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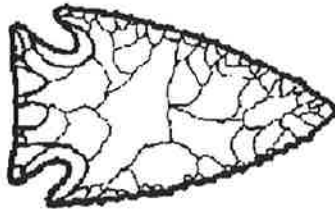
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## 1996 AAS Winter Meeting

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The 1996 Winter Meeting was held on Saturday, December 14 at the UAB Hill Center Auditorium. Over 50 people attended the meeting and enjoyed presentations on both prehistoric and historic archaeological sites as well as related topics. New officers and board members were elected during the Board of Directors meeting at the "Pita Stop," a Middle Eastern restaurant.

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## Annual Book Auction & Sale

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We would like to thank the following generous presses who donated books to the AAS for our 1996 Winter Meeting. About 40 books were donated which resulted in a profit of approximately \$450.00. All proceeds will be go to the AAS.

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## Interesting Find!!!

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During the course of a reconnaissance level survey performed for the City of Sylacauga northwest of Talledega Springs, an interesting find was made. While surveying a clearcut on the eastern side of the Coosa River, Donald Brown from the University of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Services recovered a Spanish coin eroding from the edge of a logging road. The silver coin, minted in 1793 in Mexico City, proved to be an isolated find except for an unrelated preform fragment found nearby.



The coin is a "two bit" piece common in the Americas and accepted as United States legal tender until the 1850's. The coin is marked with the bust of King Carlos IV and a crest or shield under a crown. The bust is surrounded by a Latin inscription as is the crown and shield; roughly translated, "By the Grace of God 1793 Carlos IV" and "King of Spain and the Indies."

The location of the find is less than two miles from the location of the Fort Williams Cemetery suggesting the coin may have been related to early activities surrounding the Fort Williams area. Fort Williams was instrumental in the Creek and Indian War and in particular the Battle of Horseshoe Bend fought by General Jackson and the Tennessee Volunteers. Although intensive inspection of the surrounding area was undertaken, no other artifacts were recovered.

By Matt Gage

## National Register Program Announcement

In the December issue of *The Atlanta Antiquity* The National Register Programs Division of the Atlanta Office of the National Park Service was pleased to announce that the Secretary of the Interior, on June 19, 1996, designated the Yuchi Town Site as a National Historic Landmark. The site is located along the Chattahoochee River in Alabama, and contains the remains of two historic Native American tribal occupations, Apalachicola (ancestral Creek) and Yuchi. The first group, which allied with the Spanish in Florida during

the seventeenth century against the English in the Carolinas, was ultimately destroyed as a culture. The second group shifted its alliances with various European powers until they were displaced by the expanding American frontier in the Southeast, in the early nineteenth century. The Yuchi Town Site is an outstanding example of historic Native American cultures adopting various strategies to maintain their cultural integrity in the face of European colonization and American expansion.

## New Publications

In 1991 the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists sponsored a symposium on the Paleoindian and Early Archaic periods in the Southeast. David Anderson and Ken Sassaman have assembled the papers from that symposium in a book published by the University of Alabama Press entitled *The Paleoindian and Early Archaic Southeast*. South Carolina is emphasized, but articles on early settlements from Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina insure a good regional perspective. This valuable contribution is available from the University of Alabama press for \$29.95 (paperback).

(From *Features and Profiles*, Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Inc., November-December 1996.)

*William Bartran on the Southeastern Indians*. edited by Gregory A. Waselkov and Kathryn E. Holland Braund, 1995, Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, \$49.50 (hardback).

*Choctaw Genesis*. by Patricia Galloway, 1995, Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, \$65.00 (hardback).



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- Special Publication 2 - *The Archaeological Sequence at Durant Bend, Dallas County Alabama*.....\$6.00pp
- Special Publication 3 - *Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend* ..\$8.00pp
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