ELAINE BLUHM HEROLD: A RENAISSANCE WOMAN OF ILLINOIS

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ABSTRACT

Elaine Bluhm Herold (1925-2015) was one of Illinois's earliest professional female archaeologists at a time when women's participation in Illinois archae-ology was limited. Her participation in the University of Chicago field school at Zimmerman site (1947) was the start of her love of archaeology and led her to positions at the University of Chicago, Field Museum of Natural History, and the University of Illinois. Elaine's many accomplishments included engaging both professional and avocational archaeologists in salvaging threatened ar-chaeological sites, educating students and the general public about Illinois ar-chaeological heritage, becoming the sole female founding member of the Illinois Archaeological Survey (IAS) in 1956, and IAS Treaurer-Secretary and Editor until 1967. The IAS bulletins she produced were a critical resource for the development of regional chronologies throughout Illinois. Elaine's diverse interests, concerns for endangered sites, and enthusiasm for public education provides a role model for many subsequent generations of female archaeolo-

TIMELINE - 55 YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGY

- 1943 entered Graduate Program at University of Chicago- worked with Kenneth G. Orr 1947 - First field school at Zimmerman site near Starved Rock under Kenneth G. Orr (University of Chicago) and John B. McGregor (Illinois State Museum)
- 1948 Completed Masters Degree (U of C) MA entitled 'An Analysis of the Boulder Site: A Study of Early Hopewell Occupation in Illinois'
- 1948 Began work at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago; catalogues textiles from Paul S. Martin's excavations at Tularosa Cave (New Mexico) 1949 - Joined field school at Danger Cave (Utah) under Jesse Jennings
- 1950 Joined excavations at Tularosa Cave (New Mexico) under Field Museum Curator
- Paul S. Martin 1951 - Published clearest sequence for Hopewell Middle Woodland up to that time
- 1956 Founding member and only female Board member of the Illinois Archaeological Survey. Positions held Secretary-Treasurer and Editor (1956-1967) 1957 - Completed PhD degree (Advisor - Faye Cooper Cole, U of C) - PhD entitled 'Pat-terns of Settlement in the Southwestern United States, A.D. 500-1250'
- 1958 started at University of Illinois, Urbana; in charge of the laboratory, collections,
- and taught courses in fieldwork, analysis, and curation 1964 Married Donald G. Herold (Director of Davenport Museum in Davenport, Iowa); resigned from the Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana 1964-1968 - Wrote up the collections recovered in the 19th century from Albany Mounds
- (Hopewell) 1968 - moved to Florida where her husband was Director of the Polk Public Museum in
- Lakeland, Florida and later (1969) the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, Florida 1971 - moved to Charleston, South Carolina where her husband was Director of the
- **Charleston Museum** 1982 - moved to New York where her husband was Director of the Buffalo Museum of
- Science 1984 - Donald G. Herold passes away

2001 - retires and moves to Tucson, Arizona



Elaine Bluhm with George Talbot, George Rich, and John McGregor (Courtesy of Jennifer Chaos Herold)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 1948-1957 Assistant in the Department of Anthropology, Field Museum, Chicago 1956-1957 Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana
- 1957-1959 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana
- 1959-1962 Instructor in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana 1962-1964 - Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University
- of Illinois, Urbana 1964-1968 - Research Associate at the Davenport Museum, Davenport, Iowa
- 1971-1982 Research Associate at The Charleston Museum and Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
- 1982-2001 Research Associate at the University of Buffalo, Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo State College, and the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society

ARCHAEOLOGY

Elaine Bluhm is the recorder for a total of 340 perhistoric and historic sites in the Illinois Site Files

Some of Elaine's larger site projects: Illinois **Hoxie Farm** Huber Oak Forest John Deere Blacksmith Shop (need Grand Detour) Crawford Farm - Rock Island Anker **Rock River Survey**

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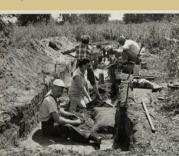
Charleston, South Carolina: Heyward-Washington House The Exchange building



Elaine Bluhm, Schlegal Fritz AHO site -1962



Elaine Bluhm and William Beeson, Caterpillar Site - 1957 (Courtesy of Illinois State Archa



Elaine Bluhm, Hoxie Farm Site - 1953 (Courtesy of



Elaine Bluhm, Bealie (Bean Field?) Site - 1961 (Courtesy of

KNOWN FOR:

Her passion for archaeology and learning about the past

Her ability to instill enthusiasm in undergraduate and graduate students and avocational archaeologists

Her patience in training people in all aspects of archaeology fieldwork, analysis, and curation

Her unceasing efforts to preserve the past

Her ability to multitask with unending energy

Plane table surveying skills

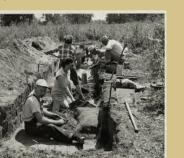


Sinnissippi Park Survey Site - 1963.

Front L-R: Dr. Elaine Bluhm, Margaret Hoffman, Carolyn Sands, Dan Casey Back L-R: Michael Hoffman, Gunnar Benson, Ferrel Anderson, Jerry Anderson, John Washburne, Lloyd Jr., David Casey (Image owned by Sterling/Rock Falls Historical Society)

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Elaine Bluhm, Hoxie Farm Site

1953 (Courtesy of Illinois State Archaeological Survey)

1990-2001 - Director of the Archaeological Survey, University of Buffalo 2001 - retired

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Illinois Archaeological Survey Midwest Archaeological Conference New York Archaeological Council New York State Archaeological Association



Students tasting boiled clams - 1963 (Courtesy of Illinois State



AVOCATIONAL

ARCHAEOLOGY Elaine Bluhm was a leader in having both pro-

fessional and avocational archaeologists on her

threatened archaeological sites, and impart a deep appreciation of the past in her crew. The

success of her projects is due in large part to

still involved in regional archaeology.

these dedicated field crews-- some of whom are

field crews. She objectives were to salvage

Digging out steamed clams (Courtesy of Illinois State



Stone boiling with limestone (Courtesy of Illinois



Elaine Bluhm, Como Survey Site - 1963 (Image owned by Starling (Back Falle Michael Saciety)

TEACHING University of Illinois

College of Charleston

The Citadel (Charleston)

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