

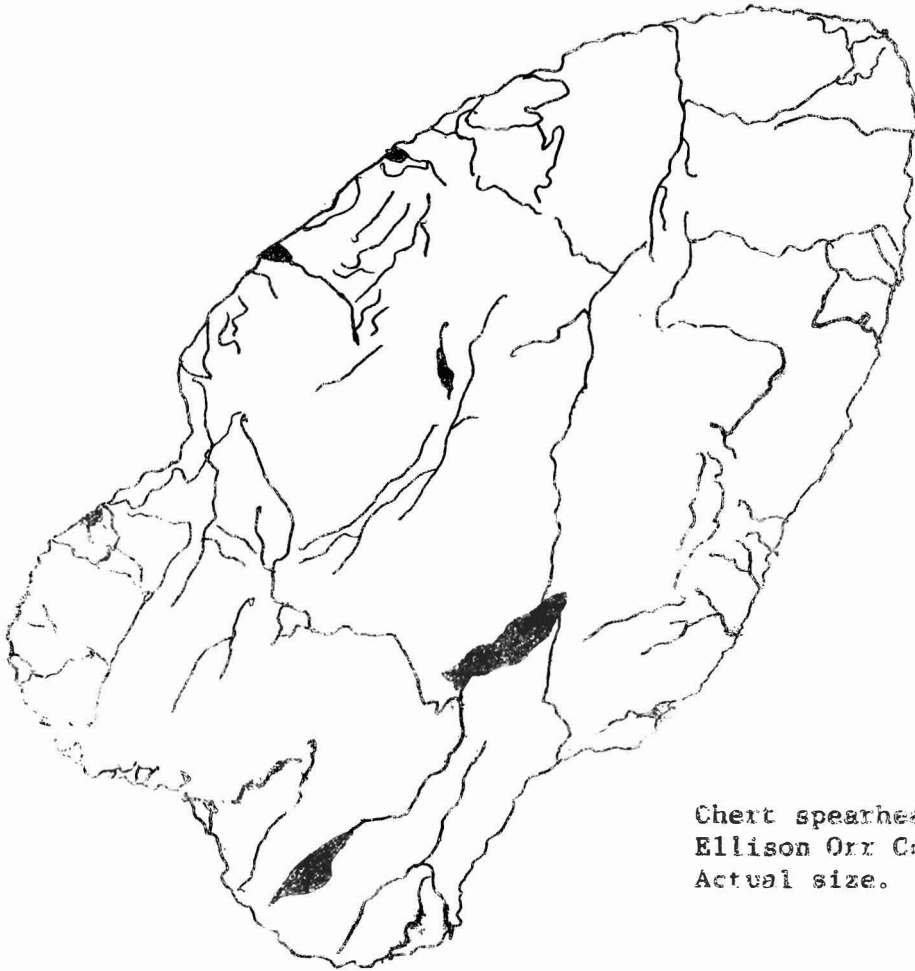
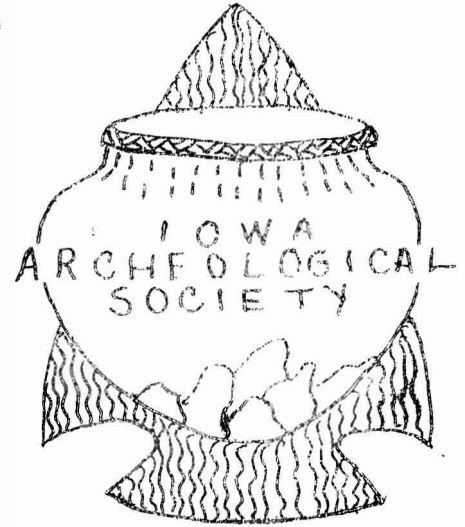
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EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

MCGREGOR, IOWA



Chert spearhead in
Ellison Orr Collection.
Actual size.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To me the receiving of the Newsletter is like the soaking, cooling rain that is so refreshing after a long period of high temperatures and drought. This Newsletter is most welcome. It is the forerunner of more to come.

Mr. Garland Gordon has taken over the responsibility for publications. However, we cannot depend on Mr. Gordon to make up a Newsletter out of thin air. So, will you please take the time to report any and all finds and other things that should be of interest to the general membership to Mr. Gordon. These will be edited and printed in subsequent Newsletters.

Now I can't help but report a lucky find. I was looking for some rock specimens for a unit of classwork in school. A small fill had been made along a road by pushing some dirt and rock into a ditch and recent rains had washed out many fine rocks. When I climbed down the bank, right at my feet was a fine large axe, fully grooved of dolomite and weighing five and three-quarter pounds. Further investigation yielded one round chert hammerstone and two grinding stones. I have thoroughly looked over the entire area since and have found nothing more. This was the largest axe I have yet found.

At the last annual meeting we revised the Articles and By-laws of the Society and a copy has been recorded in Cherokee. Such changes in the articles provide for an expanded program and we expect that you, as interested archeologists, amateur or professional, will contribute to the growth of our Society. Iowa is rich in archeology. Lets make this a big year.

George L. Miller, President

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

At long last we are getting the IAS publications back on their feet again, thanks very much to John Vincent for preparing and mailing Newsletter Number 35. It was a very welcome sight to me as it must have been to all members.

Much of this issue will of necessity be comprised of somewhat dated material. There is not much on hand now and new material for both the Journal and the Newsletter will be needed soon. Send your reports of finds or any notes and comments to the Editor. We particularly need scale drawings (full size preferred) or photographs of any unusual or outstanding specimens. Anyone having an article to contribute is urged to do so at once. I hope that we can have more reports by amateurs such as done in the last issue by David Lilly and Roger Banks on the Mill Creek Cemetery. It is also to be hoped that other professionals will find time, as Dale Henning has done, to help get information such as this into print.

Don't give up on the Journal as we hope to have an issue to send to press in the near future.

SEND ALL NOTES, COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF FINDS TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Mr. Garland Gordon, Editor
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NEW BOOK ON IOWA ARCHEOLOGY

Men of Ancient Iowa is the title of the new book by Dr. Marshall McKusick, Iowa State Archeologist. This is the first time that an author has tried to give a complete summary of Iowa Archeology under one cover. Doing this was a big job and Dr. McKusick is to be complimented for undertaking it. This may prove to be a controversial publication with which other archeologists may take exception. This, hopefully, will lead to much more active participation concerning the Iowa scene. We hope to have Men of Ancient Iowa reviewed for the Journal in the near future. It is an attractive book and its tinted paper makes it easy to read. Copies are available at \$6.50 each from: Iowa State University Press, Press Building, Ames, Iowa.

13TH ANNUAL MEETING, 1963

The annual meeting this year was held May 19th at the Sanford Museum, Cherokee, Iowa. About 47 members were in attendance. Those of you who weren't there missed a very good meeting. Our thanks go to all those who helped make it so successful. This was my first opportunity to see the Sanford Museum and I was impressed by the building and all that has been done there. If you haven't seen this museum yet make a point of stopping next time you are nearby.

George L. Miller, President and Charles H. D. Smith, Vice-President were both re-elected to their respective positions for another year. The two new trustees elected to three year terms were: John R. Vincent, Sanford Museum, Cherokee and William L. Larson, Ames.

David Gradwohl, Professor of Anthropology, Iowa State University, presented the major talk at the meeting, "The Nature of Anthropological Evidence". Dave's talk was most informative and everyone enjoyed his light touch. His lectures at the University must be very interesting.

John Vincent announced a joint research program between the Sanford Museum and the University of Wisconsin on the Mill Creek Culture. Several sites will be tested this summer and C14 and pollen samples will be obtained and soil analysis studies made. We will be watching with interest for the results of this program. John also showed slides of 10 rare carved catlinite tablets the Museum has. I hope to see a publication on these interesting items sometime.

Dr. Marshall McKusick announced that publication of his book on Indians of Iowa is scheduled for early 1964. It will not be technical and will have about 80 figures. The book will certainly fill a great need in Iowa archeology. He said also that somewhat over 100 sites have been added to the State Site Survey from work in several reservoir basins.

President Miller called attention to the need to bring the Constitution and By-laws of the Society up-to-date. No action was taken but this will be considered by the officers and studied during the year. It is hoped that something concrete will be ready to present to the membership at next years meeting.

14TH ANNUAL MEETING, 1964

The 1964 Annual Meeting was held May 24 at the Memorial Union on the Iowa State University Campus at Ames. More members were in attendance at this meeting than there have been for many years. There were 67 registered participants and quite a few others sat in on the meeting. In the

business session, Dr. Marshall McKusick asked to be relieved of his duties as Editor of the Society Publications. This was approved by the membership. A number of changes and revisions to the Articles were approved by the membership. All of these changes are included in the revised Articles which are published at the back of this Newsletter. The following officers were elected.

Officers and Trustees for Year 1964-65

President:	Mr. George Miller	Davenport
Vice Pres:	Mr. Joe Beals	Cherokee
Sec.-Treas:	Mrs. Phil Thornton	Storm Lake
Trustees:	Dr. H. P. Field	Decorah
	Dr. Marshall McKusick	Iowa City
	Mr. John Vincent	Cherokee
	Dr. William Larson	Ames
	Prof. R. W. Breckenridge	Ames
	Mr. Charles H. D. Smith	Cherokee
Editor:	Mr. Garland Gordon	McGregor

The principal address entitled: New Dates and Data on the Mill Creek Culture: Some Results of the Excavations in 1963. was presented by Dale Henning. Exciting multi-disciplinary studies such as this one really show what can be learned from the fragmentary remains of an ancient people. By using experts from many different fields such as pollen analysis, meteorology, zoology, physics, botany, and soils specialists, the Hennings are developing a very detailed picture of life during Mill Creek times. The estimated dates are somewhat earlier (from about 900-1350 A.D.) than many had previously thought. The dates are supported by some very acceptable C14 dates. We are looking forward to seeing the final report on these excavations. In the summer of 1964 further excavations at Mill Creek Sites were carried out by the University of Wisconsin and Sanford Museum, Cherokee.

Mr. Lionel Brown, Smithsonian Institution, River Basin Surveys reported on the 1963 work in the Pony Creek Watershed and Rathbun Reservoir in Southwest Iowa. He reported that 26 sites were recorded, eight of which were excavated. One was an Archaic site dating 3,000 to 5,000 D.C., having side-notched points with basal grinding reminiscent of the Simonsen Site. Another was a Woodland Site with Stearns Creek and Foreman S-Rim pottery dating about 900 A.D. The other six sites represented plains agricultural groups dating ca. 1200 A.D. or later. More excavations were to be conducted in the fall of 1964.

State Archeologist Dr. Marshall McKusick reported that he would be excavating "Enclosed Areas" in Allamakee and Clayton Counties the summer of 1964.

Dr. David Gradwohl, Iowa State University announced that he had contracted with the National Park Service for excavations at the Red Rock Reservoir in June and July 1964.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

Many important changes to the Articles and By-laws were made at the 14th Annual Meeting. Because of this and also because it has been such a long time since the Articles were published, the entire text of the Articles follows.

IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

15TH ANNUAL MEETING

It has been decided to hold the annual meeting at Ames again this year. The tentative agenda outlined below indicates that it will be an interesting meeting. IAS President George Miller of Davenport recently told me that he hoped to make an important announcement concerning Iowa Archeology. It looks like a big year ahead of us so do your best to get to this meeting.

Place: Council Chamber, Memorial Union, Iowa State University Campus, Ames.

Time: Sunday, May 23.

Open house in the forenoon at the Archeological Laboratory, open for all and especially those from out of town who arrive early.

Lunch at noon. Participants will go through the cafeteria line and take their trays to the Council Chamber in the northwest corner of the building on the same floor as the cafeteria. The Council Chamber will not be available until noon on account of a regular Sunday church meeting. Those of our members who bring artifacts to be exhibited will lay them out on display tables in nearby corridors from where they will be moved into the Council Chamber at noon.

There will be a short business meeting with George L. Miller presiding. Features of the meeting to follow will be:

1. A progress report on the Red Rock salvage work by Prof. David Gradwohl.
2. A panel discussion to bring out ways by which non-professional members of the society may cooperate with qualified archeologists to get information into the proper channels from the scattered areas where materials are constantly showing up.
3. Talks by Dr. Wm. Larsen and perhaps others on some of the techniques used by archeologists in "restoring lost history" both as to time and place.
4. A review by Dr. Marshall McKusick, State Archeologist, of current studies now underway and perhaps contemplated from over the State.
5. Any notes of interest that attending members might wish to present.
6. Possibly an archeological film now being produced with Dr. Gradwohl as advisor, if time permits. This feature, however, is quite uncertain.

IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

Articles of incorporation of the Iowa Archeological Society with revisions and additions as approved by the voters present at the Annual Meeting held at Ames, Iowa, May 24, 1964 - Mr. George Miller, President, presiding.

ARTICLE I This coproration shall be known as the Iowa Archeological
Name 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
Object to create and promulgate a greater public interest in the cul-
and tures of the pre-historic and historic peoples of Iowa; to con-
Purpose duct 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.

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

ARTICLE IV The business of the association shall be in charge of nine
Business trustees elected by a majority of the members present and voting
and at each regular annual Spring Meeting. The term of a trustee
Trustees shall be for a period of three years. The terms of the nine
 trustees shall be staggered so that three shall be elected at
 each regular annual Spring Meeting. There shall also be elected
 however many others as are necessary to fill any vacancies which
 might occur in the interim. A majority of the trustees shall
 constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V Section 1
Other A President and Vice-President shall be elected at the regu-
Officers lar 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.

Section 2
The President, or in his absence, a vice-president, or in
the absence of both president and vice-president, a chairman pro
tempore elected by a plurality of the members present, shall pre-
side at all meetings of the society and of the board of trustees,
and shall exercise the customary authority of his office. The
President shall appoint committees as prescribed in the Articles
and By-Laws and as authorized by action taken in the regular
annual meeting or called meetings. The President or presiding
officer shall appoint, if needed, as many alternates from the
floor as is necessary to complete the nominating committee for

immediate action. He shall have a vote on all matters. He may call special meetings according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3

The Vice-President shall have the duties defined in Section 2. The Vice President shall have a vote on all matters.

Section 4

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the society, and of the Board of Trustees. He shall take charge of all papers, documents, field records, maps, photographic prints and negatives, etc., belonging to the parent society. He shall bring before the Board of Trustees matters requiring its attention and shall present to the society any business which the Executive Board determines shall be so presented. He shall maintain an up-to-date file of members of the various classes. He shall maintain current lists with addresses of all officers, Boards of Trustees, members of committees, and presidents or chairmen of chapters, if there be any. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the parent society and shall receive all monies accruing to the parent society from whatever source. He shall deposit or handle these monies only in a manner prescribed by the Board of Trustees. He shall keep the accounts of the society in books and records, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the officers and Board of Trustees. He shall pay all bills against the society in a manner approved by the Board of Trustees. He shall report on finances at the Annual Meeting or report in whole or in part at other meetings as requested.

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 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 preceeding said meeting and a copy of said proposed amendment be included in the notice of said meeting.

ARTICLE X 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.

Property

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 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.

Corporate
Existence

ARTICLE XII Section 1

Membership Any person or institution in sympathy with the objectives of the society on payment of the fee as prescribed in the By-Laws for the type of membership desired is eligible for membership.

Section 2

Dues Dues shall be due and payable upon the date of the Annual Meeting. The year shall be from July 1 to July 1 of the next year. Dues paid on or before the last day of December shall be applied as dues for the current year and shall entitle the new member to previous copies of the Journal for the current year, without extra charge if still in print. Unless specifically designated, dues paid after the last day of December shall be applied as dues for the following year and he shall begin to receive regular publications after the next Annual Meeting.

Dues

Section 3

Suspension Suspension of members for non-payment of dues. Any member who shall be more than three months in arrears in the payment of dues shall receive notification thereof from the Treasurer, and shall be automatically dropped from membership at the end of an additional month. Dropped members shall not be entitled to vote nor receive any publications of the society until reinstated.

ARTICLE XIII All privileges of the society shall be granted as specified Privileges in the By-Laws concerning membership.

ARTICLE XIV The Society shall have the following committees as described
Committees in the By-Laws: Nominating Committee; Annual Meeting Committee;
Committee on the Preservation of Sites; Publication Committee;
Archives Committee; and Publicity Committee.

ARTICLE XV Official repositories of the Society shall be designated by
the Board of Trustees as the need for them arises.
Repositories

ARTICLE XVI Five or more members of the State Society living near each
other may organize a Chapter for the purpose of furthering the
interests and objective of the State Society. Other organiza-
Local tions having kindred interests but whose members are not all
Chapters affiliated with the State Society may become a Chapter upon auth-
 orization by the Board of Trustees. Wherever possible the State
Society will cooperate with the Chapters in organizing, programing,
etc.

BY-LAWS 1. Membership shall include the following classes:

Active	\$2.00	Family	\$3.00
Student	2.00	Sustaining	10.00
Institutional	2.00	Life	50.00

- (a) Active Members: Any person 21 years of age or over is eligible for active membership. Each active member shall pay annual dues, in advance, of two dollars (\$2.00) per year and shall receive the regular publications and shall have the privilege to vote and hold office.
- (b) Student Members: Any student of an accredited high school or college is eligible for membership. Each student member shall pay annual dues, in advance, of two dollars (\$2.00) per year and shall receive the regular publications but shall not have the privilege to vote or hold office.
- (c) Institutional Members: Institutions such as Libraries and Museums are eligible for membership in the State Society and shall pay dues, in advance, of two dollars (\$2.00) per year. Institutions may be represented at all meetings of the society, and they shall receive the regular publications. They shall not have the privilege of voting or of holding office.
- (d) Family Members: Two or more members of one family are eligible for the Family Membership. Each family shall pay, in advance, annual dues of three dollars (\$3.00) per year. They shall receive only one copy of each regular publication. All persons in the family 21 years of age or older shall have the privilege to vote and hold office.
- (e) Sustaining Members: Sustaining membership will be given upon payment of annual dues of not less than \$10.00 and such members shall have the same privileges as active members.

(f) Life Members: Membership for life will be given upon receipt of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in payment of dues. These members shall be given the same privileges as active members for life. Life membership will be given upon the payment of consecutive annual dues to the total of \$50.00.

2. Regular Committees of the Society shall be:

(a) A Nominating Committee appointed by the President shall consist of not less than three members who shall draw up a slate of candidates for the offices to be filled.

(b) An Annual Meeting Committee appointed by the President shall arrange the details of the meeting including the securing of program and facilities for carrying out the meeting.

(c) The Committee on the Preservation of Sites shall consist of approximately twenty persons appointed by the President with approval by the Trustees for a period of three years, one third to be appointed each year. This committee shall assist in the location of sites worthy of preservation and undertake to solicit such local aid as is possible in accomplishing this task. The Committee shall also take steps to recover materials in areas destined to be lost due to construction, flooding, etc. when professional help is not available. The deposition of field notes, records, and materials recovered shall be the responsibility of the Trustees.

(d) Publications Committee: Three people appointed by the President for three years, one appointment each year, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall be the duty of the Publications Committee to recommend to the Board of Trustees matters of general policy pertaining to the printing and publishing of the Journal and all other publications issued by the Society. It shall study costs and recommend to the Board of Trustees suggested budgets for such periodicals and publications as necessary. The editor of the Journal shall be chairman of this committee.

(e) Archives Committee: Three people appointed by the President for a period of three years, one appointment each year subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall be the duty of the Archives Committee to collect and preserve historical data, arrange same, and present same to the Secretary for filing and, or publication.

(f) Publicity Chairman: This person, appointed by the President each year will be responsible for promotion of the Society through news items distributed to the leading newspapers of Iowa.