

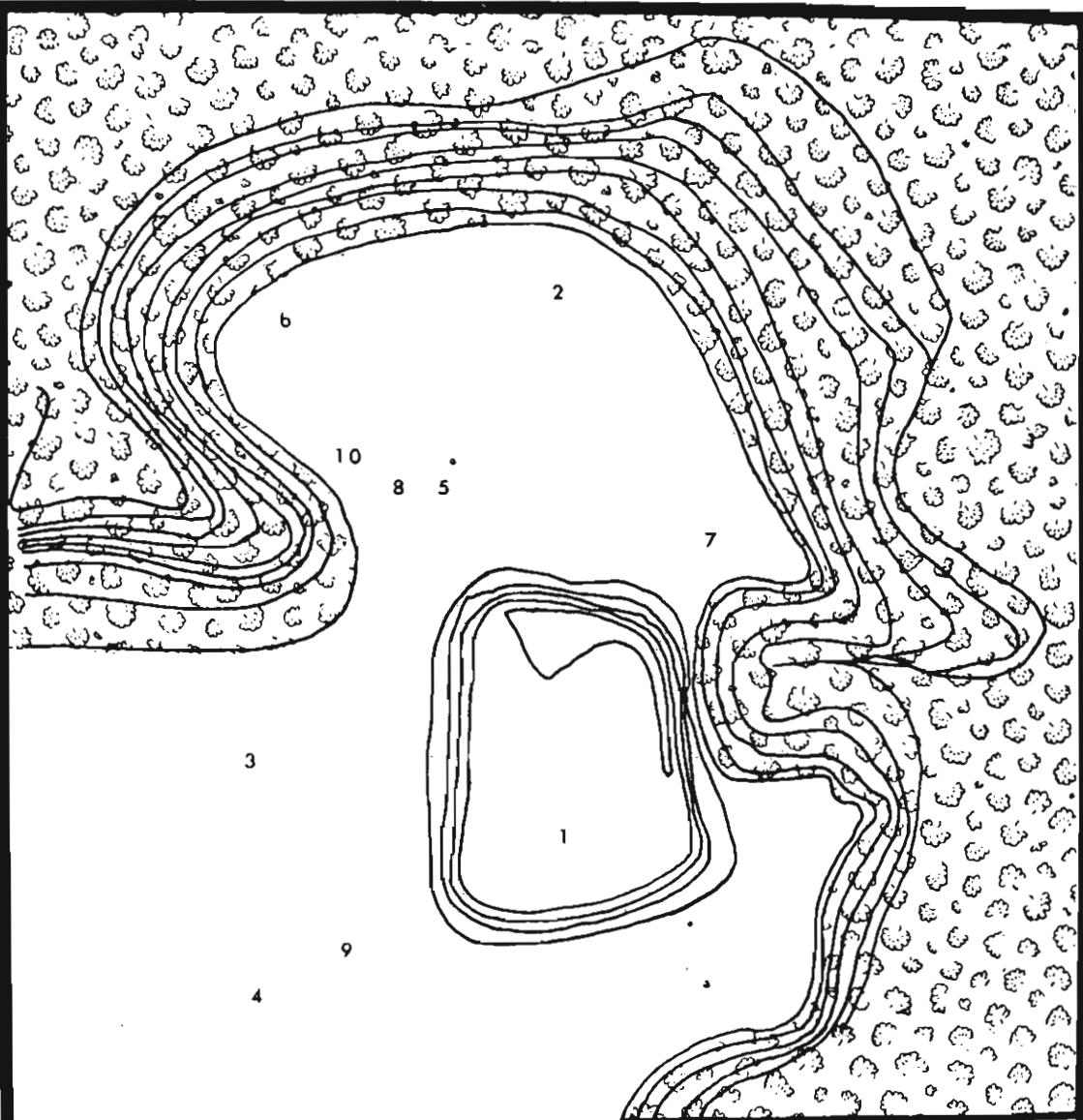
CHAPTER VII

Excavations in the Area of Mound R

The area around Mound R, like that around Mounds D and E, was extensively excavated both by Clarence B. Moore and by the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Figure VII-1 locates 10 of the 11 excavations conducted in the area of this mound; only a small excavation south of the mound has been omitted from this figure.

The earliest excavations in the area of Mound R were those of Clarence B. Moore. In 1905 Moore excavated the plateau of the mound and found nothing. However, when he moved north of the mound to an area he called the "ridge" north of Mound R, he discovered one of the richest (per unit area) caches of burials and artifacts yet discovered at Moundville. In 1905 and again in 1906 Moore excavated an area to the west of Mound R and, though the results were not as spectacular as his excavations north of the mound, he did recover a number of burials and artifacts there.

In 1930 the Alabama Museum of Natural History began its excavations around Mound R. Areas north and west southwest of the mound were excavated in 1930 and extensive work was carried out north of the mound in 1931. No field



EXCAVATIONS IN THE AREA OF MOUND R

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| 1. In Mound R, 1905 | 6. North of Mound R, 1931A |
| 2. North of Mound R, 1905 | 7. North of Mound R, 1931B |
| 3. Field West of Mound R, 1905-06 | 8. North of Mound R, 1931C |
| 4. Field West Southwest of Mound R, 1930 | 9. Southwest of Mound R, 1951 |
| 5. North of Mound R, 1930 | 10. Picnic Building, 1951 |

Figure VII-1. Location of excavations in the area of Mound R.

map was kept for these excavations but a sketch map of their various locations was appended to the field notes.

In 1940 Maurice Goldsmith excavated a small area south of Mound R as an adjunct to the Roadway Excavation. In 1951 Walter B. Jones and Tom DeJarnette excavated an area to be used for a new picnic shelter. This excavation in 1951 was, until recently, the last excavation conducted at Moundville.

Excavations West-Southwest of Mound R: 1930

During February, 1930 the Alabama Museum of Natural History excavated an area in a field west-southwest of Mound R. The approximate location of this excavation is shown on figure VII-1. The artifacts recovered from this excavation were numbered and recorded as part of the field notes. Burials, however, were recorded in the field notes only if they were accompanied by artifacts, and then only as adjuncts to the artifacts. These burials were never fitted into the unified numbering system for the Moundville site. The burials which were recorded in the field notes, the numbers given them in the field notes, and their associated artifacts are:

Burial 1. Associated artifacts:

WR 53. Pot: engraved design around neck; two protuberances; black finish. Maximum diameter 6.00 inches; diameter at neck 5.00 inches; height 4.50 inches.

Burial 5. Associated artifacts:

WR 17. Copper earplugs (2). Diameter 1.75 inches.

WR 18. Copper earplug (1). On piece of skull just below burial 5. Head of burial 5 oriented east.

Burial 6. Associated artifacts:

WR 11. Bowl: Moundville Incised. Maximum diameter 5.00 inches; height 4.00 inches. Head of burial 6 oriented east, skeleton extended on its back.

Burial 8. Associated artifacts:

WR 16. Copper earplugs (2). Diameter 2.25 inches.

WR 16. beads: from both wrists.
Head of burial 8 oriented south.

Burial 10. Associated artifacts:

WR13. Water Bottle: Moundville Filmed Engraved. Maximum diameter 6.00 inches; diameter of neck 3.12 inches; overall height 5.12 inches; height of neck 2.00 inches (see figure VII-2).

WR19. Hematite fragment.
Head of burial 10 oriented east.

Burial 15. Associated artifacts:

WR 12. Bowl: Mounaville Black Filmed. Rim diameter 8.00 inches; maximum diameter of body 6.00 inches; height 3.50 inches.

Burial 17. Associated artifacts:

WR 10. Water bottle: Moundville Filmed Engraved: (hand and eye design). Maximum diameter 5.50 inches; diameter at mouth 3.25 inches; overall height 5.37 inches; height of neck 2.00 inches (see figure VII-3).

Head of burial 17 oriented northeast.



Figure VII-2. Moundville Filmed Engraved water bottle, 13WR.
Associated with burial 10.



Figure VII-3. Moundville Filmed Engraved water bottle, 10WR.
Associated with burial 17.

In addition to the artifacts listed with these seven burials, two artifacts, an engraved bowl (WR 15) and a stone disc, WR 48 (figure VII-4) were found broken and scattered in five separate grave pits. However, the numbers of the burials in these graves were not given in the field notes.

The unassociated artifacts found during the February, 1930 excavation west-southwest of Mound R (most of which were measured in the field) included the following artifacts and dimensions:

POTTERY:

3 Water bottles:

1WR. Plain. Maximum diameter 5.75 inches; diameter at mouth 2.50 inches; overall height 5.25 inches; height of neck 1.37 inches.

2WR. Moundville Filmed Engraved. Maximum diameter 5.00 inches; diameter at mouth 2.75 inches; overall height 4.50 inches; height of neck 1.85 inches (figure VII-5).

51WR. Moundville Engraved Indented. Neck broken off (figure VII-6).

7 Bowls:

3WR. Plain. Maximum diameter 7.00 inches; height 7.12 inches.

20WR. Plain. Maximum diameter 8.50 inches; height 3.00 inches.

21WR. Warrior Plain. No dimensions given.

24WR. Red slipped; engraved. Maximum diameter 5.75 inches; height 4.12 inches.

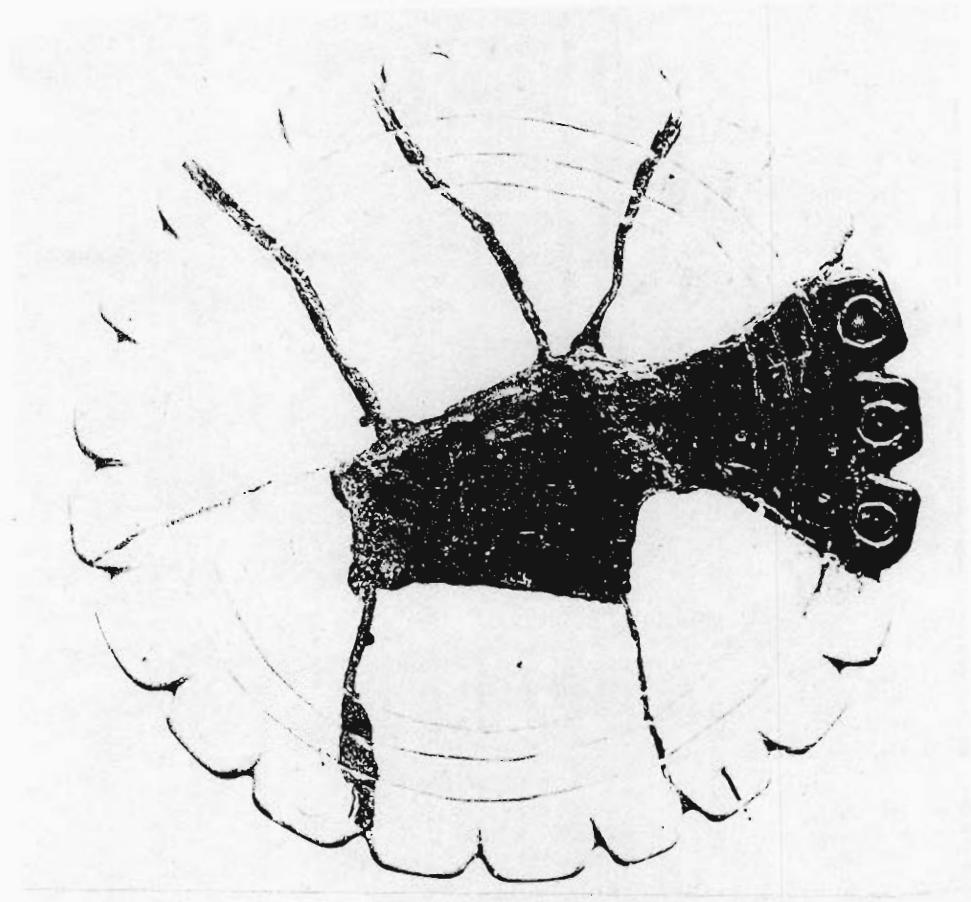


Figure VII-4. Scalloped stone disc 11 inches in diameter.
Associated with 5 different burials.



Figure VII-5. Moundville Filmed Engraved water bottle, 2WR.

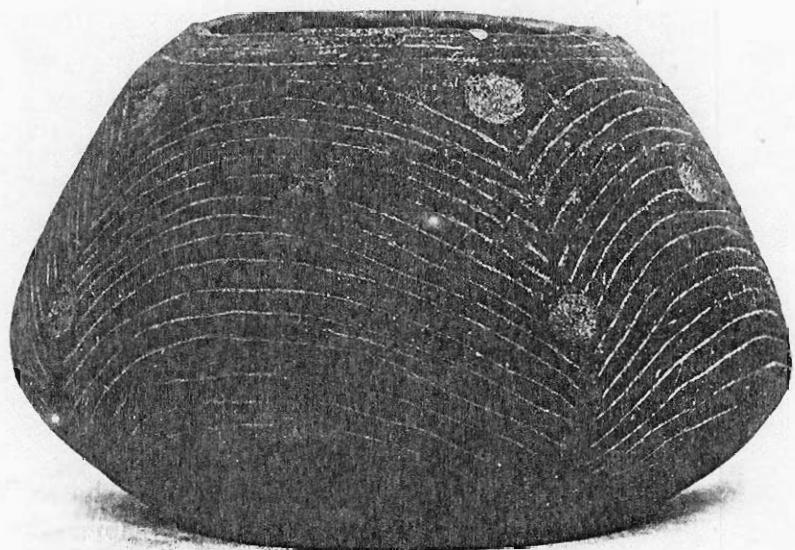


Figure VII-6. Moundville Indented Engraved water bottle, neck broken off, 51WR.

50WR. May have been effigy bowl. Broken.

54WR. Bowl fragment.

9WR. Duck effigy bowl; incised below rim.

4 Pots:

22WR. Plain; 4 handles. Maximum diameter 4.50 inches; height 3.00 inches.

46WR. Warrior Plain; 4 handles. Maximum diameter 5.00 inches; height 4.25 inches.

52WR. Plain. Maximum diameter 5.50 inches; diameter at neck 2.75 inches; height 4.50 inches.

53WR. Plain; black. Maximum diameter 6.00 inches; diameter at neck 5.00 inches; height 4.50 inches.

2 Dishes:

23WR. Plain; crude. Diameter at rim 8.50 inches; diameter of bowl 6.25 inches; height 2.87 inches.

43WR. Plain; light grey. Length 5.50 inches; width 3.75 inches.

1 miscellaneous fragment of pottery 44WR.

3 pottery discoidals 31WR to 33WR.

BONE:

6 bone awls, 4 WR to 7WR, 34WR, 35WR.

2 pieces miscellaneous bone, 8WR, 39WR.

1 deer antler, 36WR.

1 bone pendant, 45WR.

STONE:

- 5 fragments of greenstone axes: 14WR, 25WR to 27WR, 41WR.
- 2 whole greenstone axes: 40WR, 42WR.
- 1 projectile point, 37WR.
- 1 small triangular projectile point, 38WR.
- 1 sandstone discoidal, 28WR.
- 2 stone discoidals, 29WR, 30WR.

In addition to the above artifacts, about 150 beads of various shapes and sizes (all designated 47WR) and one copper ear plug (55WR) were found.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History excavators returned to the field west-southwest of Mound R in December, 1930. Though no field map was made for this excavation, all burials, regardless of whether or not they had artifacts, were recorded. Burials WR1045 to WR1081 and artifacts 56WR to 148WR were recovered from this excavation. Burial WR1134 and artifacts 149WR to 161WR were also recovered west-southwest of Mound R at a later, unrecorded, date. This burial and these few artifacts are included with the December 1930 material.

The unassociated artifacts from the December excavation are given in Table VII-1.

TABLE VII-1

Unassociated Artifacts Recovered from West of Mound R,
December, 1930

Artifact Class	Count	Catalogue Numbers (suffixed by WR)
POTTERY		
Water bottles	1	78.
Discoidals	5	132-136.
Effigy heads	7	116-120, 142, 143.
Miscellaneous	1	121.
BONE		
Awls	21	76, 102-115, 139, 140, 144, 145, 155, 156.
STONE		
Greenstone axe fragments	6	97-101, 141.
Greenstone axes	1	147.
Pebble hammers	7	75, 95, 96, 126- 129.
Pitted stones	6	93, 94, 122, 123, 130, 131.
Stone mortar	1	124.
Whetstone	1	158.
Sandstone	1	146.
Discoidal	4	71, 125, 137, 138.
MISCELLANEOUS		
Galena cube	1	157.
Shell beads	1 lot	161.
Discoidals	9	87-92, 148, 159, 160.

The burials recovered from the excavation west-southwest of Mound R are described below.

Excavation West-Southwest of Mound R,
December, 1930

Burials WR1045 to WR1081 and WR1134.

Guide to Burial Descriptions

N. D. = No Data, -- = Not Applicable

I. Site designation and burial number (i. e. WR1045).

II. Not used.

III. Age.

IV. Sex (if given on C. E. Snow's burial cards).

V. Form of burial:

A. Single - or multiple (if multiple, numbers of associated burials given).

B. Articulated, partially articulated, bundle, disturbed, skull only.

C. Extended, partially flexed, fully flexed.

D. On back, on right side, on left side, on face.

E. In pit, no pit.

F. Dimensions of pit.

G. Orientation (head - feet). Directions enclosed in parentheses (W-S) or S-(N) indicate uncertainty in one or both directions.

VI. Internal associations and locations with field specimen numbers: e. g. Pot, right shoulder, lWR.

VII. Not used.

VIII. Stratigraphic and other associations.

IX. Bones recovered; skeletal condition.

X. Remarks.

I. WR1045. III. Child. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. Frog effigy bowl, back of skull, 56WR.
Human effigy water bottle, to right of skull, 57WR.
Bowl, to left of skull, 58WR.
Small water bottle (crushed), back of skull, 59WR.
Bowl (crushed), on chest, 60WR (figure VII-7).
Fragment of axe, back of skull, 61WR.

VIII. 12 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1046. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. Skull only C. -- D. --.

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1047. III. Child. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1048 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. Copper coated wooden object, at right elbow, 63WR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. Skeleton poorly preserved.



Figure VII-7. Atypical Moundville Filmed Incised bowl, 60WR.
Associated with burial WR1045.

I. WR1048. III. Child. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. (E-W).

VI. Copper bead and copper ornament, left side of skull, 64WR.
Duck effigy bowl, at right side of skull, 65WR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. Skeleton poorly preserved.

I. WR1049. III. Infant. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1050 and 1051 B. N. D.
C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. Human effigy bowl, back of skull, 66WR (figure VII-8).
Large stone, behind skull and over face of WR1050, 67WR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. Skeleton badly decayed.

I. WR1050. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1049 and 1051 B. N. D.
C. Extended D. On back E. N. D. F. --
G. N-(S).

VI. Pot, to left of skull, 68WR.
Pot, back of skull, 69WR.

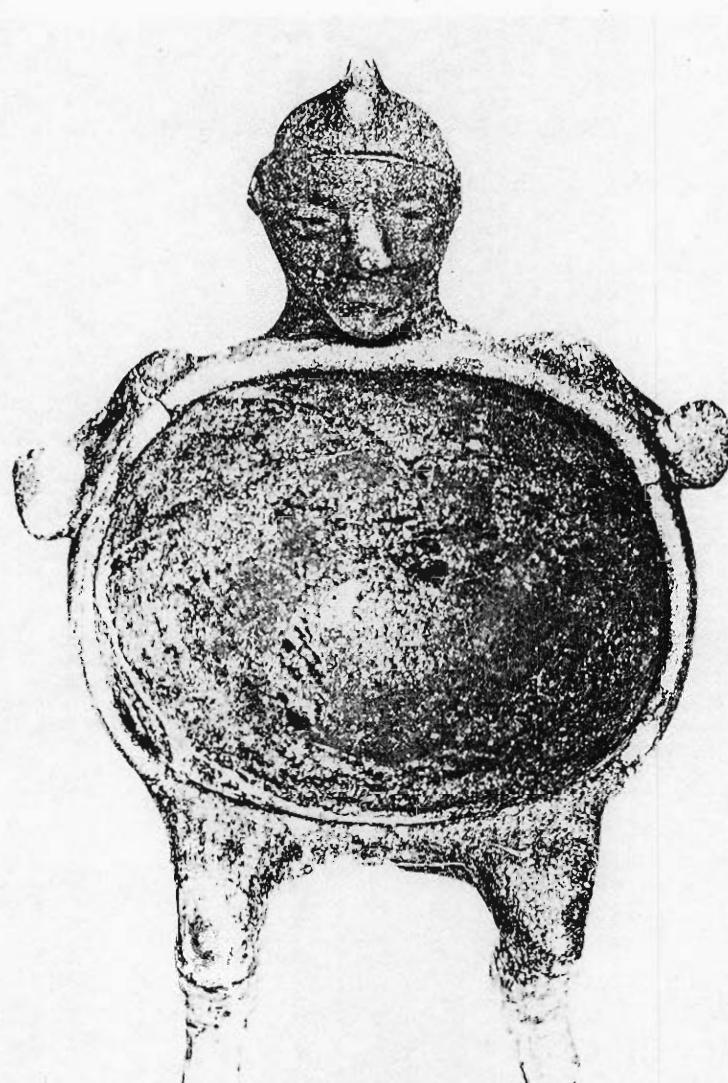


Figure VII-8. Human effigy bowl, 66WR. Associated with burial WR1049.

WR1050 Continued

VIII. 20 inches below the surface; below 1049.

IX. Skeleton 6 feet 3 inches tall.

I. WR1051. III. Infant. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1049 and 1050 B. N. D. C. N.D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. 6 inches north of 1049.

I. WR1052. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. Extended D. On
back E. N. D. F. -- G. N-(S).

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. "Head of 1052 disturbed by 1053."

I. WR1053. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.

WR1053 Continued

- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
 E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).
- VI. None.
- VIII. N. D.
- IX. N. D.
- X. This burial disturbed 1052.

- I. WR1054. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
 E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).
- VI. Water bottle, on chest, 70WR.
- VIII. 18 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.

- I. WR1055. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. --
 E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.
- VI. None.
- VIII. N. D.
- IX. N. D.
- X. "Only feet and legs found, cut off at hips, upper part missing."

I. WR1056. III. Infant. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. -- D. -- E. N. D.
F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. 18 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.

I. WR1057. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. Skull only C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
VI. Pot, by skull, 72WR.
Large rock, behind skull, 73WR.
VIII. 12 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.

I. WR1058. III. Infant. (only a few weeks old).
IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. N. D.

I. WR1060. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. Duck effigy bowl, back of skull, 74WR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. May be multiple with 1058. Field notes state:
"under 1058 in yellow sand and clay."

I. WR1061. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. Stone disc, under skull, 77WR.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. "Skull crushed by plow."

I. WR1062. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).

VI. None.

VIII. 18 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

WR1062 Continued

X. "In yellow clay and sand, the bones were in such bad shape we were only able to trace [the skeleton] by black dirt in clay."

I. WR1063. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. N. D. G. NW-(SE).

VI. None.

VIII. 24 inches below the surface.

IX. Bones in very bad shape.

I. WR1064. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1065 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. None.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface; above 1065.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1065. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1064 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

WR1065 Continued

- VI. Pot, over knees, 79WR.
 Bowl, over knees, 80WR.
 Water bottle (figure VII-9, Moundville Filmed Engraved), on ankles, 81WR.
 Bowl, over ankles and feet, 82WR.
 Water bottle, at feet, 83WR.
 Fragment of frog effigy bowl, at feet, 84WR.
- VIII. 10 inches below the surface; below 1064.
- IX. N. D.

- I. WR1066. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
 E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
- VI. None.
- VIII. 20 inches below the surface.
- IX. A few bones saved.

- I. WR1067. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
 E. N. D. F. -- G. W-(E).
- VI. None.
- VIII. 30 incnes below the surface; in yellow clay.
- IX. A few bones saved.



Figure VII-9. Moundville Filmed Engraved water bottle, 81WR.
Associated with burial 1065.

I. WR1068. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-(S).

VI. Water bottle (probably Moundville Filmed Engraved),
back of skull, 85WR.

VIII. 29 inches below the surface.

IX. A few bones and the skull recovered.

I. WR1069. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1070 B. N. D. C. Fully
flexed D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1070. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1069 B. N. D. C. Fully flexed
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1071. III. Adolescent IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).
VI. Red paint, at left shoulder, 86WR.
VIII. N. D.
IX. Part of skull recovered.

I. WR1072. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1073 B. Disturbed C. --
D. -- E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. N. D.
X. Body badly broken by plow.

I. WR1073. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1072 B. Disturbed C. --
D. -- E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. N. D.
X. Body badly broken by plow.

I. WR1074. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. 10 inches below the surface.
IX. "Skeleton rotten."

I. WR1075. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1076 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. Skeleton poorly preserved.

I. WR1076. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1075 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. Skull recovered.

I. WR1078. III. N.⁹ D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. Fully flexed D. N.
D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. No bones recovered.

G, ND

I. WR1079. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. None.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1080. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).

VI. None.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. WR1081. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-(N).
VI. None.
VIII. 24 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.
X. "Right hand under head."

I. WR1134. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. Articulated C. Fully flexed
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.
VI. 6 bone awls, N. D., 149WR - 154WR.
VIII. 30 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.

I. WR1059. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).
VI. None.
VIII. N. D.
IX. N. D.

Field West of Mound R (Moore: 1905:240-241; 1907:344).

In 1905 and again in 1906 C. B. Moore excavated an area to the west of Mound R. In 1905 Moore recovered "several burials ... in addition to a number of disturbed bones" (1905:240). During the two and one-half days he spent in the area during 1906 he recovered 58 burials (1907:344). He described in detail three of the burials from his 1905 work and eight of the 58 burials he recovered in 1906. These burials, for which published data exist, have been assigned the designation WRM and have been allotted numbers 1 to 11.

WRM 1 (1905:240-241). Extended, on back, adult.
Associated artifacts:

Smoking pipe (coarse-ware), at knees;
Fragment of "rude" pot, at knees;
Jasper projectile point, at knees;
Sheet copper fragment, under legs;
103 jasper pebbles, at feet;
6 small jasper projectile points, at feet;
Jasper drill, at feet;
Plain water bottle with hollow feet, at left knee (1905:figure 172); Moundville Filmed Incised (atypical water bottle, hand and eye incision), at skull (1905: figure 173).

WRM 2 (1905:241). Extended, on back, adult.

Associated artifacts:

Mussel shell beads, at neck.

WRM 3 (1905:241). Extended, on back, adult.

Associated artifacts:

Shell beads, at wrist.

WRM 4 (1907:344, burial 25) Partially flexed on left side, adult.
Associated artifacts: none.

WRM 5 (1907:344, burial 25). Infant, resting on left arm of WRM 4.
Associated artifacts: none.

WRM 6 (1907:346, burial 39). Partially flexed, on left side, adult.
Associated artifacts:
Ear plug of earthen ware, near legs (1907: figure 3).

WRM 7 (1907:403, burial 20). Extended, on back, adult.
Associated artifacts:
Fish effigy bowl, on thorax;
Bowl (incised), on thorax;
Awl;
Pottery fragment, under head.

WRM 8 to WRM 10 (1907:403). Three adult skeletons in the same pit.
WRM 8. Extended, face down.
Associated artifacts:
Pot, at left shoulder.
WRM 9. Extended on back.
WRM 10. Partially flexed, on right side.

WRM 11 (1907:404). Extended, on back, adult.
Associated artifacts:
Small celts, at right elbow;
Small shell beads, at neck;
Sheet copper ear plugs (with bone pins), on either side of skull.
7 bone awls, by humerus;
2 small celts, by humerus.

Excavations North of Mound R, 1930-1931.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History began excavating the area north of Mound R in February, 1930. Their first excavation produced seven artifacts and one recorded burial. The artifacts recovered included a scalloped sandstone disc to which "paint" still adhered (1NR); the remainder of the unassociated artifacts included one plate (2NR), two pots (3NR, 6NR), and two bottles (4NR, 5NR). One pot (7NR), shown in figure VII-10, was associated with the only burial recorded in the field notes. This burial, designated burial 12 in the notes, was an extended adult skeleton, oriented with its head to the east.

Beginning on 7 January 1931, excavation north of Mound R was resumed by the Alabama Museum of Natural History. These excavations were under the direction of David DeJarnette. Three separate areas north of Mound R were excavated. The largest of the three excavated areas was, judging from the sketch map made at the time, north and slightly to the west of Mound R. This excavation was labeled 1931A on the sketch map and numbered 6 in figure VII-1. Burials NR1089 through NR1119 and artifacts 1NR through 145NR came from this excavation. On the 9th of January 1931, a second area just north and east of Mound R was opened up. This excavation was labeled 1931B on the



Figure VII-10. Moundville Incised bowl, 7NR.

TABLE VII-2

Unassociated Artifacts from Excavations North of Mound R

Excavation 1931A Excavation 1931B Excavation 1931C

Artifact		Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)
POTTERY								
Pots (plain		51.	1	183.				
Water bottles		29, 30, 51.	3					
Bowls (plain)		37.	1	154, 160.				
Duck effigy bowl					1	157.		
Frog effigy bowl					1	155.		
Large pottery fragments		32, 33, 134.	3					
Human effigy heads		80-82.	3	166.				
Duck effigy heads		83.	1	187.				
Leg from pot					1	170.		
Pipe		36.	1					
STONE								
Discoïdals	4	130-132.	2	185, 186.				
Mortar	1	94.						
Miniature axe	1	39.						
Fragments of greenstone axes	24	52-67, 110, 135-140.	6	169-174.			3	191-193.
Pitted stones	2	142-143.					2	194-195.
Pebble hammers							3	175-177.
Whetstones	1	141.					1	179-181. 182.

TABLE VII-2 Continued

Artifact	Excavation 1931A		Excavation 1931B		Excavation 1931C	
	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)	Count	Catalogue Numbers (Suffixed by NR)
Stone fragments	7	68-73, 93.				
Unworked greenstone	1	144.				
Miscellaneous stone						
discoïdals	3	78, 79, 120.	1	188.		
Hematite discoïdals	1	133.				
Sandstone discoïdal						
discoïdal fragments	4	74-77.				
BONE						
Awls	9	84-91, 145.	1	168.	2	190, 197.
Miscellaneous beads			1	158.		
Shell cup			1	156.		
Paint cup	1	126.				
Mica	1	92.	2	167, 184.		

sketch map and has been numbered 7 in figure VII-1. Burials NR1120 through NR1128 plus NR1131 and artifacts 146NR through 189NR came from this excavation. The third of the 1931 excavations north of Mound R, designated 1931C on the sketch map has been numbered 8 in figure VII-1. Burials NR1130, NR1132 and NR1133 plus artifacts 190NR through 197NR came from this excavation.

Artifacts which were not associated with the burials from these three excavations have been tabulated, by area, in Table VII-2. The burials and their associated artifacts follow and are presented in numerical sequence. The area from which each burial came (1931A, b, or C) is noted in section X of each burial's description.

Excavations North of Mound R, 1931.
Burials NR1089 to NR1133.
Guide to Burial Descriptions.
N. D. = No Data; -- = Not Applicable.

- I. Site designation and burial number (i. e. NR1089).
- II. Not used.
- III. Age.
- IV. Sex (if given on C. E. Snow's burial cards).
- V. Form of burial:
 - A. Single - or multiple (if multiple, numbers of associated burials given).
 - B. Articulated, partially articulated, bundle, disturbed, skull only.
 - C. Extended, partially flexed, fully flexed.
 - D. On back, on right side, on left side, on face.
 - E. In pit, no pit.
 - F. Dimensions of pit.
 - G. Orientation (head-feet). Directions enclosed in parentheses (N-S) or N-(S) indicate uncertainty in one or both directions.
- VI. Internal associations and locations with field specimen numbers: e. g. Pot, right shoulder, lNR.
- VII. Not used.
- VIII. Stratigraphic and other associations.
- IX. Bones recovered; skeletal condition.
- X. Remarks.

- I. NR1082. III. Infant. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.
- VI. None.
- VIII. 6 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1083. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. Crushed bowl (apparently had copper inside),
at right shoulder, 9NR.
Fragments of "ceremonial" axe, scattered
throughout burial, 10NR.
Parts of a stone slab, scattered throughout
burial, 11NR, 12NR.
Deer antler, above skull, 13NR.
Shells, scattered throughout burial, 14NR.
- VIII. 32 inches below the surface.
- IX. Bones rotten; skeleton 5 feet tall.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1084. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

NR1084 Continued

- VI. None.
- VIII. 18 inches below the surface.
- IX. Bones rotten; some bones missing.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1085. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. Skull only C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
- VI. None.
- VIII. 15 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1086. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. W-E.
- VI. Frog effigy water bottle, back of skull, 20NR
(see figure VII-11).
Small water bottle, right side of skull, 21NR.
Shell beads, at head (large ones near jaw), 22NR.
- VIII. 48 inches below the surface; near NR1085.
- IX. A few bits of skull and teeth recovered.
- X. Excavation 1931A.



Figure VII-11. Frog effigy water bottle, 20NR.

- I. NR1087. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with 1090, 1091, 1100 B. N. D.
- C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Water bottle, behind skull, 23NR.
 Bowl, at right arm, 26NR.
 Water bottle, at feet, 40NR.
 Water bottle, to left of skull, 98NR.
 Shell beads, at left wrist, 30NR.
- VIII. 24 inches below the surface.
- IX. Pieces of jaw and a few teeth recovered.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1088. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
 E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.
- VI. Bowl, right rear of skull, 24NR.
 Water bottle, left rear of skull, 25NR (figure VII-12).
- VIII. 39 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1089. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with 1094, 1095, 1096 B. N. D.
- C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Pot, back of head, 27NR.
 Pot, over left elbow, 28NR.



Figure VII-12. Moundville Filmed Incised water bottle, 25NR.
Associated with burial 1088.

NR1089 Continued

Axe, above chest, 35NR.

VIII. 20 inches below the surface.

IX. "Bones rotten."

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1090. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1087, 1091, 1100 B. N. D.

C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.

VI. None.

VIII. 52 inches below the surface; below 1087.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1091. III. Child. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1087, 1090, 1100 B. N. D.

C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. None.

VIII. 52 inches below the surface; at feet of 1090.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1092. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
VI. Copper covered wooden ornaments, either side of
head and at wrists, 34NR.
VIII. 56 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.
X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1093. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
VI. None.
VIII. 30 inches below the surface.
IX. "Bones rotten."
X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1094. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1089, 1095, 1096 B. Skull only
C. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
VI. None.
VIII. Below 1089.

NR1094 Continued

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1095. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1089, 1094, 1096 B. Skull only

C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. --.

VI. None.

VIII. Below 1089.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1096. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1089, 1094, 1095 B. Skull only

C. -- D. -- E. N. D. F. -- G. --.

VI. Water bottle (neck broken off), N. D., 38NR.

VIII. Below 1089.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1097. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.

VI. None.

VIII. 28 inches below the surface.

IX. "59 [inches] tall. Bones in fair shape. Had left wrist broken and healed crooked."

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1098. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.

VI. Pot, at right shoulder, 41NR.
Piece of pot, left side of skull, 42NR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1099. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.

VI. Duck effigy bowl, N. D., 43NR.

VIII. N. D.

NR1099 Continued

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1100. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1087, 1090, 1091 B. N. D.

C. N. D. D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. Duck effigy bowl, above skull, 44NR (see figure VII-13).

Axe, on chest, 45NR.

VIII. Below 1087.

IX. A few skull fragments recovered.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1101. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.

E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.

VI. Duck effigy bowl, on 47NR, 46NR.

Water bottle, at left side of skull, 47NR.

Axe fragment, at feet, 48NR.

Bowl (crushed), at right hand, 49NR.

VIII. 23 inches below the surface.

IX. "Bones rotten."

X. Excavation 1931A.



Figure VII-13. Duck effigy bowl, 44NR.

- I. NR1102. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Bowl (crushed), at right shoulder, 95NR.
Bowl (8 handles), at left shoulder, 96NR.
Duck effigy bowl, at left elbow, 97NR.
- VIII. 21 inches below the surface.
- IX. "Bones in very bad shape."
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1103. III. Infant. IV. --.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Water bottle (bottle on side, mouth pointing north), at back of skull, 99NR.
- VIII. 25 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1104. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. Multiple, with 1105 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.
- VI. Water bottle, back of skull, 100NR.
Part of duck effigy bowl, back of skull, 101NR.
Clay discoidal, back of skull, 103NR.

NR1104 Continued

VIII. 15 inches below the surface; above 1105.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1105. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1104 B. N. D. C. N. D.

D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. Duck effigy bowl, close to hips, 102NR.

VIII. 26 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1106. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1107, 1108 B. N. D.

C. Extended D. On back E. N. D. F. --

G. E-W.

VI. Bowl (crushed), at right shoulder, 104NR.

VIII. Beside 1108.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1107. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1106, 1108 B. N. D. C. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. W-E.

VI. None.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1108. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1106, 1107 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. W-E.

VI. Copper ornament, at chin, 105NR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1109. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. Bowl, at right of skull, 106NR.
Bowl (crushed), at feet, 107NR.
Pebble hammer, at feet, 108NR.
Effigy human head, at feet, 109NR.
Bowl, N. D., 114NR.

NR1109 Continued

Pot, N. D., 115NR.
Pot, near left shoulder, 116NR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1110. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. Bowl (figure VII-14, human head effigies on rim),
behind skull, 118NR.
Water bottle (crusnea), behind skull, 119NR.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1111. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. --.

VI. 2 copper ear plugs, near crushed skull, 111NR.
Water bottle, above skull, 112NR.
Duck effigy bowl, above skull, 113NR.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.



Figure VII-14. Bowl, human heads around the rim, 118NR.
Associated with burial 1110.

NR1111 Continued

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. Number 1112 used in another area.

I. NR1113 III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. Bowl (crushed), at left hand, 121NR.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1114. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1115 B. N. D. C. Partially
flexed D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. E-(W).

VI. None.

VIII. 57 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1115. III. Infant. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with 1114 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. None.
- VIII. 57 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1116. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. Shell "eardrops" (2), one at each side of skull,
122NR.
Snell beads, around neck, 123NR.
Bowl, left rear of skull, 124NR.
Pot ("very thick"), right rear of skull, 125NR.
- VIII. N. D.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931A.

- I. NR1117. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. Water bottle, back of skull, 127NR.
Bowl, back of skull, 128NR.

NR1117 Continued

VIII. 18 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1118. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.

E. N. D. F. -- G. NE-SW.

VI. Water bottle (crushed), back of skull, 129NR.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1119. III. Infant. IV. --.

V. A. Single B. Skull only C. -- D. --

E. N. D. F. -- G. --.

VI. None.

VIII. 15 inches below the surface.

IX. "Only skull found."

X. Excavation 1931A.

I. NR1120. III. Adult (21). IV. Female.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Partially flexed
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
VI. Pebble hammer, at knees, 146NR.
VIII. 53 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.
X. Excavation 1931B.

I. NR1121. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. On face
E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.
VI. Beads, scattered from chest to skull, 147NR.
Beads, scattered from chest to skull, 148NR.
Copper fragments, scattered in grave, 149NR.
Bone "implement" (small), N. D., 150NR.
VIII. N. D.
IX. N. D.
X. Excavation 1931B.

I. NR1122. III. Adult. IV. Male.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
VI. None.

NR1122 Continued

- VIII. 12 inches below the surface.
- IX. Fronto-lambodial skull deformation.
- X. "Near ravine on east side of mound." Excavation 1931B.

- I. NR1123. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. None.
- VIII. 42 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931B.

- I. NR1124. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. Discoidal (stone, ca. 2" diameter), N. D., 151NR.
Water bottle, in back of skull, 152NR.
Bowl, in back of skull, 153NR.
- VIII. 24 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931B.

- I. NR1125. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with 1126 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.
- VI. "Small paint pot," at feet, 159NR.
- VIII. N. D.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931B.

- I. NR1126. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with 1125 B. N. D. C. N. D.
D. N. D. E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Bowl, left side of skull, 161NR.
Water bottle, left shoulder, 162NR.
Pieces of water bottle, at chin, 163NR.
- VIII. 36 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.
- X. Excavation 1931B.

- I. NR1127. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. --.
- VI. 2 pitted stones (one on top of other), left
thigh, 165NR.
Large stone, left thigh, 164NR.

NR1127 Continued

VIII. 24 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931B.

I. NR1128. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with 1131 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.

VI. Bowl (crude), back of skull, 189NR.

VIII. 24 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931B.

I. NR1129. III. Infant. IV. --.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. (E-W).

VI. None.

VIII. 12 inches below the excavation.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931C.

I. NR1130. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Partially flexed
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
VI. None.
VIII. 18 inches below the surface.
IX. N. D.
X. Excavation 1931C.

I. NR1131. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Multiple, with 1128 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.
VI. Quantity of shells, at feet, N. D.
VIII. 24 inches below the surface; parallel to 1128.
IX. N. D.
X. Excavation 1931B.

I. NR1132. III. N. D. IV. N. D.
V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. N. D.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
VI. None.
VIII. 12 inches below the surface. Under stump of large tree.

NR1132 Continued

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931C.

I. NR1133. III. N. D. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. N. D. D. On side.
E. N. D. F. -- G. N. D.

VI. None.

VIII. 12 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

X. Excavation 1931C.

Excavations in the Ridge North of Mound R: (Moore 1905:
220-240).

During his 1905 excavations Clarence B. Moore excavated a raised strip of land north of Mound R. He designated this ridge "U" on his site map (1905:129). Here this area has been numbered 2 in figure VII-1. The archaeological riches and complexities which were present in the small raised strip of ground north of Mound R were, judging from Moore's description, second to none save the mounds at Moundville.

The area Moore excavated was approximately 100 feet in length (north-south) and 30 feet in width (east-west); it was raised a few feet above the level of the surrounding land. Packed into this small area was a complex set of archaeological features imbedded in a thick blanket of midden material. Both large irregular shallow fired depressions and the standard small round firebasins were found. Above and around these features were the remains of numerous deer, many broken artifacts of various types, and charred matting and other vegetal material. Moore's crew excavated the entire ridge to a depth of about four feet. Their work was so thorough that when a topographic map was made of the Moundville site in 1930 the ridge was not apparent at a contour interval of one foot.

In the northeast corner of the ridge north of Mound R, Moore found a number of burials. Some of these burials were among the most richly accompanied inhumations discovered at Moundville. The workmanship expressed in two of the stone artifacts with one of the burials is second to none in the New World.

Moore has provided descriptive data for each of the 64 burials he recovered north of Mound R. First he presented all the burials he recovered in tabular form (1905:223), then he described in detail those burials which were accompanied by grave goods. Here these burials have been designated NRM and numbered 1 through 64. Only those burials without grave goods will be presented in tabular form; the remaining burials will be described in detail.

The burials which were unaccompanied by grave goods included,

22 adults, extended on their backs: NRM1. to NRM22..

1 adult, aboriginal disturbance: NRM23.

4 children, aboriginal disturbances: NRM24 to NRM27.

1 adult, flexed on right side: NRM28.

1 adult, flexed on left side: NRM29.

1 child, partially flexed: NRM30.

1 child, badly decayed: NRM31.

2 adults, bundle burials: NRM32, NRM33.

1 child, bundle burial: NRM34.

1 infant: NRM35.

2 adults, disturbed by diggers: NRM36, NRM37.

The burials which were accompanied by artifacts included,

NRM38 (1905:223). Child, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Cup, Moundville Engraved Indented (1905: figure 144).

Shell cup;

Water bottle (plain, broad-mouthed);

Effigy bowl.

NRM39 (1905:223). Adult, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle (plain), at head (1905: figure 145).

NRM40 (1905:223). Adult, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Bowl (faint incised decorations), at head.

NRM41 (1905:223). Child, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Bowl (in fragments), at head.

NRM42 (1905:223). Adult, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Charcoal, at feet;

Copper fragment, at feet;

Water bottle, Moundville Filmed Engraved (1905: figures 146, 147).

NRM43 (1905:227). Child, bones scattered.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle (small, wide-mouthed);

2 shell beads.

NRM44 (1905:227-228). Adult, a few scattered bones

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Engraved Indented (1905: figure 148);
Bowl (small, plain).

NRM45 (1905:228). Adult, extended on back
Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Filmed Engraved, at head
(1905: figures 151, 152).

NRM46 (1905:228). Adult, aboriginal disturbance.
Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Filmed Engraved, under
chest of skeleton, (1905: figure 153);
Pot, (plain, 4 loop handles), under chest of
skeleton, (1905: figure 154).

Bowl (small), under chest of skeleton.

NRM47 (1905:228). Adult, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Filmed Engraved, at head;
Bowl (1905: figure 150).

NRM48 to NRM54 (1905:228). Seven adults, all in
same pit, all extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle parts;
Sheet copper fragment;
Shell gorget (1905: figure 149).

NRM55 (1905:230). Child, scattered bones.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle (plain?).

NRM56 (1905:231). Skull only.

Associated artifacts:

Bowl (plain).

NRM57 (1905:232). Adult, aboriginal disturbance.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Filmed Engraved (1905:
figure 160, 161);
Bowl fragment (plain).

NRM58 (1905:232-233). Adult, extended on back.

Associated artifacts:

Polished celt fragment, near skull;
Hammerstone (diorite).

NRM59 (1905:233). Adult, only bone fragments.

Associated artifacts:

Pipe (plain, coarse).

NRM60 and NRM61. Adult, NRM60 extended on back in pit above the disturbed bones of a child, NRM61.

Artifacts are most probably associated with NRM60.

Associated artifacts:

Shell beads,
Shell gorget (cross in circle), (1905: figure 163);
Sheet copper fragment,
2 wood beads covered with copper, on either side of skull of NRM60;
Copper fish hook (unbarbed) (1905: figure 164).

NRM62 (1905:235). Adult, aboriginal disturbance.

Associated artifacts:

Stone disc (notched margin; white pigment on one side, red pigment on the other),
12 shell beads, on disc.

NRM63 (1905:236). Adult, aboriginal disturbance.

Associated artifacts:

Shell gorget fragment, on chest.

NRM64 (1905:230, 236-240). Adult, disturbed.

Associated artifacts:

Water bottle, Moundville Engraved Indented, at skull;
Pot sherd (plain);
Sheet copper fragment;
Shell beads;
Effigy pipe (limestone, feline form), at skull
(1905: figures 165, 166).
Bird effigy bowl (stone, duck effigy), (1905:
figure 168-171).

Excavation South of Mound R: 1940.

As an adjunct to the Roadway Excavation, Maurice Goldsmith had occasion to excavate a small area outside the roadway right-of-way. Goldsmith called this excavation the excavation south of Mound R. This excavation has not been placed in figure VII-1. Goldsmith recovered three unaccompanied adult skeletons from this excavation. Burial 2990 was a badly disturbed skeleton. Burial 2991 was a partially flexed skeleton, oriented to the east-northeast. Burial 2992 was a disturbed extended skeleton oriented southwest.

Excavations in the Area of Mound R: 1951.

During July of 1951 Water B. Jones and Tom DeJarnette excavated two areas around Mound R to make way for the construction of a new picnic shelter. A 300 square foot area designated "knoll southwest of Mound R" and a 1000 square foot area designated "picnic building" were excavated. The area of the knoll has been numbered 9 in figure VII-1; the picnic building has been numbered 10 in figure VII-1. These excavations were, of necessity, small in total area excavated, though the archaeological techniques used in their excavation mark them as among the best done at Moundville. For example, it is from the

picnic building excavation that we have the only stratigraphically excavated sherd sample for the Moundville site: (see McKenzie 1966:44, table 6).

Although a few post molds and a number of historic "slave" graves were met with in these excavations the major class of archaeological features recorded were, as usual, burials. Ten aboriginal and eight "slave" graves were unearthed during the picnic building excavation; seven aboriginal burials were found in the knoll southwest of Mound R.. None of these burials were fitted into the unified burial numbering system for the site. Therefore, these burials will for the purpose of description here be given the designations RPB and SWR and numbered 1 through 9 and 1 through 7 respectively.

Excavations at the Knoll Southwest of Mound R and
for the Picnic Building Northwest of Mound R.
Burials SWR1 to SWR7 and RPBl to RPBl9.
Guide to Burial Descriptions.

N. D. = No Data; -- = Not Applicable.

I. Site designation and burial number (i. e. SWR1).

II. Not used.

III. Age.

IV. Sex (from field notes).

V. Form of burial:

A. Single, or multiple (if multiple numbers of associated burials given).

B. Articulated, partially articulated, bundle, disturbed, skull only.

C. Extended, partially flexed, fully flexed.

D. On back, on right side, on left side, on face.

E. In pit, no pit.

F. Dimensions of pit.

G. Orientation (head-feet). Directions enclosed in parentheses (E-W) or E-(W) indicate uncertainty in one or both directions.

VI. Internal associations and locations with field specimen numbers: e. g. Pot, right shoulder, 1SWR.

VII. External associations:

A. In structure, not in structure.

B. Distance to nearest firebasin, in feet.

C. Number of nearest neighbor burial.

VIII. Stratigraphic and other associations.

IX. Bones recovered; skeletal condition.

X. Remarks.

I. SWR1. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. S-N.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR2.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR2. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. --.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR7.

VIII. N. D.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR3. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. W-E.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR7.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface; legs crossed by those of SWR7.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR4. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR5.

VIII. 6 incnes below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR5. III. Infant. IV. --.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. W-E.

VI. Beads, N. D., N. D.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR4.

SWR5 Continued

VIII. 6 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR6. III. Adolescent. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. SW-NE.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR5.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. SWR7. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. SWR3.

VIII. 6 inches below the surface; legs cross those of
SWR3.

I. RPBl. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back

RPB1 Continued

E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB4.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. N. D.

I. RPB2. III. Adult. IV. Female.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. NNE-SSW.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB7.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. Skeleton badly disintigrated.

I. RPB3. III. Adult. IV. Male.

V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.

VI. Small water bottle, above head, N. D.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB5.

VIII. 36 incnes below the surface.

IX. Mandible only bone recovered; rest of skeleton
badly disintigrated.

- I. RPB4. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Partially flexed
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. SSE-(NNW).
- VI. Dish (red), right side of skull, N. D.
- VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB5.
- VIII. 36 inches below the surface.
- IX. Skeleton badly disintegrated.

- I. RPB5. III. Adult (very old). IV. Female.
- V. A. Single B. N. D. C. Extended D. On back
E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. Water bottle, above head, N. D.
- VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB4.
- IX. Skeleton badly disintegrated.

- I. RPB6. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with RPB6a B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. None.
- VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB6a.
- VIII. 36 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.

- I. RPB6a. III. Infant. IV. --.
- V. A. Multiple, with RPB6 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. E-W.
- VI. None.
- VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB6.
- VIII. 36 inches below the surface.
- IX. N. D.

- I. RPB7. III. Adult. IV. Female.
- V. A. Single B. Disturbed C. -- D. --
E. N. D. F. -- G. (E-W).
- VI. Pottery fragments, above skull, N. D.
- VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB2.
- VIII. 36 inches below the surface.
- IX. Right side of skeleton missing.
- X. Probably disturbed by "slave" grave.

- I. RPB8. III. Adult. IV. N. D.
- V. A. Multiple, with RPB9 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.
- VI. Duck effigy bowl, above skull, N. D.
Shallow bowl, above skull, N. D.

RPB8 Continued

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB9.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. No bones recovered; skeleton badly decayed.

I. RPB9. III. Adult. IV. N. D.

V. A. Multiple, with RPB8 B. N. D. C. Extended
D. On back E. N. D. F. -- G. N-S.

VI. None.

VII. A. Not in structure B. N. D. C. RPB8.

VIII. 36 inches below the surface.

IX. No bones recovered; skeleton badly decayed.