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Cherokee, Iowa

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This issue of the Newsletter was written in the field on the Fourth of July. We are happily engaged in the excavation of a Mill Creek site under the joint auspices of the State University of Iowa and Sanford Museum. Our operating expenses have been supplied by the Gardner Cowles Foundation of Des Moines, The American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, S.U.I. and Sanford Museum. The crew consists of your editor who is directing the "dig"; W. D. Frankforter, Director of Sanford Museum; three students from S.U.I., Adrian Anderson, Eugene Fugle and John Ives; one student from the University of Chicago, George Cowgill; and four volunteer members from Sanford Museum, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beals, Chuck Smith and Hunt Davis, Jr., all from Cherokee. I must confess that our field camp is the most comfortable that I have ever experienced as we are living at Sanford Museum.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to invite members and friends of the Society to the monthly meeting of the Northwest Chapter to be held at the "diggings" on July 17, 1955. Further purposes are to notify members that dues for the year 1955-1956 are due as of July 1, 1955, to submit the Articles of Incorporation to the membership for vote, to give a progress report of the dig and to publish the list of members of the Society as of June 30, 1955.

#### DUES PAYABLE NOW

A new method of handling membership renewals is being tried herein. At the bottom of the next to the last page of this Newsletter you will find a renewal form which you are requested to cut off and return with your dues to the Secretary-Treasurer. This will eliminate the time and expense involved in sending separate dues notices as has been practiced in the past. Your prompt response to this request will be appreciated. Members who have already renewed will please ignore the above statement.

Institutions that require billing in a particular manner are asked to use the above-mentioned form to supply the Secretary-Treasurer with this information.

#### FIELD TRIP OF THE IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Northwest Chapter of the Iowa Archeological Society as part of its monthly meeting will act as host to the members and friends of the IAS for a field trip to the Phipps site on July 17, 1955. The Phipps site is the one at which we are conducting the excavation and is three miles north of Cherokee. Members and friends are asked to assemble at Sanford Museum by 2:30 P.M. at which time the group will leave for the site. The meeting is open to the general public.

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EXCAVATION OF THE PHIPPS SITE

The joint project of archaeological investigation by the State University of Iowa and Sanford Museum got under way on June 15th when your editor and four students descended upon Sanford Museum in force. Mr. Frankforter had already set up living quarters at the Museum so only one day was needed to stock

the larder, purchase supplies and set "camp" in order. On the 17th we started laying out the site and that chore was completed on the 18th. On Sunday, June 19th the Northwest Chapter met at the site and the entire group pitched in to help drive stakes, clear sod from the path of the trenches and cut brush. Their generous help is greatly appreciated. The afternoon was marred by the fact that Mill Creek had risen so that the vehicles were stuck in the creek. After much pulling and tugging, plus well soaked trousers, the vehicles were returned to dry land and all members were transported to the site. Comic relief was supplied by one of your trustees, Mr. C.H.D. Smith (Cherokee) when the tractor he was attempting to drive across the creek got over its depth and the flywheel sent a great geyser of water over the tractor and driver. The spectators were delighted and many cameras recorded the scene. The Northwest Chapter is to be commended for the entertainment it provided, even if at Chuck's expense.

The site has been plotted in five foot squares oriented to the cardinal points and excavation has been started in four squares. We are excavating every other square in order to extend our coverage and so find a house more quickly than if we cut one trench. Most of the excavation is being conducted in three inch levels taken out with trowels and every bit of dirt is being sifted. A measure of the work accomplished can be obtained when it is realized that we have removed and sifted 591 cubic feet of dirt to date. As of Saturday, July 2, we had reached a depth of 60 inches in one portion of the trench and had not yet reached a floor. We think that we have a floor about 2 inches below our level as what appears to be a posthole is in evidence. It was decided to cut down the adjoining square to see if we could find the rest of the post mold pattern. Our long awaited rains will probably have filled the pit so we must wait several days until it dries out again. A stratigraphic trench into the side of the mound was started to test the underlying material of the mound. That trench is down 90 inches and the boys have not yet found sterile soil.

It is too early to say anything definitive about our finds but several tentative hypotheses can be stated. For one thing we think we can see pottery differences between the top and the bottom levels of the site. The rather fancy pottery with large areas of design around the rims become less frequent in the lower levels while a plain rimmed type that is much thicker becomes more popular. Stone tools do not appear to change appreciably but there is an enormous range of projectile point and scraper types. An item of some interest is the find of a small pile of human bones surrounded by potsherds that are of the same pot. There is little doubt that the bones were in the pot. Whether or not this represents a case of cannibalism can not yet be determined but it is interesting to note that cannibalism has been noted in other Mississippian sites in Iowa as well as other places in the Middle West. Bone tools so far are almost entirely limited to bone awls and scapula hoes. One long flat spatula-like tool also has been found. At least four charred kernels of corn have been found and conclusively prove that our Mill Creek friends practiced agriculture.

The quantity of bones of animals that has been encountered indicates the importance that hunting played in the economy of the people responsible for the Phipps site. Most of the bones, as one would expect, are bison, with lesser amounts of deer and smaller animals. Many fish and turtle bones indicate that Mill Creek itself was an important food source. In addition the people collected clams which undoubtedly were eaten. The picture presented is one of a group of people enjoying an abundant food supply which allowed them spare time to specialize in many different ways. Iowa was just as bountiful a land then as it is now.



We have high hopes that a house floor will be encountered in a few days and that by the time of the July meeting we will have a house exposed. If we are correct in our belief that we have found a floor we can consider ourselves very fortunate. There were no depressions on the surface of the site to mark the location of houses and to have found a house the first time we started a pit would be a lucky stroke indeed.

One fly in our ointment is the fact that we are recovering material faster than it can be processed. The basement of the museum is already filled with unwashed shards, bones and rocks. Several people have pitched in to help wash the material but they cannot keep ahead of the flood. The crew spends its evenings processing the material, cataloging and numbering the remains, classifying and describing the artifacts and drinking coffee. "Frank" Frankforter rashly promised to identify the stone material and bones so he also spends his evenings at the Museum. I think this is a plea to any members who live in the vicinity of Cherokee to volunteer their services at the washing and sorting tables.

It is hoped that we will be able to present another progress report later in the summer and that at that time there will have been enough material processed so that we can include illustrations of some of the artifacts and the plan of at least one house.

Hoping to see you on July 17th,

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation of the Iowa Archeological Society as presented below are the revised form suggested by several lawyers. If there are no objections or suggestions from the membership within 30 days the Articles will be submitted to the Secretary of State for filing. If any Article is found to be unworkable at some future date it can easily be amended by the procedure set forth in the Articles.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I            This corporation shall be known as the Iowa Archeological Society and is organized under and by virtue of Chapter 504 of the 1954 Code of Iowa and all Acts amendatory thereto.

ARTICLE II           The object and purpose of the association is and shall be to create and promulgate a greater public interest in the pre-historic and historic Indian cultures of Iowa; to conduct research programs for the discovery, marking, preservation, and recording of the monuments and remains of such ancient peoples as a proper and necessary part of the history of Iowa. The Society shall not be used for buying, selling, or trading of artifacts except for scientific purposes.

Object  
and  
Purpose

Article III           The principal office and place of business where the records of the association are to be kept shall be at the Sanford Museum in Cherokee County, Iowa, and the mailing address of said office being 117 East Willow, Cherokee, in Cherokee County, Iowa.

Place of  
Business

ARTICLE IV           The business of the association shall be in charge of six trustees to be elected by a majority of the members present and voting at the regular annual Spring Meeting following the adoption of these Articles. Two of the trustees shall be elected for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and two for a term of three years. Then at each succeeding annual meeting there shall be elected two trustees for a term of three years and also any additional number if it is found necessary to fill any vacancies which might occur in the interim.

Business  
and  
Trustees

Until the first annual meeting following the adoption of these articles the trustees shall be the following persons:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Charles H. D. Smith | Cherokee, Iowa  |
| 2. Reynold J. Ruppe    | Iowa City, Iowa |
| 3. Alton K. Fisher     | Iowa City, Iowa |
| 4. Paul Rowe           | Glenwood, Iowa  |
| 5. Henry P. Field      | Decorah, Iowa   |
| 6. Wilfred D. Logan    | McGregor, Iowa  |

A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact any business of the association.

ARTICLE V

Other  
Officers

A President and Vice-President shall be elected at the regular annual Spring Meeting of the association by a majority of the members present and voting. A Secretary-Treasurer and Editor shall be elected for a term of three years at every third annual Spring Meeting by a majority of the members present and voting. Until the first annual Spring Meeting following the adoption of the Articles the officers shall be the following:

President	R. W. Breckenridge, 2236 Storm St., Ames, Iowa
Vice-President	Lang Baily, Davenport Public Museum, Davenport, Ia.
Secretary-	W. D. Frankforter, Sanford Museum Cherokee, Iowa
Treasurer	
Editor	Reynold J. Ruppe, State University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa

ARTICLE VI

Annual  
and  
Special  
Membership  
Meetings

The regular annual Spring Meeting of the association shall be held in April or May of each year at a place decided upon by the trustees and may adjourn from time to time as may be found necessary or convenient at the time. Special meetings may be held at the call of the trustees and the exact time and place of such meetings shall be set by them. Written notice shall be mailed not less than 5 days before said meetings to each member in good standing, at his or her last known address.

ARTICLE VII

Non-  
Liability  
for  
corporate  
debts

No trustee, officer or member of this association in the absence of fraud committed by himself shall become personally liable for any debts or liabilities arising against or incurred by the association or its officers or agents or employees, and the private property of the members, trustees and officers of this corporation shall be exempt from liability for any and all debts, obligations, or liabilities of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

By-Laws

The trustees may from time to time adopt By-Laws to regulate the conduct of the business of the association and may amend the same at any time. The By-Laws shall fix the membership fees and dues, rates of subscription to any publication put out by the association, and any other matters pertaining to the operation of the association. The By-Laws shall also prescribe the qualifications for membership in the association. The By-Laws are subject to review by any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Any Article may be amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present and voting at any annual or special membership meeting providing a copy of the proposed amendment is placed in the hands of the President 30 days preceding said meeting and a copy of said proposed amendment be included in the notice of said meeting.

ARTICLE X

Right to  
own  
property

This association is created under the laws of the State of Iowa authorizing the creation of a corporation not for pecuniary profit. It shall have the rights under such laws to buy, sell, lease, acquire by gift, devise or otherwise, own and control, real and personal property of every kind or description or wherever situated and apply such to the purposes for which this association is created.

That all conveyances of real estate made by the corporation shall be executed by the president and by the secretary-treasurer. That all instruments that are required by law to be made of record shall be executed by the president and secretary-treasurer of said corporation. The corporation shall have no seal.

ARTICLE XI

Corporate  
existence

This association shall commence to do business as such upon the filing for record of these Articles of Incorporation in the offices of the County Recorder of Cherokee County, Iowa, and shall have a corporate existence of fifty years unless sooner dissolved, as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, all residents of the State of Iowa, as incorporators for and on behalf of the Iowa Archeological Society, subscribe our names with our addresses set opposite thereto.

Name	Address
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The IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY offers several membership plans. Check the one you prefer on the blank below and mail it together with the appropriate membership fee too:

W. D. Frankforter, Sec'y-Treas.  
Iowa Archeological Society  
Sanford Museum  
Cherokee, Iowa

Enclosed is my membership fee for the year July 1, 19\_\_ to June 30, 19\_\_. Please place my name on the membership list of the Iowa Archeological Society for the type of membership indicated.

- ( ) Active Membership . . . . . \$ 3.00
- ( ) Sustaining " . . . . . 5.00
- ( ) Life " . . . . . 50.00
- ( ) Student " . . . . . 2.00
- ( ) Institutional . . . . . 2.00\*

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City and State \_\_\_\_\_

\* Institutional memberships are open only to Museums, Libraries, etc.

NOTE: Back issues are available at the regular membership rate.



A field trip of the Iowa Archeological Society will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 17, at a point three miles north of Cherokee where the State University of Iowa field session in archaeological research is being conducted as a joint project with Sanford Museum, Cherokee, Iowa. This coincides with the regular July meeting of the Northwest Chapter of the Iowa Archeological Society which will act as host. The meeting is open to the general public.

Individuals planning to attend are asked to assemble at Sanford Museum by 2:30 at which time the group will leave for the site of the excavations. Dr. R. J. Ruppe, Professor of Anthropology, S. U. I., and Director of the joint project will make a brief statement at the site regarding the purpose of the work and the progress to date.

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MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSRELEASE TO YOUR LOCAL EDITOR

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