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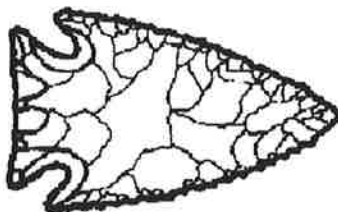
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What's Happening Around the State

The University of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Services conducted a Phase II investigation at the Tapscott-Eason site (1Mg774) located in central Morgan County, Alabama. The site contains both prehistoric and historic components. Prehistoric deposits could not be culturally associated and are designated as Unknown Aboriginal. This component is not considered eligible for the NRHP. The historic component relates to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. An I house sits atop the site and dates to the late nineteenth and twentieth century. Archaeological materials suggest that an earlier occupation preceded the I house, probably dating to the early-middle nineteenth century. Historic research indicates that the property was first acquired in 1831 by Jeremiah Lauderdale. The property was later acquired by the Tapscotts who owned an adjacent property beginning in 1831. In 1923, the land was transferred to the ownership of W.B. Eason. Both the historic archaeological deposits and I house represent occupation of the property beginning as early as the early-middle nineteenth century and extending up into the twentieth century. The

Tapscott-Eason site is considered eligible for nomination to the NRHP based on Criterion D.

Submitted by Marla Spry.

AAPA Pottery Workshop

There will be a workshop on October 24-25, 1998, at the Moundville Archaeological Park in the Park Administration Building. The workshop will focus on aboriginal pottery of Alabama and will contribute to the pottery volume being developed by the AAS. The workshop will begin with presentations by the six persons contributing overviews to the volume. The contributors and their regional topics are:

David Chase - Alabama River

Rick Fuller - Mobile Delta/Bay, Gulf Coast

Eugene Futato - Tennessee River

Ned Jenkins - Black Warrior - Tombigbee Rivers

Jim Knight - Coosa-Tallapoosa Rivers

Frank Schnell - Chattahoochee River

These presentations and following discussions will probably take most or all of the first day.

The meeting will then focus on issues of typology and distribution. As part of the pottery

volume development, OAS has been performing a literature search on pottery in Alabama. Forms are filled out listing each type/variety found in the Alabama literature along with references on type descriptions. An estimated 500 types/varieties are represented in the literature, so far. The pottery database is also being developed to record actual sherd counts by pottery category. The pottery distribution database will provide the data for GIS-generated pottery distribution maps. Copies of type/variety forms, preliminary distribution maps, and other handouts will be provided to participants in the workshop to serve as basis for discussion.

Registration details: The group will be limited to 40 people. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged. Everyone will need to provide their own meals and lodging. There is no home UA football game that weekend, so reserving a room at a Tuscaloosa hotel should not be a problem. Contact Eugene Futato at (205) 371-2266 or (205)348-7774, or E-mail at efutato@ua1.ua.edu. The AAPA annual business meeting will be held on Saturday after the workshop.

Calendar

Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville Native American Festival
September 22-26, 1998
Moundville, Alabama
Information: (205) 371-2572

Burrit Museum and Park
Indian Heritage Festival
October 15-17, 1998
Huntsville, Alabama
Information: (205) 536-2882

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe
Children's Day and Pow Wow
October 16-17, 1998
New Brocton, Alabama
Information: (334) 894-6578

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Southeastern Native American Festival
October 24-25, 1998
Scottsboro, Alabama
Information: (205) 259-2122

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Alabama Indian Affairs Commission
Alabama Indian Statewide Pow Wow
November 6-7, 1998
Montgomery, Alabama
Information: (334) 242-2831

Echota Cherokee Tribe
Annual Pow Wow
November 13-15, 1998
Decatur, Alabama
Information: (334) 385-5768

Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Annual Thanksgiving Day Pow Wow
November 26-27, 1998
Atmore, Alabama
Information: (334) 368-9136

Sloss Furnance Receives Grant

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark recently won a certified local government grant from the Alabama Historical Commission. The grant will be used to fund a series of archaeological excavations by Dr. Jack Bergstresser and a team of UAB archaeologists to locate buried structures. Once found, Dr. Bergstresser will record the structures' exact location with surveying

equipment and plot them on a large-scale base map of the site he is creating.

The exact locations of site features will be used to correct feature locations as shown on historic maps of Sloss that have inaccuracies of up to twenty feet. A completed base map will allow the staff to accurately plan future repairs or developments so that any time the ground has to be disturbed, it can be done without affecting buried remains.

Taken from Sloss Rough Notes, Sloss Furnaces, summer 1998.

New AHC Archaeologist

Stacey Hathorn-Davis began in May as the Alabama Historical Commission's 106 Archaeologist. Besides conducting 106 review, she will also develop educational programs for public outreach. A graduate of Auburn University with a 4.0 grade point average, Hathorn-Davis holds a master's degree and is the 1997 recipient of the Bradley Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Achievement in the Humanities.

Her archaeological experience includes three excavations of early medieval sites in the Republic of Ireland and two museum expedition excavations with the Alabama Museum of Natural History on a middle woodland site in Wilcox County and a Plaquemine site near Natchez, Mississippi. She has also participated in phase one and phase two cultural resource management projects.

Her publications include *Views and Vistas: James Patriot Wilson's Travels through the Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Cherokee Nations* and "Echota Cherokee Language, Current Uses and Attitudes" which is included in the book *Teaching Indigenous Languages*.

Her volunteer experience includes work with Moundville Archaeological Park and Indian Festival, the Anniston Museum of Natural History Indian Festival, and author of the preliminary sur-

vey for the Echota Language Project as part of the Indian American Education project.

Taken from the Alabama Historical Commission Preservation Report.

Public Education Grant: History Trail For Teachers

This summer Old Alabama Town, with the help of a Public Education Grant from the Alabama Archaeological Society, held the first ever Summer Institute for Alabama History. Ten teachers were selected to participate by their superintendents from Autauga, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes and Montgomery Counties. The Summer Institute was developed and taught by Project Archaeology facilitators Doris Jean Peak and Margaret Hixon of Montgomery, AL.

The purpose of the Institute is to familiarize new and/or limited experienced fourth grade teachers with the historical and archaeological resources available in Central Alabama.

An integral aspect of the program was to show teachers how to use the actual sites to understand why the past is important and how we "know" about a particular culture or time period. The week long program stressed how essential it is for teachers and students alike to know how professional archaeological research has preserved these "outdoor classrooms" as well as provided accurate information about the everyday lives of Alabama's people from the past.

The theme of learning history through archaeological methods and theories was emphasized through the "Intrigue of the Past" lesson plans as well as visits to Fort Toulouse and Old Cahawba. First hand experience and oral tradition was stressed at Old Alabama Town and the visits to other historic locations in the area rounded out the week.

The program was well received by all involved. We heard comments such as "The places we visited will be excellent 'learning' field trips".

"Information from this workshop was better than any history course I took in college!" and "I learned more this week than in my entire 2 years of teaching Alabama History."

With high praise such as this we hope to see this program become an annual event for all history teachers! Well done Doris Jean and Margaret!

For comments please contact: Julie Lyons at Old Cahawba, 719 Tremont Street, Selma, AL 36701 or call (334)875-2529.

Submitted by Julie Lyons.

Moundville Native American Festival

The festival will take place on September 22-26, 1998 at the 320-acre Moundville Archaeological Park in honor of the first inhabitants of Alabama. The festival features Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Houma, and Seminole Indians from all over the United States. A Living History camp demonstrates how Creek Indians and early settlers lived in Alabama during the late 18th century and provides hands-on experience for children and adults.

Indian artisans and other experts will be demonstrating basket weaving, finger weaving, leather work, dressmaking, beadwork, blowgun making and flint knapping. Demonstrators will also make pottery, silver jewelry, wooden implements, and musical instruments using traditional methods. Foods and medicines will be prepared from plants and animals. Fry bread and other foods will be available for purchase.

Saturday events include Indian stickball games and traditional Choctaw folk dances and songs sung in the native language. Native American arts and crafts will be for sale at the Indian Market.

When Alabama was a territory, much of the land belonged to the Indians. Those early pioneer days at the end of the 18th century will be re-enacted through living history presentations by Native American descendants, along with other artisans and experts on Indian history.

Butch Fuller, an Alabamian of Creek descent, is an expert in primitive crafts and Indian history. Wearing handmade, authentic Creek costume Fuller portrays trapping, hunting, and demonstrates tool-making skills. Archaeologists and historian Bob Pasquill depicts an American Indian agent working for the U.S. government.

Rosa Newman, museum naturalist, will cook traditional southeastern Creek foods and tell of the woman's role at the hunting camp. Joe and Kim Davis, from Florida, will demonstrate hide tanning and finger weaving, and Monica Newman demonstrates the art of pottery making and twining. Noel Grayson, a Cherokee from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, shows how the Indians made arrowheads by flint knapping.

The festival features a special Indian Market, where Native Americans and more than 20 vendors from all over the Southeast will sell one-of-a-kind handmade arts and crafts.

The Moundville Native American Festival is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission fees are charged. Group rates are available. For information or reservations call (205)371-2572 or 371-2234.



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