

Graham-Applegate Introduction



In the rolling granite hills near the confluence of the Llano and Colorado Rivers, the remains of a thousand-year-old Indian village, or *rancheria*, are slowly coming to light through excavations by the Llano Uplift Archeological Society. Named Graham-Applegate after the present-day landowners, the site offers a rare glimpse into the lives of a little-known Indian people who called central Texas home at the turn of the first millennium A.D. Their culture vanished—or blended with that of later groups—several centuries before the earliest Spanish expeditions entered the region. No written account exists that could tell us who these people were, what language they spoke, or even what they called themselves. Archeologists refer to the culture of these people, and the time in which they lived, as the Austin phase.

What conclusions can we make about the people who lived at the Graham-Applegate site and how they lived?