



JACKSON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

July 2012

The Jackson Archaeological Society will meet **Monday, June 16th at 6:00 pm** at **White Hall, Room 101, Union University**, Jackson, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about past Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. Our meetings are **Free** and open to the public.

Bill Lawrence

who will present

Link Farm: A Mississippian Period Mound Complex in Humphreys County, Tennessee

The Link Farm mound complex is located on a high bluff near the confluence of the Buffalo and Duck Rivers in Humphreys County, Tennessee. The site consists of at least six mounds with associated village and plaza that dates to the Mississippian period (1250 – 1350 AD). The site became famous in the late 1800s with the discovery of the Duck River Cache, a collection of 46 finely made chert implements, now on display in the McClung Museum in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Thanks to the efforts of State Archaeologist Mack Prichard, the State of Tennessee purchased the majority of the site in 1974. The remainder of the site was preserved by the State in the early 2000s. Over the past few years archaeologist Bill Lawrence has been investigating the Link Farm mound complex. Bill employed remote sensing specialists to scan the site for subsurface anomalies, which revealed several house structures and other important features such as a hearth on the platform mound. This presentation will highlight these archaeological investigations and describe how this monumental Native American mound complex fits within the Mississippian Southeast.

See you Monday, Mark



Duck River Cache – discovered at Link Farm
In the late 1800s



State of Tennessee Purchases Link Farm in early 70s
Mack Prichard (right) Platform Mounds in Background



Bill Lawrence - Platform Mound at Link
Hearth discovered with remote sensing – lower right

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Tennessee Archaeology Network

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/>

Tennessee Archaeology – Online Journal

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/tennesseearchaeology.html>

Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/PinsonMounds/>

Union University Campus Map

<http://www.uu.edu/jackson/map.cfm>

McClung Museum

<http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu/>

Fly Knap-In

<http://www.flystoretn.com/index.html>

Kentucky Archaeology – Online Journal

http://campus.murraystate.edu/academic/j_ky_arch/Journal_Kentucky_Archaeology/

The Bells Bend Archaeological Project – University of Tennessee

<http://bellsbend.pidba.org/about.html>

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

<http://memphisgeology.org/>

Union University – Fitts Collection of Peruvian Artifacts

<http://www.uu.edu/library/archives/collections/fitts/>



Union University Library – Peruvian Display