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Club News

The meeting for the month of September was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sollberger on September 10, 1954 at 7:30 PM. All members were asked to bring specimens found by them during the summer months. We had a large group present and just about filled up all the tables with artifacts found during the summer. Sites represented ranged from New Mexico to Alabama. Those who missed the meeting missed seeing some nice specimens.

The meeting for the month of October will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Harris on October 8, 1954 at 7:30 PM. All members should plan to attend.

Bill Crook and R. K. Harris visited the University of Oklahoma dig near Willis, Oklahoma during the month of August and were shown the sites excavated by the University of Oklahoma department of Anthropology under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Bell. They excavated about five sites near Willis. We will all be looking for a publication on these sites before long.

The annual meeting of the Texas Archaeological Society will be held in Alpine, Texas on Saturday, November 6, 1954. The program will be interesting and all members of the Dallas Archaeological Society who can should plan to attend. We expect two or three cars to make the trip.

## BURIALS 12,13,14, & 15 THE SAM KAUFMAN SITE 19B3-2

R. K. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins

During the past summer two trips have been made by the authors to the Sam Kaufman Site in Red River County, Texas. The first was made on May 22, 1954 by R. K. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins. At this time Burials 12 & 13 were located at the lower cave in and were excavated. On October 2, 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Perkins went to the lower cave in and located and excavated Burials 14 & 15.

At the lower cave in the river is cutting south and is exposing a cemetery in the bank of the river. The sand bluff at this point is about 30 to 40 feet above Red River. Many burials are being destroyed by the river at this point. The burials are found about five to eight feet deep in the bank.

### Burial 12

This burial was located at a depth of 7 feet in the bank and was almost lost to the river. In fact all of the skeleton was washed away except the skull, which was in good state of preservation. This was the burial of an adult female with the head to the east. All pottery vessels had been washed into the river. In the wall of the burial were a few sherds of two vessels. One was of the type Nash Neck Banded and the other was Simms Engraved. Both were shell tempered. Plate I shows a diagram of this burial.

### Burial 13

This burial was located in the bank of the river at a depth of about 6 feet. It was extended on the back with head to the east. The skeleton was in bad shape, but seemed to be the burial of an adult male. The river had washed away the right arm and part of the pelvis. One nice vessel of the type Simms Engraved was found just below the burial where it had fallen out of the bank. Plate II shows this vessel. Just back of the head was a water bottle. Plate II shows the water bottle. Both of these vessels were shell tempered. Plate I shows a diagram of this burial.

### Burial 14

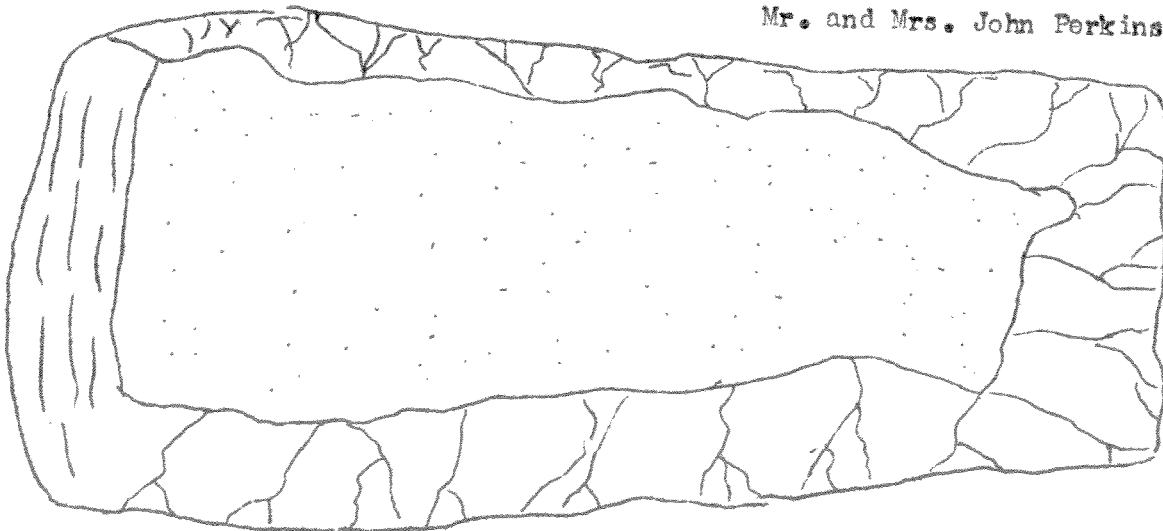
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and seems to be the burial of an adult female. To the north of the skull was found a bed of mussel shells. One or two of them showed some grinding along the edges as if shell spoons were being made from them. None of them were finished. Near the right elbow was located a vessel of Nash Neck Banded. Near the right hand were three vessels, a water bottle of the type Ripley Engraved shown on Plate III, a crushed vessel of the type Simms Engraved, and a vessel of the type Avery Engraved shown on Plate IV. Near the pelvis on the left side was found a vessel of Leesburg Neck Banded. It is shown on Plate III. All of these vessels are shell tempered. Plate I shows a diagram of this burial. This burial is of interest because vessels of both the Texarkana Focus and Titus Focus were found in the same grave.

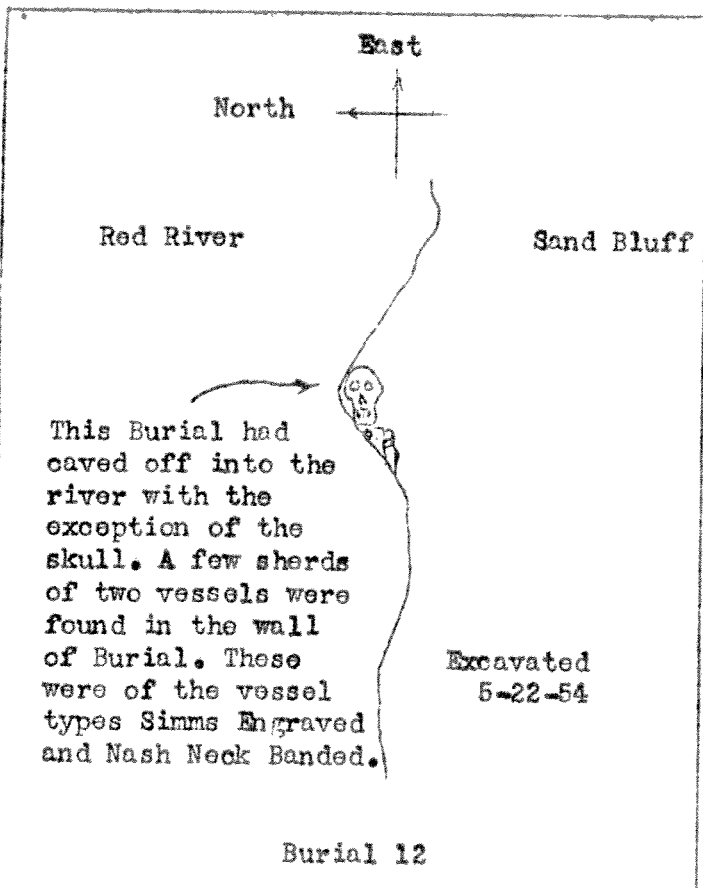
#### Burial 15

While Mr. Perkins was excavating Burial 14, Mrs. Perkins looked down into a large crack in the sand and saw a vessel. This turned out to be Burial 15 and was located about 5 yards east of Burial 14. Burial 15 was in a block of sand that was just about to cave into the river. It was found at a depth of five feet and was extended on the back with the head to the northeast. It was the burial of an adult but the sex could not be determined. Near the right hand were two vessels: One of Simms Engraved and the other of the type Nash Neck Banded. At the left shoulder was a vessel of Avery Engraved. Before being placed in the burial, it had been broken around the lip. It was red slipped and the design was cut thru the red slip. A spoonneck water bottle of the type Keno Trilled was located between the skull and the celt near the left shoulder. The water bottle was on its side. It is shown on Plate V. The vessels from this burial were shell tempered. The celt is of the chipped type with the cutting edge ground and polished. Below is a drawing of the celt. This burial is of interest because of vessels of both Texarkana Focus and Glendora Focus being in the same grave. From vessels found in Burials 14 & 15, it seems that in late times on Red River, Texarkana Focus and Titus Focus were changing into Glendora Focus.

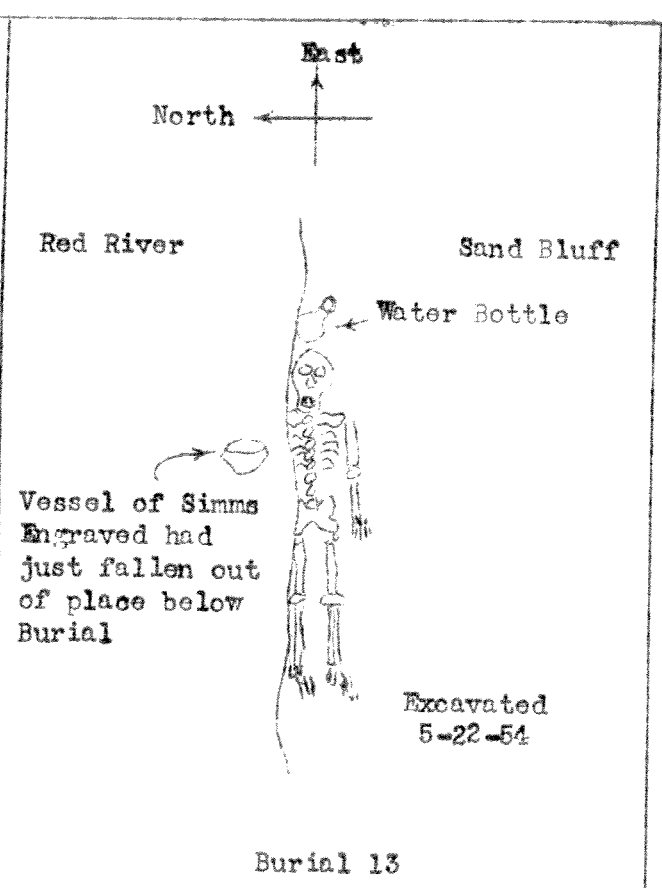
R. K. Harris  
Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins



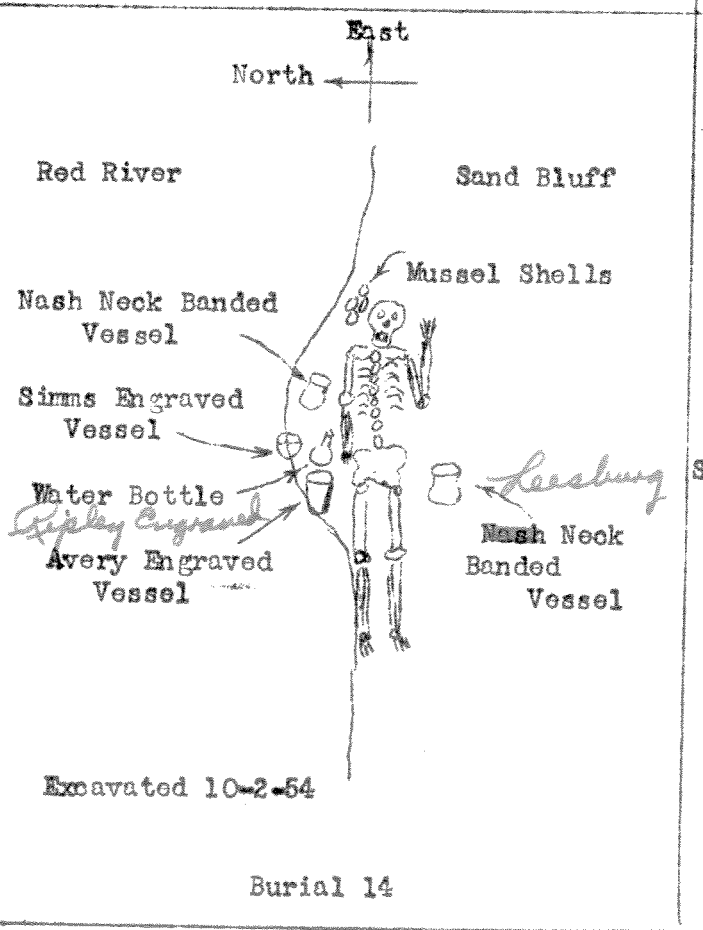
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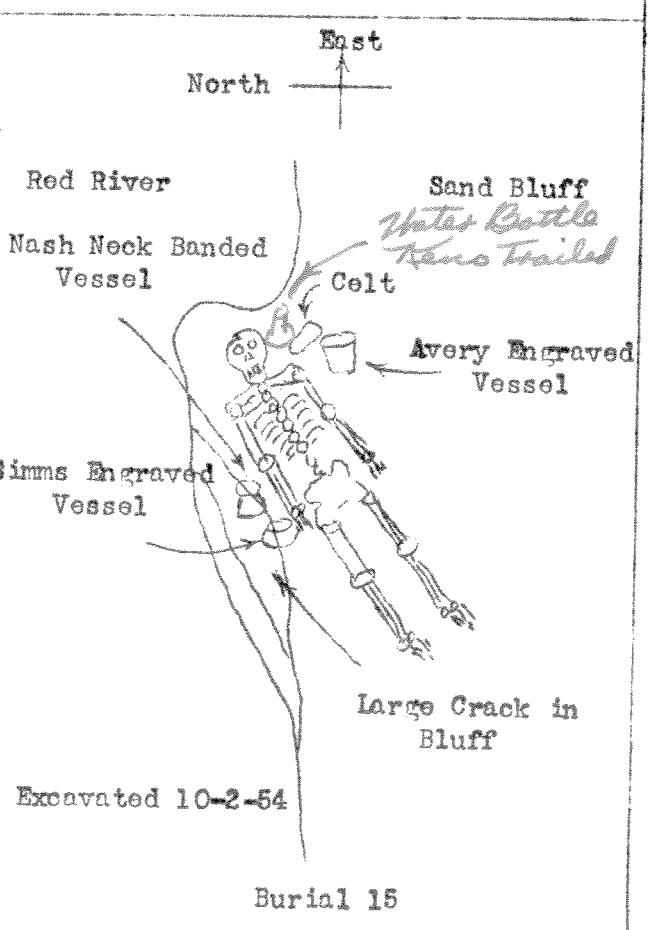
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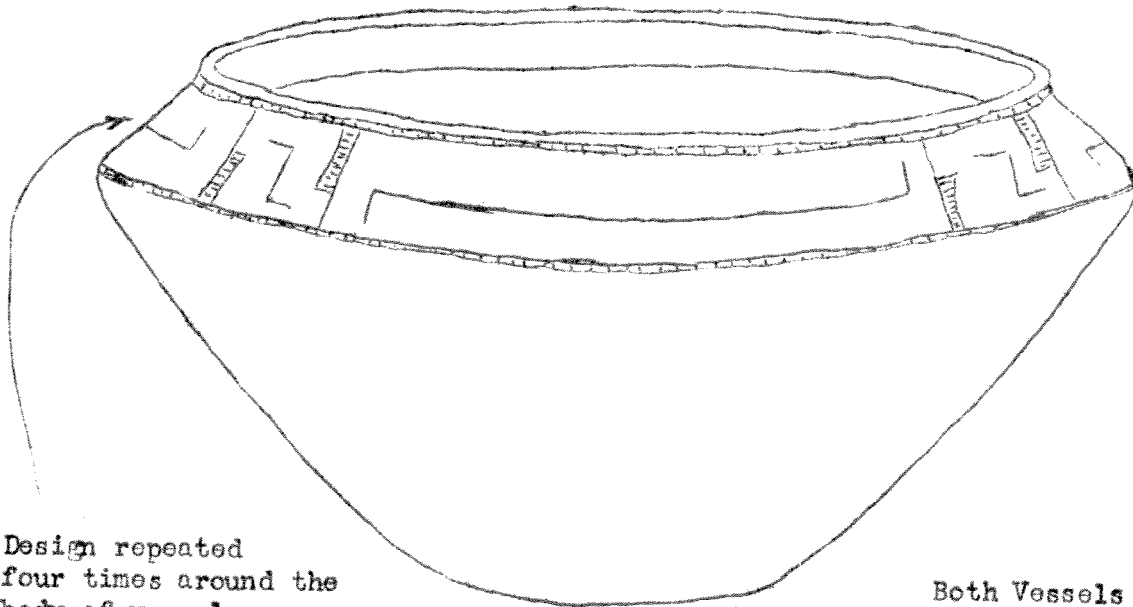
Burial 13



Burial 14



Burial 15



Design repeated  
four times around the  
body of vessel.

Simms Engraved

Both Vessels  
Shell Tempered

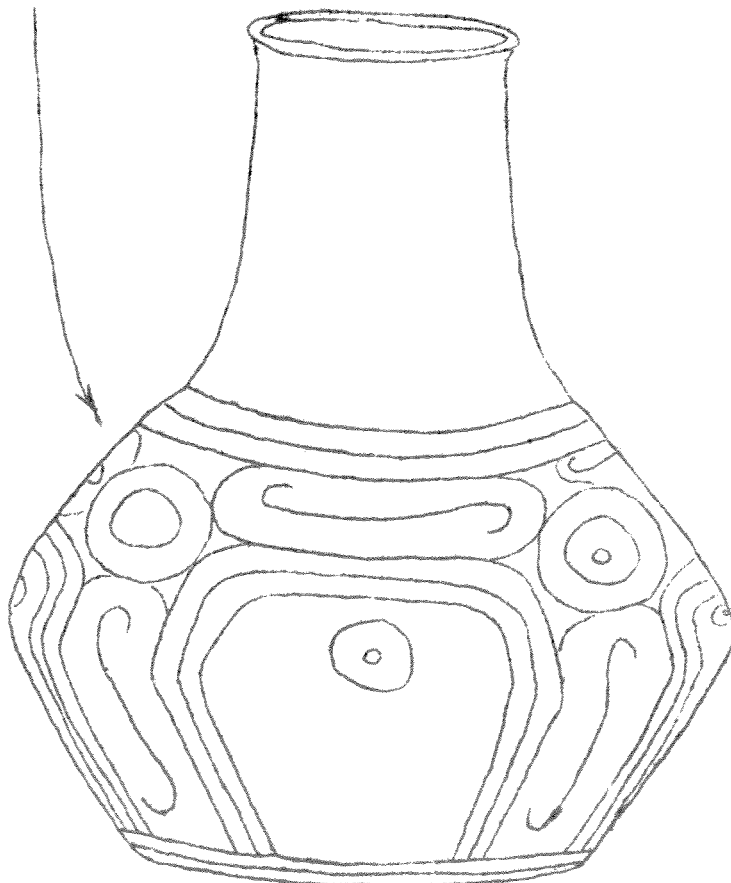


PLATE II

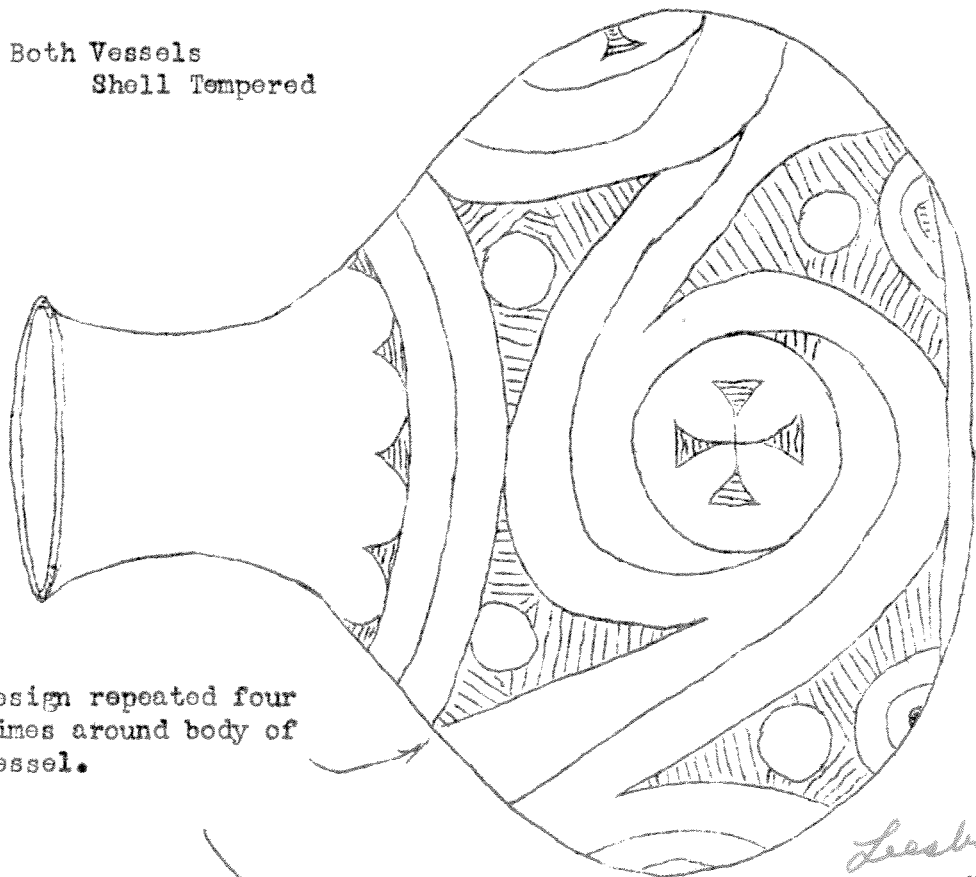
Pottery Vessels  
Burial 13

Sam Kaufman Site  
(19B3-2)

Red River County  
Texas

Scale  $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 1"

Both Vessels  
Shell Tempered



Design repeated four  
times around body of  
vessel.

*Leesburg*

Nash Neck  
Banded  
Vessel

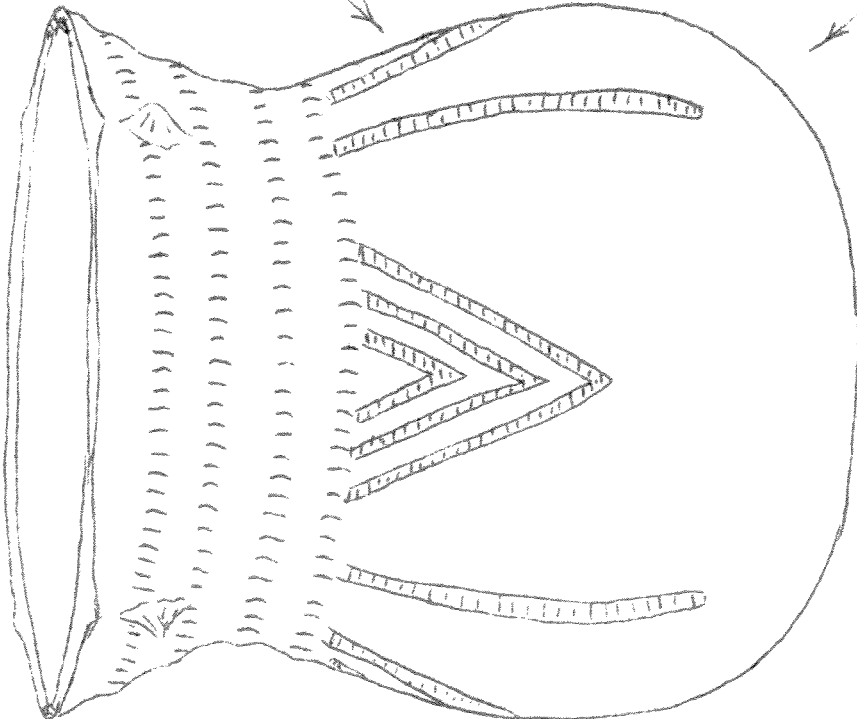
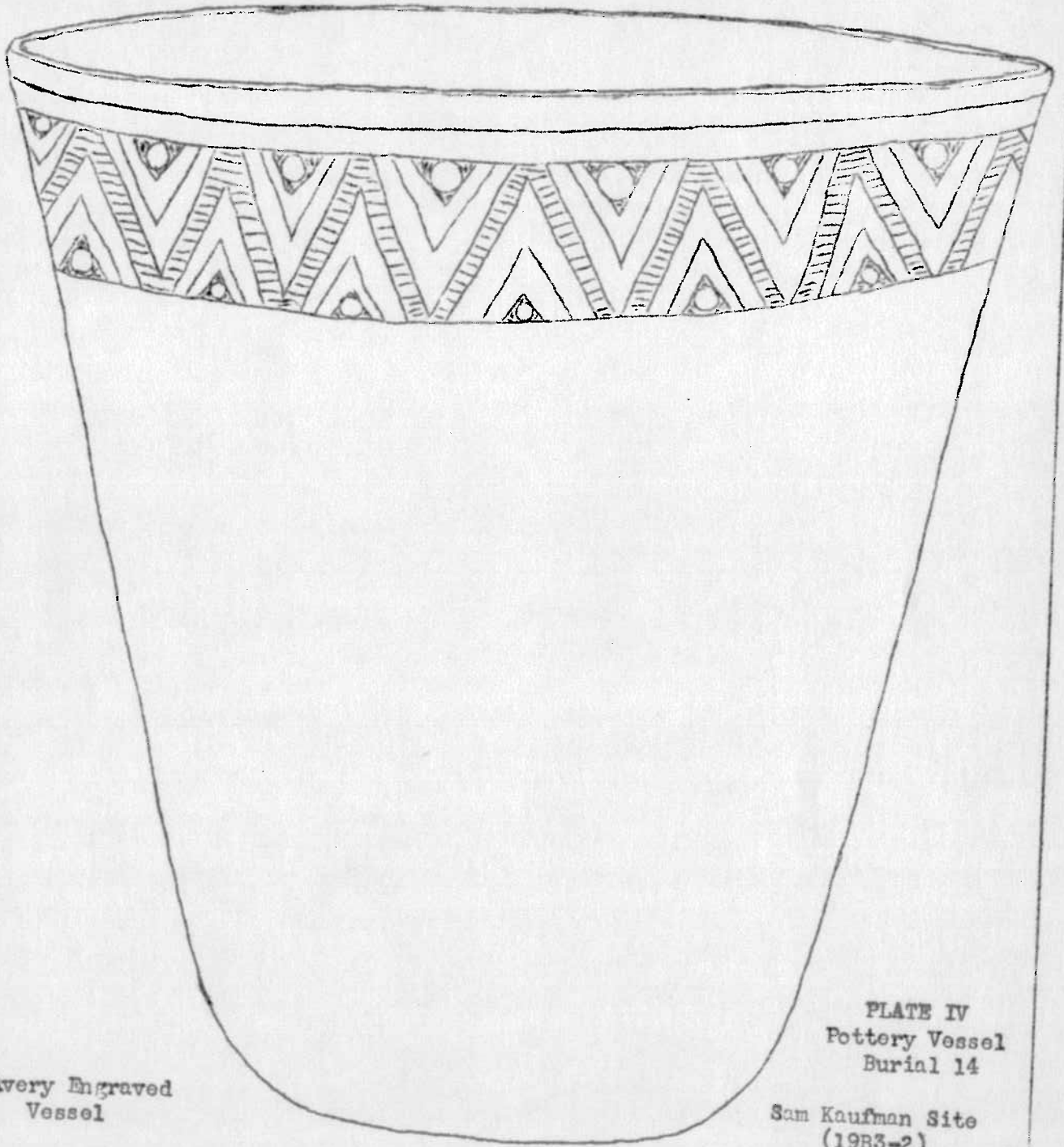


PLATE III  
Pottery Vessels  
Burial 14  
Sam Kaufman Site  
(19B3-2)  
Red River County  
Texas  
Scale  $\frac{3}{4}$ " = 1"

Vessel is shell tempered and covered with a red slip. The design was engraved thru the red slip.



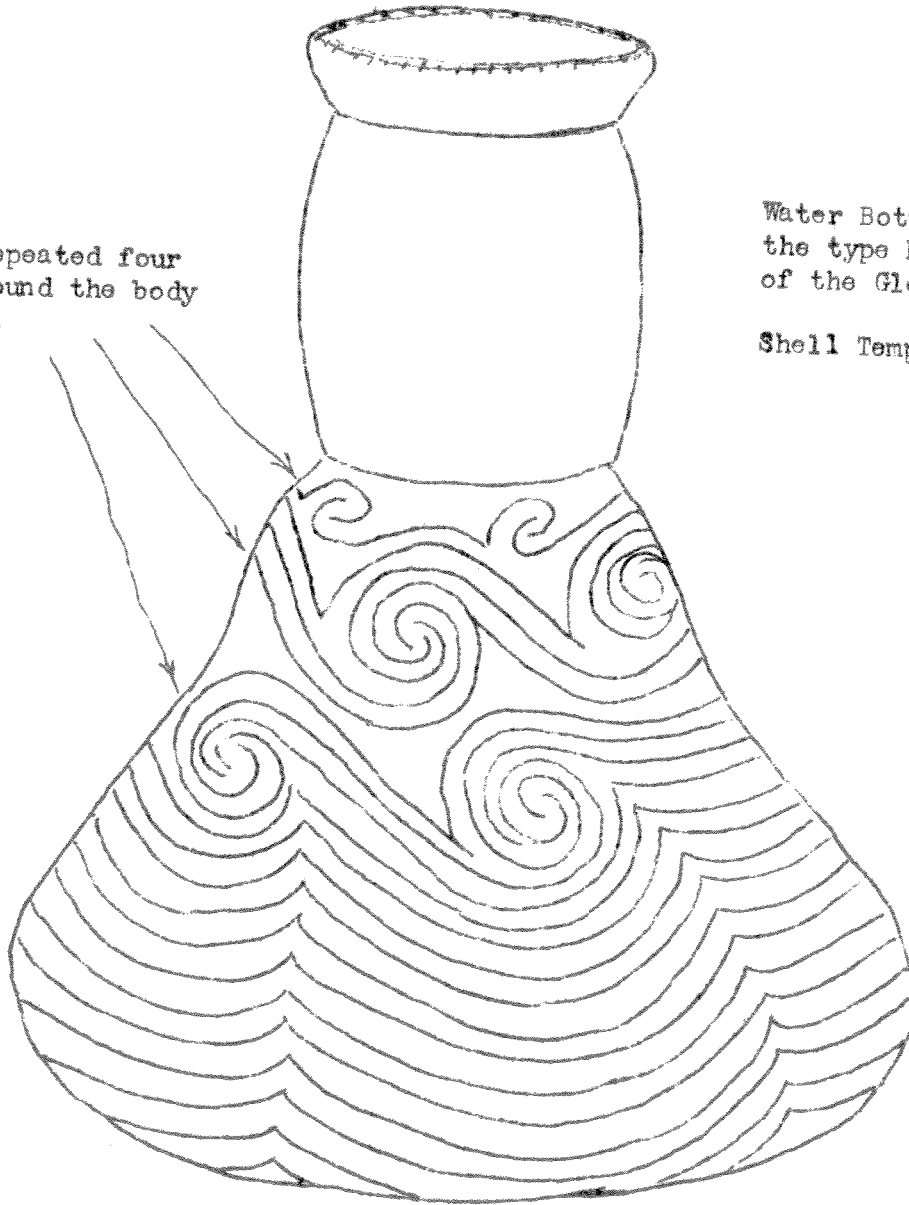
Avery Engraved  
Vessel

PLATE IV  
Pottery Vessel  
Burial 14

Sam Kaufman Site  
(19B3-2)  
Red River County  
Texas

Scale  $\frac{1}{4}$ " - 1"

Design repeated four  
times around the body  
of vessel



Water Bottle of  
the type Keno Trailed  
of the Glendora Focus

Shell Tempered

Scale Full Size

PLATE V  
Waterbottle Burial 15  
Sam Kaufman Site (19B3-2)  
Red River County, Texas