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Abstract

For this project the focus will be on the analysis and classification of the ceramic vessels and pottery shards donated in the collection of artifacts from the Long Swamp site (9CK1) in North Georgia. The site is believed to be in use during the late Woodland and into Mississippian era (1000 A.D.- 1600 A.D.). Lamar and Mary Fowler Holcomb, landowners of the Long Swamp site, collected these materials over the years and recently donated them to the Cherokee County Historical Society. These materials are currently on temporary loan to GSU from the Cherokee County Historic Society. Due to the circumstances and the lack of recording keeping done by the Holcomb's there is minimal contextual or stratigraphic information associated with the artifacts. Because of the lack of context, the concentration of the analysis will be on the stylistic attributes of the pottery (i.e., vessel form, exterior decoration, paste, etc...) to determine the pottery types present in this collection. With the type information, it will provide the Cherokee Historical Society with important information about the site's occupational history and its connections to other parts of the Southeast in order to better inform the public about the site's significance.