." - from American History Illustrated.

The book is divided as follows:

1. The Land Talks
2. Footprints Across America
3. The Builders' Legacy
4. A Nation of Farmers
5. A Harvest of Common Artifacts

This is an interesting book and a very different approach to American history. This book does not contain the traditional history such as dates, battles; Presidents, etc., etc., but contains tidbits that each of us can relate to and better helps us understand our past.

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## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* Vol. 20-29 each issue ..... (\$2.50 to Members) \$5.00 pp  
*Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations* (Journal of Alabama Archaeology) Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint, each issue ... \$5.00 pp  
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 Lively, Long, Josselyn - *Pebble Tool Paper* ..... \$3.00 pp  
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*Exploring Prehistoric Alabama through Archaeology* (Juvenile) ..... \$7.00 pp

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