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**The Rowland Clark (41RR77) Site,
Red River County, Texas**

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

The Rowland Clark (41RR77) and Dan Holdeman (41RR11) archaeological sites were excavated in the late 1970s and early 1980s by Gregory Perino of the Museum of Red River in Idabel, Oklahoma. Manuscripts on those investigations were prepared by Perino shortly after the conclusion of the work, but these were never published, remaining instead on file at the Museum of the Red River.

After discussions with Mary Herron of the Museum of the Red River, and Gregory Perino (now retired), the Friends of Northeast Texas Archaeology was granted permission to edit and publish the two manuscripts in two volumes of the *Journal of Northeast Texas Archaeology*. The Rowland Clark manuscript is being published in No. 4 of the journal, to be followed in 1995 with the Dan Holdeman report in No. 5.

There have been all too few recent archaeological investigations of Caddoan sites on the Red River in Northeast Texas (Kenmotsu and Perttula 1993; Bruseth 1994), with the notable exception of the Museum of the Red River's excavations at the Bob Williams (Perino 1983) site and the 1991-1992 Texas Archeological Society's field schools at the Roitsch, Fasken, Ray, and Saltwell Slough sites in Red River and Lamar counties (Bruseth et al. 1991, 1992). It is fair, but unfortunate, to state that this part of the Caddoan archaeological area remains poorly known (e.g., Perttula 1992a), while the looting and vandalism of important Caddoan sites along the Red River continues unabated (Perttula 1992b).

This makes the publication of Perino's work notable for two principal reasons. First, the Museum of the Red River excavations recovered significant archaeological data on the nature of Caddoan occupations from ca. A.D. 900 to 1600 in the Red River valley--including bioarchaeological and paleobotanical remains (see appendices by Blake and Loveland, this volume). And second, the publication of these reports will make this information available to Caddoan archaeologists and to all those interested in the prehistory and early history of the Caddoan peoples.

Timothy K. Perttula, Senior Editor

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