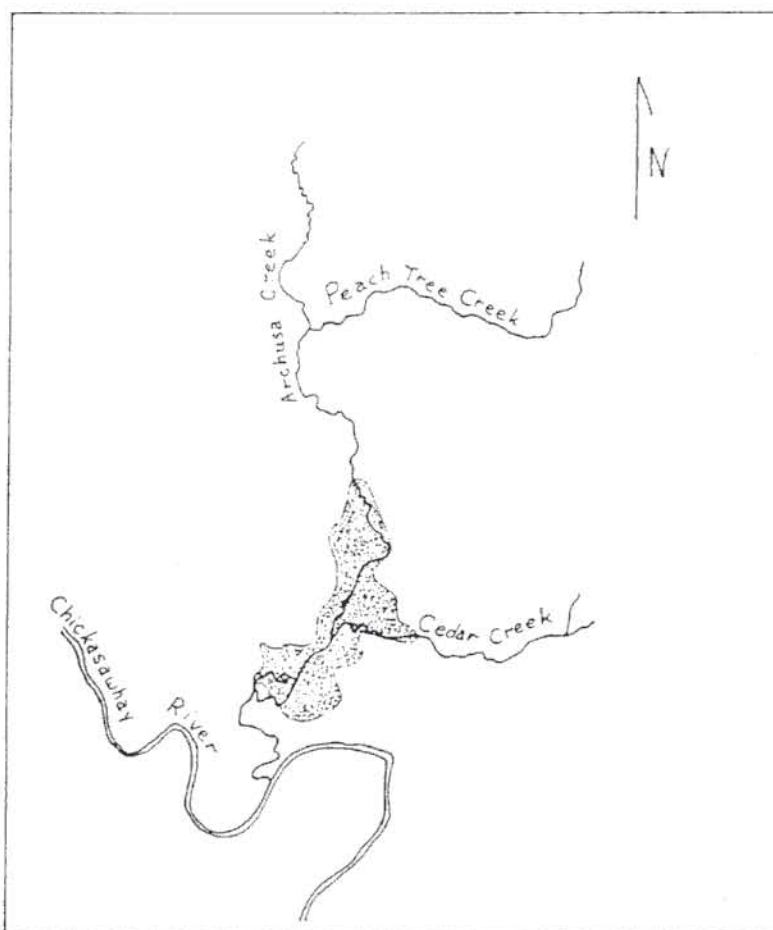
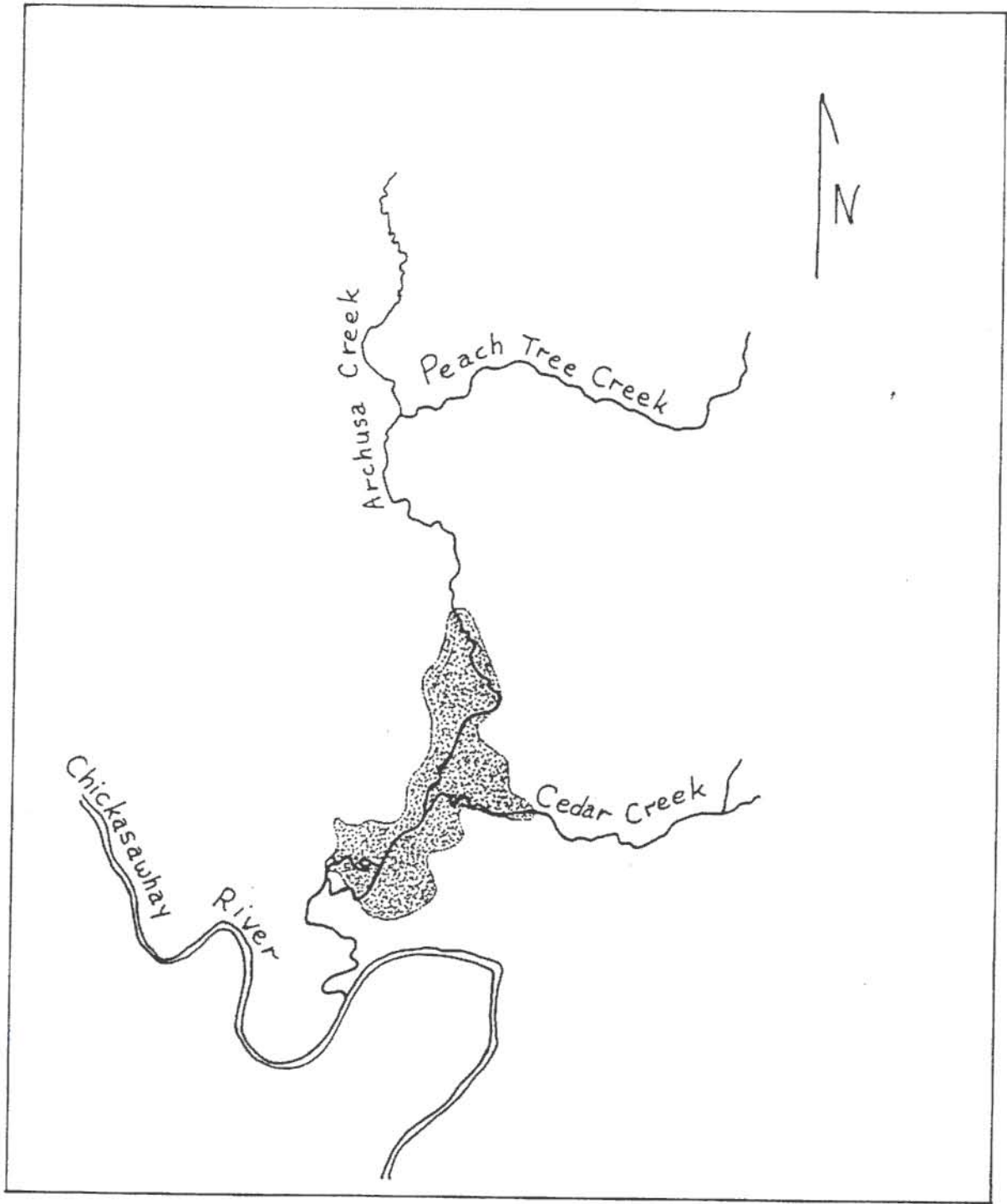


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PREFACE

This report describes thirty sites containing cultural material found in a 1971 survey and excavation along lower Archusa Creek in central Clarke County, Mississippi. Archaeological investigation began shortly before the area was inundated to form a recreational 440-acre lake, the Archusa Creek Water Park. The survey revealed a long and varied prehistoric utilization, with data suggesting extensive use during the Late Archaic and Early Woodland periods and a cultural orientation largely to the Gulf Coast. The single salvage excavation yielded significant data on early ceramic complexes and confirmed some earlier interpretations of area prehistory. As the first survey in recent years of the large area of southeastern Mississippi, in the northern part of which the survey lies, it is hoped that this study will prove a real contribution toward an understanding of the past of that part of the state.

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