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# East Texas Archeological Society, Tyler, Texas, 1956-1959

*Mark Walters*

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## INTRODUCTION

The East Texas Archeological Society (ETAS) was formed in Tyler, Texas, on June 26, 1956. The last record of any activity by that society was in 1959. This article is an attempt to document the brief history of that organization and identify some of the key players associated with it (Appendix 1-20 are supporting documents). One of those that played a major role was my late uncle, Sam Whiteside (Walters 2004). His family graciously gave permission to study his notes and records, which included the records from the ETAS. Unfortunately, Mr. Whiteside suffered from a debilitating disease that became acute in the summer of 1959, requiring hospitalization, and rendered him incapable of any further productive activity. His notes are not complete, but I will present what information is available. As a teenager, I belonged to the ETAS and attended the 1958 Texas Archeological Society (TAS) annual meeting in Tyler, Texas; the TAS annual meeting was not held in Tyler again until 2012 (Walters 2012). I was fortunate that Mr. Whiteside included me on some of his visits to area salvage projects that were being conducted in East Texas during this period. His son Jim Whiteside and I also helped him on several of his projects on Caddo sites in East Texas. He inspired me to continue that interest until the present.

## EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1956

### Formation

Everett Taylor, Jr., Managing Editor of the *Courier-Times-Telegraph*, Tyler, Texas, (VOL. 79, NO. 249), in his column *Huntin' 'n Peckin'* posted an announcement of a meeting slated for June 26, 1956, "for those who like to dig into the past (literally or figuratively)" for the purpose of forming the East Texas Archeological Society (ETAS) in Tyler, Texas (Figure 1). The announcement was made by Antonio A. (Tony) Andretta, who explained that "the society is being formed by amateurs, for amateurs with like interests." In a mail-out (Figure 2) addressed to "fellow collectors," Mr. Andretta stated that the formation of the ETAS is long overdue. He stated that the "purpose of the society will be to encourage the study of archeology in East Texas and adjacent regions; the proper collection, preservation and interpretation of artifacts and other remains of the native tribes of this region and the creation and publication of researches relating to this." Mr. Andretta further stated that: "Arrangements have been made for the local society to join the Texas Archeological Society, affording professional help and research facilities, as well as guidance and assistance from noted people in the field of Archeology." Those attending are encouraged to bring their "choice artifacts so that all may admire."

Responding by letter to the announcement were R. L. (Bob) Turner of Pittsburg (Figure 3), who stated that he would be in attendance and was bringing Messrs Wilson of Hughes Springs, German of Lone Star, and Nicholas of Daingerfield. Also responding to the invitation was D. T. Loyd, Vice President of the First National Bank of Gilmer, Texas, who added that he thought he had "one of the best Indian artifact collections in East Texas" (Figure 4).

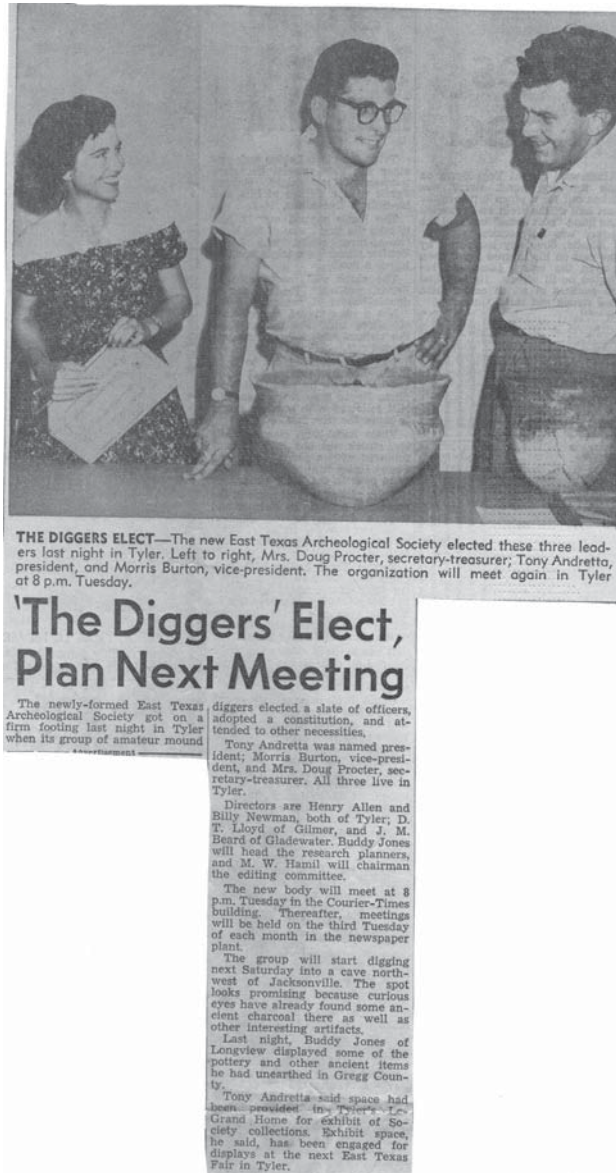


Figure 1. June 15, 1956 announcement in the *Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph*.

The Wednesday evening, June 27, 1956, addition of *The Tyler Courier-Times* posted an article announcing “a group of curiosity-ridden East Texans gathered in the *Courier-Times* last night and set up an organization [ETAS] that will make mound diggers of the group” (Figure 5). Mr. Andretta of Tyler was chairman and named a committee consisting of Morris Burton, Tyler, chairman, D.T. Loyd of Gilmer, and Dr. Oren Murphy of Tyler to prepare a constitution and by-laws for submission to a July 10 session at which officers are to be elected.

Fifty-five East Texans were enrolled as charter members. The ETAS was to be affiliated with the Texas Archeological Society (TAS), which had close ties with the University of Texas and its museum.

Chairman Andretta informed the group that “the new society had permission to explore into 21 mounds and two ancient burial places not far from Tyler. The mounds are in a large circle, with an upthrust in the center.”



Antonio A. Andretta  
Box 973  
Tyler, Texas

Fellow Collector:

The formation of the East Texas Archeological Society is long overdue. Because of our geographical location and the hitherto untouched area within, we sincerely believe the formation of such a society will be a great advancement toward recognition of East Texas in the field of Archeology.

The East Texas Archeological Society will be formed for the purpose of encouraging the study of archeology in East Texas and adjacent regions; the proper collection, preservation, and interpretation of artifacts and other remains of the native tribes of those regions; and the creation and publication of researches incident thereto.

We have also made arrangements to join the Texas Archeological Society, thus affording ourselves their professional help and research facilities, as well as guidance and assistance from noted people in our field.


If you are interested in the formation of such a society or know of others who are, please notify them and be at the formation meeting on Tuesday June 26, 1956 at 8 P.M. in the expansion room of the Courier-Times & Telegraph Building, Tyler, Texas.

This will be the first meeting and will be held for the purpose of electing officers; electing a constitutional committee, setting up future meetings and deciding on dues, publication, and other pertinent business. It will also be a get-together for fellow collectors in East Texas, so bring your choice artifacts so that all may admire.

If you intend to be here, please advise by card or letter to A.A. Andretta, Box 973, Tyler, Texas.

It is your society, so be there!

Yours truly,



A.A. Andretta

Figure 2. Mail-out announcement for the ETAS.

*Kittsburg Texas*  
*6-25-56*


*Dear Sir,*

*I expect to be at the formative meeting tomorrow night. I will bring Messers Wilson, of Hughes Springs, German of Love Star and Nichols of Daingerfield.*

*Hope this letter is not to late.*

*R. L. Turner*

Figure 3. June 25, 1956 reply to mail-out from Robert Turner.

  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
GILMER, TEXAS  
June 21, 1956

D. T. LOYD  
VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. A. A. Andretta  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am very interested in the organization of an East Texas Archeological Society, and will do my best to attend the meeting, in fact I will be there if nothing happens.

I have one of the best Indian artifact collections in East Texas, I think.

Sincerely yours,  
*D. T. Loyd*  
D. T. Loyd

Figure 4. June 21, 1956 reply to mail-out from D. T. Loyd.





**THEY DIG FOR FACTS**—These four East Texans brought interesting collections of artifacts (Indian peace pipes, ornate pots, arrowheads, etc.) to Tyler last night. The occasion for the display was the organizational meeting of the new East Texas Archeological Society. In the picture, left to right: George Adams of Frankston, Buddy Jones of Glade-water, D. T. Lloyd of Gilmer, and A. T. McManus of Brownsboro.

## Society Organized By Archeologists

By CARL WALLACE  
*Courier-Times Staff Writer*  
A group of curiosity-ridden East Texans gathered in the expansion room of the *Courier-Times* last night and set up an organization that will make mound diggers of the group.  
As such, they will dig up all the artifacts they can find to try to learn more about what kind of people lived in East Texas Before Christ.  
That is one way of saying that the East Texas Archeological So-

ciety was organized in Tyler last night.

Thirty-seven East Texans, including four women, were at the meeting, from a dozen East Texas towns, and including a couple of amateur archeologists from the fairly remote town of Greenville.

Antonio A. Andretta of Tyler was chairman. He named a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws for submission to a July 10 session at which officers are to be elected. That committee consists of Morris Burton, Tyler, chairman; D. T. Lloyd of Gilmer, and Dr. Oren Murphy of Tyler.

Fifty-five East Texans were enrolled last night as charter members of the new organization that is to become affiliated with the Texas Archeological Society which has a close tie with the University of Texas and its museum. The charter membership includes 18 East Texans who sent word that they could not be at last night's meeting but wanted to be enrolled as members of the new body of earth probes.

Chairman Andretta told the group that the new society has permission to explore into 21 mounds and two ancient burial places not far from Tyler. The mounds are in a large circle, he said, with an upthrust in the center. He said that set of mounds probably marks the site of ancient religious ceremonies. That would date back Before Christ. Carbon tests establish the approximate age of the artifacts within a plus or minus period of 300 years.

Figure 5. June 27, 1956 announcement in *Tyler Courier-Times*.

*The Dallas Morning News*, on July 5, 1956, had an article by Sam Acheson entitled "Unearthing East Texas' Past," in which it was reported "that a group of "curiosity-ridden" East Texans had formed an archeological society. They "are carrying on the fine zeal displayed by the pioneer in unearthing the secret past of East Texas, the late James E. Pearce of Austin." "Professor Pearce, long-time head of the anthropology department of the University of Texas, was especially excited by what he found there (east Texas). In the Indian mounds located in almost all parts of the area, he gathered evidence that enabled him as a master detective to piece together a vivid picture of the original Tejas Indians" (Figure 6).

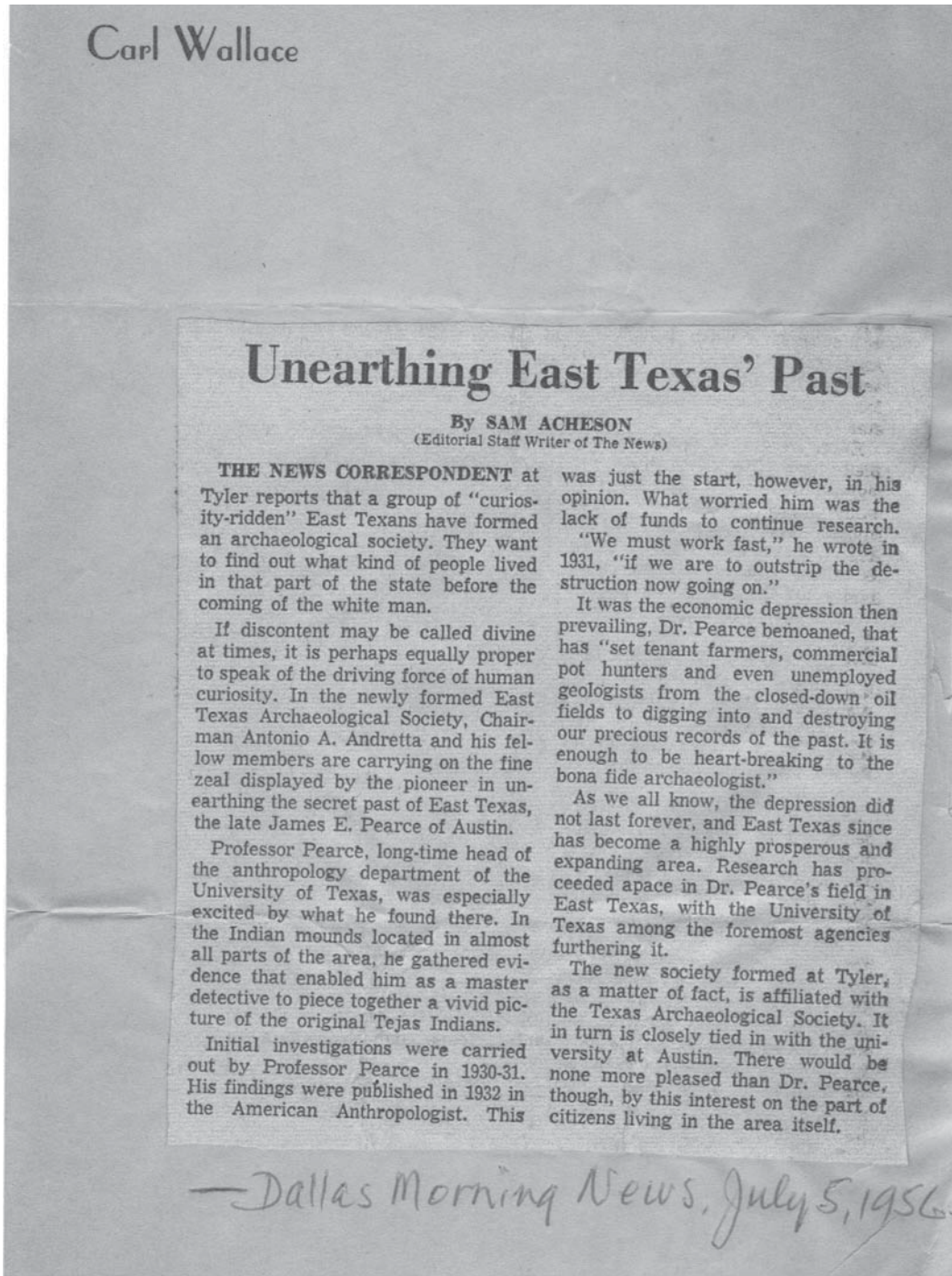


Figure 6. July, 5 1956 announcement in the *Dallas Morning News*.

## HISTORY

### July 10, 1956 Meeting

The July 10, 1956 meeting was called to order by Mr. Andretta, who immediately turned the meeting over to Morris Burton, nominating chairman of the by-laws committee at the July 3 meeting. Mr. Burton presented an outline of the by-laws, which later included some changes.



The officers of the ETAS were then elected:

President: Antonio Andretta  
Vice President: Morris Burton  
Secretary-Treasurer: Jeanelle Proctor

Board of Directors:  
D. T. Loyd  
Henry Allen  
J. M. Beard  
W. R. (Billy) Newman

Field Chairman & Director of Research: Buddy Jones  
Assistants: Derrell Sanders, Earl Guy, and Ray Vanderpool

It was decided that the regular meetings would be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Courier-Times Building. Members would receive notification or reminders of the meetings. The meeting was then turned over to Buddy Jones, who gave a talk and displayed some of the pottery and other ancient items he had unearthed in Gregg County, Texas. Andretta adjourned the meeting. Membership dues were collected.

Buddy Calvin Jones, born October 31, 1938, was 17 years of age when he was appointed Field Chairman & Director of Research by the East Texas Archeological Society. He was one of the charter members of the society that met in Tyler, Texas. He had a long and varied career as an amateur and later professional archaeologist. His vast collection is now housed at the Gregg County Historical Museum in Longview, Texas (Perttula et al. 2006).

The newly formed ETAS began making plans for future activities. They issued membership cards (Figure 7) and created a site survey form (Figure 8) to standardize investigations. They also created a Site Release Form (Figure 9) to be signed by landowners granting society members surface and sub-surface excavation rights. For the purposes of defining East Texas, a map was drawn “defining an area extending east of a line drawn north through Waco, Texas, and north of a line drawn east through the same city, extending to the northern and eastern boundaries of the State of Texas.” A side-note attached to the map states “Let’s get a map of the Central Texas Society and keep out of their territory, if possible.”

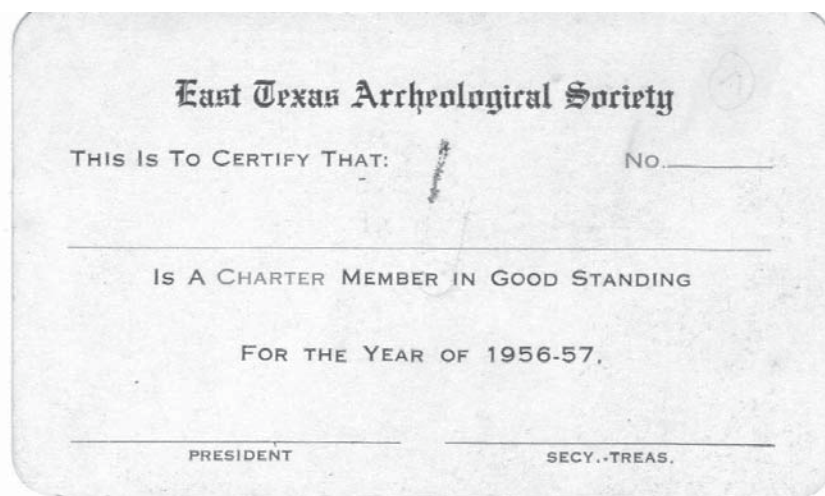


Figure 7. ETAS membership card.

Site No.----- EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: SITE SURVEY CAS No.-----

Site Name-----Map Name-----Map No.-----

County-----Township-----Range-----Section-----¼ Section-----

Owner-----Address-----

Location: Starting from-----travel N E S W along road (RR)-----

-----miles. Site on N E S W side;-----distant from road

Valley, Flat, Plateau, Hill: top, slope, foot, facing-----

Nearest water: Distance-----; side-----of-----

Surroundings: Protection from N E S W. View to N E S W. Other-----

Nature of Site: Campsite, blowout, rock shelter, workshop, quarry, burial, etc.

With tipi rings, fireplaces, walls, pits, bones. Area of site-----

Artifacts: pictographs, pottery, stone points, metates, manos, beads, etc.

Your collections from site:-----Others-----

Date-----Recorded by-----Address-----Notebook-----

(On back or on extra card, give additional data, plans, drawings, photos, sketch map, etc.)

Figure 8. ETAS site survey card.

Site:-----File No.-----

**EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**SITE RELEASE FORM**

For

**SURFACE & SUB-SURFACE EXCAVATION RIGHTS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Land Owner's Name:-----

Location:-----

Address:-----County-----Texas

This is to state that I-----grant permission to the East Texas Archeological Society to survey and explore my land for the express purpose of ascertaining if Indian sites are present on my land.

I also grant permission if said Indian occupation signs are present to the East Texas Archeological Society to excavate.

I am also to understand that all Indian artifacts removed from my land will be the property of the East Texas Archeological Society. I thus grant surface and sub-surface exploration rights to the East Texas Archeological Society.

I am also to understand that any damage done to my property will be the responsibility of the East Texas Archeological Society who will rectify any claim valid against it.

I am also to understand that only authorized members of the Society will be allowed to participate in excavation, survey, surface collecting, and exploration. Each authorized member will have on their person an authorized card for the site containing the site name and number signed by the Society president and the land owner.

Signed this day of-----in the month of-----19-----

Owner:-----

For the East Texas Archeological Society:

By-----Office

WITNESSES:

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Figure 9. ETAS site release form.

'The Diggers' Elect, Plan Next Meeting was the title of a July 11, 1956 article in *The Tyler Courier-Times* (Figure 10). The article noted that the newly elected officers were: Tony Andretta as president; Morris Burton, vice-president; and Mrs. Doug Proctor, secretary-treasurer. Directors were: Henry Allen and W.R. (Billy) Newman, both of Tyler; D. T. Loyd of Gilmer, and J. M. Beard of Gladewater. Buddy Jones headed the research planning and M.W. Hamil chaired the editing committee.



Figure 10. July 11, 1956 *Tyler Courier-Times* announcement for ETAS meeting.



Tony Andretta said “space had been provided in Tyler’s LeGrand Home for exhibit of Society collections. Exhibit space has been engaged for displays at the next East Texas Fair in Tyler.”

The group made plans to start digging the next Saturday at a cave northwest of Jacksonville, Texas. According to the article “the spot looks promising because curious eyes have already found some ancient charcoal there as well as other interesting artifacts”.

In a July 24, 1956 letter from Edward J. Jelks, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin and also Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Archeological Society to Mr. Andretta, Mr. Jelks made reference to the Cary Lake Cave site by stating: “Your description of the cave site being excavated by the East Texas Society is extremely interesting. I gather that the deepest occupational level contains Plainview points, animal bones, human bones, and charcoal. If I understand the situation correctly it is surely quite an important site. I would suggest, therefore, that you make a special point of preserving at least half of the caves deposits until such a time as the site can be examined by at least one professional archeologist” (Figure 11).

THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

July 24, 1956

Mr. Antonio A. Andretta, President  
East Texas Archeological Society  
P. O. Box 973  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Andretta:

Thank you for sending in the three new memberships. It is gratifying to see the TAS growing in such fine fashion.

I am anxious to meet you and the other members of the East Texas Archeological Society. But I am afraid that I shall be unable to attend your August meeting as I expect to be in Denver the latter part of the month. However, I expect to be in the field at McGee Bend Reservoir from about September 1 to the end of December and would be happy to come up and speak to your group in September or October, if you can work me into the program for either of those monthly meetings.

Your description of the cave site being excavated by the East Texas Society is extremely interesting. I gather that the deepest occupational level contains Plainview points, animal bones, human bones, and charcoal. If I understand the situation correctly it is surely quite an important site. I would suggest, therefore, that you make a special point of preserving at least half of the cave deposits until such time as the site can be examined by at least one professional archeologist. That is certainly the procedure which I would follow if I found such a site.

As you undoubtedly know, there have been several early man sites whose significance remains controversial simply because they were completely excavated before they had been examined by qualified witnesses. As soon as you have dug enough to identify the deep stratum as Plainview, then, I believe the best course would be to preserve the remainder of the site until your find can be verified. I would be happy to inspect the site at the first convenient time, and I am sure that Krieger's replacement at the University (who will probably be on duty by September 1) will also be glad to see your site if it turns out to be as important as it sounds.

I am looking forward to meeting you and learning more about the activities of the East Texas Society.

Sincerely yours,  
*Ed Jelks*  
Edward B. Jelks  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Figure 11. July 24, 1956 letter from Edward B. Jelks.

### Executive Committee Meeting, August 14, 1956

President of the ETAS Antonio Andretta called an Executive Committee meeting on August 14, 1956 (Figures 12a-b). As noted in the July 11, 1956 Special Meeting, the society had made plans to investigate the Cary Lake Cave site, located northwest of Jacksonville, Texas.

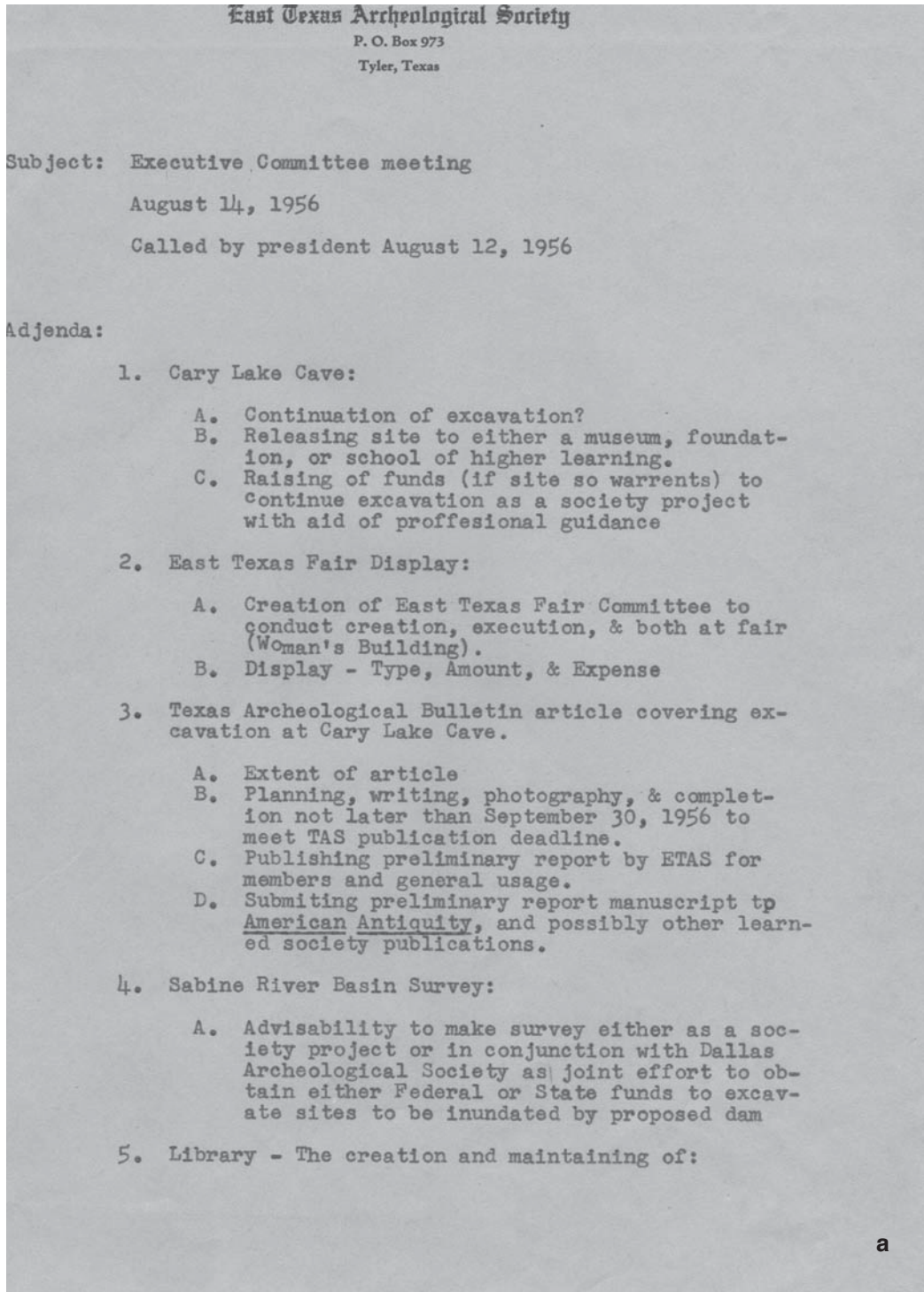


Figure 12. ETAS August 14, 1956 meeting agenda: a, p. 1; b, p. 2.

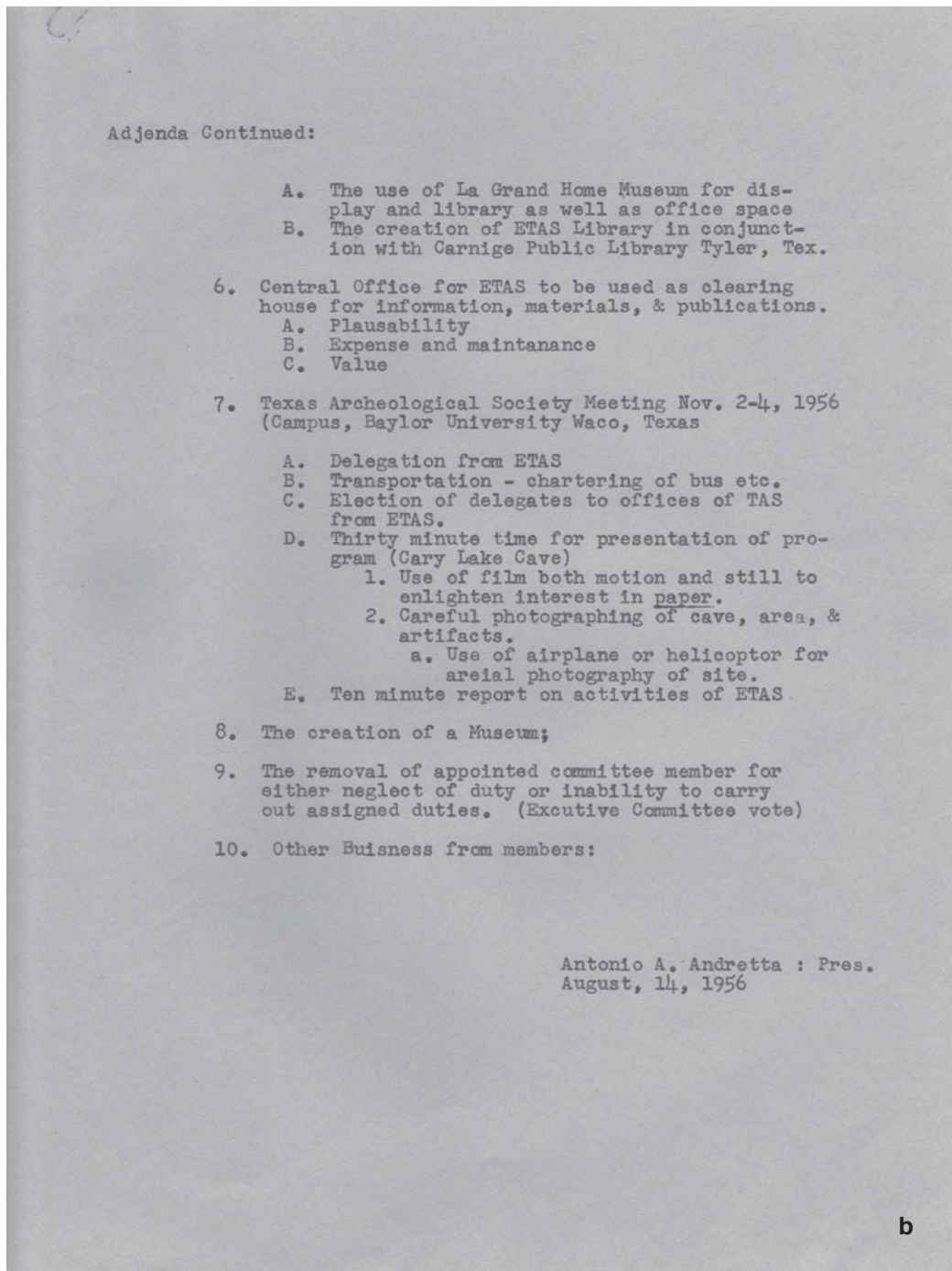


Figure 12. ETAS August 14, 1956 meeting agenda: a, p. 1; b, p. 2.



The agenda for the August 14, 1956 meeting listed the Cary Lake Cave site as the first item of business. Evidently, problems concerning these investigations were causing friction within the society. There were serious allegations that a member of the society had "salted" the site with artifacts that were reportedly stolen from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Concerning the Cary Lake Cave site, the August 14 meeting agenda listed three options open to the society: 1. Continuation of excavation?

2. Releasing the site to either a museum, foundation, or school of higher learning.
3. Raising funds (if site so warrants) to continue excavation as a society project with the aid of a professional.

In response to these options, a statement was issued by the Field Committee:

1. The method and control of the excavation of the cave shall be determined by the Field Committee.
2. Excavation of the cave shall be on weekends. Restrictions on the cave were only originated to ensure for the proper excavation of the cave. They were not originated to show the authority of one man of the committee. As a result we hope that no ill-will will occur among the members of the society.

The Chairman then stated that: 1. The members of the committee shall have the authority to supervise the excavation of the cave during the absence of the chairman; 2. They will carry on excavation as specified by the Field Chairman only; and 3. Any member of the society may have the rightful opportunity to excavate in the cave as long as he is under the supervision of one member of the committee. However, special permission to excavate without the supervision of a member of the Field Committee may be granted in extreme cases. It can only be granted through the Field Chairman. Field Committee members included: Henry Allen, Derrell Sanders, Don Dickson, Ray Dennis, Sam Whiteside, Phillip Whiteside (Sam Whiteside's brother), Ray Vanderpool, Earl Green, and Buddy Jones (Field Chairman).

The Field Committee adapted the following excavation rules for the Cary Lake Cave site:

Any member who fails to abide by these rules will be going against the purpose of the society, thus he should not have joined the society. 2. Any member who fails to abide by these rules set up by the Field Committee, and accepted by the society, will have his membership voted on by the Board of Directors (provided by the Field Chairman as a written directive included in ETAS records).

Other Agenda items included: (a) East Texas Fair Display; (b) Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Bulletin article covering excavation at Cary Lake Cave (Plans were made to submit an article on the Cary Lake Cave excavation to TAS for publication); (c) Sabine River Basin Survey (To determine the plausibility of conducting survey work as a society project or in conjunction with the Dallas Archeological Society and obtaining Federal or State funds to excavate sites to be inundated by the proposed Blackburn Crossing Reservoir (present-day Lake Palestine); (d) Library (Setting up a library at the La Grand Home Museum and/or the Carnegie Public Library, Tyler, Texas); (e) Central office for ETAS (Plausibility of establishing a central office as a clearing house for information, materials, and publications); (f) Texas Archeological Society Meeting Nov. 2-4, 1956, Campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas (Discussion concerning sending delegates from ETAS to TAS, chartering a bus, presenting a program to TAS on the Cary Lake Cave site, and reporting on activities of the newly formed ETAS); (g) the creation of a museum; (h) the removal of an appointed committee member for either neglect of duty or inability to carry out assigned duties (This item evidently is related to the previously discussed conflict that arose at the Cary Lake Cave site); and (i) other business from members. These items were submitted by President Antonio A. Andretta.

### **September 20, 1956 Meeting of the ETAS**

The meeting was called to order by the president Antonio A. Andretta. He asked Mr. Doug E. Proctor to give a brief report of the TAS meeting which was scheduled for November 2-3, 1956 in Waco, Texas.

Mr. Proctor's report makes a marked change of attitude of the ETAS toward the TAS. It is unclear what prompted this change but Mr. Proctor states: "from his viewpoint we (ETAS) could expect exactly nothing from the TAS. They (TAS) were willing to support our society (ETAS) only morally. His thought was that the TAS and the ETAS had only a common meeting ground to swap and find information. It was moved that our society (ETAS) keep in touch with the TAS for representation."

### 1956 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 1956 TAS Annual Meeting was held at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, on November 2-3 (Figure 13). Several members of the ETAS attended and President Antonio A. Andretta was listed to present a paper on the Cary Lake Cave site.

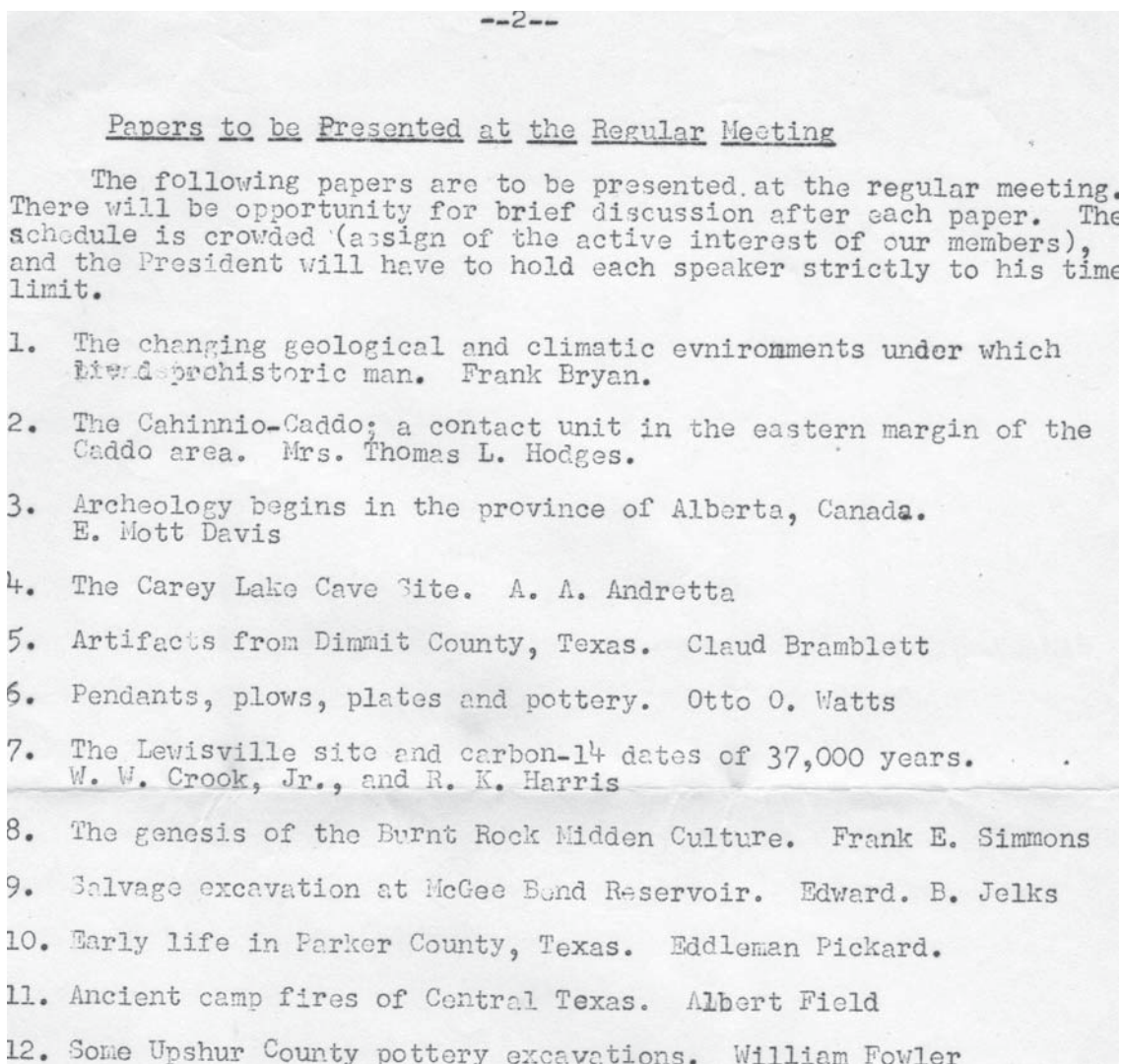


Figure 13. Program for 1956 TAS annual meeting in Waco.

### **November 20, 1956 ETAS Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry Allen, Jr. Doug Proctor gave a brief report on the TAS Annual Meeting held in Waco. It was decided by the ETAS to keep in touch with the TAS for purposes of representation. A field trip was planned by the ETAS to visit Camp Fannin under the leadership of Mr. Leon R. Bailey.

A report on the Frankston site, which was not a society project, was given by Buddy Jones and L. A. Wallace. Mr. Wallace, in conjunction with Mr. Ray Vanderpool, said that they did not have permission to take the society as a group to the site but when the society set up the proposed museum that all the artifacts recovered by them from the site would be placed in the museum. No mention was made of Antonio A. Andretta, elected president of the ETAS.

### **January 15, 1957 ETAS Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Antonio A. Andretta. Only a few members were present since a special meeting had been called for January 20, 1957, on a planned program with Mr. W. W. Crook, Jr. and Mr. R. K. Harris of the Dallas Archeological Society to report on the site at Lewisville, Texas, with radio-carbon dates of 37,000 years.

Mr. Andretta also reported that a site in Quitman, Texas, to date, had yielded some 1,000 artifacts; more on this site was presented at the next meeting (see below).

### **January 22, 1957 ETAS Meeting**

Mr. Antonio A. Andretta called the meeting to order. The planned program on the Lewisville site was canceled as neither Mr. Crook nor Mr. Harris were able to make it to Tyler.

Mr. Andretta then introduced the President of the Quitman Society, Dick Delk, who introduced their secretary, who read the minutes of their last meeting. The Quitman Society Field Chairman, Leo Speckman, then described the site in Quitman. No other record is made of the Quitman Society or the Quitman site.

Mr. Derrell Sanders then gave a report on Sam Whiteside's site on Prairie Creek (Smith County, Texas). He stated that the skeleton unearthed at the site was a female, about 25-28 years of age, and had apparently died of natural causes.

The books in the ETAS library were turned over to the ETAS librarian, Mrs. Betty Kashata.

The minutes of the meeting were "[d]isrespectfully submitted by Jen (Secretary-Treasurer: Jeanelle Proctor)." I am not sure what was meant by this statement by Mrs. Proctor, but this would seem to indicate that there was some dissension among members of the ETAS.

### **April 16, 1957 ETAS Meeting**

Chairman Derrell Sanders turned the program over to John Mulligan and Sam Whiteside, who showed slides on the site on the Joe Meyer Estate located on Saline Creek, Smith County, Texas. Derrell Sanders summarized the progress made in the excavations of this site and commended Mr. Mulligan on his method of work. Several members registered sites with the society.



Mr. Proctor moved the constitution be amended to provide for the annual election of officers to be moved to May rather than July for the year 1957 only. No mention was made of Mr. Andretta, the president of the ETAS.

#### **May 7, 1957 Meeting of the ETAS**

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and a short report was given on excavations at the Meyer Estate site. The meeting was then turned over to Buddy Sanders and an Election Committee was created consisting of Sam Whiteside, L. A. Wallace, Billy Newman, John Mulligan, and Derrell Sanders. Again, there was no mention of Mr. Andretta.

#### **May 21, 1957 ETAS Meeting**

A quorum was not present. A motion was made to send a ballot and notification to current members. The Nomination Committee proposed the following slate of officers:

President: Doug Proctor  
Vice-President: Billy Newman  
Secretary-Treasurer: Derrell Sanders

Mr. Proctor appointed the following officers: Editor: Henry Allen Jones; and Field Chairman: Sam Whiteside. Upcoming programs were also announced: June 1957: Frank Byers program; July 1957: The Lewisville site presented by W. Crook and R. K. Harris; and December 1957: How to Go Crazy in One Easy Lesson in Archeology by E. Mott Davis.

Sometime during this period a brief history of the ETAS and its relation to other societies and universities was created (Figure 14). It is important to note that the ETAS in its creation formed close ties with the TAS; in fact, they considered themselves part of the TAS, receiving their charter from them. The ETAS was formed in June 1956 and in 90 days had 60 charter members. In 1955 there were nine TAS members in East Texas but by 1957 that number had risen to 36. Unfortunately, this relationship between the ETAS and TAS would cool through time.

Undoubtedly, there was a good deal of turmoil going on in the ETAS during 1957 and extending into 1958. There are scarce notes regarding meetings or activities of the ETAS during this period. One thing seems clear, and that is that Mr. Andretta was no longer involved in the ETAS. Little information remains about Mr. Andretta, such as where he came from or what happened to him following his brief stint as president of the ETAS. A Google search revealed that Antonio A. (Tony) Andretta (1927-1994) was at some point in time an amateur archaeologist in the Trans-Pecos region of Texas. He was also listed as Director of the Southwest Federation of Archaeological Societies, based in Alpine, Texas. He had a wife and daughter that were also members of the ETAS.

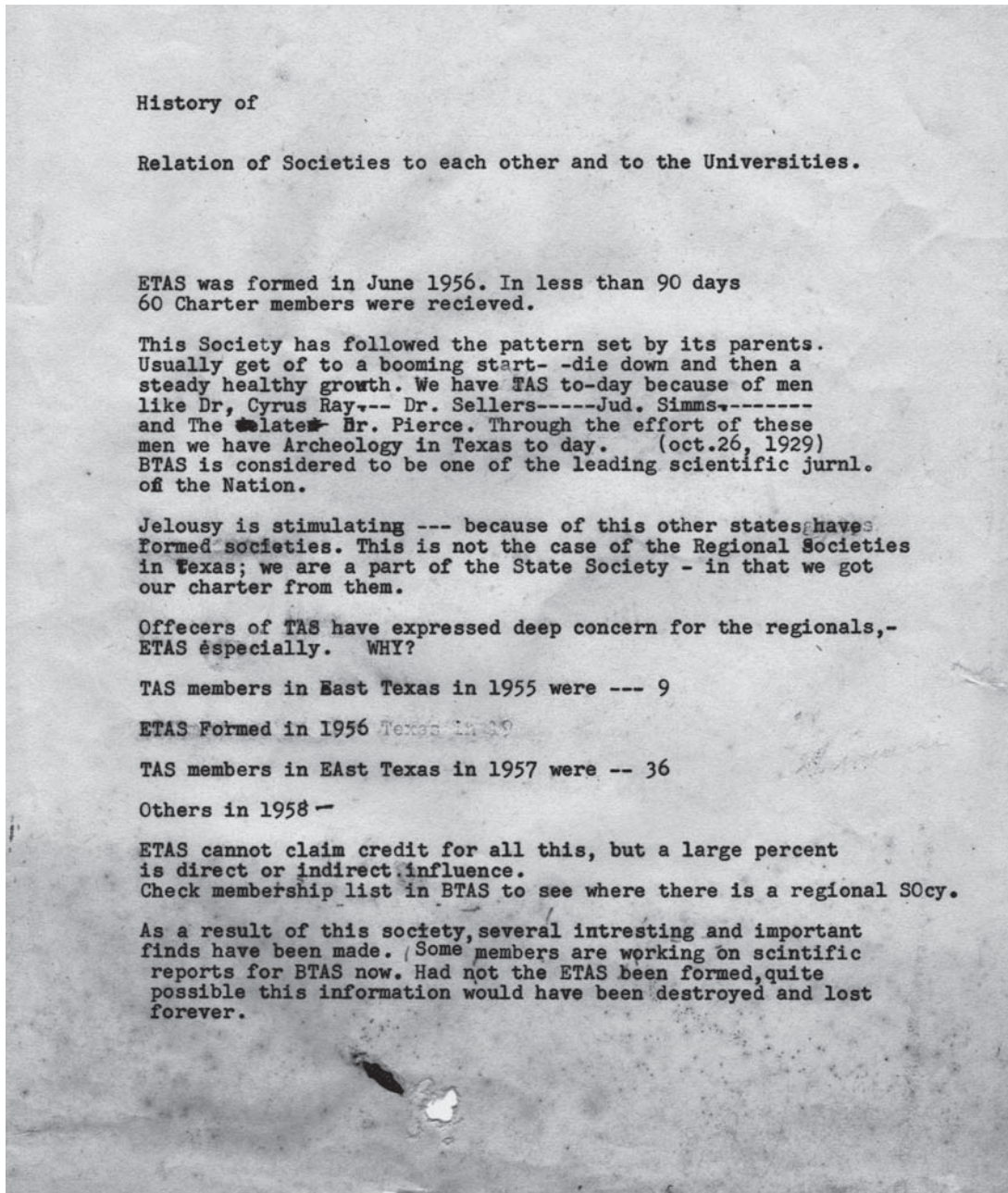


Figure 14. Brief history of the ETAS.

### July 1957 ETAS Meeting

In attendance were:

Sam Whiteside: President  
Billy Newman: Vice-President  
E. W. Hayner  
Bob Bragdan and friend  
John Mulligan  
Norman Bedgood  
Alvin Davis

Dan Henderson  
George Kruger  
Fred Pugh and wife  
Loretta Johnston

In early spring, about March 1958, a resolution was passed to cancel all monthly meetings until further notice. President Doug Proctor refused to accept dues as there was no immediate need for funds.

### **July 1958 ETAS Meeting**

Officers elected in the July Annual Meeting were: President: Sam Whiteside; Vice-President: John Mulligan; and Secretary-Treasurer: Janelle Proctor. A resolution was made to pay necessary expenses of the TAS meeting out of the treasury. The TAS Annual Meeting was held at the Carlton Hotel in Tyler on November 7-9, 1958.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Following the successful 1958 TAS meeting held in Tyler, Texas, the ETAS began to fade from existence. This was the last formal function held by the ETAS. The next information from the ETAS is from the April 1959 publication of their newsletter, *Ancient News* (Vol. 1, No. 1). There was discussion in the newsletter about the 1958 TAS meeting and the fact that dues had not been collected for some time. A suggestion was made to lower the dues of \$5 per year to \$1 per year. After the TAS meeting expenses, the ETAS had a bank balance of \$46.53. This was the last bank transaction taken by the ETAS. There was a statement from the bank in June 1966 indicating the account was still open at \$46.53, but inactive at that time. No further records exist concerning this bank account.

No mention was made in the newsletter of current officers but Sam Whiteside was still active as indicated by a short progress report on his work conducted at the Bryan Hardy site (41SM55). Evidently he was in charge of publishing the newsletter as well. A meeting of the ETAS was scheduled for April 2, 1959, to discuss dues and other matters.

In the July 1959 addition of *Ancient News* (Vol. 1, No. 2), the April 1959 ETAS meeting was discussed. The merits of the ETAS were also discussed, noting that the society had accomplished a lot. Several members were active and preparing papers on sites. Also, due to the ETAS the TAS had shown considerable growth in East Texas, growing from nine East Texas members to 36 by 1957. L. A. Wallace acted as secretary and the bylaws were amended to lower the dues to \$1 per year. The dues were to be mailed to Sam Whiteside. There were a total of 22 current members. E. W. Hayner from Kilgore brought artifacts to the April meeting to show to the group.

July 1959 marked the fourth year of the ETAS and the next scheduled meeting was called for July 16, 1959 at the Courier Times Building in Tyler. A closing note in the July 1959 newsletter announced that Buddy Jones of Longview had opened a museum to display his large collection of artifacts, including Titus focus (now Titus phase) material and two reconstructed burials.

The July 1959 issue of *Ancient News* is the last record available for the ETAS. Due to Sam Whiteside's illness, he was no longer able to carry on and evidently there was no one else willing to step forward. It is remarkable nevertheless that there was such an interest in East Texas archaeology at the time of its inception. Recent attempts to form another archaeological society in Tyler have met with dismal results. Maybe the population surrounding Tyler in the mid-1950s was more rural, with more farming, and there were more chances to observe artifacts in plowed fields than present. Perhaps also people were more aware of



their surroundings and curious about artifacts found on sites in East Texas that represented occupations by earlier peoples. In its brief four year life, the ETAS had great ambitions, some partially realized, others not. Such is life.

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APPENDIX 1, JUNE 15, 1956 ANNOUNCEMENT

VOL. 79 NO. 249



By EVERETT TAYLOR JR.  
Managing Editor, *Courier-Times-Telegraph*

Hats off today to dad. A happy father's day to every one.

For those who like to dig into the past (literally or figuratively), a meeting of prime importance is upcoming Monday, June 26, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the *Courier-Times-Telegraph* building.

On that date the East Texas Archeological Society will be formed, if plans of a group headed by A. A. Andretta are realized.

Andretta explains the society is being formed by amateurs, for amateurs with like interests.

Purpose of the society will be to encourage the study of archeology in East Texas adjacent regions; the proper collection, preservation and interpretation of artifacts and other remains of the native triest of this region and the creation and publication of researches relating to this.

Arrangements have been made for the local society to join the Texas Archeological Society, affording professional help and research facilities, as well as guidance and assistance from noted people in the field of Archeology.

There probably are many amateur collectors in this section who will be interested in taking part in the new organization.

APPENDIX 2, ETAS SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 10, 1956

SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 10, 1956

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY A. A. ANDRETTA WHO IMMEDIATELY TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO MR. MORRIS BURTON WHO WAS NOMINATED CHAIRMAN OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE <sup>at</sup> THE JULY 3 MEETING. MR. BURTON PRESENTED AN OUTLINE OF BY-LAWS WHICH AFTER SOME CHANGES WERE MADE, THE BY-LAWS WERE ACCEPTED AS THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY WERE THEN ELECTED. TH  
PRESIDENT: A. A. ANDRETTA  
VICE PRESIDENT: MORRIS BURTON  
SECRETARY-TREASURER: JEANELLE PROCTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
D. T. LOYD  
HENRY ALLEN  
J. M. BEARD  
W. R. (BILLY) NEWMAN

FIELD CHAIRMAN: & DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH : BUDDY JONES  
ASSISTANTS: DERYL SANDERS  
EARL GREEN  
RAY VANDERPOOL

EDITORIAL CHAIRMAN: M. W. HAMIL  
ASSISTANTS: MRS. DICK DINNING  
CARL WALLACE  
FLOYD MURRAY

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING WOULD BE HELD ONCE A MONTH, ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8 P.M. IN THE COURIER-TIMES BUILDING. MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OR REMINDERS OF THE MEETING.

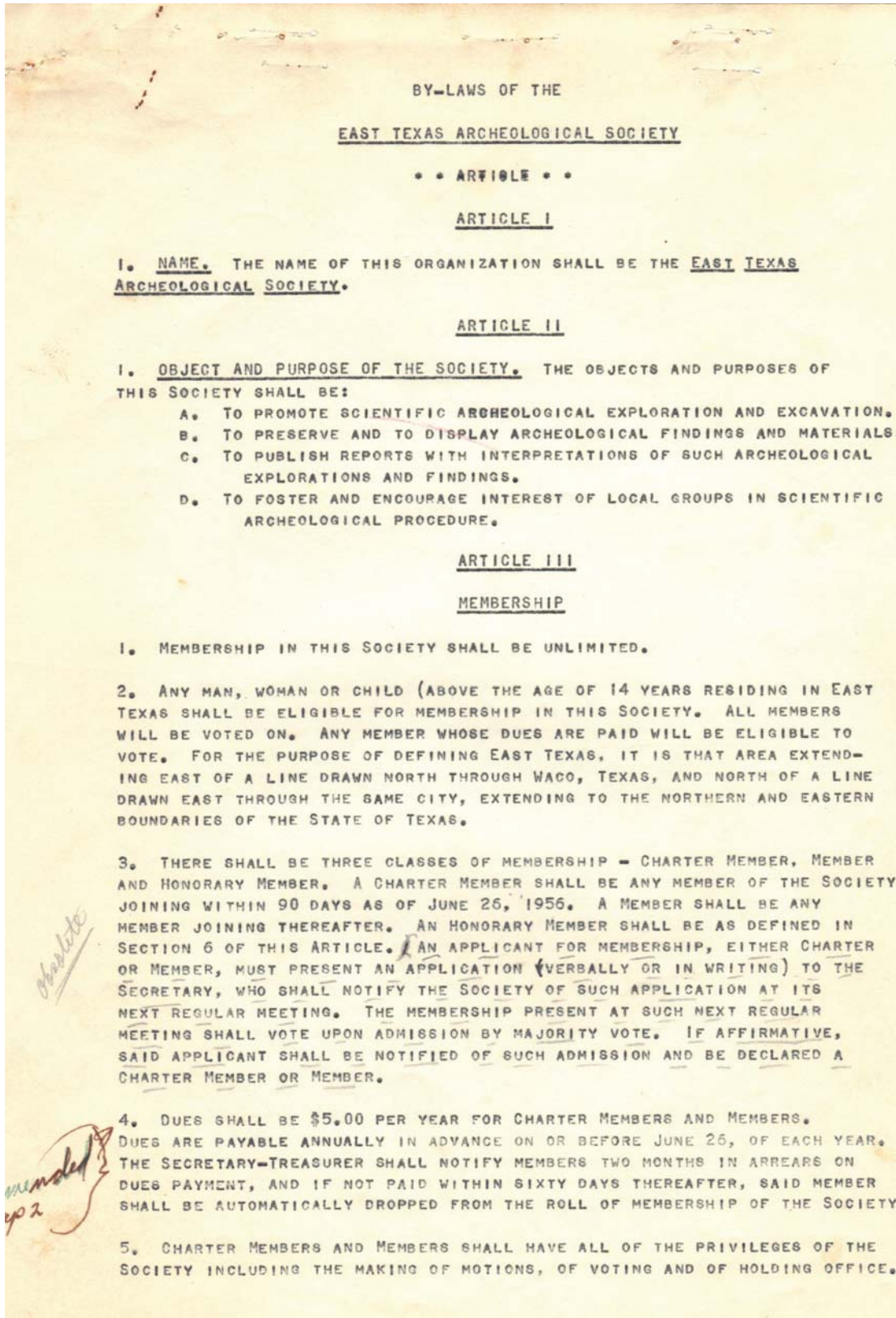
THE MEETING WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO BUDDY JONES WHO GAVE A VERY INTERSTING TALK AND DISPLAYED SOME OF THE POTTERY AND OTHER ANCIENT ITEMS HE HAD UNEARTHED IN GREGG COUNTY.

Mr. Andretta adjerned the meeting.

DUES WERE COLLECTED.



APPENDIX 3, ETAS BYLAWS



6. THE TITLE OF HONORARY MEMBER MAY BE CONFERRED FOR LIFE UPON ANY INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER PREVIOUSLY A CHARTER MEMBER OR MEMBER OR NOT, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY. CONSIDERATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE UNUSUAL SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY OR TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARCHEOLOGY IN GENERAL. THE TITLE OF HONORARY MEMBER SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF ANY DUES, BUT SHALL ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO ALL PRIVILEGES OF THE SOCIETY EXCEPT THOSE OF MAKING MOTIONS, OF VOTING AND OF HOLDING OFFICE.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

1. THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE A PRESIDENT, A VICE PRESIDENT, A SECRETARY-TREASURER AND SIX DIRECTORS. (FOUR DIRECTORS AS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE ELECTED BY MEMBERS).
2. AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, A NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE SOCIETY. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THIS COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.
3. ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING BY BALLOT TO SERVE A TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH THEIR TERM OF OFFICE TO BEGIN AT THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED.
4. NO MEMBER SHALL HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT ANY ONE TIME EXCEPT THE COMBINED OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

*Amended 9  
Apr 2*

1. THE REGULAR MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT THE TYLER COURIER TIMES BUILDING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE CHANGED BY THE PRESIDENT OR A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS.
2. ANY REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE KNOWN AS A BUSINESS MEETING AND ANY BUSINESS MATTER MAY BE TRANSACTED BY A MAJORITY DECISION OF MEMBERS PRESENT.
3. THE ~~REGULAR~~ <sup>ANNUAL</sup> MEETING IN JULY OF EACH YEAR SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE ANNUAL MEETING AND SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICER, RECEIVING REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, AND FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY ARISE.
4. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT OR A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS.

*14. substituted for the notice by Proctor's 1958*

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ANY COMMITTEE AS THE SOCIETY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DEEM



NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY (EXCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.)

2. THERE SHALL BE TWO STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO REMAIN ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

- A. FIELD COMMITTEE: THE FIELD COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A CHAIRMAN AND THREE MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL SITES BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY AND SHALL MAINTAIN ACCURATE MAPS OF SITE LOCATIONS, RECEIVE AND PROCESS OWNERSHIP PERMISSIONS FOR EXPLORATION AND EXCAVATION. ALL SOCIETY SPONSORED EXPLORATION WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FIELD COMMITTEE.
- B. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A CHAIRMAN AND THREE MEMBERS WITH AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS NEEDED. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN, EXECUTE AND PUBLISH THE ANNUAL BULLETIN OF THE EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
  - 1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE THE BULLETIN EDITOR AND RESPONSIBLE FOR MANUSCRIPT SELECTION, EDITING AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE BULLETIN.

ARTICLE VII

THE AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOCIETY BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, PROVIDED THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING AT THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING.

*Outlined by Marie Burton  
adopted by ETAS July 3, 1956*



**APPENDIX 4, EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHARTER MEMBERS**

ETAS Foundation Meeting, June 26, 1956, Charter Members, Dues \$5.00

1. W. L. Lowthrope	Tyler, TX
2. Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Loyd	Gilmer, TX
3. Daniel L. Glenn	Palestine, TX
4. Wilson W. Turbyfill	Palestine, TX
5. E. W. Turbyfill	Palestine, TX
6. Geo. H. Adams	Frankston, TX
7. George F. Krueger	Hawkins, TX
8. L. A. Wallace	Tyler, TX
9. Jerry Davis	Tyler, TX
10. Harry Allen, Jr	Tyler, TX
11. Mary S. McDonald	Tyler, TX
12. A. T. McManns	Brownsboro, TX
13. J. L. Jones	Longview, TX
14. Buddy Jones	Longview, TX
15. John J. Wallis	Tyler, TX
16. F. Earl Green	Tyler, TX
17. W. R. (Billy) Newman	Tyler, TX
18. Earl Guinn	Tyler, TX
19. Bette Kashata	Tyler, TX
20. C. Tompleson	Tyler, TX
21. D. E. Proctor	Tyler, TX
22. Floyd Murray	Tyler, TX
23. R. L. Turner, Jr.	Pittsburg, TX
24. Waymond V. Wilson	Hughes Springs, TX
25. R. R. Nicholas	Daingerfield, TX
26. Ed. German	Lone Star, TX
27. Dick F. Lowe	Greenville, TX
28. Jim Kilmer	Greenville, TX
29. Morris S. Burton	Tyler, TX
30. Oren M. Murphy	Whitehouse, TX
31. G. G. Andretta	Whitehouse, TX
32. Jeanelle Proctor	Tyler, TX
33. Donna Andretta	Whitehouse, TX
34. Alice Heidrick	Tyler, TX
35. Hugh W. Heidrick	Tyler, TX
36. J. M. Beard	Gladewater, TX
37. Derrell W. Sanders	Tyler, TX
38. Travis M. Smith	Tyler, TX
39. G. R. Dennis	Tyler, TX
40. Don A. Dickson	Tyler, TX
41. Billie Jean Sanders	Tyler, TX
42. Beecher Davis, Jr.	Tyler, TX
43. Paul Knife	Overton, TX

Those Desiring Admission—Not Attending First Meeting of ETAS

44. C. L. Beason	Beckville, TX
45. J. B. Carter	Beckville, TX
46. Henry Ogden	Paris, TX
47. The Rt. Rev. F.P. Goddard	Tyler, TX
48. Dr. Albert Woldert	Tyler, TX
49. Ray Vanderpool	Tyler, TX
50. Omer Hood	Jacksonville, TX
51. Marshall W. Hamil	Tyler, TX
52. Bogie Price	Atlanta, TX
53. Carson Kennedy	Gladewater, TX
54. M. A. Richardson	Tyler, TX
55. Carl Wallace	Tyler, TX

July 10, 1956 Meeting of ETAS

1. Ray Vanderpool	Tyler, TX
2. Ted Price	LaRue, TX
3. Jan Burandt (friend of Buddy Jones)	Longview, TX
4. J. M. Beard	Gladewater, TX
5. Henry Ogden	Paris, TX
6. G. R. Dennis	Tyler, TX
7. John David Zimmerman	Hughes Springs, TX
8. Mrs. Beecher Davis	Tyler, TX
9. Derrell W. Sanders	Tyler, TX
10. Don A. Dickson	Tyler, TX
11. Mrs. R. W. Denning	Kilgore, TX
12. Charlie Brannon	Kilgore, TX
13. Monk Canterberry	Kilgore, TX
14. M. W. Hamil	Tyler, TX
15. Joyce Hamil	Tyler, TX
16. Robert W. Reed	Tyler, TX

July 17, 1956 Meeting of ETAS

1. Felicia M. Andretta	
2. A. A. Andretta	
3. W. M. Walters	
4. Mrs. R.N. Scott	Kilgore, TX
5. Mrs. Sue Wehrli	Kilgore, TX
6. Philip Whiteside	Tyler, TX
7. Sam Whiteside	Tyler, TX
8. Morris Burton	
9. J. B. Price	Atlanta, TX
10. Mrs. J. R. Herbert	Greenville, TX
11. R. L. Turner	Pittsburg, TX
12. Ed. German	Lone Star, TX
13. Trudie Bryant	Athens, TX
14. Fred W. Horton	Greenville, TX
15. Sam Garcia, Jr.	Lufkin, TX
16. Mrs. Sam Garcia, Jr.	Lufkin, TX

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| 17. Patricia Garcia, Jr. | Lufkin, TX  |
| 18. John Mulligan        |             |
| 19. Bob Brogden          | Tyler, TX   |
| 20. Ray L. Thompson      | Tyler, TX   |
| 21. E. W. Hayner         | Karnack, TX |

September 18, 1956 Meeting of ETAS

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| 1. Mike Miller               |             |
| 2. Trudie Bryant             |             |
| 3. John Mulligan             |             |
| 4. Mrs. Sue Wehrli           | Kilgore, TX |
| 5. Mrs. R. N. Scott          | Kilgore, TX |
| 6. Mr. & Mrs. Paul L. Hughes | Odessa, TX  |
| 7. Leon R. Bailey            |             |

ETAS Paid Members 1957, Dues \$5.00

1. John Mulligan
2. Sam Whiteside
3. Douglas Proctor
4. Janelle Proctor
5. Carrie Whiteside
6. Earl Guinn

ETAS Paid Members 1959, Dues \$1.00

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| 1. Bill Newman       |             |
| 2. Ray Vanderpool    |             |
| 3. L. G. Wallace     |             |
| 4. John D. Mulligan  |             |
| 5. Bob Bragdan       |             |
| 6. E. W. Hayner      |             |
| 7. Norman G. Bedgood |             |
| 8. Geo. F. Krueger   |             |
| 9. Jenny Krueger     |             |
| 10. Sam Whiteside    |             |
| 11. Earl Guinn       |             |
| 12. Alvin R. Doris   | Troup, TX   |
| 13. W. T. Lawthrop   |             |
| 14. Carson Kennedy   |             |
| 15. Jim Whiteside    |             |
| 16. Mark Walters     | Winona, TX  |
| 17. Robert Brooks    | Winona, TX  |
| 18. John J. Dieckman | Houston, TX |
| 19. Doug E. Proctor  |             |
| 20. Jeanelle Proctor |             |
| 21. D. W. Sanders    |             |
| 22. Jerry Vanderpool |             |
| 23. Jan Burandt      |             |



APPENDIX 5, AUGUST 1956 CARY LAKE CAVE EXCAVATION RULES

Excavation Cary Lake Cave

Method and control of the excavation of the cave  
set up by the Field committee, August, 1956

1. The method and control of the excavation of the cave shall be determined by:
  - A. the Field Chairman
  - B. ~~the Field Committee~~
2. Excavation of the cave shall be continued on:
  - A. Weekends
  - B. any time during the week

~~If the Committee~~

1. Method of excavation
2. Supervision
3. Restrictions

~~Restrictions in either case:~~

Restrictions on the cave were only originated for the proper excavation of the cave. They were not originated to show the authority of one man of of the committee. As a result we hope that no ill will will occur among the members of the society.

If the Chairman:

1. The members of the committee shall have the authority to supervise the excavation of the cave during the absents of the chairman. they
2. They will carry on excavation as specified by the Field Chairman only.
3. Any member of the society may have the rightful opportunity to excavate in the cave as long as he is under the supervision of one member of the committee. However, special permission to excavate without the supervision of a member of the Field committee, may be granted in extreme cases. It can only be granted through the Field Chairman.

Field Committee-men are:

Darl Sanders  
Don Dickson  
Ray Dinnis

Sam Whiteside

Phillip Whiteside

Ray Vanderpool

Carl Green

Buddy Jones

Put before the Society

If accepted : page no.2

Excavation Rules of Cary Lake Cave

1. Any member who fails to abide by these rules will be going against the purpose of the society, thus he should not have joined the society. or members by
2. Any member who fails to abide these rules set up by the Field Chairmen ~~the~~ committee; ~~(the society)~~ and accepted by the society: will have his membership voted upon by the Board of Directors.

*ask for volunteer*

provided by  
Field chairman

APPENDIX 6, JULY 31, 1957 LETTER FROM E. MOTT DAVIS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

July 31, 1957

Mr. Sam Whiteside  
Route 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Whiteside:

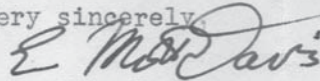
I was delighted to get your preliminary report on the burials in Sites P-2 and P-4 in eastern Smith County. Judging from the evidence you present, I am inclined to agree that the evidence for positive association of the burial with the Alto Focus material is pretty slim--which is a shame, when you consider how we are aching for some good Alto Focus burials.

This report will go in our Smith County files. I look forward to seeing your final report, in which I trust you will include illustrations of the artifacts. If you need any help (e.g. photographic), we would be glad to do what we can. One thing ~~we~~ would like to know, is the precise location of the sites, so that we can spot them on our County Road maps. We keep a card file of all sites in the state, with references to the maps and to notes and specimens. This is a study file for serious students, not for people who will go out and root around for relics.

I have been wanting to show your report to Ed Jelks, and to get his comments on your finds, since he has had a lot of experience in East Texas whereas I have only put in one field season there so far. However, he has been away, and rather than wait any longer, I am acknowledging your report.

May I say that your statement is a first-class preliminary report, really useful to others working on East Texas archeology. When your full report is done, we must see what can be done toward publication.

Very sincerely,



E. Mott Davis  
Research Archeologist



APPENDIX 7, AUGUST 9, 1957 LETTER FROM LEROY JOHNSON, JR.



IN REPLY REFER TO

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

August 9, 1957  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Sam Whiteside  
Route 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sam:

Ed and I finally made it back to Austin Wednesday night, and I am now working on the report that I have to get out on the sites we located in the Blackburn Crossing Reservoir area.

I want to thank you again for spending so much time helping Bill and me locate sites. You have been a big help and we appreciate it very much. I hope that you get to come down here to Austin before long as I am sure that you would enjoy looking around here in the rooms and rooms of collection from the East Texas Area. Let us know when you plan to come and we will be sure to be here. Often we have to be out of town, particularly on weekends.

I am enclosing a list of a few publications which I believe might be of some help in studying the archeology of your particular area. It is not a complete list by any means, but I will send you other lists when I think of them.

Ed and I certainly enjoyed our visit with you and the fine supper we had. Regards to family.

Sincerely yours,

LeRoy Johnson, Jr.



APPENDIX 8, DECEMBER 12, 1957 LETTER FROM E. MOTT DAVIS

Thurs. night 12/12/57

Dear Sam--

Doug Fractor called me tonight & I agreed to talk to your gang on Fri. the 20th. Now I want to write him a note, but don't know his address, so am writing you and asking you to relay the information on to him. -- I shall be bringing slides, and will want to have a projector and screen there. If he wants a title for my talk, it can be "The University of Texas dig at Ferrells Bridge," or, if he wants a snappier one, "How to go crazy through archeology, in one easy lesson." Or he can use both; I'm going to talk about both. Depends on whether he wants the affair to sound staid, or like fun. I shall attempt both to amuse & instruct.

Best,  
*Mott Davis*

APPENDIX 9, FEBRUARY 17, 1958 LETTER FROM EDWARD B. JELKS

6004 Belfort Drive  
Austin, Texas  
February 17, 1958

Dear Sam,

Just a note to thank you for the recess.  
I finally got them all set out but was  
beginning to run out of steam toward the  
end. I didn't expect so many but was  
glad to get them.

I have been busy writing a report on  
the 1956 dig at Mc Gee Bend which I  
hope to have completed in the next  
month or so. And we are still washing  
and cataloging the material from last fall.

Why don't you come down to Austin  
again. Mott has all the pots from  
the burials at Finelli's Bridge put together  
and I am sure you would enjoy seeing  
them, as well as some of the other things.

Keep us posted on what is going on  
around Tyler.

With best regards,  
Sincerely,  
Ed

APPENDIX 10, MARCH 31, 1958 LETTER FROM E. MOTT DAVIS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

March 31, 1958

Mr. Sam Whiteside  
Route 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sam:

Thanks for your letter of March 13; Ed & I are much interested to hear about your mound north of Tyler, and will be anxious to hear what you find as your work goes on. I have been planning on a trip in that direction, but don't know when it will come off. Plans now are for a field school at Ferrells Bridge in June and early July, and I need to get over there to check over things, well in advance. Probably won't make it until sometime in May; but when I do, I'll drop in on you, and will let you know in advance.

In your letter of Feb. 12, which I can't find any record of having answered (and if I haven't, I'm certainly sorry), you ask about a plastic glue and solvent. Probably I was referring to Alvar and acetone, but I don't know where you get it. Actually, what we use is simply DuPont's Duco Cement, with which you are probably familiar; one buys it in tubes at hardware or 5-&-10¢ stores. The solvent for it is acetone; this is a much-used chemical which we order from some firm in Houston, but you should be able to get it in Tyler by asking around a bit--perhaps in a well-stocked pharmacy or drug store, perhaps somewhere else. It is volatile as all get out, inflammable, will dissolve almost anything (it is the standard solvent for any plastic and is a major ingredient in Duco Cement), and it is not a good idea to take a strong whiff of the fumes. (This all sounds a lot worse than the stuff really is; we use it all the time.) We use it to dissolve the Duco when a pot mend turns out wrong; just keep painting it with acetone until it comes apart. Works fine.

The pot illustrations from P-5 that you sent in Feb. are really good. I think you ought to write a small progress report on that site for the next TAS Bulletin. How about it? I'd be glad to provide editorial assistance. I have filed your stuff and it is where we can put our hands on it whenever we need to refer to it. Your maps and all are just the ticket.

I heeled in the roses you sent, and have been planting them bit by bit as time allowed. I put out about 20, maybe more, and gave the rest to several Poor But Deserving anthropologists in the Department who also are working on fixing up their places. So you have been instrumental in spreading beauty all over Austin. My plants are doing mighty well, considering the treatment I gave them.

My very best to your good wife & family.  
Sincerely, *EMD* E.M.D.



APPENDIX 11, JUNE 21, 1958 LETTER FROM E. MOTT DAVIS

Dear Sam:

I have been digging at Ferrells Bridge for about a week. We are working in the mound in the woods by the road, the one you found when you were on the way to visit Ed's dig last Fall. We call it the Dalton site. If you can get over this coming week, do so: the sooner the better, because we have the mound pretty well opened up and have at last begun to figure out what it is all about. It is Fulton Aspect stuff, and pretty interesting. If you don't find us there, we will be farther down the road working another site.

Best

*E. Mott Davis*

APPENDIX 12, APRIL 1959 ETAS NEWSLETTER

ANCIENT NEWS

Vol. 1 No.1

April 1959

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NEWS LETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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TO remind and bring you up to date, the local group ETAS acted as host to the TAS annual meeting. This was the last formal function held. At a former meeting in July 1958 officers were elected as follows: Pres. Sam Whiteside; Vice Pres. John Mulligan; Sec.-Treas. Janelle Proctor; and Darrell Sanders as Field Chairman. The Proctors have since moved to Kentucky.

DUES have not been collected or accepted for sometime, so if you have not paid yours do not feel bad. Annual dues as set up in the by-laws are five dollars per year. I for one feel that this should be discussed and possibly revised and would like to know how some of the others feel about changing this to a smaller figure.

WE were out around fifty dollars for the printing and mailing of the invitations to members of the TAS to the meeting in November. This was money well spent and we now have a balance of \$46.53 in the treasury. IT seems to me that we possibly could get out some kind of news reports in an inexpensive form that would be quite interesting and mail to the members. Several have been active and possess interesting material for reports. In this way we would have an exchange of information that would be helpful to one another.

WE would like for any and everyone interested to meet at the Courier Times Building, 410 W. Erwin in Tyler, April 2, Thursday at 7:p.m. to hash this out. Mark this date on your calendar and be there if you can make it. If you are interested but cannot come please notify me by mail. THANK YOU, and hope to see you APRIL 2ND in TYLER --- Sam W.

STATE NEWS. The Texas Archeological Society held its annual meeting in Tyler, November 7-9, 1958. The attendance was good and several interesting papers were given. A number of artifacts were exhibited. Of especial interest was the exhibit shown by Dr. Clarence Webb. Edward B. Jelks of Austin succeeded Richard Johnson as President: and the meeting for 1959 will be in Austin: This will be THE ONE to be sure to attend.

THE 1958 Bulletin, A GUIDE TO ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD PROBLEMS IN TEXAS is another handbook and will be issued to members about June. BTAS Vol.XXV INTRODUCTORY HANDBOOK of TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY has been sold out for over a year. A revised reprint is to be made as soon as it is feasible. If yours is as worn as one I know, or you do not have one, better get a order in now as it probably will go fast.

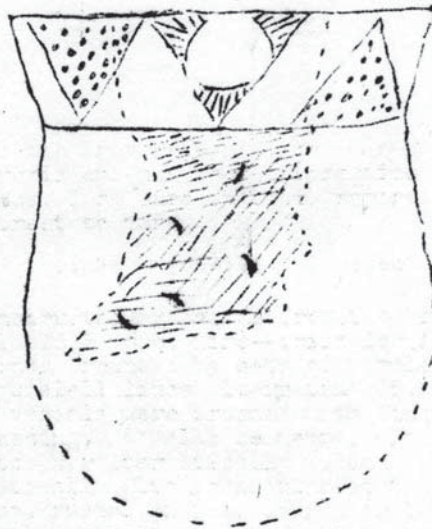
CORRESPONDENCE to archeological groups should be addressed as follows; SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY to Dr. David A. Baerries, Sterling Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wis. American Antiquity \$8. a year. TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio 9, Tex. Annual Bulletin and News Letters; Membership \$5. per year. EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, % Sam Whiteside, Rt. 1, Tyler, Texas. News Letters (I hope!) and dues to be reconsidered.



DR. E. LOTT DAVIS with the University of Texas has been exploring the Ferrell's Bridge Reservoir and has good information concerning the earlier phase of the Titus Focus. I am sure that his report on this will be very informative and of interest to many.

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THIS is a vessel reconstructed by sherds from the Bryan Hardy Site on which I have been working. INCISED ware: Rims—triangles filled with punctates, triangles with the corners rounded by sets of parallel lines. Another vessel had panels of parallel lines alternating with punctates between the panels. Bodies of vessels were brushed with fingernail punctates at random through the brushing. Ed Jelks comments, "It is especially striking to see many sherds with characteristically Fulton Aspect brushed background and characteristically Alto Focus punctating." Some Sanders Focus traits are present also. Brushed incised sherds from this site is about twenty percent. A detailed report on this site is in the mill.



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THE A. C. SAUNDERS SITE in Anderson County, one of the key sites used in defining the Frankston Focus, has a 58.8 percentage of brushed incised sherds (BTAS Vol.8). I have seen several sites, on the upper Sabine and Neches Rivers, that have a small amount of brushing, with mostly Gibson Aspect traits in ceramic design. It seems that with the increase in percentage of brushing, other Fulton Aspect traits become more apparent. James A. Ford has very well demonstrated the use of popularity of design and other traits to show relation of culture sequence in the Mississippi area. Brushing is virtually absent in the Gibson Aspect. Perhaps the percentage of brushing would be one indication of the relationship.



**APPENDIX 13, 1958 TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING,  
TYLER, TEXAS**

1. John Lewis
2. Kenneth Owen
3. Thomas Barr
4. Floyd Sharrock
5. B. Eubank
6. J. Mulligan
7. E. E. Jackson
8. Mott Davis
9. Mr. & Mrs. D. Johnson
10. Robt. Stevenson
11. Bob Turner
12. Lathael Duffield
13. W. A. Davis
14. Sam Whiteside
15. Dr. Clarence Webb
16. W.L. Everett
17. C.L. Edgar
18. Ed. Jelks
19. Tommy Lawthrop
20. Dick Clardy
21. C. Steen
22. Walt Taylor
23. G. F. Krenger
24. Hayner
25. Isabelle Lobdell
26. G. W. Turbyfill
27. L. A. Wallace
28. D. J. Smelley
29. Dr. M. E. Huff
30. Dr. Compton
31. Bob Brogden
32. R. H. Tull
33. N. G. Bedgood
34. Frank Sloan
35. H. N. Cobb
36. R. L. Turner
37. R. S. Redding
38. Elizabeth Pillaert
39. Mark Walters
40. Loyd Harper
41. Judge O. L. Simms
42. Richard Gene Wood
43. M. Shutye
44. Dr & Mrs. Ray
45. Ray Vanderpool
46. D. T. Loyd
47. K. King
48. Billy Newman

APPENDIX 14, TAS PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 7-9, 1958 ANNUAL MEETING  
IN TYLER, TEXAS

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM  
NOVEMBER 7 - 9, 1958

- NOV. 7 - 8:00 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING, TURQUOISE ROOM, CARLTON HOTEL
- NOV. 8 - 8:00 A. M. REGISTRATION, LOBBY, CARLTON HOTEL  
9:00-12:00 A. M. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - TURQUOISE ROOM, CARLTON  
2:00-5:00 P. M. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - TURQUOISE ROOM, CARLTON
1. OREN F. EVANS, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA,  
"THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ATLATL AND THE BOW."
  2. JOSEPH K. LONE, III, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.  
"A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON HILL COUNTY CLIFF SHELTERS: NEW DATES  
FOR THE AUSTIN FOCUS."
  3. EDWARD B. JELKS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.  
"THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SALVAGE PROJECT."
  4. LATHEL F. DUFFIELD, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
"PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE LIMERICK SITE, A MULTICOMPONENT SITE  
IN THE IRON BRIDGE RESERVOIR, RAINE COUNTY."
  5. JEREMIAH F. EPSTEIN AND W. A. DAVIS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.  
"PROGRESS REPORT OF WORK AT THE DIABLO RESERVOIR, VAL VERDE COUNTY."
  6. WALTER W. TAYLOR, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.  
"CULTURAL PROBLEMS IN THE DIABLO DAM PROJECT, COAHUILA, MEXICO."
  7. CYRUS N. RAY, ABILENE.  
"DEDUCTIONS CONCERNING THE CLEAR FORK GOUGE."
  8. SAM WHITESIDE, EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
"THE BRYAN HARDY SITE, SMITH COUNTY."
  9. JOHN MULLIGAN, EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
"THE MEYER SITE, AN ALTO FOCUS BURIAL SITE, SMITH COUNTY."
  10. BUDDY C. JONES, EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
"AN INTERESTING TITUS FOCUS BURIAL SITE IN UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS."
  11. RICHARD E. JOHNSON, TARRANT COUNTY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
"A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE ARCHEOLOGY OF TARRANT COUNTY."
  12. E. MOTT DAVIS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.  
"HOW EARLY IS EARLY MAN? HOW PALEO WERE THE PALEO-AMERICANS?"
- 7:30 P. M. DINNER, CARLTON HOTEL  
9:30 P. M. GET TOGETHER
- NOV. 9 - 9:00 A. M. FIELD TRIP TO DAVIS MOUND SITE, ALTO, TEXAS -  
MEET IN LOBBY OF CARLTON AT 9:00 A. M.

**APPENDIX 15, NOVEMBER 1959 THANK YOU NOTE FROM TAS REGARDING THE  
1958 TAS ANNUAL MEETING IN TYLER, TEXAS**

**THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
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WITTE MUSEUM  
Mr. Douglas Proctor  
1920 Robertson St.  
Tyler, Texas

BRACKENRIDGE PARK

SAN ANTONIO 9, TEXAS

Dear Doug:

On behalf of the Texas Archaeological Society I wish to extend to the East Texas Archaeological Society a vote of thanks and a hearty congratulations on a fine meeting. The turn-out was excellent, the accommodations pleasant and convenient, and everything ran smoothly. We could ask for nothing more.

Since you left a little early you may not be aware that you were elected a Trustee of the Society. Also I did not get to check with you on the regional society's expenses for the convention. The Society will gladly help out. Let me know on this score.

I would appreciate your turning this letter over to the East Texas Society. Thank you all for a fine time.

Most Sincerely,  
*Mardith*  
Mardith K. Schuetz  
Secretary-Treasurer



APPENDIX 16, APRIL 1, 1959 LETTER FROM E. MOTT DAVIS

Austin, 4/1/59

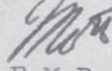
Dear Sam,

Congratulations on Vol. 1 No. 1 of Ancient News; I look forward to subsequent issues. I'll mention it in our forthcoming Texas Archeology.

From what you have to say, the Jamestown Mound site looks more and more interesting. Do you suppose the site might be stratified? Keep us informed.

Best to your family, as well as yourself.

Sincerely,



E. M. D.

APPENDIX 17, VOL. 1, NO. 2 OF THE ETAS NEWSLETTER, JULY 1959

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Vol. 1 No.2

July 1959

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NEWS LETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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THE APRIL MEETING: Members of the East Texas Archeological Society met in the Courier Times Building on April 2nd. The merits of The ETAS were discussed and after enumerating the good points, it was obvious that the society had accomplished a lot. Some members have been active and are preparing papers on sites. With out the society these sites would have been destroyed and no records made of them. The TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has shown much evidence of growth in East Texas since our local society was organized. Prior to the time of the ETAS in 1955 there were only nine TAS members in the East Texas area . During 1957 a year after the organization of the local group, there were thirty six members of the TAS here in East Texas. A large percentage of this increase was either directly or indirectly due to the influence of this society.

WITH L.A. Wallace acting as secretary the By Laws were amended as follows: Article III Part 4-- Dues shall be one dollar per year payable on or before January 1st of each year. Article V Part 1-- Quarterly meetings shall be held with one of these to be for the purpose of electing officers.

A request was made for a beginners study session. This will be discussed at the next meeting. If YOU are intrested be sure to come.

E. W. Hayner from Kilgore brought artifacts to the meeting and showed to the group.

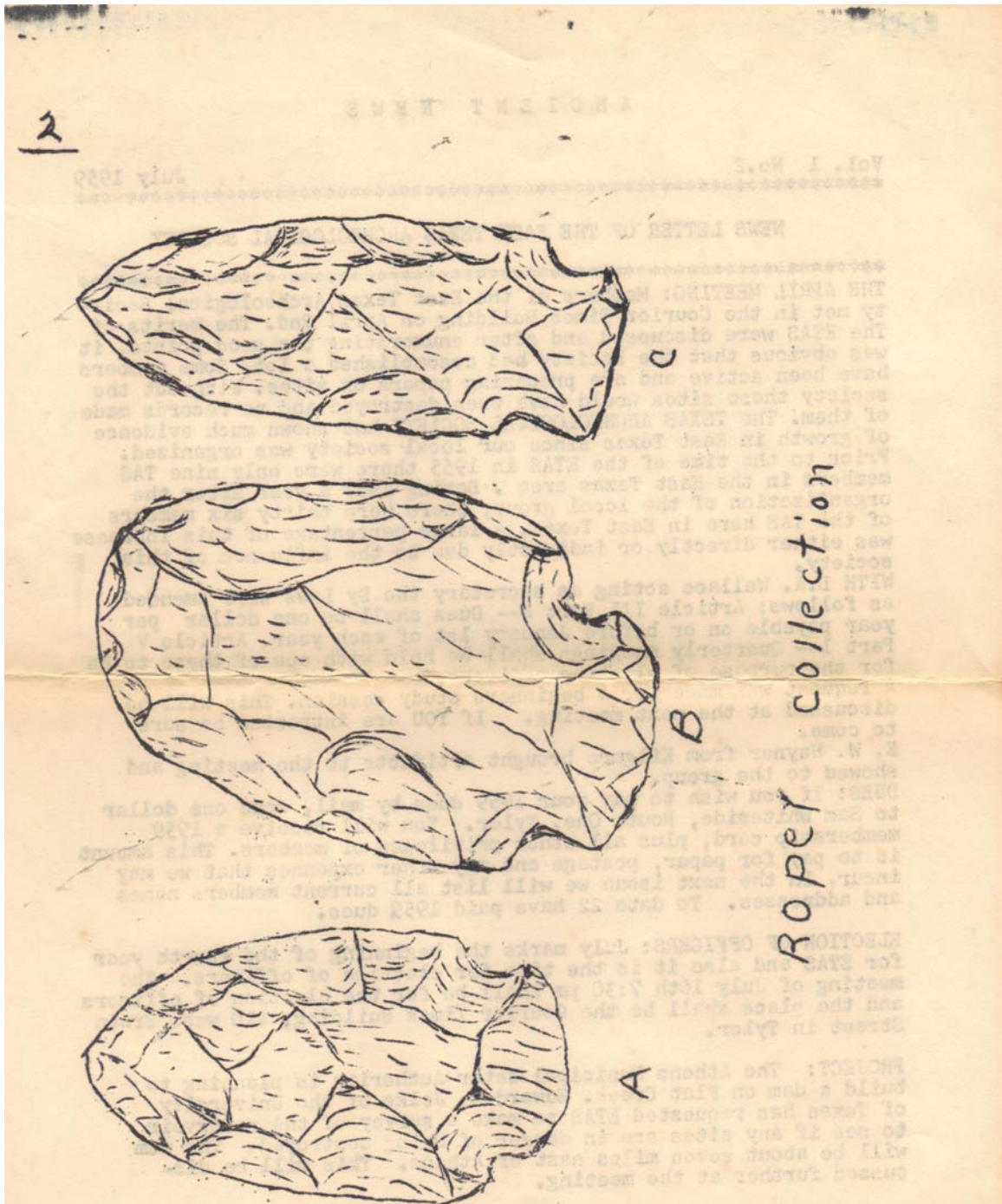
DUES: If you wish to pay your 1959 dues by mail, send one dollar to Sam Whiteside, Route One, Tyler. You will receive a 1959 membership card, plus all other privileges of members. This amount is to pay for paper, postage and any other expenses that we may incur. In the next issue we will list all current members names and addresses. To date 22 have paid 1959 dues.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: July marks the beginning of the fourth year for ETAS and also it is the time for election of officers. The meeting of July 16th 7:30 pm shall be for the election of officers and the place shall be the Courier Times Building, 410 west Erwin Street in Tyler.

PROJECT: The Athens Municipal Water Authority is planning to build a dam on Flat Creek. Edward B. Jelks of the University of Texas has requested ETAS to make a survey of the reservoir to see if any sites are in danger of being destroyed. The dam will be about seven miles east of Athens. This will be discussed further at the meeting.

MEET AT THE COURIER TIMES, 410 W. ERWIN ST.--JULY 16TH 7:30 PM









Illustrations are actual size.  
Mr. Roper, near Troup, found these flint artifacts on his farm several years ago. They were all together in a wash after a rain storm. AN inspection of the immediate area revealed fragments of manos, flint chips and no ceramics. The artifacts are unusual for East Texas and may have been brought in by trade from another area of the Archaic age. He had also Gary, Yarbrough, Wells and Ellis that are more characteristic of this area.

HELP ! HELP ! ! NEEDED SOME ONE TO CUT STENCIL...

THE BELCHER MOUND A Stratified Caddoan Site in Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Published by The Society for American Archeology. The author, Dr. Clarence H. Webb of Shreveport Louisiana, is an ardent amateur and is regarded as an authority on Caddoan Archeology by the experts of that field of science. No report covers an aspect so completely, with eight house patterns and twenty six burials. The numerous artifacts are beautifully illustrated. The volume contains 212 pages and 142 illustrations. The succession of occupations are well demonstrated. Any one intrested in Caddoan archeology will want a copy. Orders should be for Memors number sixteen; the price is \$3.00. Addressed to The Society for American Archeology, Logan Museum, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Caddo Museum: Buddy Jones of Longview has erected a building to display his many artifacts. He has a complete representation of the prehistory of man in East Texas. Buddy also has a very complete display of Titus Focus material including two reconstructed burials.

THE EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
% Sam Whiteside  
Route One  
Tyler, Texas



APPENDIX 18, JUNE 26, 1959 LETTER FROM EDWARD B. JELKS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

June 26, 1959

Mr. Sam Whitesides  
Route 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sam:

It has come to my attention that the Athens Municipal Water Authority is planning to construct a small reservoir on Flat Creek east of Athens in the near future. I have written to Mr. J. P. Pickens, President of the Authority and he has sent me a map of the reservoir which I am enclosing with this letter. He did not indicate what the construction schedule is.

There could well be some important sites which will be damaged or destroyed by the Flat Creek project, and consequently, we would like to make a survey of the reservoir area. However, there is so much other work to be done in the coming year in Texas that I thought I would write to see if the East Texas Archeological Society would be interested in checking out the Flat Creek area for us. If you have society members who would be interested in this project, it would also be helpful if they could prepare a brief report of the results of the survey.

Please let me know if your society is willing to undertake this project. If so, I will send a supply of site survey forms, etc., for your use.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Ed*

Edward B. Jelks

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*If you are unable to help out on the Flat Creek job, would you please return the enclosed maps.*

*Ed*



APPENDIX 19, JULY 15, 1959 LETTER FROM EDWARD B. JELKS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

July 15, 1959

Mr. Sam Whitesides  
Rt. 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sam:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 2 in which you say that there are enough interested society members at Tyler and Athens to make a preliminary survey of the Flat Creek Reservoir. It would be a big help to us if you would sort of take charge of this project and see that the reservoir area is covered as well as possible. We will be working at Iron Bridge this fall, probably in October or November, and I will plan to make an inspection trip to Flat Creek while we are over that way. Keep me informed as to the progress of the survey. If you need any site survey forms or other supplies, please let me know and I will send them to you.

Thank you for reporting that a skull has been dug up on Hooker Creek. We had already received a report about this from the Sabine River Authority, and we have the name of the boy who found the skull. The clearing of timber adjoining the Pearson Site has just been completed and Duffy is up there now checking the cleared area to see if any sites have been exposed. He will check on the burial while he is there.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Edward B. Jelks

EBJ:fg

APPENDIX 20, AUGUST 26, 1959 LETTER FROM EDWARD B. JELKS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

August 26, 1959

Mr. Sam Whiteside  
Route 1  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Sam:

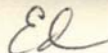
Thank you for your letter of August 24. I am sorry to hear that you have been ill, and I trust you are all right now.

We have just completed a two-week dig at Whitney and plan to start work at Canyon Reservoir next week. We dug a small rockshelter at Whitney which produced a good deal of stuff from the Central Texas Aspect. We are scheduled to tackle the Pearson Site at Iron Bridge about the middle of October, and will try to test one of the sites at Cooper Reservoir just north of there while we are out. I will plan to spend a few days at Flat Creek while we are at Iron Bridge, probably about the end of October. I will visit any sites you have located at that time, and if you have not been able to cover the whole reservoir area, I will finish up the survey. The help you are giving us is greatly appreciated.

I will let you know when we get started at Pearson, and I hope you will have time to visit the dig.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Jelks