

The so called "Buried City" lies five miles west of Alfalfa, Ochiltree County, Texas, and covers approximately 160 acres on the Handley Bros. ranch and is on the south side of Wolf Creek, which is a very crooked stream, on its south side it has very high banks, in places reaching 150 ft. altitude. Back from the creek banks rising slightly to the south extends a smooth piece of land on which the "city" was built. This smooth strip being from one quarter to one half mile in width and is bounded on the south by high bluffs crowned by the cap rock of sandstone. In the "city" foundations of twenty-six buildings can be traced, but there are many mounds which undoubtedly are other foundations covered over. The buildings were all rectangular in form, built north and south true to the points of the compass, with the doors of all of the buildings facing the east. The foundations were of stone mostly flat, although some boulders were used, The stones foundations were about two feet thick and two and one half feet high, and they commenced about six inches below the floor line, on this foundation walls of adobe were built but are now melted down. Large quantities of charcoal bones and mussel shells are to be found in the house especially in what appeared to me to be a "cess pit, where Dr. Sterns found a pot and a pipe, but at the other end of the building where I found the pot I went you must have been their cache or storage as the buffalo bones, etc., were not cracked for marrow, as was the case in the other end of building. The building I am referring to was 20 ft. by 80 ft. The other buildings varied 20 x 30, 20 x 40, 30 x 40, 30 x 50. Where the bank overlooking Wolf Creek was the highest, houses had been built on the very edge of the bank. Most of the houses have been more or less rifled, but the fact remains that wherever any excavation had been in the houses or just outside of

walls, human bones have been found, some in the fire partially burned and all pots found contained food. The one I found had buffalo bones in it. It looks more probable that the city was destroyed by earthquake than that some enemy tribe had destroyed it for the skeletons are covered with from 5 inches to 24 inches of dirt as if caught in the collapse of the walls. Flint chips are plentiful but good specimens very scarce and what arrow points are found are very thin. On the highest point of the bluffs bounding the City on the south was evidently a watch tower, charcoal from signal fires can still be found and on this point there was the foundation of a house 30 x 40 - two or three skeletons have been taken from there. For miles around hundreds of graves can be found, occupants buried sitting, lying on back, lying on side extended, lying on side with knees bent, but those in the City seemed to be left where they fell or where the walls crushed them. Another thing that was noticed when at the City, there is a long line perfectly straight on one side of which buffalo grass is growing and on the other side tickle grass, showing that at some time the buffalo grass had been killed out by cultivation. I sent a piece of a mortar. Very large one can be found here.

On our way East when about 5 miles from the "Buried City" I saw a large stone laying near the fence and got down to examine it, and found it to be a broken mortar worn clear through. This started me to looking around and I found eight foundations similar to those in the "Buried City", also I found what seemed to be battlements on edge of bank overlooking Wolf Creek and by surface hunting found flint chips and broken pottery similar to that in the city. Four miles further on are similar ruins. Back of Jackson's ranch seven miles east of "Buried City" was another "look out" or high point for signal fires. Several skeletons have been taken from there. One mile east of Jackson's on the Wright

ranch is an extensive burial ground. Little or nothing but bones is found in these graves, but a grave of a later date Indian was found with flint lock and lots of beads. Nothing more found on Wolf Creek between "Buried City" and Shattuck, ~~but~~ but on Twenty Five Mile Creek a site was reported but no foundations, just bones that had been ~~has~~ ploughed up and some heavy arrowheads like those from Arkansas. Anything further you wish to know kindly let me know.