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The Prehistoric Pacific Littoral of Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico: The Archaeology, Ethnohistory, and Environment of the Marismas Nacionales

Descriptions of Human Burials Recovered During the Marismas Nacionales Project, Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico

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The Marismas Nacionales project resulted in the recovery and study of the remains of 248 individuals. The burial descriptions and comments presented below are based on both the reported summaries by Gill (1971), Schutte (1973), and Schutte and Speas (1973), the burial field forms mostly prepared by Gill or Schutte, and what could be gleaned from student field notes. Grave pits were generally not recognizable. It is appears most burial mounds grew by accretion as burials were added. Because burials were covered with the sandy fill from the burial pit or with the undifferentiated sandy material at or adjacent to the burial mound, little if any differences in soil color or texture covering the burial was observable. Any grave pits identified are discussed on a case-by-case basis. Many of the burials were disturbed by subsequent burials. Mortuary practices, paleopathologies, cultural modifications to the skeleton, and skeletal biology are discussed in Chapters 9, 10, and 11 of volume accompanied by this digital summation of individual burial descriptions.

Also note that illustrations of funerary offerings, ceramic vessels and other artifact types, are called out in the following descriptions; for example, see Figure 6.50d or illustrated in Figure 6.58b. Ceramic vessels are illustrated in Chapter 6 and other artifacts are illustrated in Chapter 7. References called out can also be found in the volume accompanied by this digital supplement.

**JUANA GOMEZ**

**Burial Number: 1**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Bundle
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Burial 1 was recovered from the southwest quarter of TU G. Gill (1968) indicates the burial was recovered in a trash deposit from the Gully TU at the site and that it was very poorly preserved. Gill (1968:158) describes the remains as follows, “The long bones were apparently not cut into sections, but rather, were broken either through natural erosion or acts of man, as is evidenced by the rough and jagged ends. The two short proximal ends of the femora were articulated with a more or less complete pelvis. No other bones were articulated, but rather, found in a jumbled fashion often broken. Very few skull fragments were found...” However, in his subsequent discussion of the burial, Gill (1971:82) concluded it was the remains of a bundle burial. Despite this observation, it is unclear, based on field notes, whether Burial 1 is actually a bundle burial or the poorly preserved and disturbed remains of an unidentifiable burial type.
Burial Number: 2  
**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Extended inhumation in a supine position.  
**Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified.

**Funerary Offerings:** Gill (1968) mentions that no specific funerary offerings were associated with the burial although there were some rocks partially encircling the top of the cranium. Additionally, an obsidian flake, also reported as an obsidian point, was located in the middle on the right forearm. Another stone was located on the inside of the upper right thigh. Although certainly suggestive, especially the stone at the top of the cranium, it is not certain whether these items are part of the mortuary treatment or whether they are fortuitous occurrences.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** The remains appeared nearly complete; however, the bone was poorly preserved and highly fractured. The burial was in a supine position with her arms extended at her sides. It was also recovered from the Gully TUs.
LA TARJEÁ

Mound A

Burial Number: 1
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: No assessment
  Age: No assessment
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: Small bowl placed near the head.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: None

  Description/Comment: Burials 1 and 2 from Mound A were very poorly preserved and intermixed. Rucker (1969) suggests they had been “stuffed” into a small grave pit at the same time.

Burial Number: 2
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: No assessment
  Age: No assessment
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Cranial modification of the Burial 2 skull was identified, but the type was not specified. No dental modification was observed.

  Description/Comment: Burials 1 and 2 from Mound A were very poorly preserved and intermixed. Rucker (1969) suggest they had been “stuffed” into a small grave pit at the same time,

Burial Number: 3
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: No assessment
  Age: No assessment
  Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.
  Orientation of Skull: East

  Funerary Offerings: A small necked-jar (Middle Chametla Polychrome Engraved, (see Figure 6.50d) was present at the left shoulder and small, complete bowl was present at the right side of the pelvic area.
Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: The remains were very poorly preserved with only a few cranial fragments being recoverable.

Burial Number: 4
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Semiflexed in a supine position with the lower legs flexed back under the thighs.
Orientation of Skull: North-northwest

Funerary Offerings: A small Middle Chametla Polychrome Engraved necked jar (see Figure 6.50e) found near the knees.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Burial 4 was not fully excavated, only the lower the legs were exposed in the test trench. The bone was also poorly preserved.

Burial Number: 5
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Undetermined, possibly secondary.
Orientation of Skull: West. The skull was on its left side facing north.

Funerary Offerings: A complete small-necked jar was found near the face. Approximately 60 cm north of the skull were a small, hollow ceramic tripod turtle effigy and the fragments of a large, likely reconstructable, red tecomate. These two items were close to one another, but it was not clear to Rucker that they were associated with Burial 5.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Burial 5 was poorly preserved with only the skull, a few rib fragments, and a single long bone fragment identifiable. Gill (1971:82) suggests Burial 5 is a secondary burial, presumably because of the lack of postcranial skeletal material; however, this is not indicated or suggested by Rucker (1969).

Burial Number: 6
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: No assessment
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Flexed, possibly in a semi-upright or upright position.  
Orientation of Skull: South  

Funerary Offerings: A small necked jar, possibly a variant of Chametla Red-rim Decorated (see Figure 6.50a), was found resting against the north side of the skull; Rucker suggested it had been placed just above the pelvic region. A small inverted bowl was found near the tibia in the area of where the feet may have been.  

Cranial/Dental Modification: None  

Description/Comment: Burial 6 consisted of only a skull and a single articulated pair of tightly flexed leg bones. The skull was described as being face down with the top of the skull resting against the femur. The burial appeared to have been tightly flexed and possibly in a semi-upright or upright position as the skull had collapsed to the pelvic area. The long bones were oriented generally north-south, with the pelvis and feet to the north, the patellar region to the south, indicating the burial was oriented with the skull to the south.  

Burial Number: 7  
Condition: Nearly complete  
Sex: No assessment  
Age: No assessment  
Burial Type: Semiflexed  
Orientation of Skull: North  

Funerary Offerings: None  

Cranial/Dental Modification: None  

Description/Comment: Burial 7 was relatively complete although disturbed and fragmented; the right femur was absent. The skull was crushed and it was situated above the chest area and the mandible was resting directly above the right upper arm. The body appears to have been buried in a semiflexed position with the arms folded across the abdomen and hands resting on the pelvis area. The lower legs were flexed under the femurs with the knees pointed west-southwest.  

Burial Number: 8  
Condition: Nearly complete  
Sex: No assessment  
Age: No assessment  
Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.  
Orientation of Skull: North
Funerary Offerings: Rucker (1969) notes that a small-necked jar was “held” in the right hand at the pelvis.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Burial 8 was identified as the result of the excavation of TU A; only the right half of the skeleton was exposed. The burial was in a supine position with the right arm extended along its right side.

Burial Number: 9
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment.
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Semiflexed; legs only slightly flexed.
Orientation of Skull: North

Funerary Offerings: Located near the right knee was a complete, although broken during excavation, frog, or toad effigy vessel.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Only the skull and portions of the right side of the skeleton of Burial 9 were exposed. The body appears to have been buried in an extended to semiflexed position with the legs slightly flexed and it may have been buried with the head and upper torso slightly elevated as the head had collapsed forward resulting in the skull lying over the upper chest area. The right knee was pointing west and the right arm was crossed over the pelvis.

Burial Number: 10
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Extended inhumation.
Orientation of Skull: Unspecified

Funerary Offerings: Rucker mentions the presence of funerary offerings, but these were not described.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Burial 10 at La Tarjea provides one on the better examples of burial treatment and possibly subsequent burial ritual that was identified during the Marismas investigations. Only the lower limbs were exposed during excavations. The body was in a supine position with the arms crossing the body resulting in the hands being crossed above the pelvis area.
Rucker (1969) indicates Burial 10 was buried in a straight-sided rectangular grave pit that extended from the prehistoric ground surface into the culturally sterile substrate. After the body had been covered, apparently with the fill excavated for the grave pit, a series of large fires may have been burned directly on the grave. The first fire appears to have been built shortly after or upon the burial of the body. There was no deposition of fill between the top of the grave and the ash from the first fire. A period seems to have passed between the first fire or burning episode as a thin layer of soil was deposited before the second fire. At least one, maybe two, more burning episodes occurred subsequently. It was difficult to determine because the fill in the grave pit had settled and the upper deposits of ash and burned soil slumped and became intermixed. Nevertheless, Rucker (1969) indicates that, based on the vertical profile of the grave pit, at least two burnings occurred before the fill in the pit settled.

**Mound B**

**Burial Number: 1**
- **Condition:** Nearly complete
- **Sex:** No assessment
- **Age:** No assessment
- **Burial Type:** Flexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** A small blow (undescribed) was located near the feet.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Burial 1 was supine position with the legs tightly flexed. The head was oriented to the east and the knees were pointed to the right of the body. The skull had collapsed face down on the chest. The left arm was folded across the body with the hand on the pelvis area; there was no sign of the right arm.

**Burial Number: 2**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** No assessment
- **Age:** No assessment
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** A red-on-orange jar was located just south of the skull (see Figure 6.50c).

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Burial 2 consisted only of skull fragments, radius and ulna shafts (whether representing a single arm or both was not specified), and many unidentifiable bone fragments.
Burial Number: 3
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment
Age: No assessment
Burial Type: Undetermined (possibly seated)
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: A polychrome jar was present near the pelvis and skull.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Burial 3, although poorly preserved was nearly complete. Rucker (1969) suggested this may have been a seated burial. Some of the ribs and vertebra were articulated. The head had collapsed and was face down over the pelvis. Rucker thought that it appeared as if the arms were wrapped around the legs as if pulling them toward the chest, however, he was not certain that was actually the case.

Burial Number: 4
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: No assessment
Age: Child
Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: A complete polychrome jar (type unspecified) was located immediately above the skull.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Burial 4 consisted of the remains of a child buried in an extended position. It was noted that the soil below the feet exhibited a slight discoloration, but the significance was unclear.

PANALES TEST MOUND A

Burial Number: 1
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Probably female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: None
Description/Comment: The skull was face down and both the skull and mandible were placed atop the pile of bones that included only short sections of long bones, a thoracic vertebra and other vertebral fragments, and the glenoid fossa (shoulder socket) of the left scapula. A section of left femur, measuring 20-cm long, was broken at both ends. All other long bone sections were cut or sawed smooth on at least one end (Gill 1971:80). This suggests the post-cranial skeleton had been cut up and broken up for packaging the bundle of remains for burial.

PANALES TEST MOUND B

Burial Number: 1
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.
  Orientation of Skull: North

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: The remains were broken and weathered. The head of this individual was tilted with its face to the east. The knees were slightly bent and pointed to the east. The feet were straight with the arms and hands were along the side of the body; the right hand was clinched. The burial was in the earthen portion of the mound directly above a layer of shell in Cut #2. The preservation was fair with portions of the skeleton broken and weathered; the bone was soft.
Burial Number: 2
Condition: Nearly complete, weathered.
Sex: Probably female.
Age: Young adult.
Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: Possibly a broken metate.

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification was identified. The A-1 (notched) (see Chapter 10) dental modification was exhibited.

Description/Comment: The burial was extended with the arms along the side of the body and the hands resting on the pelvis at the tops of the femurs. The skeleton was broken and weathered; the skull had collapsed forward and was resting face down on the chest. This burial was also in Cut #2 and although there was some scattered shell near the burial, it was beyond and below the shell lens identified below Burial 1.

Gill’s field form notes that a broken metate was present about 30 cm southwest of the skull. Although the metate fragment was substantial and in proximity to the skull, Gill (1974) did not believe the metate was associated with the burial as a funerary offering. It is not clear why he assumed this; perhaps because it was broken he thought was simply a discarded implement.
Burial Number: 3
Condition: Incomplete  
Sex: Undetermined  
Age: Adolescent  
Burial Type: Undetermined  
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: A number of funerary offerings, not described in detail, were associated with Burial 3 and included two vessels, six small white (presumably shell) beads, 16 tooth-shaped beads (material type undescribed), and five spindle whorls.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. This individual exhibited a double F-1 (notched) form of dental modification.

Description/Comment: The remains were highly fragmentary. Based on the prevalence of spindle whorls being associated with female burials in the Marismas, this suggests that Burial 3 may have been that of an adolescent female.

Burial Number: 4
Condition: Incomplete  
Sex: Undetermined  
Age: Child  
Burial Type: Undetermined  
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Associated with this individual as funerary offerings were a carved red bead (stone?), a polished bone necklace piece (pendant or bead?), and a tripod vessel (possibly illustrated in Figure 6.58b).

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The remains were highly fragmentary.

Burial Number: 5
Condition: Incomplete  
Sex: Undermine  
Age: Young adult  
Burial Type: Undetermined  
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The remains were highly fragmentary.
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Burial Number: 1
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Probably male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined, scattered
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Found in association with Burial 1 were 10 spiral shells (species unspecified) and two ceramic vessels, one of which was a red-on-buff (see Figure 6.58a); however, there is some discrepancy regarding the presence or absence and types of offerings between what is reported by Taylor and Rautenkrantz (1971) and summarized by Schutte (1973).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited an intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification (see Chapter 10; Schutte 1973). No dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The remains were fragmentary and scattered.

Burial Number: 2
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed, on its side.
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification (Schutte 1973). No dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 3
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Seated in a flexed position.
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: A ceramic, plain buff, Cocoyolitos-style smoking pipe (see Figure 7.8) was found placed on the chest of the burial.
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification.

**Description/Comment:** Burial 3 was buried seated in a flexed position with the legs drawn tightly to the chest and his arms along his sides.

![Burial 3](image)

**Burial Number:** 4  
**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** A reconstructable ceramic vessel was found as a funerary offering.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull of Burial 4 exhibited the intermediate form of tabular erect cranial modification (Schutte 1973:Table 10). No evidence of dental modification was reported.

**Description/Comment:** None

**Burial Number:** 5  
**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Bundle
**Orientation of Skull:** East (however, it is not clear how that determination was made).

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No evidence of dental modification was reported.

**Description/Comment:** Taylor and Rautenkrantz (1971) report that the soil surrounding the burial was slightly discolored and they suggested that this may have been from a material in which the bundle burial was wrapped when interred.

**Burial Number: 6**
- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Semiflexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northeast

**Funerary Offerings:** A crudely made plainware vessel was recovered as a funerary offering.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited a bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. Dental modification in the form of a variant of the A-2 was present on six incisors (Schutte 1973:66, Figure 3).

**Description/Comment:** None

**Burial Number: 7**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Undetermined
- **Age:** Adult
- **Burial Type:** Semiflexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northeast

**Funerary Offerings:** A reconstructable ceramic vessel was recovered as a funerary offering; it was placed just beyond the feet.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** Burial 7 was fragmentary and poorly preserved. It was buried in a semi-flexed position with its arms paralleling the spinal column.
CHALPA

Mound A

Burial Number: 1
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: The remains were highly fragmentary.

Burial Number: 2
  Condition: Complete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Adolescent
  Burial Type: Semiflexed
  Orientation of Skull: Southwest

  Funerary Offerings: A dog burial was found near Burial 2 and was recorded as a mortuary offering. It was located just south of the burial’s right shoulder. The field form records a mollusk shell near the left hand and a larger mollusk shell near the right side of the body near the pelvis. Gill (1971:Table 1) lists three animal burials as mortuary offerings, apparently the dog burial and the two mollusk shell.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull of Burial 2 exhibited the psedudocircular variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The C-5 (pointed) variety of dental modification was present.

  Description/Comment: Burial 2 was the complete remains of an adolescent female buried in a semiflexed position; the skull was turned with the face to the north. The upper right arm was extended along the side of the torso and bent at the elbow with the lower arm and had resting on the abdomen. The left upper arm was also extended along the body with the lower left arm bent at a 180-degree angle so that the hand was resting next to the left shoulder.

Burial Number: 3
  Condition: Complete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Old adult
  Burial Type: Sitting, tightly flexed
**Orientation of Skull:** Southwest

**Funerary Offerings:** Mortuary offerings reported include a ceramic vessel and a ceramic smoking pipe; however, there is no description of these and the location of the offerings relative to the skeleton is not reported. As discussed in Chapter 7, five ceramic smoking pipes were recovered from Chalpa burials. Only one of these is described in detail (see Figure 7.9); however, its association with a specific burial is reported.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was reported.

**Description/Comment:** Burial 3 was the complete remains of an older adult female buried in a flexed, sitting position. The burial appeared oriented to the southwest with the feet pointing to the northeast.

**Burial Number:** 4A  
**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed on its left side  
**Orientation of Skull:** South

**Funerary Offerings:** The field form indicates a cracked decorated vessel was present just east of the pelvis area.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Burial 4A was the incomplete remains; the shoulders, arms, neck vertebra, and skull were missing. The knees point to the southwest and the spinal column was aligned to the south.

**Burial Number:** 4B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Mid adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** None
Burial Number: 5A
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Mid adult
  Burial Type: Semiflexed on her left side
  Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Mortuary offerings included a decorated ceramic bowl and a
spindle whorl. Based on the field form drawing of the burial the bowl was in the chest
area between the chin and the knees and the spindle whorl seems to have been placed in
the area between the pelvis and feet. The bowl, stolen overnight before the excavation of
the burial could be completed, is undescribed, as is the spindle whorl.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of tabular erect
cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification was undetermined.

Description/Comment: The skeleton was nearly complete.

Burial Number: 5B
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Newborn
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 6
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Adolescent
  Burial Type: Seated, flexed
  Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: An undescribed olla was present at the feet of the burial and a
possible earring is also reported on the burial form. Subsequently, Gill (1971) reports the
presence of two carved shell beads being associated with the burial.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification was
undetermined. Notched varieties of both A-1 and F-1dental modification were present.
Description/Comment: The body was very tightly flexed and laying to its right side. The head had twisted to the left and the face was facing down.

Burial Number: 7
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Infant
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 8
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed, supine
  Orientation of Skull: West
Funerary Offerings: An obsidian projectile point was near the left side of the pelvis. The field form notes that a large sherd was present near the head and a ceramic smoking pipe bowl was found below the burial, but these were not interpreted as mortuary offerings (Gill 1971).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification was undetermined. The A-1 (notched) variety of tooth modification was present.

Description/Comment: Burial 8 was nearly complete. She was buried on her back with her knees flexed and pointing to the south. Her left arm was folded across her torso.

Burial Number: 9A
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Extended in a supine position.
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 9B

Condition: Fragmentary  
Sex: Female  
Age: Adult  
Burial Type: Undetermined  
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 10

Condition: Nearly complete  
Sex: Female  
Age: Young adult  
Burial Type: Semiflexed on her left side  
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Mortuary offerings found with Burial 10 include a ceramic smoking pipe, a spindle whorl, a broken decorated bowl, and a handled vessel. The field notes mention the handled vessel but this is not described in the subsequent analysis of ceramic from Chalpa. Rather, two decorated bowls, a Red-rimmed Utility ware (see Figure 6.51a) and a painted and engraved bowl that exhibited band incising typical Middle Culiacán but with a pendant motif typical of El Taste Polychrome (its appearance is similar to Santiago Engraved—see Figure 6.51d), are reported as having been associated with Burial 10. The incised bowl appears to be a hybrid of several regional types. The spindle whorl and smoking pipe are not described. However, it is of note that Burial 10’s field form note that a carbon sample was collected from the bowl of the pipe, suggesting that specimen was previously used.

The conflict between the field form and the subsequent ceramic analysis is further exacerbated by the sketch on the burial on the burial form which indicates a “small pot” was near the left side of the head next to a larger bowl (presumed to be the decorated and engraved specimen) that was placed above the head. The pipe appears to have been placed on the chest and the spindle whorl to the side of the upper right arm.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.
Description/Comment: Burial 10 was buried in a semiflexed position on her left side with her head twisted to the right.

Burial Number: 11
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Extended supine position
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 12A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed on his left side
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: A ceramic smoking pipe was found as a mortuary offering.
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. Both the A-1 and F-1 (notched) varieties of dental modification were present.

**Description/Comment:** The Burial 12A were incomplete. The skull was turned to the left. One leg was missing as were a number of small bones. It was not clear whether this burial had been disturbed or whether it represented reburial of previously interred remains.

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**Burial Number: 12B**
- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Undetermined
- **Age:** Infant
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** The remains were fragmentary.
Burial Number: 13
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Infant
  Burial Type: Extended in a supine position
  Orientation of Skull: West

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: The remains were nearly complete with right arm missing.

Burial Number: 14
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Probably male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Extended in a supine position
  Orientation of Skull: North-northwest

  Funerary Offerings: One animal burial above the right knee, one green stone bead, and possibly one chert flake.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. The A-1 (notched) variety of dental modification was present.

  Description/Comment: The right arm was bent with the right hand resting on the right him. The left arm was at the side of the body.
Burial Number: 15
Condition: Complete
Sex: Female
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Seated, flexed
Orientation of Skull: Upright with face to the east
Funerary Offerings: One large ceramic smoking pipe, one decorated vessel (type unspecified. The pipe was upside down above the hands and pelvis. The vessel was boat-shaped with a rounded neck; it was upside down above the pipe.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Very tightly flexed with the knees tilting to the left. The left hand was in the lap and the right hand was on top of the right foot.
Burial Number: 16
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One El Taste Polychrome, red-on-cream variant bowl (see Figure 6.51c). The bowl was placed on the north side of the body near the pelvis.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was evident.

Description/Comment: The burial was laying on its back with the legs folded upon on the right side of the body.

Burial Number: 17A
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The remains were fragmentary and intermixed with those of Burial 17B. The relationship between the two burials prior to disturbance could not be determined.

Burial Number: 17B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The remains were fragmentary and intermixed with those of Burial 17A. The relationship between the two burials prior to disturbance could not be determined.
**Burial Number:** 18  
**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Seated, flexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** Face to the east

**Funerary Offerings:** One decorated vessel, one spindle whorl. The bowl is decorated in red and black-on-buff (see Figure 6.51b). One incised spindle whorl was found the left shoulder area.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibits the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** The skull had tilted to the north and had collapsed face down. The arms were crossed behind the lower legs and it appeared the hands were cradling the bowl. There were pieces of human bone in the fill around the burial suggesting the presence of a disturbed burial.
Burial Number: 19
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed in a partially seated position.
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One bowl (not described)

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. The F-7 variety (notched) of dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The knees were tilted to the north with the feet to the right side of the body.

Burial Number: 20
Condition: Complete
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One plain necked bowl (see Figure 6.5c) and one incised spindle whorl.
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The orientation of the body was east-west with the head to the west and the face looking east. The body was in a supine position with its legs flexed and tilted to the right. The arms were across the abdomen; the field form indicates the bowl was being cradle by the arms although the accompanying illustration indicated the bowl was north of the upper left arm. The spindle whorl was found next to the upper left arm as well.

Mound B

Burial Number: Salvage
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Undetermined
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Gill (1971) lists this burial in Table 23, but it is not otherwise discussed. Here it is assumed to be bone fragments recovered for previous vandalism of the mound.

Mound C

Burial Number: 1A
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The cranium exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.
Description/Comment: Burial 1A is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 1B is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1C
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 1C is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1D
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 1D is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1E
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 1E is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1F
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited some cranial modification, but the type could not be determined. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 1F is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1G
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Burial 1G is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1H
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably female
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Burial 1H is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1I
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Newborn
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Burial 1I is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 1J
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child(?)
Burial Type: Secondary mass inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Burial 1J is part of a secondary mass inhumation consisting of 10 individuals.

Burial Number: 2
Condition: Complete
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: North

Funerary Offerings: Two large ollas and a small dish.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. C-4 and B-2 pointed forms of dental modification were represented.

Description/Comment: The field form indicates the burial was placed in a pit approximately 92 cm in diameter and at least 61 cm deep. In cross section, the pit was oval to round in form. The skeleton was on its left side and the head had fallen forward and was twisted to the left. The right arm was bent at a near right angle with the hand in the hip area and the left arm was bent and under the body.
Mound D

Burial Number: 1A
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Old adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

  Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. The A-1 (notched) variety of dental modification was observed.

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 1B
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably female
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2C
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Adolescent
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 3A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: Numerous small white beads (material type not specified) that probably were from a necklace.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The body appears to have been placed on its left side. The burial appears to have been disturbed by a subsequent burial. The skull and mandible had been displaced 50 cm to the north. The cranium was incomplete and a number of small bones were missing.

Burial Number: 3B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 4A
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: South (the skull was upright facing north)

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined and no dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The skeleton was in a supine position with the legs flexed but mostly extending straight from the body. The arms were along the sides of the skeleton. The body was oriented north-south. It appeared that the presence of Burial 13 prevented Burial 4A from being buried any deeper.

Burial Number: 4B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 5
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Southwest (based on orientation of the spinal column)

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The body appeared to have been placed on its back. The burial appeared to have been disturbed as a result of interment of other burials. Skull fragments, clavicals, parts of the pelvis, and vertebrae were present.

Burial Number: 6
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Female
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: One orange colored plainware bowl and on cylindrical ceramic stamp.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. It could not be determined if any form of dental modification was present.
**Description/Comment:** The skeleton was in a supine position with the arms along its sides. The head was upright. There was some disturbance of the abdomen area.

**Burial Number:** 7  
**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Probable male  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** North

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a supine position with the legs flexed and the knees pointing to the west. The hands were position in the lap.
Burial Number: 8  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** Possibly two plainware vessels. However, the area of Burial 8 was disturbed and it is possible the vessels were associated with one of the burials from the fragmentary remains that make up the Burial 9 (A–H) assemblage.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Badly disturbed, possibly by Burial 9. Only femoral and other long bone, hand, rib, and vertebrae fragments remained.
Burial Number: 9A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: One reddish, necked, plainware vessel placed on the right side of the hip.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The body was on its back with its knees flexed and pointing to its left side. The arms were along the sides of the body. The head and upper torso were missing; apparently Burial 9A was disturbed by subsequent burials (not specified).

Burials 9A and 9B, Mound D, Chalpa.

Burial Number: 9B
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Northwest
Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. It could not be determined if any form of dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a supine position with the lower spinal column, pelvis, legs, and feet missing. The arms appeared to be positioned alongside the body although the lower arms and hands were missing.

Burial Number: 9C
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Possibly a tripod bowl. However, because of the extensive disturbance of the burials in the Burial 9 grouping, the association of the tripod bowl with Burial 9C is uncertain.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 9D
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 9E
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Possibly male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 9F
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 9G
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Possibly female
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 9H
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed
Burial Number: 10A
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Female
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: Northwest

Funerary Offerings: One spindle whorl, one smoking pipe, one olla (broken), and possibly one large obsidian projectile point. The broken olla was over or at the feet of the burial. The field form indicates that it is possible that the projectile point was intrusive because Burial 10A may have intruded into a previous burial.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. It could not be determined if any form of dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The body is in a supine position oriented northeast-southwest with the head to the northwest and twisted to its right.

Burial Number: 10B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 10C
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Badly disturbed
Burial Number: 11A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Fetal
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: The burial was fragmentary and scattered. Gill (1971) indicates the length of the long bones of this specimen indicate that the birth must have been premature. He suggest that if not an actual stillborn, the premature infant must have died soon after birth. Gill further indicates the comparable size and proximity to Burial 11B, suggests a multiple birth is represented by Burials 11A and 11B.

Burial Number: 11B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Fetal
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: See comments above with Burial 11A.

Burial Number: 12A
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Seated, flexed in an upright position
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: Two small dishes, red plainware, and orange plainware.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the pseudocircular variety of the plano-lambdoidal intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a flexed, upright position with the body tilted slightly to the right. The arms were flexed with the hands in its lap. The skull had collapsed forward and was facedown.
Burial Number: 12B
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Adult
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined
- **Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined
- **Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined
- **Description/Comment:** Badly disturbed

Burial Number: 13A
- **Condition:** Complete
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Adolescent
- **Burial Type:** Semiflexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northwest
- **Funerary Offerings:** One white slipped plainware, one spindle whorl, and an obsidian flake.
- **Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of any cranial modification could not be determined. No evidence of dental modification was observed.
- **Description/Comment:** The skeleton was on its back with the head upright and facing southeast. The legs were flexed and tilted to the right, and the hands were resting in its lap. It appears Burial 13A intruded the remains of a child (Burial 13B) and partially intruded Burial 14A.

Burial Number: 13B
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Undetermined
- **Age:** Adolescent
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined
- **Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined
- **Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined
- **Description/Comment:** Badly disturbed
Burial Number: 14A  
**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Adolescent  
**Burial Type:** Seated with legs extended  
**Orientation of Skull:** West (body oriented to the west)

**Funerary Offerings:** One small gourd-shaped, handled vessel, one red pendant, four tooth-shaped beads, and numerous small white beads.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was observed.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in an upright position with the arms at its sides and the legs extended to the east.

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Burial Number: 14B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Newborn  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** Poorly preserved and disturbed.

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*Mound A*

Burial Number: 1  
**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Mid adult  
**Burial Type:** Seated with legs extended.  
**Orientation of Skull:** Northwest

**Funerary Offerings:** Two plainware vessels. Field form indicates one vessel (broken) was placed at the back of the head and the other was at the right side of the pelvis.
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a seated position with the legs extended to the southeast; the skull faced southeast. The hands rested on the upper thighs.

Burial Number: 2
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Seated with legs extended.
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Two plainware vessels (see Figure 6.6a and 6.6b) and a large decorated olla.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited no evidence of cranial modification and the presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a seated, although not fully upright, position with the legs extended to the east-southeast.

Burial Number: 3A
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Seated
Orientation of Skull: Not specified

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification and the presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 3B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Secondary inhumation
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** None

**Burial Number:** 4

**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Extended  
**Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** One tripod polychrome vessel and one plainware bowl. The polychrome bowl was incised or engraved and was red-brown in color with brown and white paint. The plainware bowl was broken.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The body was buried in a supine position and oriented east-west. The skull and cervical vertebrae were missing, the right leg was slightly flexed, feet were together, and the arms extended down the sides of the body with the hand palm down.

**Burial Number:** 5

**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Probable female  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Extended  
**Orientation of Skull:** North

**Funerary Offerings:** One plainware vessel.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** At burial, the body was slightly twisted to its left side with the left arm positioned under the left side of the body. The left hand was just off the left side of the pelvis and the right hand was resting on the right side of the pelvis. The feet were together and pointed downward.

The treatment of Burial 5 is of particular note. The body had been outlined by small pieces of charcoal and clay balls or lumps that ranged in size from a marble to a tennis ball. The grave pit was covered with a red-colored substance (ocher?) prior to internment of the body; there was no transfer of red coloring on the skeleton. Additionally, numerous small shells were scattered throughout the grave with a concentration of shell in the area of the skull.
Burial Number: 6A
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Child
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: East(?)

  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: The remains of Burial 6A were scattered over a 5-m² area. The mandible was missing, several teeth were scattered across that area, and an articulate foot was found about 2.5 m from the main concentration of material. Based on the orientation of the distal ends of the tibia and assuming the burial was extended, the head would have been oriented to the east.

Burial Number: 6B
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Child
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: One carved pendant (not further described) and one plainware vessel. Gill (1971) notes that these funerary offerings occurred in a mixed cluster of burials and that they have been assigned to this individual because they appeared most likely associated with this burial; however, it is possible they could be associated with another burial in the group.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: Although not specified, here it is assumed that the remains of Burial 6B were intermixed with those of Burial 6A and identified during subsequent laboratory assessments of the skeletal material.

Burial Number: 7
  Condition: Complete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Extended
  Orientation of Skull: North

  Funerary Offerings: One plainware vessel located to the left of the left tibia.
Cranial/Dental Modification: Cranial modification was absent. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The skeleton was fully extended in a supine position with the head and shoulders slightly elevated. The upper body was somewhat twisted to the left resulting in the left side of the skeleton being lower than the right side. The feet were together and the arms and hands were along the sides with the hands resting on the femur.

Burial Number: 8
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Seated with legs extended.
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Cranial modification was identified, but the type is unspecified. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The body was placed in a seated position with the back vertical and the hips and legs horizontal. The left hand was placed across the left femur and the right hand was at the right femur with the right humerus angled across the front of the body. The feet were together. The skull had collapsed onto the lap of the individual and the mandible was located upright at the upper sternum.

Burial Number: 9
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Extended
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: One decorated vessel.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the parallelepiped variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 9 was found directly below Burial 8. The body was buried in a supine position with the arms straight at its sides and the legs straight with the feet together. The left hand was beside the left femur and the right hand was resting on the right femur. The skull was missing but all the cervical vertebrae were present. An isolated skull with its mandible was found about 65 cm east of the burial and about 25 cm below the burial.
**Burial Number: 10**
- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Extended
- **Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** Nine shell beads from a necklace and one obsidian blade.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The C-4 (pointed) type of dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a supine position with the hands at the side of the body. The left arm, except for the left hand, was missing.

**Burial Number: 11**
- **Condition:** Complete
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Old adult
- **Burial Type:** Semiflexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** South

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the parallelepiped variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** The skeleton was on its back with the legs partially flexed with the knees pointing to its right.
**Burial Number: 12A**

**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Adolescent  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified

**Funerary Offerings:** One decorated vessel. Gill (1971) notes that these funerary offerings (see Burial 12C below) occurred in a mixed cluster of burials and that they have been assigned to this individual because they appeared most likely associated with this burial; however, it is possible they could be associated with another burial in the group.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the parallelepiped variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. A pointed variety of an extreme version of the C-4 form of dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** None

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**Burial Number: 12B**

**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Child  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** None

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**Burial Number: 12C**

**Condition:** Nearly complete  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Child  
**Burial Type:** Seated with legs extended  
**Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified

**Funerary Offerings:** Two plainware vessels and three spindle whorls. Gill (1971) notes that these funerary offerings occurred in a mixed cluster of burials and that they have been assigned to this individual because they appeared most likely associated with this burial; however, it is possible they could be associated with another burial in the group.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was present.
Description/Comment: The burial was in a seated position with its legs extended. The hands were in its lap. The skull was upright facing the northeast.

Burial Number: 12D
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 13
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the parallelepiped variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The body had been placed on its back with the knees pointing to its right. The arms were at the side of the skeleton. Burial 13 was above Burial 14 but it did not intrude Burial 14; it may have partially intruded Burial 9.

Burial Number: 14A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Northeast

Funerary Offerings: Five shell pectorals.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited an extreme form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The C-7 pointed form of dental modification was present.
Description/Comment: The burial appeared to be extended in a supine position with the arms at its sides. However, portions of the lower arms and the legs were missing and therefore the degree to which, if any, the legs may have been flexed could not be determined.

Burial Number: 14B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 15
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Semiflexed on left side
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The body was buried in a semiflexed position on its left side with its face to the north. The right hand was positioned in front of its chest.
Burial Number: 16

Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Extended
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Animal burial. Gill (1971) indicates this animal burial was above the infant burial and that it may have been placed there subsequent to the human burial and therefore it may not be associated with the human burial. Conversely, it is likely the animal burial was buried with the infant as part of the mortuary ritual and the fact that the animal remains are directly above the human remains. However, the field burial form indicates it was a “small” animal and it is not known whether it was a dog or raccoon. Thus, the ambiguity in the description of the animal remains raises the possibility that it may have been something other than a funerary offering.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The body was in a supine position with it slightly twisted to the north. There was little preserved of the hands and feet.
**Burial Number:** 17  
**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Semiflexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** North

**Funerary Offerings:** One plain jar; (see Figure 6.6d) however, it is unclear whether the vessel was placed with Burial 17 or Burial 18 as it is equal distance from each of the burials. It is a small jar with a flaring neck and rim near the body of Burial 17 and near the head of Burial 18. Gill (1971) notes the presence of three spindle whorls associated with Burial 17 as funerary offerings; however, these are not specified on the field burial form although there is mention of green stones that were “spindle whorl–like stone objects.”

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited a bilobed variety of the planolambdoidal from of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a supine position with its arms at its side and legs partially flexed. This burial appears to have intruded into an earlier burial (not specified).

**Field sketch of Burials 17 and 18 and the relative position of the ceramic jar in relation to the burials.**
**Burial Number: 18**

- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young Adult
- **Burial Type:** Secondary (skull and mandible)
- **Orientation of Skull:** No applicable (face to the northwest)

**Funerary Offerings:** None (see Burial 17 above)

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** No cranial modification. The double notched form of the F-1 variety of dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** This burial consisted of a skull and mandible only. It is considered a secondary burial. Its association with Burial 17 is unclear although it may have been buried with Burial 17.

**Burial Number: 19**

- **Condition:** Nearly complete
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Extended
- **Orientation of Skull:** South
- **Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. The pointed form of the C-4 variety of dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a supine position with its arms at its side and the hands at the pelvis; the legs were straight although the feet appeared slightly shifted and scattered. However, there appeared to be no disturbance to the burial by subsequent burials. The skull was badly crushed. This appears to have occurred after burial; the head appeared to have rolled to the right and partially collapsed onto the chest.

**Field sketch of Burial 19.**
Burial Number: 20

Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Northeast

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: No articulation of any bones. The long axis of the body was oriented northeast-southwest. Burial 20 was just above, but did not intrude Burial 23.

Burial Number: 21A

Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Extended on right side.
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull of Burial 21A exhibits the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burials 21A and 21B appear to have been buried at the same time in the same grave pit. Based on the sketch attached to the field form, the skull Burial 21A appears to have rotated to a face down position and arms appear to have been placed along the side of the body.
**Burial Number: 21B**
- **Condition:** Complete
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Extended on right side.
- **Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull of Burial 21B exhibits the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

**Description/Comment:** Burial 21B was buried on her right side just south of Burial 21A in the same grave pit. Her hands were crossed at the front of her pelvic area (see above).

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**Burial Number: 21C**
- **Condition:** Nearly complete
- **Sex:** Possibly male
- **Age:** Adolescent
- **Burial Type:** Extended
- **Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** One animal burial and one projectile point.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was evident.
Description/Comment: The burial is extended on its back with the lower torso and body twisted onto its left side. The hands are at its side and the legs are crossed.

Burial Number: 22
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One small plainware bowl (see Figure 6.6c), two obsidian blades, and four bone beads. The beads were near a humerus.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull of Burial 25 exhibits the bilobed variety intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The skull was resting on its right side facing south. The disarticulated legs were below (east) of the pelvis and the arms were to the south of the spine. The feet were scattered east of the legs and a hand was between the femur heads.
Burial Number: 23
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Extended
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Three beads, one red-rimmed bowl (Red-rimmed Utility ware?), and one small vessel. The beads were in the area of the neck suggesting they were part of a necklace. The red-rimmed bowl was placed on the left side of the body at the hip. Based on the field drawing, it appears the body may have been placed partially over the bowl. The small vessel was within the chest cavity. The field form seems to imply that either vessel was placed in the chest cavity after the burial had skeletalized and during subsequent disturbance of the burial.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: The burial was in a supine position with its arms at its side and its legs crisscrossed just above and below the knees. The burial was slightly disturbed by the internment of Burial 21C; part of the right parietal was missing.
Burial Number: 24  
Condition: Incomplete  
Sex: Female  
Age: Mid adult  
Burial Type: Seated  
Orientation of Skull: West (the face would have been oriented to the east)

Funerary Offerings: One spindle whorl and one small, crude plainware pot.

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification was evident. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The burial had been placed in a seated position, likely with the legs extended. The arms were at the sides of the body; however, the burial had been disturbed and the legs and feet were missing although several pieces of leg long bones were present. The spindle whorl and small pot were near the right arm in the area of the pelvis. The pipe stem was off the lower left side of the burial. It is not clear whether it was part of the mortuary offerings associated with Burial 24 or from another disturbed burial context or simply a discarded broken pipe.
Burial Number: 25
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Seated with legs extended.
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: One polychrome vessel, one plainware bowl, and two obsidian blades.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull of Burial 25 exhibited the bilobed variety intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: Burial 25 was seated with its legs extended to the west. The arms are at its side with the right hand and left wrist at the sides as well. The skull and humerus of another individual are present in the lap of Burial 25 and the scattered remains of a disturbed burial are nearby. There was no discussion on the field form or elsewhere as to whether the skull and humerus belong with the nearby-scattered remains. There is no suggestion that the skull and humerus are funerary offerings.
Burial Number: 26A  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull of Burial 25 exhibited the bilobed variety intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.  

**Description/Comment:** Burial 26A is the skull and humerus found in the lap of Burial 25; the scattered remains found near Burial 25 also belong to Burial 26A.

Burial Number: 26B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Probably female  
**Age:** Adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined  

**Description/Comment:** None
Burial Number: 26C  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Probably male  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined  
**Description/Comment:** None

Burial Number: 27A  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined  
**Description/Comment:** The remains consisted of a few fragmentary pieces of cranium and post cranial elements.

Burial Number: 27B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Probably female  
**Age:** Adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined  
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined  
**Description/Comment:** The remains were only a few fragments of femurs.

Burial Number: 28  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Undetermined  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Highly fragmentary, only a few pieces of bone.

Mound B

Burial Number: 1A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Adolescent
Burial Type: Seated
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Four red stone triangular beads. These were found in the pelvic area and it is possible they are associated with a burial disturbed by the internment of Burial 1A.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. An extreme form of C-4 (pointed) dental modification was observed.

Description/Comment: The skeleton was extended with the feet to the north. The burial was incomplete and bone preservation was poor; the lower body from the lower torso down was fairly complete while the upper body, upper arms, and skull were missing. The field form indicates the upper body may never have been present, although the possibility that the burial was disturbed is acknowledged.

Burial Number: 1B
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Probably female
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Possible urn burial.
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The lower legs were articulated. The head and body were missing. The field form states Burial 1B was originally an urn (“olla”) burial that was subsequently badly disturbed resulting in the breakage of the urn and the scattering of it and its contents.
Burial Number: 1C
   Condition: Incomplete
   Sex: Female
   Age: Adult
   Burial Type: Seated with legs extended.
   Orientation of Skull: South

   Funerary Offerings: One broken small vessel from which a spindle whorl was recovered.

   Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

   Description/Comment: The field form suggests Burial 1C may have been interred at the same time as Burial 1A. Both appeared to intrude similarly an earlier burial and both appear to have subsequently been disturbed by a later burial.

Burial Number: 1D
   Condition: Incomplete
   Sex: Male
   Age: Mid adult
   Burial Type: Urn
   Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

   Funerary Offerings: A small vessel was found within the burial urn.

   Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

   Description/Comment: The urn contained only the skull and some fragmentary bone.

Burial Number: 1E
   Condition: Fragmentary
   Sex: Male
   Age: Adult
   Burial Type: Undetermined
   Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

   Funerary Offerings: Undermined

   Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

   Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 1F
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Male
  Age: Adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 1G
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Newborn
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined (unlikely)

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 1H
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Adult
  Burial Type: Urn
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2A
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Adolescent
  Burial Type: Bundle
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: One broken decorated bowl.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The bone was broken and scattered.

Burial Number: 2B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification.

Description/Comment: The bone was scattered. It could not be determined with any certainty whether the burial was a secondary burial of some type or a badly disturbed primary burial.

Burial Number: 3
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was evident.

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 4A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Extended, face down.
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: One small vessel was located at the left knee.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: No upper torso.

Burial Number: 4B  
Condition: Fragmentary  
Sex: Female  
Age: Adult  
Burial Type: Undetermined  
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

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Note that the burial numbers at the site of Cristo Rey were run consecutively across all features rather than consecutively within one feature.

Feature A

Burial Number: 2  
Condition: Fragmentary  
Sex: Undetermined  
Age: Adolescent  
Burial Type: Flexed  
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Three spindle whorls and one polychrome vessel.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: The hands were placed between the knees and were at the feet. The bone was highly friable.

Burial Number: 6  
Condition: Incomplete  
Sex: Male  
Age: Young adult  
Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)  
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Complete vessel.
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of tabular erect type of cranial modification. The A-2 (notched) variety of dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The hands were at the knees and the feet were tucked behind the pelvis.

**Burial Number:** 7  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Mid adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** Northeast  

**Funerary Offerings:** Whole plainware vessel at the right shoulder.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a semi-upright position.

**Burial Number:** 8  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Bundle  
**Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified  

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** None

**Burial Number:** 9  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Child  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** East  

**Funerary Offerings:** One whole vessel placed in the chest area.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None
Description/Comment: The hands were placed under the knees and the feet were against the pelvis.

Burial Number: 10
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Flexed (tightly; although the field form indicates it is a secondary burial)
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Two beads, one plainware vessel, and possibly two sherds.

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: Partially mixed with Burial 6. The skull is of uncertain association. As indicated above, the burial form indicates the burial is a secondary burial. Based on the field sketch and the observed condition of the burial, it may simply be a badly disturbed burial.

Burial Number: 13
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The field notes indicate Burial 13 is a bundle burial. The long bones are reported as unarticulated over the ribs and with the skull sitting on top of the mass of bones. Schutte (1973:Table 2) reports it as a flexed burial. The discrepancy between the field form and Schutte’s report cannot be resolved based on available data. Schutte also lists Burial 13 in Table 2 as in Feature B while he illustrates it as being in Feature A (Schutte 1973:22).

Feature B

Burial Number: 1
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Undetermined
Burial Type: Urn
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: One small red olla is indicated in the preliminary report on the excavations at the site (Baker et al. 1972:68); however (Schutte 1973) does not list the item as a funerary offering.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial urn was fragmentary as well.

Burial Number: 3
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably male
Age: Adolescent
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Green glazed rock (see Appendix C)

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial was highly fragmentary and disturbed.

Burial Number: 4
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: One whole orange-colored plainware jar (see Figure 6.7b). The vessel was at the right shoulder of the burial.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The knees were up near the chest, the right arm was under the body, and the left arm was over the chest.

Burial Number: 5/11
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Green glazed rock.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
**Description/Comment:** Highly fragmented and scattered. The burial was vandalized overnight. Laboratory analyses of what were thought to be Burials 5 and 11 indicated the two sets of remains were likely from the same individual.

**Burial Number: 12**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northwest

**Funerary Offerings:** One whole vessel on the left side of the body.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The skull had dropped onto the upper chest.

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**Feature D**

**Burial Number: 14**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Seated, semiflexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northwest

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. Both A-1 and A-2 varieties of dental modification were present.

**Description/Comment:** None

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**Burial Number: 15**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Probably female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined
Description/Comment: The burial is recorded on the field form as a secondary bundle burial; however, the remains are fragmentary and incomplete. The skull was facing down. It is not clear whether this is a bundle burial or whether it is a highly disturbed burial.

Feature E

Burial Number: 16
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification was present. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The hands were in the lap and the feet were behind the pelvis.

Burial Number: 17
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: None

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 18
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the plano-lambdoidal variety of the tabular erect form of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification is not specified.
Description/Comment: The body was in a supine position with the legs bent; the knees were pointing to the right of the body. The lower arms were folded across the body

Burial Number: 19
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Two pipes, one vessel, and one obsidian projectile point. The pipes were tucked between the arms and the body, one on the left side and one on the right side. The obsidian point was under the left elbow.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The bilobed variety of cranial modification was present. No dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The body was tightly flexed with the feet pulled up over the pelvis.

Burial Number: 20
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial was fragmentary and scattered.

Burial Number: 21
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Semiflexed
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the frontal-occipital variety of the intermediate from of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was observed.
**Description/Comment:** The arms and hands were at the side of the body. The legs were semiflexed to the right side of the body.

**Burial Number: 22**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** One small, crude buff plainware bowl (see Figure 6.7d), two spindle whorls, and one pipe. Based on the field form sketch of the burial, the bowl was placed just east of the burial and the spindle whorls and pipe appear to have been placed on or just below the end of the burial adjacent to the pelvis.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** None

**Burial Number: 23**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Old adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** Associated with the burial was a large, heavy, gray-slipped globular jar with incised linear decoration on flattened shoulder rim; three encircling rows of hobnails (see Figure 5.37 and Figure 6.7a). Based on the sketch on the field form, the jar appears to have been placed over the pelvic area.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** The skull had detached and dropped facedown onto the chest. The hands were placed in the lap and the feet were over the pelvis.

**Burial Number: 24**
- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Mid adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** None
**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** The hands and feet were above the pelvis area.

**Burial Number:** 25A  
**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** East  

**Funerary Offerings:** Crocodile tooth

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

**Description/Comment:** Burial 25A co-occurs with Burial 25B. The field form indicates Burial 25A is a primary burial and that Burial 25B is a bundle burial. Burial 25B rests on Burial 25A and other not specified on the field form or elsewhere, it appears that Burial 25B is intrusive to Burial 25A. The feet of Burial 25A partially overlap the pelvis (eastern portion of the pelvis) and the hands are in the lap. The skull has collapsed and was face down on the upper chest.

**Burial Number:** 25B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Child  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** East  

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** Burial 25B co-occurs with Burial 25A. The relationship between the two burials is unclear. It is not clear whether they were interred at the same time or whether Burial 25B is intrusive into Burial 25A.
Burial Number: 26
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the tabular erect form of cranial modification. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The skull had collapsed into the abdomen area. The sketch with the field form indicates the arms and hands were at the sides of the body and that the feet were drawn up to and over the pelvis.

Burial Number: 27
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed
- **Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** One vessel, a deep, straight-sided, wide-mouth orangeware bowl with a slightly flaring rim (see Figure 6.7c).

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.

**Description/Comment:** The skull had collapsed and fallen forward. The arms extended down to the pelvis and the legs were flexed with the knees pointing south.

Burial Number: 28
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Adult
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** One smoking pipe; however, because of the scattered nature of the remains, its association with Burial 28 is uncertain.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** None

**Description/Comment:** The burial was disturbed and scattered.
Burial Number: 29
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Female
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: South

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: None

  Description/Comment: The feet were missing.

Burial Number: 30
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)
  Orientation of Skull: West

  Funerary Offerings: One, large unslipped plainware bowl was found in association (see Figure 6.7e). Also found were a spindle whorl, a pipe, and an obsidian flake. The funerary offerings were placed on the right (south) side of the body; the bowl was in the shoulder area, the spindle whorl was next the right femur, and the pipe just off to the east of the spindle whorl.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: There was evidence of the intermediate form of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

  Description/Comment: The hands and feet were over the pelvis.

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Feature B

Burial Number: 1A
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Child
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: None
Description/Comment: Fragmentary skull only.

Burial Number: 1B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One orange slipped jar with flaring neck near the skull (see Figure 6.8d).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull of this individual exhibited the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was present.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a flexed position with the hands and feet together.
Burial Number: 3
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Old adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: One orange slipped, unpolished jar with a slightly out-curved neck (see Figure 6.8k).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The skull was broken and the post cranial remains were nearly complete. The left hand was under the head and the left hand was with the feet east of the pelvis.
**Burial Number: 4A**

- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Mid adult
- **Burial Type:** Seated in a flexed position.
- **Orientation of Skull:** Northwest

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The right hand was over the right foot and the left hand was on the left knee. The skull had collapsed to the south of the body during decomposition.

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**Burial Number: 4B**

- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Female
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was present.
Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 5A
Condition:Incomplete
Sex:Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Unspecified

Funerary Offerings: Two vessels and possibly some sherds.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 5B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Bundle
Orientation of Skull: Unspecified

Funerary Offerings: The two vessels associated with Burial 5A.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Unknown

Description/Comment: Burial 5B may be associated with Burial 5A. However, this possibility is not specified or otherwise discussed on the field forms.

Burial Number: 6
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: Three vessels; one flattened jar, almost canteen shape (see Figure 6.8c), a pinkish-buff jar with straight neck and loop handles (see Figure 6.9b), and one other vessel.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The hands and feet were positioned in front of the pelvis.
Burial Number: 7
 Condition: Incomplete
 Sex: Female
 Age: Young adult
 Burial Type: Flexed
 Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: One vessel.

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification was present. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 8A
 Condition: Nearly complete
 Sex: Female
 Age: Mid adult
 Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)
 Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the plano-lambdoidal form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was identified.
Description/Comment: Tightly flexed with the hand crossed at the lap with the feet in front of the pelvis.

Burial Number: 8B
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: None
Burial Number: 9  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** One globular jar with widely flaring rim; it was slipped buff on the outside and inside with a red painted rim (see Figure 6.8h) and possibly sherds.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The hands were crossed at the lap and the feet were above and east of the pelvis. The skull had fallen forward onto the chest and twisted to the left.

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Burial Number: 10  
**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** Northwest
Funerary Offerings: One large orange-red slipped olla (see Figure 6.9c), one decorated bowl, and one spindle whorl.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial was on its back with its knees at its chin. The hands were crossed at the lap and the feet were above the pelvis.

Burial Number: 11
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: One orange vessel and two plates.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The mandible of this individual was missing, otherwise the skeleton was complete. The body was tilted slightly to the right and slightly upward. The hands were in the lap, the knees were pointing to the left of the body, and the feet were together on the right side of the body.
Burial Number: 12
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Three vessels including an incurved globular bowl with thick white slip inside and outside, a red painted rim, and four appliquéd nubbins equally spaced just below rim (see Figure 6.56d).

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The hands were crossed in the lap.

Burial Number: 13
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The body was laying on its left side with the legs tightly flexed over the pelvis and the feet drawn to the pelvis.

Burial Number: 14
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Mandible with a few scattered skull fragments.

Burial Number: 15
Condition: Complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Seated in a tightly flexed position
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: Possibly sherds.

Cranial/Dental Modification: No cranial modification was evident. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The hands were in the lap. The burial was tightly flexed with the knees up to the skull and the feet pointed west.
Burial Number: 16
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: Northwest

Funerary Offerings: One vessel at the left side of the pelvis, one spindle whorl (black in color with incising filled with white paint) above the left leg, one obsidian projectile point, and one obsidian blade.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the extreme form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

Description/Comment: The burial was on its back and oriented northwest-southeast. The head was upright and facing southeast. The hands were folded in the lap and the feet pointed to the south-southeast. The knees were titled slightly to the right.
Burial Number: 17A

**Condition:** Complete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)  
**Orientation of Skull:** Southwest

**Funerary Offerings:** Four vessels including a high-necked jar with a slipped and polished buff exterior that extends over into the interior of the neck (probably Chametla Polished Buff—see Figure 6.8b and 6.19). One of the vessels is above the right thigh, one was above the right tibia, and was to the left between the tibia and femur, and one was near the right knee.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

**Description/Comment:** The arms are crossed under the thighs as if to help hold the legs in place, or to tuck them in out of the way. The hands are under the feet, which are together.
Burial Number: 17B
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Infant
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

  Funerary Offerings: None

  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

  Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 18
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: Northwest

  Funerary Offerings: One buff-colored jar with a red rim was located behind the skull on the left side of the body.
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

Description/Comment: The hands were folded in the lap and the feet were together pointing east.

Burial Number: 19A  
Condition: Complete  
Sex: Female  
Age: Young adult  
Burial Type: Semiflexed  
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: One highly polished buff colored jar with a low with slight shoulder, wide mouth and a low, straight rim (see Figure 6.8i), one-half of a spindle whorl, and two small pinch pots.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The body was lying on its back with the hands folded in its lap and the knees drawn up to the face.
**Burial Number: 19B**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Mid adult
- **Burial Type:** Seated
- **Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified

**Funerary Offerings:** One polychrome jar.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

**Description/Comment:** This burial is not reported in either the summary of burials at Venadillo (Schutte and Speas 1973) and there is no burial field form for this burial. Gill provides a brief description of this burial in his summary of burials for Venadillo listing the attributes cited above. The origin of this burial, whether identified in subsequent laboratory analyses or unspecified field documentation is unclear.

**Burial Number: 20**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Flexed (tightly)
- **Orientation of Skull:** Unspecified
Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Associated with Burials 5A and 5B. The remains consist only of the lower arms, pelvis, and leg bones. Although defined in the field as a flexed burial, review of the field photograph suggests it may be a partial bundle burial or partial secondary burial.

Burial Number: 21
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Adolescent
Burial Type: Undetermined (probably semiflexed)
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial consisted solely of the left arm and hand and the right leg and foot, and the left foot. The orientation of the bones was generally northwest to the south-southeast. It is not clear what these remains represent, whether they are all that remain of a disturbed burial or the burial of body parts or perhaps some form of activity the involved the ritualistic dismemberment of an individual.
Burial Number: 22

**Condition:** Fragmentary
**Sex:** Probably female
**Age:** Adult
**Burial Type:** Undetermined
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** None

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Burial Number: 23

**Condition:** Incomplete
**Sex:** Male
**Age:** Young adult
**Burial Type:** Skull only
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The upper central incisors exhibited the F-4 (pointed) variety of dental modification.

Description/Comment: Skull and mandible only. Directly below and touching Burial 19.

Burial Number: 24
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a semi-seated position with the spine oriented to the west. The hands were crossed at the lap and the legs and knees were flexed and pointing to the right.
Burial Number: 25
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: Southeast

  Funerary Offerings: Three vessels, one of which was a badly weathered jar that appeared to have been orange-buff slipped (see Figure 6.8f). The field form indicates a dog burial was present at the feet of this individual.

  Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

  Description/Comment: The spinal column was oriented to the southeast. The hands were crossed at the lap and the feet were northeast of the pelvis.

Burial Number: 26A
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: South
Funerary Offerings: One spindle whorl, one vessel, and a figurine head. The vessel was a globular jar with low straight neck. It was orange slipped and unpolished and the surface was uneven and partially covered with a black mineral deposit (see Figure 6.8e).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. No dental modification was evident.

Description/Comment: The burial was in a semi-seated position with its hands in its lap and the feet to the north of the pelvis.

Burials 26 A and 26B, Mound B, Venadillo.
Burial Number: 26B
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Male
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: A three-quarter grooved axe and three beads (material type not specified). A jar with a short, slightly flaring rim and reddish-orange slip was also assigned to the burial (see Figure 6.2, center left and Figure 6.8a).

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.
Description/Comment: The burial was in a semi-seated position.

Detail of Burial 26B, Mound B, Venadillo.

![Image of burial context]

**Burial Number:** 27  
**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Male  
**Age:** Old adult  
**Burial Type:** Flexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** Northwest

**Funerary Offerings:** Two vessels. One was placed at the right side of the body at the bottom of the ribcage and the other was similarly placed on the left side of the body.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the pseudocircular variety of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.
Description/Comment: The right leg and foot had fallen over the pelvis and the left leg was partially over the pelvis; the lower left leg extended to the southwest of the pelvis. The left lower arm was below the ribcage.

Burial Number: 28
Condition: Nearly complete
Sex: Male
Age: Old adult
Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: Offerings included one large decorated vessel, two pinch pots, and a fragmentary pinch pot. The large vessel was placed at the right shoulder of the body.

Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the intermediated form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.
**Description/Comment:** The legs were flexed and pointing to the left side of the body.

**Burial Number:** 29  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Adolescent  
**Burial Type:** Flexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** West

**Funerary Offerings:** One whole large vessel and one broken (reconstructable) vessel, one black incised spindle whorl, and some beads.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. Dental modification was not evident.
Description/Comment: The burial was in a semi-seated position leaning to the right. The left hand was on the knee and the right hand was on the pelvis.

Burial Number: 30
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Extended
Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: None
Description/Comment: The remains were poorly preserved with only the lower spine, pelvis, and femurs being present. These were in the correct anatomical position indicating the burial was in a supine position with the head oriented to the east.

Burial Number: 31
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Child
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The hands were crossed on the lap and the feet had been drawn up to the pelvis.
Burial Number: 32A

Condition: Fragmentary

Sex: Female

Age: Old adult

Burial Type: Flexed

Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: Small jar with low flaring rim and slipped in a dark orange color was found on south side of the burial near the legs and skull (see Figure 6.8l). During the analysis of whole vessels, a second vessel was assigned to Burial 32A. It is a jar with low rim; it has a flattened globular shape but with projecting flanges instead of shoulder (see Figure 6.8n and Figure 6.10). It appears to have thick white slip, though some small portions of orange color are visible.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The hands were placed in the lap and the feet were above the pelvis.
Burial Number: 32B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: The skull exhibited the bilobed variety of the intermediate form of the tabular erect type of cranial modification. The presence or absence of dental modification could not be determined.
Description/Comment: None

Feature C

Burial Number: 1A
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Skull fragments and some teeth.
Burial Number: 1B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Undetermined

Burial Number: 1C
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: None

Burial Number: 2A
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Urn
Orientation of Skull: Not applicable

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Unknown

Description/Comment: The urn burial contained the remains of two adults, one female and one male. The urn, a large shouldered olla and plate inverted over the olla, had been crushed by ground pressure as had the remains inside. The bottom of the urn had been filled with phalanges, ribs, some vertebrae; these were covered by long bones (oriented east-west) and then the skulls. A vertebra of a caiman was also found. It appeared the bodies had been allowed to deflesh before the bones were collected and interred in the urn with the small bones being placed in the urn first followed by the long bones and skulls. The presence of the caiman vertebra is also seen as support of this conclusion in that when the skeletalized remains were collected, anything that looked like bone was
gathered. Nevertheless, it is possible that the bodies were dismembered and interred in the urn. No evidence of cut marks was seen; however, the bone was in poor condition. The urn was a large shouldered jar with a low profile. Over the mouth of the jar was a large shallow dish or plate; it was buff slipped, red rim, "mano colorado" decoration on exterior; "marbleized" decoration in form of stripes in geometric arrangement on interior (see Figures 6.22 and 6.56c).
Burial Number: 2B
**Condition:** Fragmentary
**Sex:** Male
**Age:** Young adult
**Burial Type:** Urn
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was evident.

**Description/Comment:** Same as B 2A.

Burial Number: 3
**Condition:** Complete
**Sex:** Female
**Age:** Adolescent
**Burial Type:** Flexed
**Orientation of Skull:** South

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. No dental modification was evident.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was on its back in a flexed position. The body was oriented north-south with the head having collapsed and twisted facing west. The right hand was in its lap and the left arm was at the side of the body.

Burial Number: 4A
**Condition:** Fragmentary
**Sex:** Female
**Age:** Adult
**Burial Type:** Urn
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** Three small anthropomorphic beads and a dog burial. The beads (see Figure 7.5). The dog appeared to have been placed on top of the urn at the time of burial; perhaps as a companion in the afterlife.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The urn contained the remains of an adult female and an infant. The urn and the skeletal material were badly crushed and mixed. It is not clear whether the beads were associated with the adult female or the infant.
Burial Number: 4B
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Infant
Burial Type: Urn
Orientation of Skull: Not applicable

Funerary Offerings: Undetermined (see Burial 4A above)

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: See comments with Burial 4A.

Burial Number: 5
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: Green glazed rock.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The remains were fragmentary and scattered, no skull.
Burial Number: 6
  Condition: Nearly complete
  Sex: Female
  Age: Old adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: North

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial was flexed in a semi-seated position with the hands and feet were together.

Burial Number: 7A
  Condition: Incomplete
  Sex: Male
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Flexed
  Orientation of Skull: East

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment:
The remains consisted on the spinal column, pelvis, portions of the right arm, legs, and some ribs; the feet, hands, skull, and left arm were missing.

Burial Number: 7B
Condition: Complete
Sex: Female
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: South

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: The burial was on its back, the hands were crossed in the lap, and the feet were pulled up next to the pelvis.

Burial Number: 8
Condition: Incomplete
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: Southwest

Funerary Offerings: Round (ball) ceramic rattle (see Figure 7.15)

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The burial was placed on its back. The skull was fragmentary and many of the arm and leg bones were missing.
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Mound A

Burial Number: 1
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably female
Age: Child
Burial Type: Urn
Orientation of Skull: Not applicable

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
Description/Comment: The burial urn was a shouldered olla with a cover plate inverted over the mouth of the olla. The olla and its contents were badly crushed. Remains included the top of the skull, some long bones, and some ribs. Most of the small bones appeared to be missing. The skull and mandible appeared to have been placed in the bottom of the urn with ribs and smaller skeletal elements and the long bones being placed on top of the skull. The urn was a redware bowl 49 cm in diameter and 20 cm deep. The mouth of the vessel was covered with an inverted hemispherical bowl. No funerary offerings were found in association with the burial.

Burial Number: 2
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably female
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Urn
Orientation of Skull: Not applicable

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
**Description/Comment:** The urn and remains were badly crushed. The skeletal remains were very incomplete or the bond was badly decomposed. The urn was approximately 56 cm in diameter.

**Burial Number:** 3  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Probably male  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** None  

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined  

**Description/Comment:** Highly fragmentary, consisting of a few pieces of long bone and some phalanges, rib fragments, skull fragments, and a teeth.

**Burial Number:** 5A  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Probably female  
**Age:** Young adult  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** None  

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. A single canine exhibited the F-4 variety of dental modification.

**Description/Comment:** It is possible that Burials 5A and 5B represent the remnants of a bundle burial consisting of two individuals. Although both were fragmentary and incomplete, it appeared that long bone fragments were between and partially covering skull fragments. The bone was located within an area measuring 55 \( \times \) 32 cm. The burials were adjacent to a hearth (association unclear) that consisted of a cluster of green glazed rocks.

**Burial Number:** 5B  
**Condition:** Fragmentary  
**Sex:** Undetermined  
**Age:** Child  
**Burial Type:** Undetermined  
**Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined  

**Funerary Offerings:** None
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: As noted above, it is possible that Burials 5A and 5B represent the remnants of a bundle burial consisting of two individuals. Although both were fragmentary and incomplete, it appeared that long bone fragments were between and partially covering skull fragments. The bone was located within an area measuring 55 × 32 cm. The burials were adjacent to a hearth (association unclear) that consisted of a cluster of green glazed rocks.

Burial Number: 6
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Mid adult
Burial Type: Flexed (tightly)
Orientation of Skull: Northwest

Funerary Offerings: A metate fragment was found near the burial but it is not clear if it is a funerary offering.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The body was in a tightly flexed position. The skull and mandible had become dislodged and fallen upside down on the right shoulder area. The knees were drawn to the chest. The right arm was lying across the body and the left arm was under the body. The feet bones were missing as was the left leg. The field form notes an “interesting” groove the parietal, but does not specify which side and it is not further described.
Burial Number: 7
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Flexed
Orientation of Skull: West

Funerary Offerings: None

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The upper body, arms, and skull were missing. The burial appears to have been disturbed and partially destroyed by an intrusive hearth. Some of the ribs on the right side and the right humerus were burned. This burning appears to be post burial. It is not clear whether the hearth is part of a funerary event or for use during a subsequent domestic activity of the locus.

Burial Number: 8
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Undetermined
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Extended
Orientation of Skull: North

Funerary Offerings: One large piece of obsidian was under the right knee and another was above the right knee. A cluster of adobe balls (not further described) was about 30 cm above the feet; however, it is not clear if these were associated with the burial.

Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: The right arm was straight and angled across the torso while the left arm was straight alongside the left side of the body so that the hands were next to one another. The feet were crossed at the ankles. The skull was partial, the spinal column was missing, and most of the ribs were missing. The bone was not well preserved.

Mound B

Burial Number: 4
Condition: Fragmentary
Sex: Probably male
Age: Young adult
Burial Type: Undetermined
Orientation of Skull: Undetermined

Funerary Offerings: None
Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined

Description/Comment: Highly fragmentary and scattered. The remains consisted of a few cranial and long bone fragments.

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Burial Number: 1A
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
  Funerary Offerings: None
  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
  Description/Comment: Highly fragmentary scattered bone, appeared badly disturbed.

Burial Number: 1B
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
  Funerary Offerings: Undetermined
  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
  Description/Comment: This individual was represented by a single molar.

Burial Number: 2
  Condition: Fragmentary
  Sex: Undetermined
  Age: Young adult
  Burial Type: Undetermined
  Orientation of Skull: Undetermined
  Funerary Offerings: None
  Cranial/Dental Modification: Undetermined
**Description/Comment:** The remains included skull, long bone, and rib fragments along with a few phalanges. The field form suggests it may have been the remnant of a bundle burial, but it was too scattered to determine with certainty.

**Burial Number:** 3A  
**Condition:** Incomplete  
**Sex:** Female  
**Age:** Mid adult  
**Burial Type:** Semiflexed  
**Orientation of Skull:** Northeast

**Funerary Offerings:** One stone spindle whorl (see Figure 7.14), four dog tooth beads, two shell bracelets, a large cowry shell, and one red-on-buff bowl with a constricted, but slightly flaring orifice (see Figure 6.58c). The bowl was placed above and just to the left of the head and the spindle whorl was at the lower left edge of the bowl. The two bracelets were on the lower left arm (see Figure 7.21). The cowry shell was placed at the hip. The four drilled dogtooth beads were in the area of the neck indicating they were part of a necklace.

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** The burial was placed on its right side in a semiflexed position. The right arm was bent with the skull resting on the right hand. The bone was in poor condition. The funerary offerings with Burial 3A were among the most elaborate and varied found with any burial during the Marismas project.


**Burial Number: 3B**
- **Condition:** Fragmentary
- **Sex:** Undetermined
- **Age:** Child
- **Burial Type:** Undetermined
- **Orientation of Skull:** Undetermined

**Funerary Offerings:** Undetermined

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** Undetermined

**Description/Comment:** Very fragmentary, a partial skull, mandible fragments, and a few teeth.

**Burial Number: 4**
- **Condition:** Incomplete
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** Young adult
- **Burial Type:** Extended
- **Orientation of Skull:** East

**Funerary Offerings:** None

**Cranial/Dental Modification:** The presence or absence of cranial modification could not be determined. An extreme form of the C-4 variety of dental modification was present on all four maxillary incisors.

**Description/Comment:** The burial was in a supine position. The skull was turned to the side with the face to the north. The arms were at its sides. Portions of the spinal column, ribs, and part of the lower left humerus and the left ulna and radius were missing.