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**Biographical Note**

Native of Tennessee, educated University of Tennessee (BA 1961), University of Michigan (MA 1967), Washington University (Ph.D. 1974)

Military Experience, United States Navy, 1953-1967

Teaching experience – University of Cincinnati, Washington University, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Bill Fischer left behind an important collection of archival materials highlighting his work in many different geographical areas. Perhaps his most important dig was at Monks Mound, the largest pre-Columbian earthwork in the Americas at Cahokia in Illinois, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. His research was intensive as he documented Adena and Hopewell cultures in the Midwestern United States. Bill's interests were wide and varying. When not digging in Michigan, Illinois, or Tennessee; he went further afield, to the American Southwest, Mesoamerica, France and Turkey. Later in life he became one of the first contract archaeologists; leaving the academic environment and entering the private sector.

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### **I. Correspondence, 1964-1977, 1981-1982, 1984**

Correspondents include several “legends” in the field of archaeology such as James B Griffin, Richard Ford, James Fitting, Charles Faulkner, Charles McNutt and Michael Coe.

### **II. Writings and Publications, 1959-1982**

“Adaptation and Change in the Central Ohio Valley: Some Ecological Considerations,”  
Anthropology 428, Jan 24, 1972.

“Adena Scarce Material Exchange,” Dec. 17, 1972.

“Archaeological Investigation in the upper Melton Hill Reservoir, Anderson County, Tenn.  
1960,” (coauthored with CH McNutt).

“Barkley Reservoir – Tennessee Portion: Archaeological Excavations 1959,” Dec. 1959  
(coauthored with Michael D. Coe).

“Culture Change in the Ohio Valley,” Anthropology 505 paper for Dr. David Browman.

“Early and Middle Woodland Settlement, Subsistence and Population in the Central Ohio  
Valley,” Doctoral Dissertation, Washington University, 1974.

“Recent Archeological Investigations on the Fourth elevation of Monk’s Mound, Madison  
County, Illinois, 1972,” (Cahokia Site).

“Shawnee Political Organization.” Seminar in Political Anthropology, Jan. 21, 1971.

UNC Charlotte Field Schools, 1975-1980 (Mostly digs at the Toby Site, 31MK1, on campus)  
(Contains excavation notes, maps, analyses and unit reports)

1979 Field School, 31CA41 in Catawba County

1982 Field School, location unknown

**Research Materials:****Adena and Hopewell Sites Research**

Adena – Early  
Adena – Late  
Adena – Undetermined  
Adena/Hopewell – Undetermined  
Hopewell  
Hopewell – Late  
Hopewell – Undetermined  
Miscellaneous/Unidentified materials

**Cahokia**

Monk's Mound feature reports and maps

**Central Ohio Valley (dissertation research)**

Adena Artifact Assemblage  
Adena Settlement Pattern and Community Plan  
Chronology  
Hopewell Settlement Pattern and Community Plan  
Paleosomatology  
Ridgetop Enclosures (also contains IN, KY, WV, TN, GA, MI, MS information)  
Structures  
Subsistence  
Sites List  
Survey Maps and Site Plans  
Unidentified Charts and Data, partial cumulative Adena report

**Various:**

Cofitachequi  
Food procurement throughout time  
General Analysis  
Mississippian Culture  
New World Prehistory  
Pottery Key Chronology  
Projectile Points

**III. Reports, 1965-1987****Archaeological Impact Assessments:****North Carolina**

Buncombe County:

UNC Asheville Residence Hall and Student Center, 31BN1 – UNCC#, Feb. 8, 1980

Burke County:

Drexel, Oak Knoll Subdivision, Nov. 28, 1975

Cabarrus County:

Jackson Park Wastewater System, Concord, NCCA16 – UNCC #, Mar. 20, 1976  
Timber Forest Subdivision, Harrisburg, NCCA34, NCCA35, NCCA36 – UNCC#,  
Nov. 5, 19, 1977

Catawba County:

Clark Creek Outfall Extension of Hickory-Newton Complex, Apr. 21 and 24, 1979  
Town of Long View, proposed Watertower Site, Nov. 21, 1976  
Town of Maiden, Wastewater Facilities, NCCT5 – UNCC#, Apr. 24, 1976  
Town of Maiden, Water Distribution Improvements, 33CT5, 33CT6, 33CT7, Dec. 8, 1980  
Mountain View Recreation Facility, 31CA41, Feb. 3-4, 1979

Cleveland County:

John M Moss Lake Park, Parcel 1, Jun. 11, 1977  
Southeastern Cleveland County Wastewater System, Mar. 7, 1976

Forsyth County:

North Point Woods Apartments, 31FY1, Sep. 2, 1980

Gaston County:

City of Belmont, Waste Water Facilities, Jun. 5, 1979  
Bessemer City Reservoir and Intake Lane, 31GS4, 31GS5, 31GS6, 31GS7, May 11, 1979  
Cherryville, Wastewater Facilities, Apr. 17, 1976  
Gaston County Park, Town of Dallas, Oct. 5, 1976  
River Street Park, City of Mount Holly, Dec. 17, 1978

Iredell County:

Mooresville Wastewater Facilities, Jan. 31, 1976

Mecklenburg County:

Bridlewood Subdivision, Phase IV, 31MK165, 31MK166, Feb 27, Mar. 7, 1980  
Charlotte Housing Authority, 1975  
Coffey Creek Wastewater Outfall, 31MK167, 31MK169, 31MK170, 31MK171, 31MK172,  
Aug. 25, 1980  
Douglas Municipal Airport Facility Expansion, NCMK151, NCMK152, NCMK153, NCMK154,  
NCMK155, NCMK156, NCMK157, NCMK158, NCMK159, Oct 8, 14, 1978  
Four Mile Creek Wastewater Outfall, Jan. 23, 1980  
International Business Machine Tract, NCMK142, NCMK143, NCMK144, NCMK145,  
NCMK146, NCMK147, NCMK148, NCMK149, Mar. 11, 17 and Apr. 1, 8, 1978  
Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, NCMK53, NCMK54, NCMK55, NCMK56,  
Nov. 8, 15, 1975  
Mallard Creek Outfall, Jun. 1, 1976  
McIntyre Cabin Park, Dec. 9, 1975

Randlewood District Park, Sep. 12, 19, 1980

Sugar Creek, Toby Creek and Matthews Wastewater Outfall Lines, NCMK120,  
Mar. 21-23, 1977

Waverly Hall, 31MK72 (mentioned), 31MK160, 31MK161, 31MK162, Jan. 13, 1979

Rutherford County:

Chase Community Recreational Park, Oct. 17, 1976

Stanly County:

City of Albemarle, Neighborhood Greenway Park, Jan. 20, 1979

Union County:

Cane Creek Park, NCUN31, NCUN32, NCUN33, NCUN34 – UNCC#, May 25-Jun. 12, 1978

City of Monroe, Dickerson Park, NCUN23, NCUN24, NCUN25 – UNCC#, Feb. 12, 1977

City of Monroe, Wastewater Facilities, NCUN19, NCUN20 – UNCC#, Sep. 5, 1976

Twelve Mile Creek, Sewage Treatment Plant, NCUN22 – UNCC#, Feb. 7, 1976

Town of Waxhaw, Wastewater Line, Nov. 1, 1975

### **Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Reports:**

#### **North Carolina**

Burke County:

Village Creek Apartments Tract, Morganton, 1982

Cabarrus County:

Harrisburg Back Creek/Rocky River Interceptor, Sep. 9, 1984

Rocky River Sewer Interceptor, Selected Portion, 31CA78, 31CA79, Nov. 21, 1984

Catawba County:

City of Hickory, Falling Creek Sewer Outfall, Feb. 26, 1987

Cleveland County:

Grover Recreation Park, 1984

Gaston County:

For Proposed Flood Control Measures at Cramerton, 1982

Lincoln County:

Lincoln County Industrial Sewer, Nov. 1984

Mecklenburg County:

James A. Blakeney House Survey and Research Report, Feb. 6, 1986 (includes correspondence)

Charlotte Housing Authority, Apr. 1975

International Business Machine Facility Expansion, 1982

International Business Machine Facility Expansion, Sector A, 1983  
Johnson Borrow Pit, Jan. 1985  
Mallard Creek Outfall, Jun. 1, 1976  
Old Monroe Road Borrow Pit, 31MK336, 31MK337, Dec. 20, 1984  
Ramblewood District Park, 31MK173, 31MK174, 31MK175, 31MK176, Feb. 25, 1980  
Proposed Reams Road Landfill, Apr. 19, 1982  
Robinson Rock House Site, Reedy Creek Park, corr. 1985-1986, 21 slides, 11 ps. Color,  
14 ps. BW, negs.  
Saddlebrook Subdivision, 1983  
Steele Creek Wastewater Pump Station, 1982  
University of North Carolina Charlotte Student Housing, 1982

Richmond County:  
Richmond County Water Treatment Facilities

Rutherford County:  
Residential Tract and Wastewater Outfall, Town of Alexander Mills, 1983

Stanley County:  
Creek Ridge Apartments Tract, Albemarle, 1982

Yancey County:  
Indian Trail Apartments, 1983

**South Carolina:**  
Anderson and Pickens Counties:  
Easley Combined Utility System Wastewater Facilities Expansion, 1984.

### **Other Reports:**

**Ohio** (note – reports by others working on this site listed in Section IV B below)

Hamilton County:

Miami Fort, Shawnee Lookout Park

1965 Preliminary Proposal – 1965 Summer Field Season

1965 Preliminary Report

1966 Preliminary Report

1967 Archaeological Investigations

1969 Preliminary Report, Part I

1970 Archaeological Investigations

1970 Preliminary Report

“Miami Fort Progress Reports for 1965 sent to Dr. G Carlson”

“Proposal for University of Cincinnati 1967 Excavations at Miami Fort”

“Report Delivered to Trustees of Miami Purchase at Annual Meeting, 11-28-67”

“A Survey of the Archeological Remains of Shawnee Lookout Park,” Sep. 1968

Twin Mounds Village Site, Archaeological Investigations, Part I, 1969

“University of Cincinnati Investigations at Miami Fort.” Three Rivers Historical Society, Cleves, OH. Jul. 9, 1967.

**Ohio Miami Fort Report Materials:**

Biface and Micro tools, 33HA62

Bone and Antler, worked, 33HA62

Carbonized Material, 33HA62, 1965-1967

Ceramic Analysis, 33HA62

Comparative Material

Earthworks, 33HA24, Jul. 1965, Aug. 1971, ps. (water damage),

Eastern Habitation Area, 33HA62, Features and Excavation Units

Eastern Habitation Area, 33HA62, Aug 1965, Jul.-Aug. 1966, Nov. 1967, ps. (water damage)

Features, 33HA62, 1967

Features/Burials, 33HA62, 1965-1966

Field Notes, Jun. 5, 1967-Aug. 3, 1967

Fire Cracked Rock, 33HA62

Ground Stone Tools, 33HA62

Mound #1, 33HA62, Catalog and Maps, 1966

Mound #1 and Sub-Mound Villages, Jul.-Aug. 1966, ps. (water damage)

Mound #2, 33HA62, Aug. 1966, Aug. 1967, ps. (water damage)

Mound Pictures of Bill Fischer by Ron Maurer, ps. (water damage)

Point Description and Analysis, 33HA62

References, 33HA62

Resistivity Survey, 33HA24

Spall Analysis

Unidentified Cumulative Report

Unidentified Cumulative Report focusing on Miami Fort cores

Unit A, B, D, F, G, 33HA62, 1965-1966

Unit C, E, and K, 33HA62, 1969

Western Habitation Area, 33HA62, ps. (water damaged)

**North Carolina**

Cumulative Unidentified Point survey from numerous NC counties

Cumulative micro environmental data for various sites in Catawba, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Union counties

Mecklenburg County:

Investigation of Site 31MK151, 31MK152 – Mallard Creek Valley area

Big Rock Rockshelter Site: (documentation of efforts to save and preserve this site)

Correspondence and clippings, 1985-1987, also includes 1964 report by Otto Haas

“Preliminary Report: 31MK122, Mecklenburg County, NC, 1987 Test Excavations”

Union County:

Mandy’s Plantation Site, 31UN35, Union County, NC – brief report, field notes, charts and maps, 1979

York County:  
Archaeological Sites on Upper Buckhorn Creek

### **South Carolina**

Spartanburg County:  
Pacolet River Steatite Quarry Visit, Oct. 11, 1980

## **IV. Reference Files**

### **A. Topical**

Ceramic Types – extensive notes on various types of Native American ceramics

Flint Sources in Ohio

Miscellaneous – unidentified materials

Soils – Altavista, Chewacla, Georgeville, Goldston, Herndon, Lillington, Lockhart, Vaucluse, Worsham

### **B. Writings and Publications. 1938-1990**

Anderson, David G. and Joseph Schuldenrein (1981) – “Archeological Investigations at Rucker’s Bottom, Elbert County, Georgia.”

Carr, Thomas Lee (1990) – “An Anthropological and Historical perspective of the Norkett and White House Land Tracts in Northeast Mecklenburg County, N.C.”

Clarion State College Archaeological Laboratory – “36C152 – The State Road Ripple Site: A Preliminary Summary Report 1970-1972.”

Cooper, Peter P II (1974) – “An Archaeological Texting Program at the X-81 Site, Davie County, North Carolina.”

Crumley, Carole L – “The Role of Paradox in Democratic Ideologies.”

Foderaro, Joseph

(1968) – “Ceramic Analysis of Body Sherds from Miami Fort 33HA62.”

(1968) – “Ceramic Analysis of Rim Sherds from Miami Fort 33HA62.”

Goggin, John H – “Weeden Island Punctated and Papys Bayou Punctated.”

Hopkins, Mary Carol (1968) – “A Survey of the Projectile Points Excavated at the Miami Fort Site, 1965-1967,” Senior Thesis, May 1968.

Huffman, William H (1981) – “A Historical Report on Reedy Creek Park.”



Klein, Helen (1971) – “Report on Simple Stamped Sandstone Tempered Pottery from Twin Mounds – A Hamilton County Hopewell Site.”

Levy, Janet (1982) – “Preliminary Report: Archaeological Investigations at the Robinson Stone House, Mecklenburg County May 11-24, 1982.”

Marquardt, William H

(1973) – “A Statistical Analysis of Constituents in Human Paleofecal Specimens from Mammoth Cave.”

(1983) – “Complexity and Scale in the Study of Fisher-Gatherer-Hunters: An Example from the Eastern United States.”

McPherron, Alan – “Copper Cleaning.”

Montgomery, Jack Jr. – “A Surface Survey in Alamance County, N.C.”

Neumann, Georg K (1938) – “The Human Remains from Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.”

Ribbands, Ronald (1964) – “The Evolution of the Honeybee Community”, Chapter 38 from The Behaviour and Social Life of Honeybees.

Robertson, Ben and Linda Butler Robinson

(1975) – “The Irish Buffalo Creek Survey: Impact of the Concord Waste Treatment Plant on Archaeological Resources.”

(1975) – “Test Excavations on Two Endangered Archaic Aboriginal Sites in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.”

Rolingson, Martha A. & Michael (1968) “Archeological Excavations in Cave Run Reservoir, Kentucky: Progress Report, 1968.”

Rolingson, Martha A. and Michael J. Rodeffer – (1968) “The Zilpo Site, Bh 37: Preliminary Excavations in the Cave Run Reservoir, Kentucky”

Schwartz, Cynthia – “Orientation for Bones at Miami Fort and Twin Mound Sites”

Schwartz, Richard M (1970) – “Political Middlemen: An Essay on Role and Status: “Bis Uptal Koylularis (We are dumb villagers).”

Taggart, David (1963) – “Field Summary of University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology Excavations at Green Point (Schultz Site, 20 Sa 2), Saginaw County, Michigan, During the Summer of 1963 (also contains revisions of Schultz Site levels and features by JE Fitting in Sep. 1965).”

Vickery, Kent D (1971) – “A Summary of Archaeology in Southwestern Ohio.”

White, Leslie A (1959) – “Four Stages in the Evolution of Minding,” (conference paper, later published).

Woodall, J Ned and Judith A Newkirk (Jun. 1, 1974) – “Archeological Testing of Certain Sites on the Duke Power Company Yadkin River Plant X-81, Davie County, North Carolina,”

**C. Maps** (stored separately with FW Fischer journals)

**North Carolina United States Geographical Survey Maps (USGS)**

Albemarle, NC, Albemarle Quadrangle, 1981  
Asheville, NC, Asheville Quadrangle, 1961  
Banoak, NC, Banoak Quadrangle, 1970  
Belmont, NC, Belmont Quadrangle, 1973  
Bessemer City, NC, Bessemer City Quadrangle, 1973  
Bethlehem, NC, Bethlehem Quadrangle, 1970  
Charlotte East, NC, Charlotte East Quadrangle, 1667  
Charlotte West, NC, Charlotte West Quadrangle, 1968  
Clemmons, NC, Clemmons Quadrangle, 1968  
Concord, NC, Concord Quadrangle, 1969  
Concord SE, NC, Concord SE Quadrangle, 1969  
Forest City, NC, Forest City Quadrangle, 1966  
Gastonia South, NC-SC, Gastonia South Quadrangle, 1973  
Grover, NC-SC, Grover Quadrangle, 1971  
Harrisburg, NC, Harrisburg Quadrangle, 1969  
Hickory, NC, Hickory Quadrangle, 1970  
Lake Norman South, NC, Lake Norman South Quadrangle, 1970  
Lilesville, NC, Lilesville Quadrangle, 1956  
Lincolnton East, NC, Lincolnton East Quadrangle, 1970  
Lincolnton West, NC, Lincolnton West Quadrangle, 1973  
Longview, NC, Longview Quadrangle, 1970  
Matthews, NC, Matthews Quadrangle, 1971  
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Rockingham, NC, Rockingham Quadrangle, 1956  
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Weddington, NC-SC, Weddington Quadrangle, 1969  
Winston-Salem West, NC, Winston-Salem West Quadrangle, 1950

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Fort Mill, SC-NC, Fort Mill Quadrangle, 1968  
Lake Wylie, SC-NC, Lake Wylie Quadrangle, 1973

**Kentucky USGS Maps**

Balkan, KY, Balkan Quadrangle, 1954  
Berea, KY, Berea Quadrangle, 1952  
Burlington, KY-OH, Burlington Quadrangle, 1961

Campton, KY, Campton Quadrangle, 1961  
Carrollton, KY, Carrollton Quadrangle, 1967  
Crab Orchard, KY, Crab Orchard Quadrangle, 1952  
Crider, KY, Crider Quadrangle, 1967  
Centerville, KY, Centerville Quadrangle, 1954  
Cobb, KY, Cobb Quadrangle, 1967  
Dalton, KY, Dalton Quadrangle, 1954  
Dawson Springs, KY, Dawson Spring Quadrangle, 1968  
De Mossville, KY, De Mossville Quadrangle, 1961  
Frenchburg, KY, Frenchburg Quadrangle, 1952  
Friendship, KY –OH, Friendship Quadrangle, 1968  
Glencoe, KY, Glencoe Quadrangle, 1969  
Haddix, KY, Haddix Quadrangle, 1961  
Hartford, KY, Hartford Quadrangle, 1954  
Howardstown, KY, Howardstown Quadrangle, 1953  
Kirksville, KY, Kirksville Quadrangle, 1952  
Landsaw, KY, Landsaw Quadrangle, 1961  
Lawrenceburg, KY-IN-OH, Lawrenceburg Quadrangle, 1961  
Lawrenceville, KY, Lawrenceville Quadrangle, 1951  
Levee, KY, Levee Quadrangle, 1965  
Lexington, KY, Lexington West Quadrangle, 1965  
Loretto, KY, Loretto Quadrangle, 1953  
Madison East, KY-IN, Madison East Quadrangle, 1953  
Madisonville West, KY, Madisonville West Quadrangle, 1962  
Mays Lick, KY, Mays Lick Quadrangle, 1952  
Monterey, KY, Monterey Quadrangle, 1953  
Mount Sterling, KY, Mount Sterling Quadrangle, 1965  
North Middletown, KY, North Middletown Quadrangle, 1952  
Owingsville, KY, Owingsville Quadrangle, 1952  
Paintsville, KY, Paintsville Quadrangle, 1962  
Palmer, KY, Palmer Quadrangle, 1952  
Paris East, KY, Paris East Quadrangle, 1952  
Pomeroyton, KY, Pomeroyton Quadrangle, 1966  
Portsmouth, KY-OH, Portsmouth Quadrangle, 1969  
Reedyville, KY, Reedyville Quadrangle, 1954  
Rising Sun, KY-IN, Rising Sun Quadrangle, 1961  
Salvisa, KY, Salvisa Quadrangle, 1967  
Sanders, KY, Sanders Quadrangle, 1951  
Scranton, KY, Scranton Quadrangle, 1952  
Sharpsburg, KY, Sharpsburg Quadrangle, 1952  
Shawhan, KY, Shawhan Quadrangle, 1954  
Slade, KY, Slade Quadrangle, 1966  
Summersville, KY, Summersville Quadrangle, 1961  
Tracy, KY, Tracy Quadrangle, 1953  
Union City, KY, Union City Quadrangle, 1952  
Versailles, KY, Versailles Quadrangle, 1965

Waddy, KY, Waddy Quadrangle, 1967  
Zachariah, KY, Zachariah Quadrangle, 1966

### **Ohio USGS Maps**

Higginsport, OH-KY, Higginsport Quadrangle, 1961 –USGS  
Hooven, OH-IN-KY, Hooven Quadrangle, 1954 –USGS

### **Maps and charts created By Fred William Fischer**

Catawba and Broad River Hydrography, transparency and paper copy.

Confluence of Great Miami River with Ohio River, Middle Woodland Manifestations,  
Base Map, USGS 1961.

Monks Mound, Cahokia, IL

Monks Mound, Cahokia, IL, 1970-1971

BD Correction Factor: 1970 TAD 5.0 cm 5.0 cm above 1971 Datum, 1970-1971

Monks Mound, Cahokia, IL, 1971

Datum, one inch iron rod in stump at 212.0 N, 212.0 E with encircling groove at 158.50 meters  
above sea level (ref. cement marker at south end of 3rd elevation)

Ohio map with Adena and Hopewell sites marked

Ohio, Miami Fort Site, West End

Twin Mounds Village 33HA24, Ohio. Western Habitation Area, Hopewell House

33HA24, WHA, Animal Bone Distribution

33HA24, WHA, Animal Bone Distribution, house

33HA24, WHA, Ceramic Distribution

33HA24, WHA, Ceramic Distribution, house

33HA24, WHA, Debitage Distribution

33HA24, WHA, Debitage Distribution, house

33HA24, WHA, Fire Cracked Rock and Limestone Count Weight Ratio Distribution

33HA24, WHA, Fire-Cracked Rock and Limestone Distribution, house

33HA24, WHA, 0.5 foot contour interval

The Geographical Press - Physiographic Diagram of Europe, 1923

### **Slides**

480+ slides document Fischer's digs in the Americas and Europe.

## **Journals**

In the course of a long career, Bill Fischer collected about a hundred linear feet of monographs and journals. The monographs have been added to existing archival monographs and are cataloged within the USC Medford Library system. The journals will eventually be added to the library catalog also and are housed separately from other Fischer materials.