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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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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**


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


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


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
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:

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

**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
Features, 33HA62, 1967
Features/Burials, 33HA62, 1965-1966
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

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


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.”


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.”


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


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.”


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
Mint Hill, NC, Mint Hill Quadrangle, 1971
Mountain Island Lake, NC, Mountain Island Lake Quadrangle, 1969
Rockingham, NC, Rockingham Quadrangle, 1956
Rutherfordton South, NC, Rutherfordton South Quadrangle, 1966
Vienna, NC, Vienna Quadrangle, 1968
Waxhaw, NC, Waxhaw Quadrangle, 1970
Weddington, NC-SC, Weddington Quadrangle, 1969
Winston-Salem West, NC, Winston-Salem West Quadrangle, 1950

South Carolina USGS Maps
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,

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.