

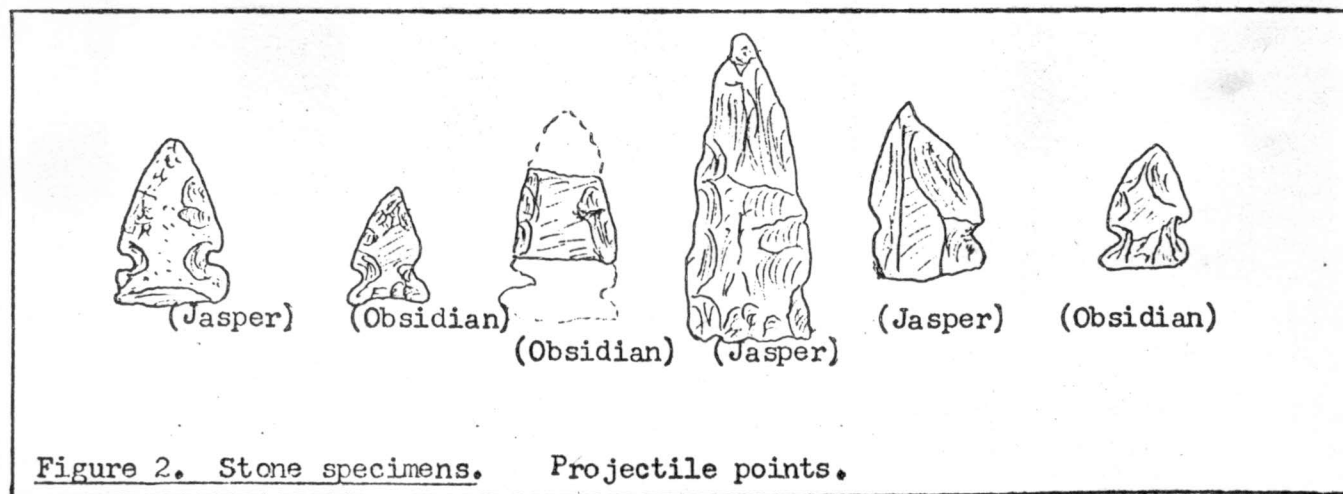
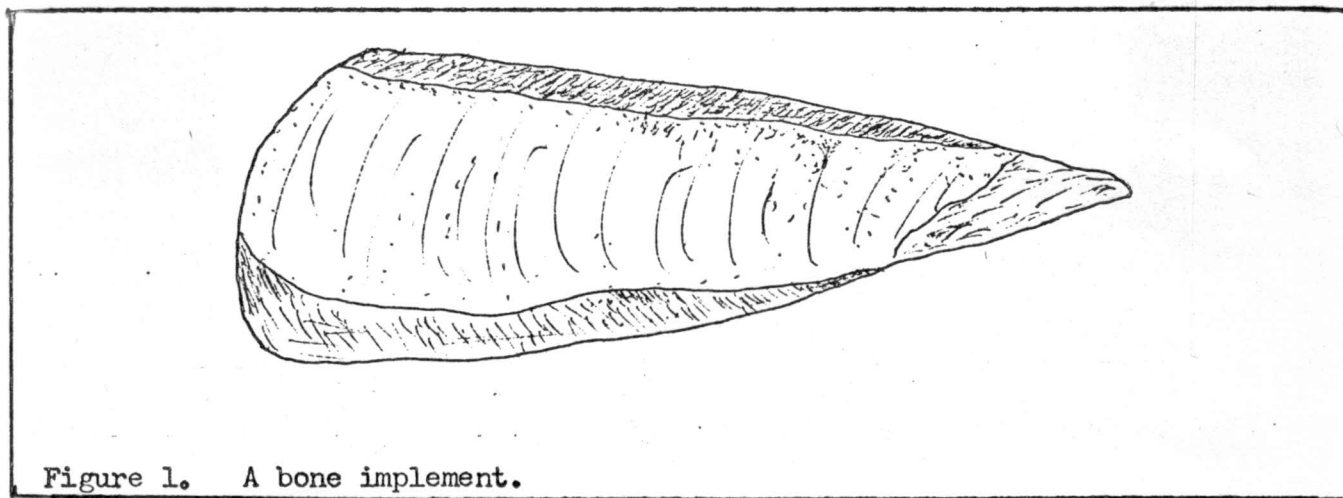
AN OCCUPATION SITE NEAR STOCKETT, MONTANA

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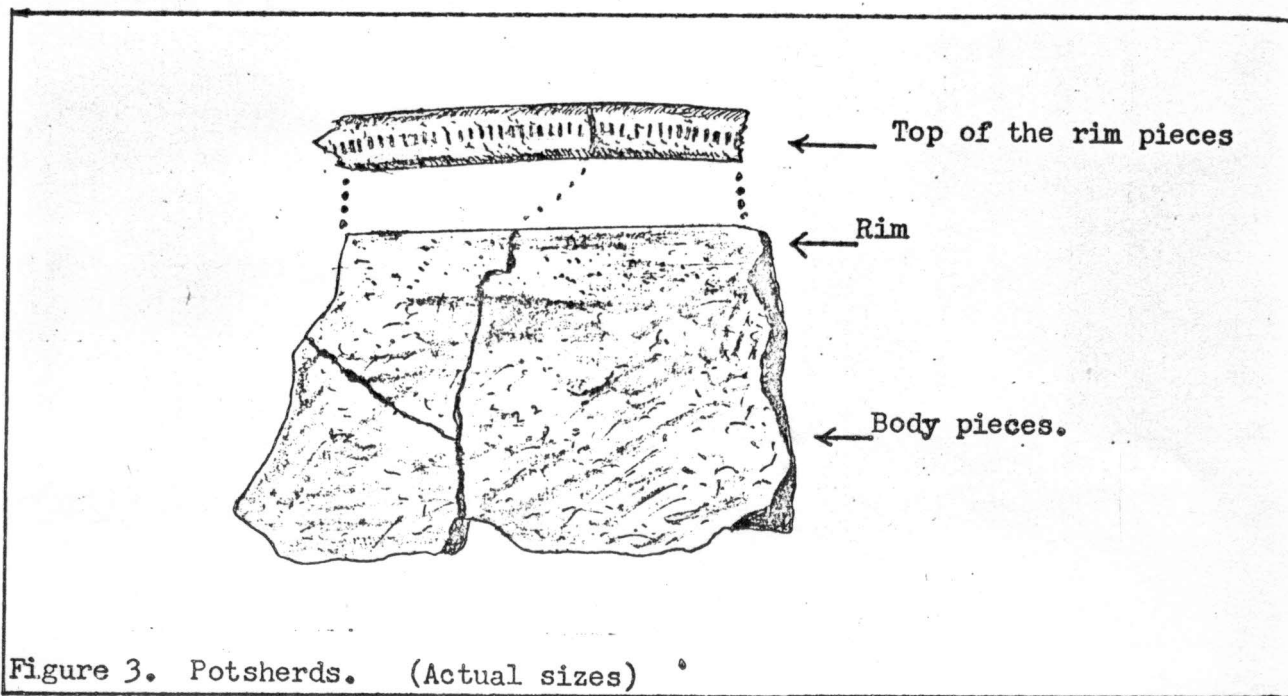
About four miles southeast of Stockett, Montana,* chips and artifacts have been found on and near the surface of the ground. Attention to the site was attracted by the presence of obsidian chips, and the smaller obsidian arrow point, illustrated below. These were noticed in gopher diggings. Additional investigation, including digging and screening, yielded more chips. About half of these were obsidian, chalcedony, or yellow jasper in similar amounts. There was also a small amount of agate and a flint-like stone.

The largest single article found could have been a chisel, or an instrument for chipping arrowheads. It was made of buffalo bone, and had been hardened so that it was in very good condition. The top of the tool was rounded so that it fit the hand comfortably. The sharp bone point may have been used for chipping the edges of the arrowheads. Other broken pieces of this type of tool were also found when screening.



* Specifically this site was in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$, northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 5 East.

Some potsherds were also found at this site. Most of the twelve pieces found were charcoal black throughout, but one was tan and shiny inside and out. Another was grey only on the outside. They contained a coarse sand tempering and were 1/4 to 3/8 inches in thickness. Some pieces were rims. These are sketched in Figure 3. Surfaces were smoothed.



A large blue bead was also found at this site (See Figure 4.) The bead, pottery, side-notched points and possibly the extensive use of obsidian all indicate the recency of the occupation of this area. Two other artifacts (Sketched in Figure 4) have also been found on the ground about one-half a mile east of Stockett. The workmanship on these, however, is not as definitive as that on the articles found at the occupation site. Both were made of Jasper.

