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INTRODUCTION AND SITE SETTING

The De Long Farm site (41AN16) is in the Caddo Creek valley in the upper Neches River basin in East Texas, about 3.2 km northwest of the small town of Frankston, Texas (Figure 1). A Caddo midden area was about 200 m to the east.

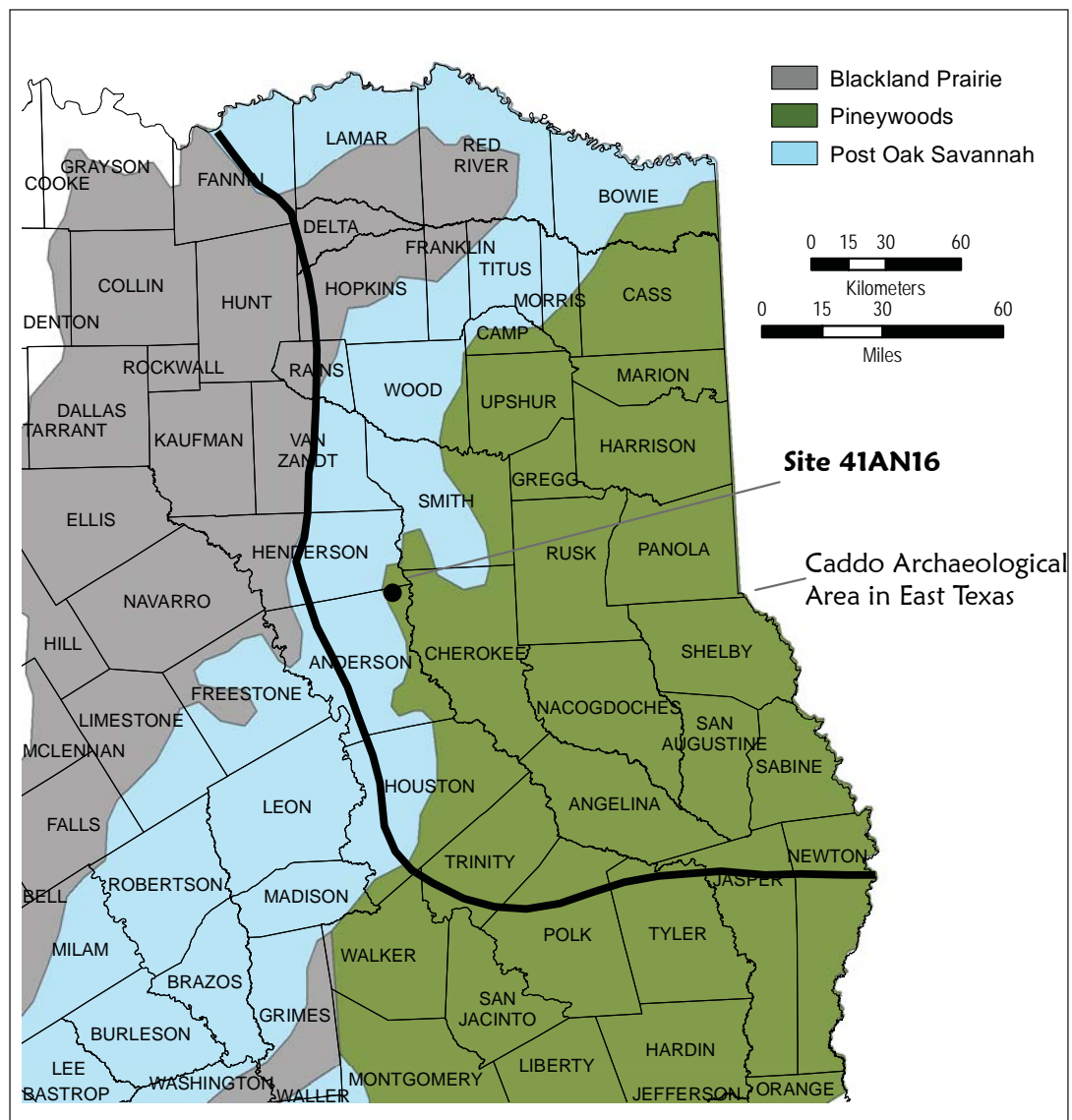


Figure 1. The location of the De Long Farm site (41AN16) in East Texas.

The site was found by a local farmer after a vessel was discovered in a gully in a field after plowing. University of Texas archaeologists investigated the find spot in October 1935 (Woolsey 1935), but after excavating a large area around the vessel find spot (Figure 2), no other vessels or any evidence of burials were found. UT did purchase the one vessel from the local farmer.

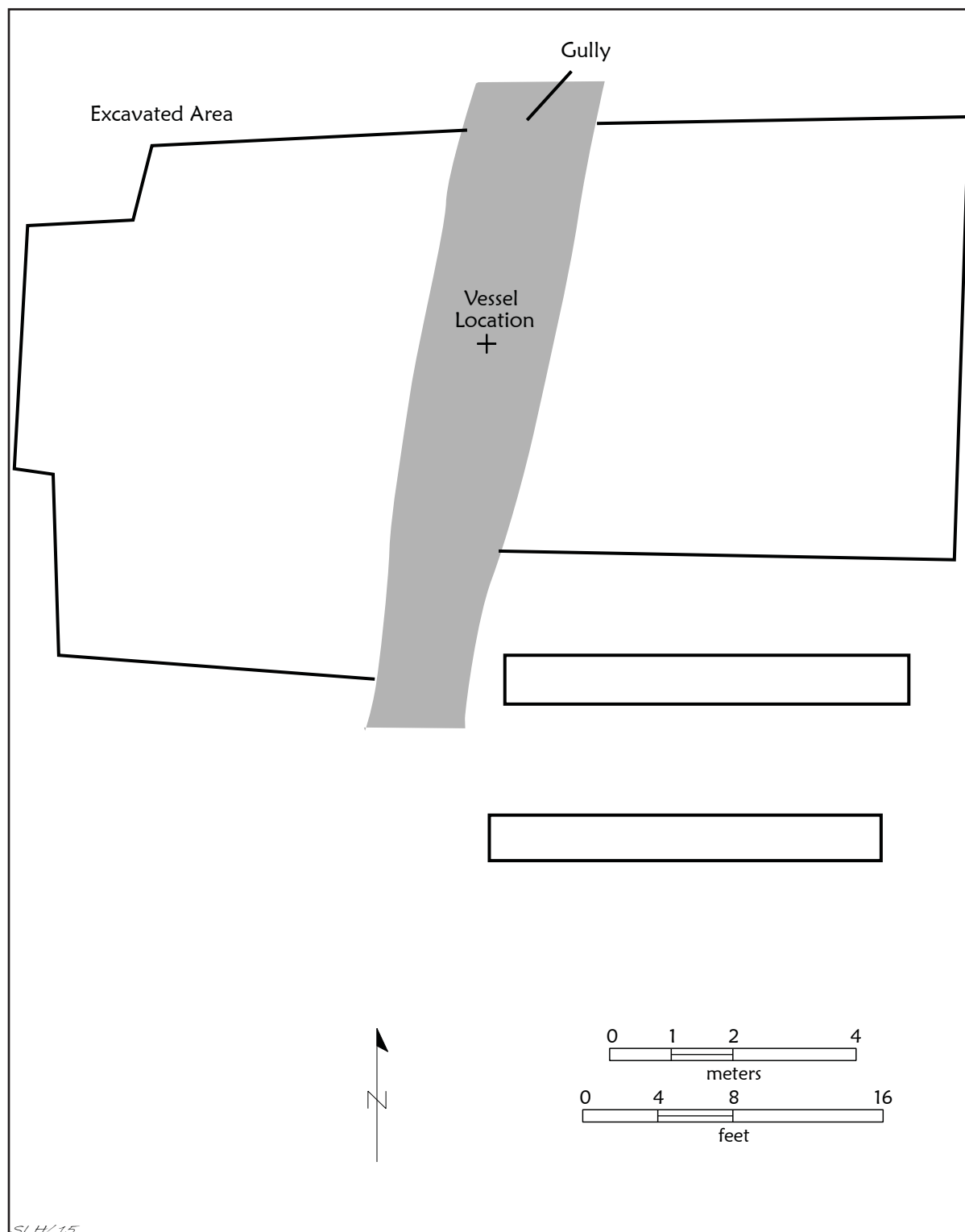


Figure 2. 1935 excavations by UT archaeologists at the De Long Farm site (41AN16).

Ceramic Vessel from the De Long Farm Site

SITE NAME OR SITE NUMBER: De Long Farm, also known as Stevenson Estate; 41AN16

VESSEL NO.: 41AN16-1

VESSEL FORM: globular Carinated Bowl

NON-PLASTICS AND PASTE: grog

RIM AND LIP FORM: Direct rim and a rounded lip

CORE COLOR: F (fired in a reducing environment and cooled in the open air)

INTERIOR SURFACE COLOR: dark reddish-brown

EXTERIOR SURFACE COLOR: dark reddish-brown

WALL THICKNESS (IN MM): rim, 5.1 mm

INTERIOR SURFACE TREATMENT: smoothed

EXTERIOR SURFACE TREATMENT: burnished

HEIGHT (IN CM): 7.3

ORIFICE DIAMETER (IN CM): 9.8

DIAMETER AT BOTTOM OF RIM OR NECK (IN CM): 9.8

BASE DIAMETER (IN CM) AND SHAPE OF BASE: 6.4; circular and flat

ESTIMATED VOLUME (IN LITERS): 0.43

DECORATION (INCLUDING MOTIF AND ELEMENTS WHEN APPARENT): The rim panel (as defined by upper and lower horizontal engraved lines, one under the lip and the other just above the vessel carination) is divided into eight sections by a repeating series of excised brackets (Figure 3).

PIGMENT USE AND LOCATION ON VESSEL: none

TYPE AND VARIETY (IF KNOWN): Poynor Engraved, *var. Hood* (see Perttula 2011:Figure 6-64e).

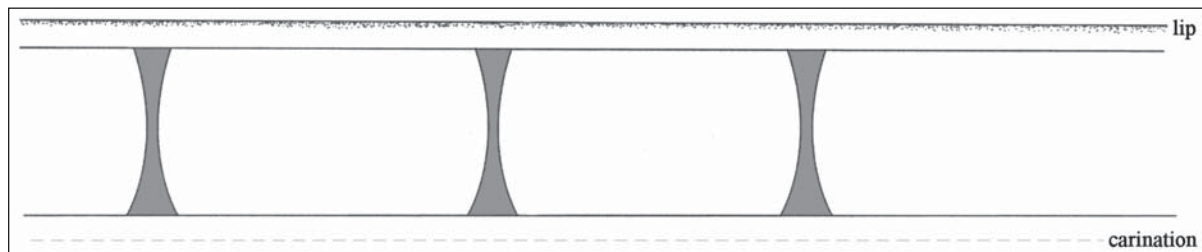


Figure 3. Poynor Engraved, *var. Hood* carinated bowl from the De Long Farm site (41AN16).

SUMMARY

An ancestral Caddo ceramic vessel was discovered by a farmer on the De Long Farm in 1935, and UT archaeologists excavated a large area around the vessel find spot in October 1935, but found no other vessels or evidence of any burials. Given that the vessel was found in an eroded gully, it is likely that a single Caddo burial had been eroded away some time previously, and the one vessel remaining was one (if not the only) funerary offering associated with this burial.

The ceramic vessel found at the De Long Farm site is a globular Poynor Engraved, *var. Hood* carinated bowl. This style of engraved vessel is common in ca. A.D. 1480-1650 Frankston phase contexts in the upper Neches River basin in East Texas (Perttula 2011:Table 6-37).

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