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## ABSTRACT

This dissertation addresses the “Folsom-Midland Problem,” in which two distinct varieties of stone projectile points occur together in many Folsom-age sites from the terminal Pleistocene in North America. In order to understand why these point types co-occur, a sample of measurements and photographs of 1,093 artifacts including points, preforms, and ultrathin bifaces has been amassed from 27 archaeological sites and three private collections across the Great Plains region of the United States. Analysis of the Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts from the Gault site in Central Texas provides the basis of subsequent analyses of the larger sample and indicates that the Folsom-Midland dichotomy is too simplistic to encompass the technological variation that was present during this period. Instead, Folsom-era point forms are subdivided into the following varieties: Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature.

Technological analyses of the total sample indicate that the five Folsom-era point types have slightly different morphologies on average with regard to maximum width, basal width, and edge grinding, suggesting that they may have been hafted differently. An analysis of flintknapping skill for each of the point types indicates that Folsom points consistently emerge as the most skillfully made on average, followed by unifacially fluted, Midland, and pseudo-fluted, respectively. Raw materials analysis reveals that Folsom points are more often made from a wider variety of raw materials than the other point types, while Midland points are more often made from the most abundant raw materials than the other points. This difference appears to be the result of Folsom preforms being carried in an unfinished state for some time before being completed and employed as points, while the other point types are more often completed in one

sitting and hafted immediately. Regional analyses show that Midland and miniature points are more common in the southern part of the Folsom geographic range, but there is no a discernible correlation with Folsom radiocarbon dates or faunal remains. Overall, flintknapping skill is determined to be the most significant factor in Folsom-era projectile point variation, although differing morphologies and raw material use also contribute to this variation.

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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

*...I think just once of the moment  
when the fluted chalcedony  
dropped into my hand  
but really  
I know now  
it never should have been resurrected  
any more than these wheels and wings and electronic voices  
should ever again be lifted  
from oblivion...*  
-Loren Eiseley, "Flight 857"

The purpose of this dissertation is to better understand the variability in Folsom-era lithic hunting technology. The Folsom period occurred between 10,900 and 10,200 radiocarbon years before present (Meltzer 2006:1) and extended across much of the Great Plains in the United States and into parts of Canada and Mexico. The Folsom period is most widely interpreted as a cultural tradition that used distinctive fluted projectile points to hunt *Bison antiquus*, the more robust ancestor of modern bison (Collins 2007:81-84). Although this interpretation applies to many Folsom sites, not all regions appear to place the same emphasis on bison hunting (Kornfeld 2002), and many sites contain a variety of other contemporaneous projectile points in addition to the classic fluted Folsom points (Wendorf et al. 1955; Wendorf and Krieger 1959:67). This dissertation explores the variation of these Folsom-era projectile points, their respective unfinished preforms, and formal "ultrathin" bifaces that comprise the most diagnostic tools in the Folsom repertoire.

The questions that this dissertation addresses stem from what archaeologists call the "Folsom-Midland Problem" (Judge 1970; LeTourneau 1998). This problem concerns the co-

occurrence of Folsom and Midland point forms across many Folsom-age sites and raises the question of why the same groups of people would use two seemingly distinct projectile point technologies to achieve the same apparent goal. Arguments as to why this occurs include the idea the Midland points are simply Folsom points that turned out too thin to flute (Judge 1970:44), that Midland points are made by those who are not skilled enough to make Folsom points (Bamforth 1991:311-314), or that Midland points are made when individuals are trying to conserve raw materials (Hofman 1992). Each of these hypotheses is tested and discussed in this research. The analysis begins with the heretofore unreported Folsom component of the Gault site in central Texas and then expands to include a sample of Folsom sites and collections from across the western United States. This research seeks to establish overall trends in the variation of Folsom hunting tools, make note of exceptions to those trends when they occur, and to test the aforementioned hypotheses that attempt to explain these technological variations. Until now, research conducted on variation among Folsom bifacial tools has been confined to specific regions and has not encompassed a broad representative sample from across most of the geographic range (Amick 1994a, 1995, 1999, 2002; Bradley 2009; Hofman 1992; LeTourneau 2000). Additionally, the hypotheses posited to explain Folsom technological variation have not been tested against data from such a wide cross-regional sample.

### *History of Research in Folsom Technology*

It would be nice to think that the Folsom discovery settled the enigma surrounding the Pleistocene presence of human beings in the Americas, but instead it merely marked the beginning of systematic research into that period. The first *in situ* Folsom point exposed in 1927 among *Bison antiquus* remains surprised the archaeological community at the time with its

excellent craftsmanship (Meltzer 2006:86). Some of the earlier proposed American Pleistocene sites, such as the Trenton gravels in New Jersey, had been designated as ancient at least partly on the crude appearance of the artifacts (Meltzer 2006:24). The Folsom site revealed that the Pleistocene inhabitants of the Americas were highly capable and even artistic flintknappers (Fischel 1939:241).

One of the first apparent problems in the Pleistocene archaeology of North America was typological in nature. Folsom points are initially recognizable by their distinctive flutes – long flakes struck from the bases of the points and often extending to the distal tip, creating a grooved appearance – and in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, all fluted points were called “Folsom,” “Folsom-like,” or “Folsomoid,” regardless of other morphological differences (Fischel 1939:232; LeTourneau 1998). However, additional, unfluted, projectile points were found associated with extinct fauna in blow-out sites in Yuma County, Colorado (Fischel 1939:232-234). As a result, all fluted Pleistocene-aged points came to be called Folsom, and the unfluted specimens were named “Yuma.” The relationship between Folsom and Yuma points was not certain (Fischel 1939:240-241). Renaud (1937:81) proposed that Yuma points preceded Folsom points chronologically, while Nelson (1937:320) was of the opposite opinion, considering Yuma points to represent a longer lived technology. Other reports mentioned points that appeared to be of an unfluted Folsom type, suggesting that the points were halfway between the Folsom and Yuma styles. However, these points were considered anomalous and were not included in the initial typological schemes for the Paleoindian period (Fischel 1939:238-239). Of course, this dichotomous typological distinction was not to last, as subsequent archaeological discoveries brought the need for further subdivisions among fluted point types and further blurred the line between fluted Folsom and unfluted Yuma types.

The excavations at Blackwater Draw in New Mexico revealed that fluted points have a greater time depth than originally assumed and some of the morphological variations in “Folsom-like” points represent changing forms through time. In particular, Blackwater Draw contained typical Folsom points associated with extinct bison as at the original Folsom site, but the underlying stratum at Blackwater Draw also contained larger, slightly cruder-looking fluted points associated with mammoth remains. These points, with a similar outline as Folsom but with a different flaking style and shorter flutes, were named “Clovis” by Sellards (1952:17-18). Between this recognition of chronologically distinct fluted point types and the subsequent excavations of stratigraphically separated unfluted point types at sites like Hell Gap (Irwin-Williams et al. 1973), the “Folsom” point form became more typologically refined, and the “Yuma” distinction became recognized as a catch-all and fell out of use.

Moreover, the excavations at Scharbauer near Midland, Texas in 1953 gave archaeologists their first glimpse into the close relationship between Folsom points and their unfluted “Midland” counterparts (Wendorf et al. 1955; Wendorf and Krieger 1959:67). The close association between the two point types has given rise to what became known as “Folsom-Midland problem,” in which archaeologists have struggled to propose explanations for this variation (Judge 1970; LeTourneau 1998:63-65). Some, such as Gunnerson (1987:15-16), suggest that Midland points belong to a separate technological complex that happens to coincide closely with Folsom in space and time. However, this assessment is based entirely on data from the Winkler-I site in west Texas, where Midland occurs without Folsom (Blaine 1968:8) and on the Folsom and Midland components of the Hell Gap site. At Hell Gap, Irwin-Williams et al. (1973:44, 47) stated that Midland artifacts slightly overlie the Folsom occupation and hence are later in time. However, the radiometric ages largely overlap, and Haynes (2009:44) later found

that the Folsom, Midland, and typologically similar Goshen components all belong to the same stratum, the Goshen Paleosol in Stratum E. Additionally, Bradley (2009:259-264) found that some of the points from the Goshen component at Hell Gap are morphologically similar to Folsom or Midland, while some of the points from the Midland components appear to be Folsom or Goshen, suggesting that the components are not as technologically distinct as originally reported. Most archaeologists now consider Folsom and Midland points to have been made and used by the same cultural groups (Meltzer 2006:294; Meltzer et al. 2006:24).

### *The Role of Typology*

The analysis of such “types” is at the heart of this dissertation research. Categorizing projectile points into types has been a cornerstone of Paleoindian archaeology since its inception, because stone tools are often the only materials remaining in such ancient sites, and of those tools, projectile points are usually the most stylistically distinctive. However, sorting points into types is not always conducted by the scientific method, and some archaeologists (whether they are conscious of it or not) take an impressionistic “I know it when I see it” approach to typology (LeTourneau 1998). Krieger (1944) offers probably the most systematic explanation of typological methods as they may apply to the study of stone projectile points. The four methods he outlines include: 1) full descriptions of individual artifacts, 2) impressionistic types based on unspecified criteria to reduce redundant descriptions, 3) phylogenetic outlines of artifact that create typological “genealogies,” and 4) typologies based on stylistic traits that have chronological significance that is archaeologically supported (Krieger 1944:272-273). The first three of these methods represent systems that may be used to describe or organize artifacts systematically, but they do not necessarily provide any insight into prehistoric populations. In

particular, outlining projectile point morphologies in a phylogenetic format forces the researcher to emphasize some traits over others, likely pigeonholing some unrelated artifacts together into a type, while some similar artifacts may be needlessly separated. On the other hand, the fourth method attempts to create types that express archeological significance and reflect change across space and time. In this scheme, any technological variation, large or small, that can be temporally or spatially segregated deserves to be placed in its own type category (Krieger 1944:277-279). This method represents the ideal to which archaeologists now aspire when constructing most typologies for projectile points, and this method becomes increasingly applicable over time as archaeological investigations delineate the chronological and spatial trends among points. The refinement of absolute dating techniques has also greatly aided in the verification of these typologies in the absence of stratified archaeological components.

In the case of the Folsom-Midland problem, these two point types are distinct in their flaking technology despite having a similar outline and thickness, but they are known to occur contemporaneously and usually within the same archaeological components. According to Krieger's (1944:283) classification scheme, Folsom and Midland points may qualify as subtypes, although this designation is usually considered a temporary division until further data are gathered. Additionally, simply establishing Folsom and Midland as subtypes without explaining why the two styles simultaneously exist is an unsatisfying proposition. In the absence of spatial and temporal components to the Folsom and Midland types, archaeologists must instead look to behavioral explanations. Young and Bonnicksen (1984) propose a "cognitive approach" to the analysis of stone tools. This approach stresses the importance of variation between artifacts in order to understand the ways in which individuals adopted the tool-making norms of their group and integrated it into their own behaviors. The approach also applies concepts from cognitive



psychology and cognitive anthropology, and applies the concepts to the ways lithic tools were hypothetically formulated in the minds of prehistoric individuals and how those mental templates were brought into reality. The cognitive approach stresses the importance of experimental knapping, ethnoarchaeological studies, and observations of modern groups making and using stone tools in order to understand the thought processes and individual problem-solving strategies that go into making various tool forms (Young et al. 1994:211).

The analyses conducted in this research utilize some, but not all, of the concepts discussed in the cognitive approach in order to understand the decision-making process that went into making projectile points and bifaces during the Folsom period. The points in the sample are divided primarily into five typological categories: Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature derivations thereof. Explicit definitions of each of these types are provided in Chapter 2. The cognitive approach stresses the subtleties that the individual contributes to the form and function of each stone tool, but that level of analysis is not feasible in this project. Instead, technological, skill-related, raw material, and regional trends are explored among the sampled artifacts, and all observable variations and deviations from the norm among these types are recorded and investigated for behavioral patterns. Classic flintknapping experiments are referenced as necessary to provide information on Folsom tool reduction sequences, but personal experiences in the making of Folsom points and bifaces are currently beyond my skill to provide. However, my own flintknapping experience inevitably informs some of my observations on Folsom-era technology. For example, the distinction between percussion-thinned and pressure-thinned Midland points is based on personal expectations of percussion and pressure flake scar morphologies.

### *Organization of the Dissertation*

The following chapter introduces the artifact types, sites, collections, and repositories that were examined in order to compile the sample for the subsequent analyses. Whenever possible, a short background is given for each site sampled, and the number and kinds of artifacts analyzed are tallied. Also, the measurement and observation variables that were taken while visiting the repositories are listed and defined. All primary measurement data and photographs are accompanied as attachments with the electronic copy of this dissertation via Trace, the Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange digital repository at the University of Tennessee. The electronic files include three Microsoft Excel spreadsheets (“Lassen Folsom Measures.xls,” “Dominant Materials.xls,” and “Lindenmeier Raw Materials.xlsx”) and a file folder entitled “Photos” that includes front and back photographs of every artifact in the sample, along with grouped photographs of artifacts using longwave and shortwave ultraviolet light. These data files and photographs are also available via the Paleoindian Database of the Americas (<http://pidba.utk.edu>) and can be provided by request from the Gault School of Archaeological Research (<http://www.gaultschool.org/>).

The third chapter deals specifically with the Folsom-Midland component of the Gault site in central Texas. Although this component of Gault has been mentioned in previous publications (Collins 2007:81-84; Waters et al. 2011:17), it has not been systematically reported. This chapter focuses on the contexts and stratigraphic integrity of the Folsom-age diagnostic tools, the technological variation that is observable in the making of those tools, and the typological issues that are evident from variation among the tools. The questions that are raised by the technological and typological discussions presented here are used to frame the analyses conducted in the subsequent chapters of the dissertation.

The fourth chapter presents the technological analysis of the entire research sample. The first portion of the chapter highlights morphological differences between Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points and preforms, as well as contrasting their measurements with extraneous Paleoindian point types such as Plainview. Exhaustive definitions of each of these artifact types, as well as ultrathin bifaces, are provided in this chapter. The second portion of the chapter analyzes more specific questions pertaining to Folsom-era technology, including preform variation, ultrathin biface variation, and analyses of points that bear characteristics similar to both Folsom and Midland types.

The fifth chapter represents an attempt to quantify the skill involved in flintknapping each of the Folsom-era point types. The first section uses the width/thickness ratio, flake scar counts, a ratio of “mistakes,” and coefficients of variation to determine whether any difference in skill involved in making different points and preforms can be determined. The second section looks at subdivisions within and among point types for differences in skill. In particular, the incidences of particularly well made “extra fine” points are quantified, and variations among Midland points as well as pseudo-fluted points are analyzed.

The sixth chapter focuses on raw materials to determine whether such considerations played a role in determining the type of point that was made prehistorically. The first section looks at individual sites to examine whether significant raw material differences are present among the Folsom-era point types on a site-by-site basis. Afterwards, the raw materials from each site and collection are classified into “dominant” and “non-dominant” categories in order to make generalizations utilizing data from all sites at once. Finally, the directions of movement of the dominant raw materials from source to site are traced to determine whether any patterns of movement are observable.

The final analysis chapter explores a lingering series of questions that pertain to Folsom-age materials on a regional scale. First, the occurrences of all the point variants are analyzed by latitude and longitude to determine whether any geographic trends in point type distributions are apparent. Then, previously published radiocarbon ages from various Folsom sites are compiled to determine whether the point distribution trends match the dating trends, in order to discern whether some Folsom-age point types become more prevalent over time as well as space. Third, sites with recorded faunal assemblages are tabulated in order to compare the MNIs of game species with the proportions of point types present in those sites to determine whether a correlation between point types and prey types may be evident. Finally, an analysis of the regional prevalence of “extra fine” points and pristine preforms is conducted to determine whether the occurrences of either of these specific artifact types match the distribution patterns observed in the larger regional analysis.

The eighth chapter concludes the dissertation and revisits each of the preceding chapters in turn, augmenting the conclusions of those chapters with insights gained from the subsequent analyses. Additionally, the results of all these chapters are brought together to present a scenario of human tool-making and using behavior during the Folsom period.

## CHAPTER 2: THE SAMPLE

This chapter provides a description of the dataset, variables, repositories, and sites used throughout the dissertation. The first section is dedicated to a full description of the artifact forms that are analyzed in the subsequent chapters. Point types, preform morphologies, and ultrathin biface characteristics are discussed as completely as possible. The next section lists the variables that have been measured and observed during the data collection and gives a short description of each. The following section specifies the repositories that have been visited in order to gather the dataset. These repositories include formal archaeological curation facilities, university laboratories, museums, and private residences. The final section deals with the archaeological sites that comprise the sample. Brief descriptions of the excavation histories and interpretations of Folsom components are provided for each site, followed by a count of the artifacts sampled in this research. Three sites: Scharbauer, Lindenmeier, and Folsom, are discussed in greater detail due to their significance to the current understanding of the Folsom period.

The total sample of bifacial tools examined in this analysis consists of 1093 artifacts. This sample is made up of materials from 30 sites and private collections and is intended to represent Folsom materials from across as wide a geographic extent as possible (Table 1). The purpose of this sample is to examine technological and typological variation of Folsom-era formal bifacial artifacts on an interregional basis to contribute to our understanding of the Folsom-Midland problem and to address additional variation that occurs within these assemblages. Debitage, flake tools, and other non-diagnostic artifacts are not included in this research. Although the contribution of these artifacts to Folsom lifeways is inarguably

significant, including such tools in this research sample would have been problematic. Many of the Folsom sites in this research consist of mixed cultural components, so only the diagnostic tools could be definitively attributed to the Folsom period. Additionally, a significant portion of the data used in this dissertation comes from personal collections in which diagnostic bifacial artifacts are often the only materials collected. Of the artifacts sampled, 674 are Paleoindian projectile points and 315 are preforms that are classified as Folsom, Midland, or some variant thereof, as well as a sample of technologically similar projectile points such as Plainview and Milnesand. A tabulation of projectile points by type is presented in Table 2. Eighty-five artifacts fall under the ultrathin biface category, which includes a sample of bifacial tools that are technologically similar but considerably thicker. Usually, the thicker bifaces are made of quartzite. The final category of bifacial tools is reserved for indeterminate or unusual specimens. These include points that are technological aberrations from Folsom and Midland to the extent that they may not actually belong to the Folsom period or to any roughly contemporaneous technology. They are excluded from subsequent analyses (see the “Comments” column in Table 1).

Table 1: List of sites and collections with artifact counts. Excluded artifacts are ones that could not be confidently assigned to Folsom or to any other Paleoindian technology.

Site/Collection	Points	Preforms	Bifaces	Comments	References
Gault, TX	17	15	7	Three points excluded	Not previously reported
Kincaid, TX	5	0	0		Collins 1990
Pavo Real, TX	4	7	2		Collins et al. 2003
Blackwater Draw, NM	21	0	1		Hester 1972
Lubbock Lake, TX	7	0	0		Johnson and Holliday 1987a, b
Plainview, TX	19	0	0		Sellards et al. 1947
Bonfire, TX	5	0	0	Four points excluded	Dibble and Lorrain 1968
Wilson-Leonard, TX	2	0	0	One point excluded	Collins 1998b
Scharbauer, TX	27	2	0		Wendorf et al. 1955
Shifting Sands, TX	122	24	1		Hofman et al. 1990
Wyche Ranch, TX	16	1	0		Holliday 1997
Chispa Creek, TX	0	2	0	Richard Rose collection	Seebach 2004
Hot Tubb, TX	2	0	0	Richard Rose collection	Meltzer et al. 2006
Misc. Texas	5	3	1	From Richard Rose and TARL	None
Rio Rancho, NM	23	10	0		Huckell and Kilby 2002
Boca Negra Wash, NM	0	3	0		Holliday et al. 2006
Deann's Site, NM	1	1	0		Holliday et al. 2006
Misc. New Mexico	3	0	0	Huckell's study collection	None
Baker Collection, OK	25	0	0		No Man's Land Museum
Cedar Creek, OK	39	1	0		Hofman 1990
Sulphur River, OK	5	1	0		None
Cox Collection, OK	69	26	14		None
Folsom, NM	7	0	0	Denver Museum study materials	Meltzer 2006
Lindenmeier, CO	127	72	5	One point and biface excluded	Wilmsen and Roberts 1978
Westfall Site, CO	2	5	0		Hofman et al. 2002
Westfall Collection, CO	46	26	7	Two points excluded	None

Table 1 continued.

<b>Site/Collection</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Preforms</b>	<b>Bifaces</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>References</b>
Barger Gulch, CO	15	13	3		Surovell 2009
Misc. Colorado	5	0	0	Denver Museum isolates	None
Krmpotich, WY	8	8	1		Surovell 2009
Two Moon, WY	2	0	1	One preform excluded	Finley et al. 2005
Hanson, WY	10	6	18	One point excluded	Frison and Bradley 1980
Agate Basin, WY	5	5	0		Frison 1982a
Hell Gap, WY	16	5	2	One point and preform excluded	Bradley 2009



Table 2: Projectile point counts by type for each site and collection in the sample.

		Style						Total	
		Folsom	Indet	Midland	Miniature	Plainview	Pseudo-fluted		Unifacially Fluted
Site	Agate Basin	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
	Baker Collection	10	0	9	0	0	2	4	25
	Barger Gulch	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
	Big Black	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Blackwater Draw	12	0	5	0	2	0	2	21
	Bobtail Wolf	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	13
	Bonfire Shelter	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	5
	Cedar Creek	16	0	12	0	6	2	2	38
	Cox Collection	29	2	22	0	10	1	5	69
	Deann's Site	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Folsom	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
	Gault	5	0	11	1	0	0	0	17
	Hanson	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	10
	Hell Gap	2	0	8	0	5	1	0	16
	Kincaid	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	Krmpotich	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
	Lindenmeier	69	16	12	9	0	10	9	125
	Lubbock Lake	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	7
	Misc. Colorado	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Misc. New Mexico	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Misc. Texas	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	7

Table 2 continued.

		Style							Total
		Folsom	Indet	Midland	Miniature	Plainview	Pseudo-fluted	Unifacially Fluted	
Site	Mud Springs, Wyoming	15	0	1	0	0	0	1	17
	Pavo Real	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
	Rio Rancho	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	23
	Scharbauer	2	0	17	3	1	1	1	25
	Shifting Sands	22	0	70	13	1	8	8	122
	Sulphur River	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	5
	Westfall Collection	32	0	7	0	0	3	4	46
	Westfall Site	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Wilson Leonard	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Wyche Ranch	1	0	12	1	0	2	0	16
Total		315	19	201	32	30	35	42	674



Figure 1: Common point types sampled in this dissertation. Top row: Folsom and Folsom-related point types. Bottom row: morphologically similar non-Folsom points.

### *Type Descriptions*

To begin, definitions of the point types discussed in this research assemblage are necessary. Assigning point types has largely been an impressionistic endeavor (Krieger 1947:273; LeTourneau 1998), and although that situation is also true of this study, the fact that every artifact in this research has been handled and recorded personally by the author provides some subjective consistency to the typological designations. The formal point types that commonly appear in this study are shown in Figure 1. The typological criteria used in the data-gathering portion of this study are as follows. First, the size of a point was gauged to determine whether the point is full-sized or miniature. The simplest test for this determination is literally a “rule of thumb.” Full-sized points are generally about as wide as my thumbnail (roughly 2 cm), while miniatures are about as wide as my pinky nail (roughly 1 cm). Although a few points fall in between these size categories, such a problem is a remarkably rare occurrence.

Next, the presence or absence of fluting was noted. Although fluting on Folsom points is subjectively obvious in most cases, some points exhibit long basal thinning flakes that may imitate true flutes. The distinction between a flute and a basal thinning flake is determined by looking at a point in lateral cross section. If the thickness of a point dips inward in the middle of the cross section, then it is fluted. Basal thinning flakes do not have such a drastic effect on the shape of a point’s cross section. Unifacially fluted points are generally simple to identify, given that one face is fluted and the other is not. It is also important to note whether the unfluted face exhibits Midland-style flaking, as described below.

Identifying Midland points tends to be more complicated and subjective than identifying fluted Folsom points. Three primary criteria are used to distinguish a Midland point from other, similar, Paleoindian types. First is the reduction technique. Midland points are thinned by what

Amick (2002:177-178) calls collateral flaking. Collateral flakes are perpendicular to the lateral edges of the point and extend across the center of the point's surface, overlapping with collateral flakes from the opposite edge. Ideally, this technique creates a very thin and flat point. One source of disagreement among archaeologists is whether collateral flakes were generated by percussion or pressure (Bradley 2009:260; Wilke 2002:358), so collateral percussion and pressure are recorded as separate entries under the "Production Technique" variable. Collateral percussion is defined as exhibiting flake scars that are wider than 5 mm and are somewhat rounded in outline. Collateral pressure is defined as flake scars that are narrower than 5 mm or are more elongated in outline. The second criterion for defining a Midland point is the presence of regular fine pressure retouch along the edges. This fine pressure flaking is analogous to the post-fluting pressure retouch that appears during the final stages of Folsom point production. This retouch does not appear on all Midland points, but it does appear only on Midland points, distinguishing it from similar unfluted Paleoindian types such as Plainview. The final criterion for defining a Midland point is thickness. Midland points are often thinner than 4 mm, while other unfluted Paleoindian points are thicker than 4 mm. Ideally, Midland points should also have a flat, biplanar cross section, but some Midlands are lenticular or plano-convex. Naturally, not every Midland point meets all the criteria, so I considered a point to be Midland if it matched at least two out of the three criteria.

Pseudo-fluted points resemble Folsom points at first glance, but the "flute" on one face is made up of the unmodified ventral surface of a flake blank (Amick 2002:178-179). Generally, the only flaking that appears on this ventral surface is the fine edge trimming that appears on most Folsom points. Some projectile points retain traces of a ventral flake blank surface but also exhibit a few larger flake scars extending into that surface. In those cases, a point is not

considered pseudo-fluted if any flake scar extends into the flake blank surface beyond the midline, except near the distal tip. The flaking on the opposite face of a pseudo-fluted point varies. On rare occasions, the opposite face is fluted in the normal Folsom style, but more often it is collaterally flaked like a Midland point. Also, some points can appear pseudo-fluted on both faces if the original flake blank is thin and flat enough to require minimal modification. On the most well made pseudo-fluted points, the ventral flake surface can be difficult to distinguish from an actual flute. In these cases, the easiest way to distinguish an actual flute is to look at the point in cross section and see if the thickness dips in the center relative to the margins. Pseudo-flutes do not exhibit this characteristic.

Miniature points are highly variable, with the only unifying characteristic being their size. A miniature point can be bifacially fluted, unifacially fluted, collaterally flaked, or pseudo-fluted. However, the most basic distinction between miniatures is the manner of their production. Some miniature points are made by heavily reworking larger points into a smaller size. Nearly all fluted miniature points (and some of the unfluted ones) are made in this manner. Other miniature points are made from very small flake blanks, including channel flakes. These miniatures are usually pseudo-fluted and are more minimally flaked than their reworked counterparts.

A point occasionally appears in a Folsom assemblage or collection that is full size, unfluted, and not a Midland point. While some of these points are simply called “unfluted Folsom,” in most cases they can be typologically assigned to another Paleoindian form. Usually these points fall under Plainview, although the Plainview type must be explicitly defined to prevent its becoming a catch-all, as has been the case in the past (Irwin-Williams 1973; Turner et al. 2011:152). Here I define Plainview points based on characteristics that are complementary to

Midland. Plainviews exhibit midline flaking, where the thinning flakes from both edges of the point meet in the center and create a central ridge or central thickness. As such, the points are nearly always thicker than 4 millimeters. Plainview points tend to be either lenticular or plano-convex in cross section. Lastly, Plainview points lack the fine edge retouch that is present on most Folsom and Midland points. Plainview points are usually lanceolate in outline with parallel sides, but some of the points from the original type site exhibit recurved edges. Goshen points from the Hell Gap site are included in this research as well, but their identification is essentially the same as Plainview (Irwin et al. 1973:46). Milnesand is a type that occasionally appears in some Folsom collections (particularly in west Texas), despite being Late Paleoindian in age (Turner et al. 2011:136). Milnesand points look similar to Midland and Plainview in outline, and they may exhibit flaking patterns similar to either type, but Milnesands have a distinctive longitudinal profile that sets them apart. Milnesand points are fairly thin at the base but increase in thickness toward the tip, with a maximum thickness of usually 5 millimeters or more. Additionally, basal thinning tends to be present on only one face of Milnesand points, creating a somewhat beveled base that is wedge-shaped in profile. Lastly, any unfluted points that do not fall into Midland, Plainview, or Milnesand categories but still resemble these types in outline are given an “Indeterminate” type designation. If such points come from the Folsom component of an archaeologically excavated assemblage, they are considered Unfluted Folsom.

In terms of preforms, only Folsom preforms are immediately recognizable, thanks to the staged process involved in making Folsom points (Figure 2). The earliest stages of Folsom point production, according to Frison and Bradley (1980:45-52), are the initial blank production and initial shaping and thinning. These stages are not diagnostic of Folsom preforms and have not been recorded in this analysis. The third stage involves shaping and thinning the preform to

create even cross sections. During this stage, the preform acquires its rectangular outline, including a squared off and usually beveled distal end, presumably to brace the preform against an object during fluting (Patten 2002:303). Also, the flake scars across the surfaces of the preform should roughly align along the center of the point, although this alignment is not very refined at this stage. The fourth stage involves evenly pressure flaking the preform perpendicular to the edge, so that the pressure flake scars line up along the center of the preform's face, creating a central ridge. Usually this pressure flaking takes place one face at a time, and the opposite face undergoes this reduction stage only after the first flute is removed, but this is not always the case. The fifth stage involves preparing the base for the first flute by creating a "nipple" platform at the center of the basal edge. The sixth stage is the fluting of the first face. Modern experimentation has shown that Folsom fluting can be accomplished in a number of ways: by direct percussion (Patten 2002), indirect percussion (Crabtree 1966), and by pressure (Gryba 1988). The next three stages consist of the pressure flaking, basal preparation, and fluting of the opposite face. After both faces are fluted, the final edge retouch and shaping of the tip takes place. The edge retouch consists of small pressure flakes that do not usually extend into the fluted surface of the point. In some cases of particularly well made Folsom points (called "extra fine" points in subsequent chapters), these retouch flakes are remarkably small and may have been made with a specialized tool, such as a pressure flaker made from a beaver tooth (Collins personal communication). Finally, the lateral edges of the finished Folsom point are ground towards the base, presumably to facilitate hafting or possibly to aid in preventing breakage (Tunnel 1977:16; Titmus and Woods 1991). Sometimes the basal edge is also ground, but not always.



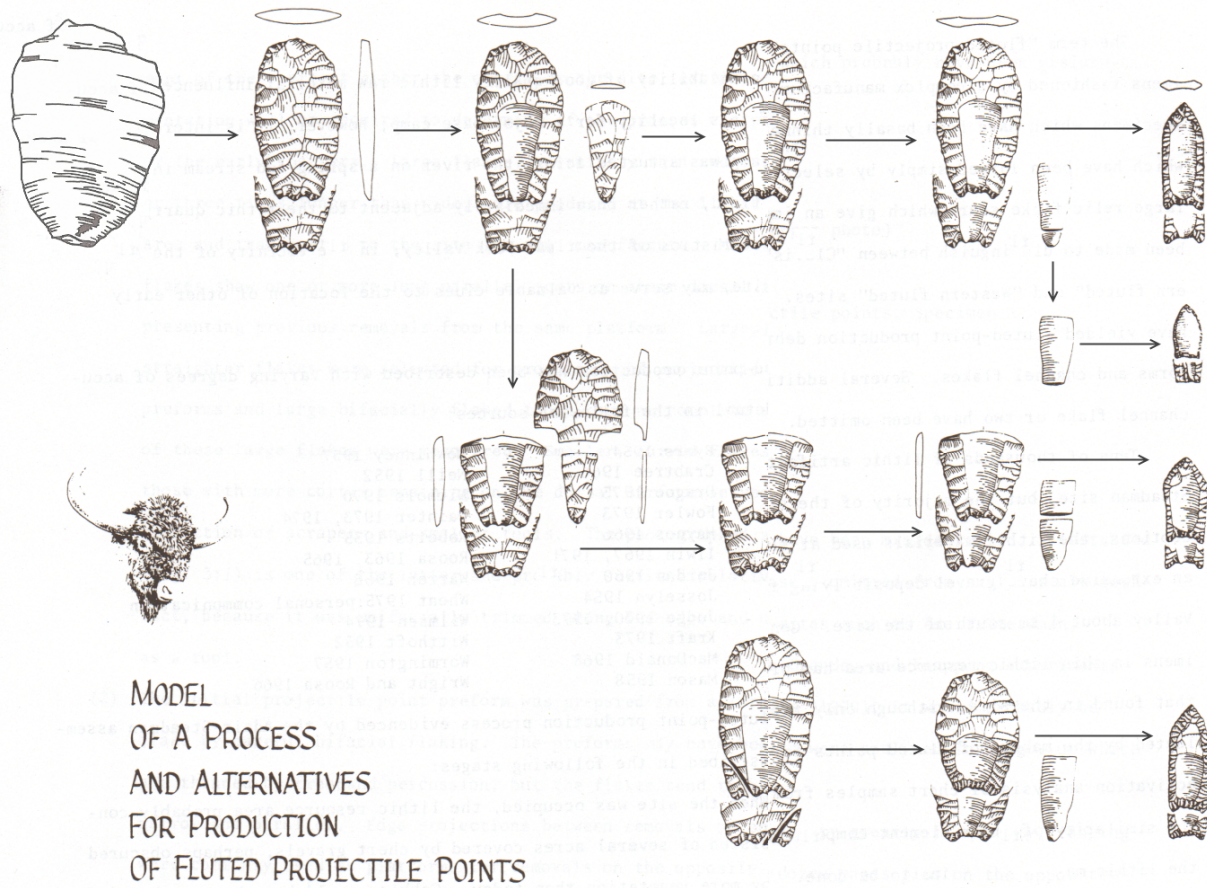


Figure 2: Flow chart of Folsom preform reduction sequences. Includes alternative strategies that account for breakages (Modified from Tunnell 1977, Figure 2).

Folsom preforms are readily identifiable beginning with the third stage. However, most of the preforms left behind in Folsom assemblages are broken from manufacturing failures, and the majority of those failures are related to fluting. The most common identifiable fluting failure is the overshoot, in which a channel flake dives down into the preform and breaks the preform in two pieces. The proximal fragment appears fluted, except the channel flake scar that caused the breakage has a noticeable widening towards the distal end and curls over the fracture surface. The distal fragment retains the rounded, beveled tip of the preform, and the proximal end exhibits a projection of the channel flake that caused the breakage. Because Folsom channel flakes usually come off in fragments, it is extremely rare for an intact channel flake to remain fully attached to the distal end of a broken preform. However, overshoot channel flakes do not always result in a failed preform. If the channel flake dives close to the tip of the preform, then the tip can be discarded while the rest of the preform is finished into a Folsom point. Judge (1970:45) considers this breakage such a necessary step in Folsom point production that he believed that distal ends were purposely snapped off prior to finishing a point. Tunnell (1977:19) demonstrates that such breakage was likely expected by Folsom flintknappers but was not necessary for the creation of a useable point. In addition to fluting failures, early stage Folsom preforms may be discarded after breaking from typical bending or perverse fractures as a result of bifacial reduction or thinning. Finally, some complete Folsom preforms are occasionally left behind in some assemblages for reasons unknown to modern researchers (Frison and Bradley 1980:55-57). On some of these preforms, the flutes appear to have fallen short of their intended length, indicating that these preforms may have been discarded due to insufficient fluting success. In other cases, the reason for discard may be due to the flutes not

aligning properly in cross section. However, these inferences are speculative because finished Folsom points that exhibit both of these characteristics also exist.

Other preforms are less well defined and involve a less formal reduction process, so they are more difficult to identify in the archaeological record. The Midland preforms identified in this research generally match the expectations set forth by Judge (1970:46) in that they are made on relatively small flake blanks, particularly ones whose thinness makes them not conducive to fluting. Midland preforms can be determined primarily by the presence of collateral flaking. With the possible exception of the Gault assemblage, most Midland preforms in this analysis are close to being finished, simplifying their identification. Preforms for unifacially fluted points are exceedingly difficult to identify because they can be indistinguishable from ordinary Folsom preforms that lack their second fluting. The only possibility for identifying unifacially fluted preforms is by their thinness. If the preform matches the thickness of a finished Folsom point, it is likely to have remained fluted on only one side. Pseudo-fluted preforms are rare, and miniature preforms have not been identified, most likely due to the expediency of their production. Additionally, since some miniature points are made by heavily resharpening larger points, and a full sized point could hence potentially be a miniature preform. Preforms for additional unfluted Paleoindian point types such as Plainview were either not encountered or not identified in the course of this study.

Finally, ultrathin bifaces are identifiable based on a number of characteristics (Figure 3). Obviously, these bifaces have a noticeable thinness for their size, with their maximum thickness typical being 7 or 8 millimeters or less. Ultrathin bifaces have a flat, almost biplanar cross section as a result of the way in which they are made. The reduction sequence for ultrathin bifaces has been specified by Root et al. (1999:152-154), but Frison and Bradley (1980:31-42)

also note ultrathin reduction techniques in their analysis of biface reduction at the Hanson site. Although the aforementioned authors imply that the bifaces were likely created from large flake blanks, it is also possible that ultrathins began their reduction sequence as large bifacial cores (Collins 1999:21-24). Large bifacial cores have not been reported from any secure Folsom archaeological context, but some evidence does suggest their existence. “Frank’s Biface” from the Mitchell Locality of Blackwater Draw is a large bifacial core found out of context but in an area of substantial Folsom occupation. Also, several large flake blanks from Shifting Sands were apparently struck from a large bifacial core (Hofman et al. 1990:226; Rose 2011:312-316). Regardless of their origin, ultrathin preforms do not become identifiable in the archaeological record until they begin to undergo “opposed diving flaking.” This reduction method entails removing flakes from one edge of the biface so that they terminate in hinge fractures near the center of the piece. Flakes removed from the opposite edge remove the hinge terminations but leave a slight divot in the center, so that the biface is actually thinner in its center than it is towards its edges. Opposed diving flaking enables ultrathin bifaces to be resharpened by pressure flaking in such a way that the resharpening actually increases, rather than hindering, the tool’s cutting ability. These bifaces tend to be found at Folsom campsites and not at initial kill sites, suggesting that the bifaces are used for finer butchering work and not for the initial dismemberment of prey (Jodry 1998). Some resharpened ultrathin bifaces are beveled along their edges, suggesting that they functioned similarly to the two- and four-beveled knives found in Toyah phase sites in central Texas (Sollberger 1971; Turner et al. 2011:222-223). The fact that similarly shaped tools appear in two archaeological phases that emphasize bison hunting suggests that these bifaces played a useful role in the processing of these animals. In this analysis, a few bifaces have also been recorded that match the technological criteria of ultrathins

but are considerably thicker. These bifaces are typically made from quartzite, suggesting that raw material played a role in determining a biface's final thinness.

### *Variables*

The analysis of the Folsom materials is divided into two broad categories: points/preforms and ultrathin bifaces. The points/preforms category includes all Folsom points and preforms, Midland points and preforms, other variant types related to Folsom or Midland technology, and occasionally point types such as Plainview, Goshen, or Milnesand that are morphologically similar but not directly related to Folsom or Midland. The ultrathin biface category includes only bifaces that exhibit the hallmark signs of ultrathin technology, such as opposed diving flakes, overall thinness, and decreasing thickness towards the center of the biface. Measurements of size are expressed in millimeters (mm), and weight is expressed in grams (g).

#### Projectile Point Variables

Morphological (Morpho) Type – This variable assigns general categories for projectile points without delving into the intricacies of specific typology. Fluted point, unfluted point, and fluted/unfluted preforms are the most common morphological types. The “miniature” morphological type is also used for any diminutive point regardless of typological classification.

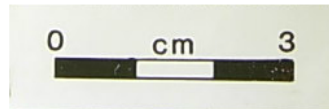


Figure 3: Ultrathin biface from west Texas.

Style Type – Specific projectile point types are entered in this variable. Folsom, Midland, and Plainview are common entries, and additional Folsom variants such as unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted are also noted here. Occasionally, an artifact may be categorized as “Folsom-Midland” if it exhibits characteristics of both technologies. This type may share some similarities to the unifacially fluted type, but the Folsom-Midland style refers more specifically to the presence of both Folsom and Midland reduction techniques.

Material – If the raw material of an artifact is visually identifiable, it will be entered into this variable. For Gault and other central Texas sites, the raw material is overwhelmingly Edwards chert. However, Alibates and indeterminate chert types also appear.

Color – This simple descriptive variable is useful for distinguishing raw materials as well as degrees of patination, weathering, or heat treatment. Color is highly variable in chert, particularly among Edwards chert, and may provide clues to an artifact’s post-depositional history.

UV Long – This entry is reserved for the color that an artifact expresses under long wave ultraviolet light. These colors are entered based on simple visual impressions because using a specific color coding process would likely result in too many divisions among color types.

UV Short – This entry is for the color an artifact expresses under short wave ultraviolet light. Again, these colors are entered based on simple visual inspection to prevent unnecessary splitting.

Blank Type – This variable is often difficult to ascertain when working with formal artifacts, but it can be useful in some instances. In reality, a blank is made from either a flake or a core, but in the archaeological record, only flake blanks can occasionally be observed with any

certainty. If evidence of a flake blank is present on an artifact, it is noted in this variable.

Otherwise, the artifact is labeled as indeterminate.

Thermally Altered – The intentional heat treatment of Folsom artifacts is a topic of some debate among archaeologists (Nami 1999:85-90; Gryba 2002; Root 2002), so the presence of such treatment is noted here. Possible entries for this variable include none, treated, and damaged. Artifacts labeled as treated exhibit signs that are characteristic of intentional heat treatment such as a pink or reddish hue and/or a waxy luster. An artifact is labeled as damaged if it shows signs of cracking, pot-lidding, or breakage due to excessive heat. This damage is more likely to be the result of unintentional heating, such as direct exposure to a fire.

Weathering – Two forms of weathering are apparent on many artifacts from the Gault site: patination and calcium carbonate concretions. Patination on Gault's Edwards chert generally occurs as either a white discoloration with occasional light blue spots or as a yellow-orange discoloration. Other forms of patination may be less obvious unless a recent breakage of the artifact reveals the specimen's original underlying coloration. Concretions are made up of naturally occurring carbonate nodules that adhere to the surface of artifacts. If the concretions are widespread, they may prevent the accurate recording of measurements or flaking attributes.

Artifact Portion – This variable refers to which portion of the artifact is present in the collection in the case of breakage. Entries include complete, base, distal, and medial.

Length – For projectile points, maximum length is measured from base to tip for complete specimens, base to break for basal fragments, break to tip for distal fragments, or from on break to the other for medial fragments. Length is generally considered more useful for complete artifacts than for broken ones, but an analysis of length on broken points may provide some technological information regarding hafting and use.



Width – This measurement is an artifact's maximal extent that is perpendicular to the length measurement.

Base Width – This is the width of the most proximal portion of an artifact. In the case of many of the projectile points, this measurement is taken from the outer edge of one ear to the other.

Thickness – This variable is perpendicular to both length and width and measures the maximum extent of an artifact's third dimension.

Flute Thickness – In the case of fluted points, the thickness in the fluted portion is less than the artifacts' maximum thickness, so a measurement is taken from the center of the fluted portion.

Basal Depth – Basal depth is measured by carefully tracing the base of a point (without touching the edge of the artifact) onto a sheet of paper and using a straight edge to draw a line connecting the end of each basal ear. The distance from the straight line to the deepest part of the concavity is then measured.

Flute Length – This measurement is the length of the flute from the proximal end to its distal termination. Two flute length measurements may be taken (Side A and Side B) when an artifact is fluted on both faces.

Flute Width – The maximum extent of a flute's width (perpendicular to the length measurement) is measured. Once again, two width measurements may be taken on a single artifact if both faces are fluted.

Production Technique – This categorical variable records any particular flaking styles that are visible on an artifact. Two entries are made for each artifact, one for each face. Entries include fluted from proximal (fluted from distal is also possible), collateral flakes, parallel

oblique flakes, opposed diving flakes, biface thinning, basal thinning, pressure thinning, pressure retouch, parallel transverse flakes, and pseudo-fluted ventral side.

Flakes per 10 mm – The number of flake scars per 10 mm is a method for ascertaining the attention to detail that goes into an artifact (completed points almost universally have a higher count than preforms, for example), and some variation is expected to be present among different types and/or reduction techniques. To calculate this value, flake scars originating from each edge are counted (flakes originating from the base are not counted) and added together. Because projectile points and bifaces generally have two edges, each with two faces, a total of four counts is taken from each artifact. The length of the artifact (in millimeters) is multiplied by four, and the total flake count is divided by the quadrupled length. Finally, the resulting value is multiplied by 10 to account for 10 millimeters.

Mistakes per 10 mm – This variable is calculated in the same way as the flake scars per 10 mm, except this variable only counts flake scars that end in step or hinge terminations that would hypothetically impede the propagation of subsequent flakes. Some subjectivity is present in determining which flake scars count as “mistakes,” and what this research defines as a mistake may not have been interpreted as such prehistorically. However, this variable should still prove useful as a line of evidence for ascertaining skill, as these “mistakes” appear to be uncommon in typically well made points such as Folsom and Midland and far more common in later point types and in my own flintknapping experience. Also, a ratio of mistakes to flake scars per 10 mm can provide a percentage value that aids in determining the level of skill that goes into producing an artifact.

Breakage – If an artifact is broken, the type of breakage is noted in this variable.

Bending, impact, and thermal fractures are common, as are perverse fractures and ear snaps to a lesser extent.

Weight – An artifact's weight is measured to the nearest tenth of a gram.

Edge Grinding – The length of margin grinding on both edges of a finished point (Side A and Side B) is measured in millimeters.

#### Ultrathin Biface Variables

Because the technology involved in producing ultrathin bifaces is just as diagnostic of the Folsom period as the projectile point technology (Collins 1999:21-22), measurements and observations are recorded for these artifacts as well. Many of the variables are the same and their definitions do not need to be repeated. These include material type, color, thermal alteration, weathering, artifact portion, length, width, thickness, flakes per 10 mm, mistakes per 10 mm, and weight. Additional variables and those with attributes that are specific to ultrathin bifaces are elaborated below.

Center Thickness – Because ultrathin bifaces are often thinnest in the center due to the opposed diving flaking technique, the thickness of the center is recorded in addition to the maximum thickness. This variable is somewhat analogous to flute thickness for fluted points.

Production Technique – Although the variable itself is the same as that for projectile points, the production techniques that are apparent on ultrathin bifaces tends to be quite different from points. The most diagnostic technique in producing these bifaces is opposed diving flaking, while ordinary biface thinning is also present regularly. Some overshoot flaking may also appear on unfinished bifaces, according to Frison and Bradley (1980:33).

Stage – Frison and Bradley (1980:31-39) organize the production of ultrathin bifaces into a sequence of five stages. The first is blank production, and the second is initial percussion shaping. The third stage consists of shaping and thinning flakes, which involves opposed diving flaking. Overshot flaking may also be utilized. The fourth stage is the final biface thinning, in which the biface is given its ovoid shape and thinness in the center. The fifth and final stage is made up of pressure flaking along the edges, which results in acute-angled working edges.

Breakage – For the most part, this variable is the same as that for projectile points. However, radial fractures are far more common among ultrathin bifaces and may a role in the tools' uselives (Root et al. 1999:161). Some ultrathin bifaces may have been intentionally struck in their center in order to produce fractured pieces with squared off edges and acutely angled corners for use as burins or gravers, although the fractured edges in Root et al.'s examples meet at more acute angles than those observed at Gault.

### *Repositories Visited*

The sample of 1093 artifacts was obtained by personally visiting a total of ten locations ranging from Texas and New Mexico to Wyoming and North Dakota. The archaeological sites sampled are shown on the map in Figure 4, and the artifact counts from those sites are listed in Table 1 and 2. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to personally observe, handle, and photograph each artifact in the sample, in order to ensure that the measurements are as consistent as possible. All measurement data are entered into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and this spreadsheet is included in the attached files uploaded to Trace ("Lassen Folsom Measures.xls"), has been submitted to the Paleoindian Database of the Americas (PIDBA) and is stored on the server of the Gault School of Archaeological Research. In two cases (some of the Big Black

assemblage and the Cox collection), some measurements had to be obtained from photographs due to scheduling constraints. Any artifact measurements obtained from photos are designated by a blue font on the spreadsheet. Similarly, any measurements obtained from artifact casts (rather than the original pieces) are designated by a red font. Casts are rarely included in this sample and were only measured when the originals were unavailable, such as being on permanent exhibit. The following is a description of each location visited during this research.

#### Gault School of Archaeological Research

Because the Gault site and its Folsom-Midland assemblage are been extensively discussed in the next chapter, it will only be mentioned briefly here. The Gault School's collections were originally housed with the University of Texas at the Pickle Research Campus and the school was an offshoot of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory. In 2010, the Gault School became affiliated with Texas State University and moved to San Marcos, where it currently remains. The Gault assemblage consists of 32 points and preforms, seven ultrathin bifaces, and three indeterminate points.

#### Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL)

Located at the Pickle Research Campus of the University of Texas at Austin, TARL is a repository for site information and artifacts from all over Texas. As such, it has Folsom collections from several sites. The sites housed in TARL that were recorded for this research include Kincaid Rockshelter, Pavo Real, Blackwater Draw, Lubbock Lake, Plainview, Bonfire Shelter, and Wilson-Leonard. The Plainview site contains no Folsom or Midland artifacts but was included for comparative purposes.

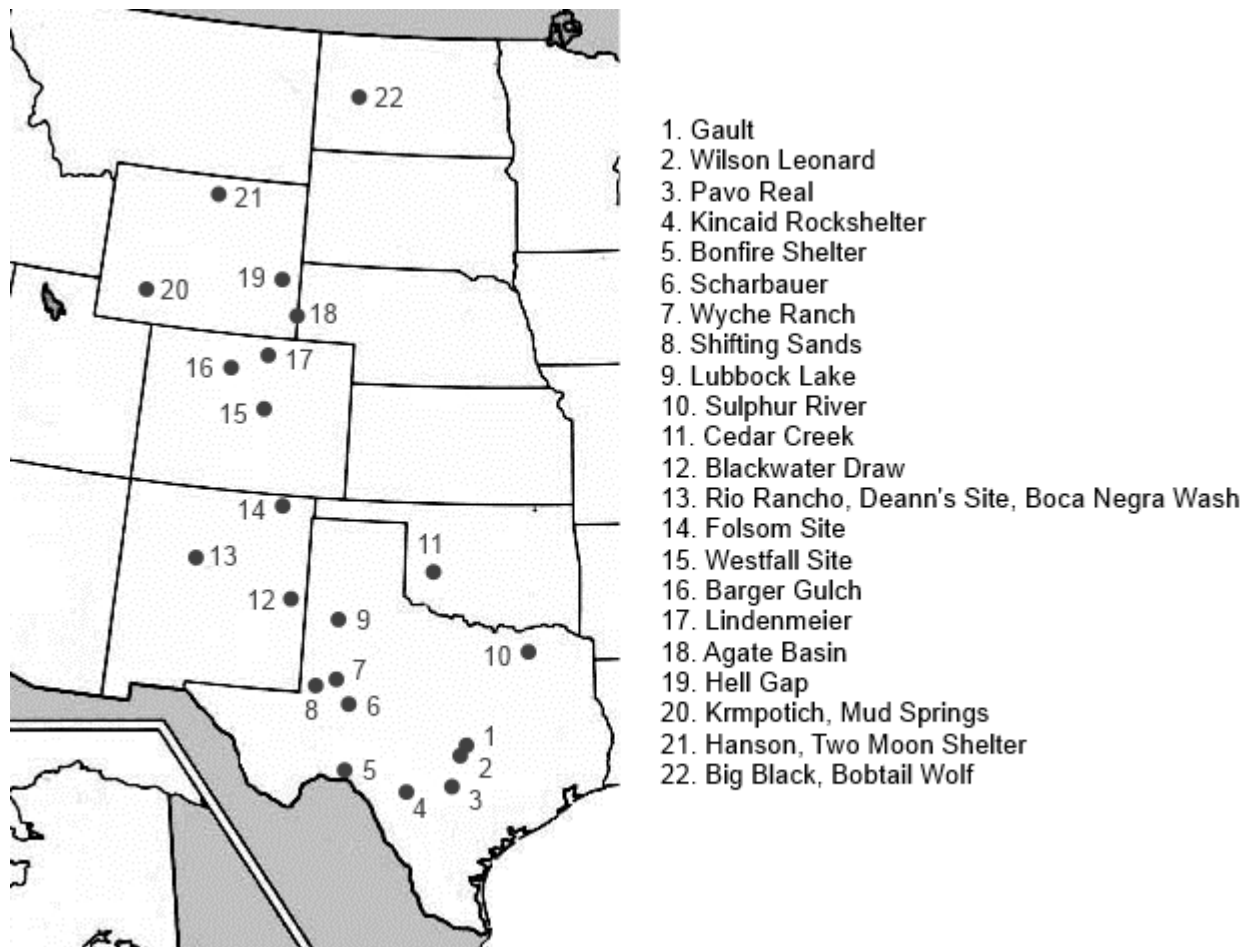


Figure 4: Map of Folsom sites sampled. Not included are the Baker, Westfall, and Cox collections, as well as miscellaneous individual finds from Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

### Midland, Texas

Richard Rose has been systematically collecting and documenting artifacts from sand dune blowout sites in the area around Midland for the past three decades. The primary focus of my research with Mr. Rose is the extensive Shifting Sands assemblage. Smaller samples from additional sites in Rose's collection include Scharbauer, Wyche Ranch, Chispa Creek, Hot Tubb, and five miscellaneous surface finds not attributable to any known archaeological site.

### Maxwell Museum of Anthropology

Dr. Bruce Huckell is researching three Folsom assemblages from New Mexico, and these assemblages are under his care at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The New Mexico assemblages used in this research are from Rio Rancho, Deann's Site, and Boca Negra Wash. Three miscellaneous Folsom points from New Mexico were also recorded.

### No Man's Land Historical Society

Located in Goodwell, Oklahoma, the NMLHS maintains a small museum that houses the Baker Collection. Included in the Baker Collection are 25 Folsom-era projectile points that are used in this study.

### Denver Museum

As a repository for the original Folsom site collection as well as some of the Lindenmeier assemblage, the Denver Museum is an essential location for researching Folsom technology. In addition, six miscellaneous Folsom points from Colorado were also recorded.

### Sterling, Colorado

Tom Westfall has a substantial collection of Folsom and Midland surface finds from the eastern Colorado/western Nebraska area. Most of the artifacts in this collection have been found along the banks of the North Platte River, and locations are provided by county in the primary

database. In addition, Mr. Westfall also has the modest assemblage from the Westfall site, excavated by Jack Hofman and himself.

#### University of Wyoming

The Anthropology Department at the University of Wyoming in Laramie houses a number of Folsom assemblages that are essential for this research. The sample of sites from Wyoming consists of Krmpotich, Two Moon, Hanson, Agate Basin, Hell Gap, and Barger Gulch.

#### State Historical Society of North Dakota

The SHPO of North Dakota is headquartered in this facility, along with curated archaeological assemblages and site information. Of particular interest for this research, the State Historical Society holds the Folsom assemblages from the Big Black and Bobtail Wolf sites excavated from the Knife River Flint quarry area. These sites provide a useful comparison to the Gault assemblage and enable this research to compare Folsom-age assemblages from lithic procurement sites in both the Northern and Southern Plains.

#### Norman, Oklahoma

Dr. Jim Cox has a large collection of Folsom, Midland, and other Paleoindian projectile points, preforms, and ultrathin bifaces that he made available for this study. Although many of the artifacts recorded came from isolated surface finds from Oklahoma and north Texas, Dr. Cox also provided access to materials from the Cedar Creek site from Oklahoma, the Sulphur River site from Hunt County, Texas, and Mud Springs site from Wyoming. However, Mud Springs is underreported, having only been briefly mentioned in the first edition of Frison's *Prehistoric Hunters of the High Plains* (1978), and no archaeological references could be obtained on the Sulphur River site.



### Smithsonian Institution

The National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D. C. has a vast array of Folsom assemblages, where a sample of the extensive Lindenmeier materials was analyzed. The data provided from the Lindenmeier sample complements that from the portion of the assemblage that is housed at the Denver Museum and enables more accurate conclusions to be drawn from the site as a whole.

### *Sites and Collections*

#### Kincaid Rockshelter

This site is located on the Sabinal River in south-central Texas. Although the site has lost some significant information due to looting, it is to date the best example of a permanent structure built during the Clovis period (Collins 1990). The lowest strata of the rockshelter consist of fluvial and lacustrine sediment that was deposited by spring water dripping down the back of the shelter. Lying atop this moist sediment is a pavement of limestone river cobbles that is associated with Clovis artifacts and is not attributable to any natural process. A Folsom component is also known to have existed at Kincaid, but it is more ephemeral than Clovis. The entire Folsom assemblage consists of five projectile points found in the backdirt of looters' holes (Collins 1990). Dee Ann Story has hypothesized that the Folsom points had once been associated with bison remains found in the upper portion of the Zone 4 stratum (Collins 1990:30). She suggests that Folsom hunters wounded a bison, and the bison retreated into the shelter and died without being found by the hunters. The remaining bison bones that archaeologists excavated on the surface of Zone 4 were articulated, but much of the skeleton had

been disturbed by looting. Although the association of the bison bones and Folsom points is likely, it cannot be verified archaeologically.

### Pavo Real

This is a multicomponent site that was excavated in 1979-1980 preceding an expansion of highway FM 1604 where it crosses Leon Creek in northwestern Bexar County, Texas (Hester 2003:1). The site is located in the Balcones Canyonlands along the southeastern edge of the Edwards Plateau. The archaeological components of Pavo Real consist of an Early to Late Archaic zone containing three burned rock middens, a mixed Clovis and Folsom tool manufacturing stratum, and a lower stratum containing additional lithic material that could not be typologically assigned, although OSL dating places the component within the accepted age range for Clovis (Collins et al. 2003:7-8). Because the Folsom occupation of Pavo Real is mixed with Clovis material, only diagnostic artifacts (including points, preforms, bifaces, blades and blade cores in the case of Clovis, and some reduction flakes) could be assigned to one technology or the other. For this research, four projectile points, seven preforms, and two ultrathin biface fragments were analyzed from Pavo Real. It should be noted that artifacts labeled as “miniature lanceolate points” in the site report have been included in the Folsom sample here (Collins 2003:107-108, 110).

### Blackwater Draw

This site is a household name among archaeologists who study the Paleoindian period due to the fact that it is where Clovis was first recognized as a technological tradition distinct from Folsom, and it is the first site in which multiple Paleoindian components were found in a stratified context (Haynes and Warnica 2012:1-3; Katz 1997:12-13). The site is located on the Llano Estacado in the headwaters of the Brazos River between the towns of Clovis and Portales,

New Mexico on property owned by a commercial gravel mining company. During the Pleistocene, Blackwater Locality No. 1 was made up of lacustrine basins that were likely attractive to large herbivores and the people who hunted them (Haynes and Warnica 2012:9-21). The Folsom age artifacts from Blackwater Draw that were sampled for this study come from the Texas Memorial Museum excavations (1949-1950 and 1953-1957) and are housed in TARL. The sample consists of 21 projectile points and one possible ultrathin biface.

#### The Lubbock Lake Landmark

This site lies in the Southern High Plains in the northern portion of the city of Lubbock, Texas and encompasses a bend in the Yellowhouse Draw and its surrounding valley. The archaeological site was uncovered in 1936, when the city used Works Progress Administration funds to dig a reservoir in Yellowhouse Draw. The first archaeological excavations were funded by the WPA and took place in 1939, followed by the Texas Memorial Museum in the late 1940s through the 1950s, the West Texas Museum (now the Museum of Texas Tech University) in 1959 and 1960, and finally the Lubbock Lake Project was established out of Texas Tech University to conduct ongoing research at the site (Johnson and Holliday 1987a:4-8). The spring-fed creek has provided water to flora, fauna, and humans throughout much of prehistory, as well as enabling the accumulation of well-stratified sediments with which to preserve these remains. Lubbock Lake has a rich record of Paleoindian occupation, including Clovis, Folsom, Plainview, and Firstview components. All the Paleoindian components involve large animal killing and/or processing, with the Clovis component focused on the processing of mammoth remains, and the latter three dealing with bison (Johnson and Holliday 1987b:100-111). The Folsom component consists of a bison kill/butchering locality associated with projectile points, a uniface, a utilized flake, and caliche cobbles used as pounding stones to break bones. Seven

projectile points from the Texas Memorial Museum excavations have been recorded for this research.

### Plainview

This site is located on the High Plains in northwest Texas and was excavated in 1945. The site consists of a bone bed in which about 100 bison (at the time described as *Bison taylori*) were found (Sellards et al. 1947). The bones were uncovered due to a caliche mining operation along Running Water Creek, and the discovery of the bones went unnoted until Glen Evans and Grayson Meade encountered them in 1944. According to Sellards et al. (1947:934-935), the bones and artifacts were possibly transported by Running Water Creek to the location of their discovery as a result of a single fluvial event, or the bison may have been driven over a steep cutbank along the creek, causing large numbers of individuals to accumulate in a relatively small area. The artifacts from this site inspired the original definition of the Plainview point type, making this assemblage extremely useful in differentiating Plainview from other unfluted Paleoindian point types, particularly Midland. Nineteen Plainview projectile points from this site are recorded in this research for comparative purposes.

### Bonfire Shelter

This is a large rockshelter along a tributary of the Rio Grande in Mile Canyon outside of Langtry, Texas. The site consists of three bone beds, with the general consensus being that the latter two beds were created by driving bison over the edge of the canyon's east rim (Bement 1986:1-2, but see Byerly et al. 2005 for an alternative hypothesis). The lowest bone bed consists of Pleistocene fauna including mammoth, horse, and camel. Its association with cultural activity may be indicated by an association with a possible anvil stone and bone splinters, but the remains may have been brought into the shelter by nonhuman predators. The other two bone

beds are the result of human-directed bison drives and are dated to 10,230 and 2,700-2,500 radiocarbon years old, respectively. The second bone bed contains archaeological remains that are representative of multiple Paleoindian technologies (including Plainview, Folsom, and possibly Clovis) and consists of three superimposed kill events (Dibble and Lorrain 1968:29-30, 35-38). The uppermost stratum of Bone Bed 2 is Stratum A, which yielded charcoal for the radiocarbon date and contains Plainview points. The underlying Stratum B/C is where a Folsom point was found. The lowest stratum of Bone Bed 2, Stratum D, is only 3 centimeters thick, with the only remains found definitively in this level being those of a gray fox (Bement 1986:27-35). For this analysis, the Folsom point, six Plainview points, and the two Clovis-like distal point fragments were examined.

#### Wilson-Leonard

This is a multi-component site along Brushy Creek, about 33 kilometers north-northwest of Austin, Texas. The site is located near the intersection of three physiographic provinces: the Lampasas Cut Plain, the Edwards Plateau, and the Black Prairie (Collins and Mear 1998:5-10). Excavations at the site took place on two separate occasions. The site was recorded in 1973 during a Texas Department of Transportation survey for an extension of RR 1431. The first excavations took place in 1981-1984 and consisted of preliminary test excavations in the first year followed by extensive data recovery excavations in the following three years (Bousman et al. 1998:33-39). A Paleoindian burial was uncovered and removed in December 1982 to January 1983. In 1991, TxDOT contracted with TARL to conduct additional excavations at Wilson-Leonard in order to provide additional data for a comprehensive report on the site. The TARL excavations were conducted from 1992 to 1994 (Bousman et al. 1998:41-43). The excavations uncovered components ranging from Clovis to Late Prehistoric in a nearly complete prehistoric

cultural record for central Texas (Collins 1998a:55). Folsom-age projectile points at Wilson-Leonard are sparse and only consist of a single Midland point base and the “Bone Bed Point” (17JJ2/KK1-3) which in this research is considered a Midland as well. The Bone Bed component overlies the site’s Clovis component and dates between 11,400 and 11,000 radiocarbon years B.P. (Collins 1998b:146-156). The bed is made up of both large, identifiable bison bones and smaller bone fragments, along with a variety of artifacts in small numbers. Based on analysis of the remains, at least two individual bison are present, along with a single horse navicular and a variety of smaller mammals. The bone bed is between 10 and 70 cm thick, although the thickest portions are likely dispersed due to bioturbation. Several bifaces and biface fragments have been found in the bone bed, including three ultrathin biface fragments (not analyzed here) and a likely Clovis preform that is out of context from the lower component. Some of these biface fragments are likely Folsom preforms, although not enough of them remain to make that designation certain. The “Bone Bed Point” matches the Midland type in terms of thinness and collateral flaking, but it has a recurved outline that is atypical of Midlands and more similar to Plainview or Goshen points. Additional artifacts from the bone bed include unifaces, hammerstones, cores, graters, an incised stone, and a limestone mano. The Bone Bed most likely represents a single small kill event and a related short term campsite.

### Scharbauer

As the type site of the Midland point, Scharbauer deserves particular attention. It was brought to the attention of archaeologists in June of 1953 when Keith Glasscock discovered human remains eroding from a sand dune blowout near Midland, Texas (Wendorf et al. 1955:4-6). Professional investigations began in October that year and involved examining and excavating the area around the human remains (Locality 1) as well as four additional areas

(Localities 2-5) in the vicinity of the find. The site is located in the Llano Estacado region and as such has a similar geologic history as the Blackwater Draw site in New Mexico (Wendorf et al. 1955:11-15, 71). The five localities of the Scharbauer site lie along or near the Monahans Draw in a dune field that would have sustained small streams and lakes prehistorically, particularly during the Folsom period.

Two projectile points were found three or four feet to the west of the human skeletal remains, and while one of the points does not conform to any currently known type, the other is easily identifiable as what is now known as a Midland point (Wendorf et al. 1955:44-49). At the time, the archaeologists noted that it superficially resembles the Plainview type, but it is considerably thinner, flatter, and narrower. Once similar points emerged from the other localities and the archaeologists noted other examples from Folsom sites elsewhere, the soon-to-be Midland points were temporarily identified as “unfluted Folsom” points. The points were more formally termed “Midland” a few years later (Wendorf and Krieger 1959:67). In addition to these two points, Locality 1 also yielded three other Midland point fragments, as well as scrapers, graters, possibly burins, two groundstone tools, debitage, possible hearth stones, and a horse femur with possible cut marks (Wendorf et al. 1955:43-52). The other localities contained more Midland points as well as fluted Folsom points, along with additional Paleoindian types such as Meserve and a possible Milnesand, as well as various indeterminate types including a Late Prehistoric arrow point (Wendorf et al. 1955:52-65). It should be noted, however, that two of the previously untyped points (Nos. 42 and 53) bear a strong resemblance to the Wilson Paleoindian points that were identified at the Wilson-Leonard site (Dial et al. 1998:376-380). This research sample includes 27 points and two preforms from Scharbauer, courtesy of Richard Rose.

The geology of the Scharbauer site has unfortunately been a source of contention for decades. Originally, Wendorf et al. (1955:21-35) provided a relatively simple outline for the sand dune stratigraphy. The stratigraphy is divided into two sand formations: the Judkins, which roughly corresponds to Pleistocene deposits; and the Monahans, which relates to more recent Holocene dunes. The Judkins is further divided into three units. Unit 1 is white sand in a marl matrix, Unit 2a is very pale orange mixed with white calcareous sand, Unit 2b is gray calcareous sand, and Unit 3 is the classic Judkins red sand with moderate soil formation on its surface. The Monahans formation is made up of two units, with Unit 4 being tan sand dunes that are stabilized by vegetation and Unit 5 being tan sand that is actively mobile. This full sequence was only exposed in Locality 1, however, while the other localities were only eroded down to the red sand, presumably at the top of the Judkins Formation. Pleistocene faunal remains were noted throughout the Judkins sands, with horse being the most abundant. Also present are bison, camel, mammoth, and extinct antelope (*Capromeryx*). In Locality 1, all formal artifacts came from either the Unit 3 red sand or the Unit 2b gray sand (Wendorf et al. 1955:43-53). The human remains and neighboring projectile points were found in Unit 2b. However, flakes and the cut-marked horse femur were found within the Unit 1 white sand. In Localities 2-5, all artifacts were found lying on the surface of the Unit 3 red sand.

The human remains were originally inferred to be older than Folsom (and up to 20,000 B.P.) based on stratigraphy, chemical comparison with faunal remains, and uranium series dating (Wendorf and Krieger 1959:67, 71-72). However, the age of the human remains has never been certain, and Wendorf and Krieger (1959:75) noted that the 20,000 B.P. uranium series age cannot be reconciled with an age of  $13,400 \pm 1,200$  obtained from snail shells in the underlying Unit 1 white sand. In an effort to resolve these issues, Holliday and Meltzer (1996:764-768) revisited



the Scharbauer site from 1989 to 1992. By analyzing 33 cores, augers, and exposures from Locality 1 to Locality 3, they found that the red sand of Unit 3 is actually divided into upper and lower strata, with soil development present on both surfaces. Locality 1 is made up of fill from Monahans Draw, from which the Unit 1 white sand and Unit 2 gray sand is derived. The lower red sand is truncated by the gray sand in Locality 1, leaving only the upper red sand to overlie the white and gray sands. However, Locality 3 is a blowout that has eroded down to the lower red sand, where Folsom and Midland artifacts are present. Therefore, the human remains and Folsom age artifacts were eroded out of the lower red sand and incorporated into the Monahans Draw fill in Locality 1. Additionally,  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  dating of a fragment of the human skull gave an age of  $12,300 \pm 500$  B.P., which was averaged with other ages to  $11,600 \pm 800$  B.P. (Holliday and Meltzer 1996:768, citing McKinney 1992). These ages roughly corresponded to the calibrated calendar age of the Folsom period, indicating that the human remains likely are associated with the Folsom-Midland component of the Scharbauer site. Other than the presence of human teeth at the Shifting Sands site nearby (Hofman et al. 1990:234), the skeletal remains at Scharbauer are the only incidence of human remains that are known to have survived thus far in the Folsom archaeological record. According to Collins (personal communication), the remains are currently in the possession of an unnamed private individual in San Antonio, Texas.

### Shifting Sands

This site is also located near Midland, Texas, and has undergone very similar site formation processes as Scharbauer. Artifacts from Shifting Sands have been systematically mapped and collected by Richard Rose of Midland for the past three decades (Rose personal communication). Like Scharbauer, the Folsom-Midland component of Shifting Sands has been exposed by the movement of dunes composed of sand from the uppermost portion of the

Monahans Formation (Hofman et al. 1990:223-224). As the dunes migrate, they reveal underlying laminated red sand and basal lacustrine deposits of Pleistocene age. The basal deposits contain remains of megafauna such as mammoths but thus far have exposed no archaeological evidence. The Folsom-Midland materials consistently erode out of the laminated red sand. Archaic and Late Prehistoric artifacts are sometimes found in the overlying dunes, while other Paleoindian materials, such as Plainview, have been found only on the periphery of the site. No subsurface excavations have been conducted at Shifting Sands.

The Shifting Sands Folsom-Midland assemblage is substantial and appears to encompass a bison kill and an associated campsite. Area 3 (with areas being denoted as exposed surfaces between sand dunes) contains weathered and fragmented remains of bison associated with projectile points, choppers, and flake tools, making it a likely exposure of a Folsom-age bison kill (Hofman et al. 1990:233). The other areas contain additional artifacts, including bifaces, scrapers, graters, and large flakes struck from bifacial cores and modified into cutting and/or scraping tools. One complete ultrathin biface from Shifting Sands have been recorded.

The three remaining sites sampled from west Texas are either sparsely reported, or have only a few artifacts included in this research. The artifacts included in the research sample are strictly those that Richard Rose had available for study. Wyche Ranch lies on the southern boundary of the same dune field as Shifting Sands and Scharbauer, where primarily Midland artifacts have been found in a dune blowout. No formal report is available on Wyche Ranch, however (Holliday 1997:242). The sample available for inspection included 16 points and one preform from Wyche Ranch, and only one of those points is Folsom. Chispa Creek is a large but underreported Folsom site in Culberson County, in the Lobo Valley west of the Van Horn Mountains and east of the Wylie Mountains (Seebach 2004). The site was discovered by Joe

Ben Wheat in the 1950s, and test excavations were conducted in the 1960s, but no reports were submitted at the time. New surveys and excavations in 2002 revealed additional surface finds but no subsurface Folsom material. The site appears to have been a long term or repeated occupied campsite utilizing only local raw materials. Only two preforms from Chispa Creek are included in this analysis. Hot Tubb is the final sand dune blowout site sampled for this research. It lies about 40 km to the south of Shifting Sands and Wyche Ranch and was initially discovered in 1984 by an oilfield worker. Subsequently, the site was recorded by Michael Collins, and occasional visits to the site took place through 2001 by Collins, Stephen Stokes, Richard Rose, David Meltzer, and Vance Holliday (Meltzer et al. 2006). Meltzer, John Seebach, and Ryan Byerly conducted surface and subsurface investigations at the site in 2002, but the subsurface excavations yielded no archaeological remains. The surface collection of Locality 2 revealed that Folsom artifacts were generally concentrated in the northern portion of the locality along with weathered bison bone, while artifacts from later periods were clustered in the southern portion. Meltzer et al. interpret this site as a small kill/campsite with about six bison present. This study includes the two Folsom points from Hot Tubb that Richard Rose encountered on his visits to the site. In the case of Chispa Creek and Hot Tubb, the vast majority of their Folsom materials are curated elsewhere.

### Rio Rancho

This site is located about 30 km northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a ridge and valley environment that is currently made up of mixed scrubs and grasses (Huckell and Kilby 2002:11:12). The site was originally excavated from 1965-1967 under the direction of Gerald Dawson, but no formal report was ever published. Dawson's excavation was made up of five loci based on artifact concentrations, and each locus was excavated using grids of 10 x 10 foot

squares screened through ¼ inch mesh. Huckell and Kilby's re-analysis of the site concentrated the division into four loci, with three representing discrete Folsom occupations, and the last one also containing materials from a Cody component, as well as Archaic through Historic remains. The Folsom materials were found in eolian deposits at depths of less than 20 centimeters. Although interpreting the purpose of Rio Rancho (and indeed whether it represents one or multiple Folsom visitations) is difficult, the most likely site function is that of a post-kill campsite, in which new weapons were being made to replace broken and worn out ones, and where butchering and hide preparation took place. Evidence for this assessment consists of a large proportion of preforms to projectile points and a substantial number of discarded end scrapers and unifaces. The artifacts sampled for this analysis include 23 points and 10 preforms.

#### Boca Negra Wash and Deann's Site

These are both located in the Albuquerque Basin of the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. Boca Negra Wash was discovered in 1998 and has been excavated on a fairly regular basis from 1999 to at least 2004 (Holliday et al. 2006:776-779). The site consists of two loci, with Locus A on the south slope of a sand covered ridge, and Locus B located 60 meters southwest in a more level sandy area. Excavations and surface collections at Locus A have revealed fragmentary Folsom points, a preform, scrapers, graters, retouched flakes, and tooth enamel that is most likely attributed to bison. Locus B uncovered larger numbers of similar artifacts, plus cobble tools, a core, channel flakes, a miniature point, and fragments of large mammal bone. Deann's site is located on the northernmost playa immediately west of a north-south line of volcanoes in the Albuquerque Basin (Holliday et al. 2006:790-793). The site's stratigraphy is made up of alternating sand and mud strata overlying the basalt bedrock. Surface collections and excavations at the site since 2001 uncovered Folsom point, channel flake, and

biface fragments, as well as a graver, utilized flakes, and retouched flakes. Neither Boca Negra Wash nor Deann's site feature prominently in this research sample, with only three Folsom preforms from the former and a single point and a preform from the latter included in the analysis.

### The Baker Collection

This collection was assembled by Bill Baker, starting in 1922 (NMLHS exhibit information) and is now displayed at the No Man's Land Museum. Although he lived in Cimarron County, Oklahoma, Baker's collecting ranged between Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas. The majority of his finds came from an area from 200 miles west of Boise City to 150 miles east of Boise City, Oklahoma. Baker became particularly interesting in Folsom and Yuma (the umbrella term for unfluted Paleoindian points at the time) artifacts after the discovery of points associated with extinct bison at the Folsom site in 1927. As a result, his collection includes about 500 Paleoindian projectile points of various types, although only 25 of those points belong to the Folsom period and are included in this research. Baker's collecting was facilitated by the Dust Bowl crisis of the 1930s, which deflated topsoils across much of the Great Plains, exposing previously buried Pleistocene sediments and revealing long buried Paleoindian artifacts.

### Folsom Site

The original discovery of the Folsom site is marred by conflicting accounts (Meltzer 2006:33-35), but the general consensus is that a cowboy from Crowfoot Ranch, New Mexico named George McJunkin noticed bison bones eroding out of Wild Horse Arroyo sometime after a 1908 flood in the area. From there, the varying accounts assume that McJunkin mentioned the site to Carl Schwachheim, who eventually visited the site with Fred Howarth and others in

December 1922. In 1926, the two men visited the Colorado Museum of Natural History in Denver to bring the site to the attention of Cook and Figgins. The scientists were once again initially interested in the find primarily because it could provide more mountable skeletons, but when Figgins received word in the summer of 1926 that a projectile point had been removed from the bone beds, he stressed the importance of leaving any similar finds in situ. Finally on August 29, 1927, a Folsom point was found and left in situ for scientists to observe (Meltzer 2006:37-39). Following Hrdlička's recommendation, Figgins telegraphed an announcement of the find to scholars around the country. Only after representatives from multiple institutions observed the find was it considered legitimate evidence of the antiquity of humans in North America, although some (including Hrdlička) remained skeptical as to how recently in prehistory the ancient bison went extinct.

The original excavations at the Folsom site were not on par with modern archaeological techniques (Meltzer 2006:84-93). The site straddles Wild Horse Arroyo east of Johnson Mesa, and the first bison skull was found eroding from the south bank. Schwachheim and other excavators used a plow and mule team to clear a 20 x 30 foot area around the bison remains, followed by the use of picks and shovels to remove about six feet of overburden from above the bones. Even the discovery of fluted points did little to change the pick-and-shovel methodology, although the excavators took more care to find in situ points from then on, and the bones themselves were exposed using ice picks and removed in plaster-coated sediment blocks. In 1928, the final year of the original excavation, the operation was expanded in order to determine the extent of the bone bed and to remove all the bison remains. This field season also included the first attempt to record the depth of the bones. Once the bone bed along the south bank was deemed fully excavated, the workers moved on to the north side of the arroyo but reportedly

found that the bison remains only extended a few feet beyond the bank. The excavators cleared and photographed a stratigraphic profile extending 34 feet along the north bank excavation. By the end of the excavations, Barnum Brown estimated that 442 m<sup>2</sup> had been removed, but subsequent analysis of the 1928 plan map suggests that only 233.7 m<sup>2</sup> had actually been excavated (Meltzer 2006:92).

David Meltzer led a team of archaeologists to conduct new investigations of the Folsom site during three field seasons from 1997 to 1999 (Meltzer 2006:99-108). The 1997 and 1998 excavations revealed that intact bison remains were still present on the western edge of the 1928 excavations of the arroyo's south bank. After observing that the remains primarily consisted of low utility elements, one of the primary goals of fieldwork in 1999 was to locate an associated Folsom campsite near the bison kill. Unfortunately, no campsite was found. However, out of the nearly 100 m<sup>2</sup> excavated in 1997-1999, 37 m<sup>2</sup> contained bison bones, indicating that bison remains may be more widely scattered about the site (particularly beyond the north bank) than was originally thought (Meltzer 2006:108). These investigations also revealed that the bison remains at Folsom are not articulated, which had previously been assumed, and taphonomic processes do not account for this observation (Meltzer 2006:213-235, 240-241, 245). Folsom butchering of the bison was fairly thorough in terms of disarticulation but focused primarily on the "gourmet" rib slabs and did not include the processing of bone marrow. About 32 bison were apparently killed simultaneously at the site. The known assemblage consists of 28 Folsom projectile points and four flake tools (Meltzer 2006:291). Seven projectile points from Folsom were available at the Denver Museum and are included in this analysis.

### Lindenmeier

Although the Folsom site taught archaeologists to find Paleoindian sites by first locating the remains of extinct animals (Meltzer 2006:46), the second major Folsom discovery was not found in such a manner. The Lindenmeier site in northern Colorado was discovered by three collectors in 1924 and first published in 1931 by E. B. Renaud as part of his survey of projectile points in Colorado (Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:1). As the importance of the site came to be known to the collectors, one of them (Major Roy G. Coffin) contacted the Smithsonian Institution, bringing the site to the attention of Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr., one of the archaeologists who visited the original Folsom discovery.

While he was initially skeptical of the site's context, Roberts' worries that Lindenmeier was a mere surface scatter quickly dissipated as buried Folsom materials were found eroding out of a recent arroyo that ran through the valley (Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:19-21). As a result, Roberts conducted increasingly precise excavations of the site from 1934 through 1940. The goals of his excavations also became increasingly ambitious through the field seasons. Originally intending simply to verify the association of Folsom artifacts with extinct bison, he subsequently sought to determine their stratigraphic position to gain an idea of the component's age and finally to find evidence of structures and/or human remains. Although he was successful in his first two goals, the remaining objective of locating structures and human burials remains elusive for most Folsom sites to this day.

The Lindenmeier excavations took place primarily in three areas (Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:2-3). Area I is the westernmost of these areas and is made up of Trench A and its surrounding excavation squares. Trench A is a north-south line of excavation units that crosses the site between a northern arroyo and the southern valley wall. Area II is 100 m east of Trench



A and is made up of excavation squares surrounding Trenches F, G, and J. The final major excavation area is the Bison Pit, which is 406 m east of Trench A and consists of excavations around the remains of *Bison antiquus*, but only the northwestern portion of this area was excavated under controlled conditions. Each area is further broken down into units specifying concentrations of artifacts based on horizontal and stratigraphic patterns (Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:53-60). Units A, B, and C correspond to Area I, along with a Unit X for any artifacts that cannot be assigned to one of the preceding units. Units F, G, and H are contained within Area II, but the boundaries between these units are less distinct than for those in Area I. The indeterminate squares bordering Units G and H have been given their own distinction as Unit Y, and material overlying Unit H has been assigned to Units I and J. Finally, everything from the Bison Pit has been assigned to Unit E.

The excavations at Lindenmeier revealed what remains the most extensive Folsom occupation to date (Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:83-134). The assemblage of formal artifacts from Roberts' excavations is made up of 948 channel flakes, 241 bifaces, 645 points and preforms (including 79 unfluted points), 17 cores, and 31 choppers. Flake tools consist of unreported numbers of endscrapers, side scrapers (both one-sided and two-sided), graters/perforators, and notches/spokeshaves. Uncommon flake tools include longitudinally split flakes, endscrapers whose working ends have been rejuvenated by the removal of burin spalls, four flakes with burin edges, and three limace-like tools. Miscellaneous artifacts include 27 sandstone abraders, 8 utilized pieces of limestone, 61 pieces of ground hematite, and many well preserved bone artifacts including needles, snapped segments, flat segments, possible pressure flakers, incised decorative pieces, and a tubular bead. In this analysis, the Lindenmeier sample is made up of 126 points, 72 preforms, and five bifaces between the collections housed at

the Denver Museum and the Smithsonian Institution. These counts are merely a relatively small sample of the total points, preforms, and bifaces that have been excavated from the site, however. Because only a fraction of the Lindenmeier materials at the Smithsonian could be analyzed due to scheduling limitations, a sampling strategy was implemented to obtain as representative a sample from the Smithsonian's collection as possible. At the Smithsonian, Lindenmeier diagnostic artifacts are organized in drawers by artifact type and raw material. The sampling strategy for the Smithsonian Lindenmeier assemblage consisted of recorded points and preforms from each tray column by column, so that the first column from each tray was analyzed before moving on to the second column (Figure 5). In this manner, a presumably representative sample of point types and raw materials was acquired.



Figure 5: Sampling strategy for the Lindenmeier assemblage at the Smithsonian.

### Westfall Site

This site lies along upper Bijou Creek in Elbert County, Colorado. It was discovered in 1999 by Grayson Westfall, with archaeological fieldwork involving site mapping beginning in 2001 (Hofman et al. 2002). The site is located within one kilometer of a source of Black Forest silicified wood, from which the majority of the Folsom chipped stone tools at the site are made. Small amounts of Flattop chalcedony and Alibates are also present. The 2001 survey divided the site into five Areas (A-E) based on discrete locations where Folsom tools have been exposed. These locations may represent separate Folsom occupations, but they are more likely the result of differential wind erosion at the site. Area A is the most concentrated, with a variety of Folsom artifacts including points, preforms, endscrapers, and channel flakes along with ground hematite and large sandstone fragments. Possible hearths have also been identified in Area A. The other areas have been less productive, although the Flattop chalcedony artifacts were found in Area D, and the Alibates tools came from Area E. In general, the site appears to have been a campsite where late stage tool production took place, although some broken early stage bifaces have also been found. Notched flakes are particularly common from the Westfall site, and more research will need to be conducted to investigate their function. The 2001 collection included about 1,500 chipped stone artifacts and flakes, and subsequent work has yielded at least 1,000 more (Westfall personal communication). In this research, two Folsom points and five preforms have been included from the Westfall site.

### Krmpotich

This site is located on the Killpecker Dune Field in the eastern portion of the Green River Basin of Wyoming. The site was identified in 1969 by Jack Krmpotich, who observed Folsom artifacts eroding out of a stabilized dune. The context for the Folsom component of the site is

not entirely intact, as the materials have been excavated above and below a late Holocene disconformity in the dune (Surovell 2009:38-50). The site contains numerous kinds of Folsom artifacts, including cores, points, bifaces, gravers, and endscrapers made from various raw materials, suggesting that the site was likely a camping location. In addition to the stone artifacts, small fragments of bone and tooth enamel have been found across the site, some of which are identifiable as bison. However, due to the mixed context of the site, it cannot be determined whether the bones are actually associated with the Folsom component. Eight points, eight preforms, and one ultrathin biface from Krmpotich were made available for this project.

### Two Moon

This is a rockshelter in the Black Mountain Archaeological District along the western foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. It is situated in Spring Creek Canyon in an area which was a known procurement site for Phosphoria Formation chert (Finley et al. 2005). Excavations at the site began in 1993, with 10-day excavations continuing on an annual basis at least through the writing of Finley et al.'s preliminary report in 2005. Excavations revealed Late Archaic and Paleoindian deposits, with the Paleoindian components consisting of Prior Stemmed, Folsom, and a possible pre-Folsom (Clovis?) component made up of a blade-like flake and an overshot flake. Additional Holocene occupations may have once been present, but an erosional event took place immediately above the Prior Stemmed component and eliminated any possible evidence of them. Based on analysis of the debitage, the Folsom component of the rockshelter appears to have been primarily dedicated to biface reduction, with little evidence of any additional residential activities. This research includes two projectile points and a somewhat thick, ultrathin-like biface that were available from Two Moon rockshelter.

### Hanson

This site is in northern Wyoming on the western foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. It is situated on an erosional surface with two localities on either side of an intermittent drainage (Frison and Bradley 1980:1-3). One of those localities, Area 2, may have evidence of living surfaces based on the presence of a thin sandy “floor” along with significant amounts of red ochre. One of the appeals of the site for people during the Folsom period may have been the relatively close presence of a variety of lithic raw materials, with Morrison Formation cherts and quartzites within a kilometer’s distance, as well as Phosphoria chert about 20 km away, and Madison chert from about 40 km away, along with various local but lower quality materials from the foothills’ drainages (Ingbar 1992:175-182). The excavations at the site, conducted in the 1970s, revealed an extensive Folsom occupation that covers over 3,000 square meters, with excavations in the two areas covering just over 100 square meters each (Frison and Bradley 1980:8-10). Faunal preservation is poor, but weathered bison bone is still fairly abundant and suggests a kill was likely nearby (Ingbar 1992:175). The presence of large quantities of discarded tools along with manufacturing debris indicates that the Hanson site was a significant Folsom tool manufacturing locality as well as a campsite (Ingbar 1992:183-186). The tool assemblage from Hanson is extensive, but Frison and Bradley (1980:18) summarize it in stating that the most common technologies at the site are discoidal core reduction, bifacial thinning, and opportunistic flake production. In this analysis, ten points, six preforms, and 18 ultrathin bifaces from Hanson were available for study.

### Agate Basin

This site in northeastern Wyoming and southwestern South Dakota is a multicomponent Paleoindian site made up of nine sections and 11 excavation areas. Some of the excavation areas

have been given their own site names, such as the Brewster site for Area 3, the Schultz site for Area 8, and the Sheaman Clovis site for Area 9. Prehistoric activities for most of the excavation areas at Agate Basin revolve around the communal procurement of bison in an arroyo (Frison 1982a:1-3). The condition and placement of this arroyo were apparently favorable enough for multiple Paleoindian groups to have utilized the area to trap bison on multiple occasions. Agate Basin was discovered as early as 1916 by William Spencer, but it was not excavated until the summer of 1942 (Frison 1982a:11-20). The initial excavations took place in Areas 1 and 2, with Area 3 begun in 1959. Large scale excavations, focusing mainly on Area 2, took place in 1961, and test excavations opened up additional areas. Archaeological work resumed in the 1970s, when researchers noted that the site was being extensively looted and decided that the site needed to be studied before there was nothing left. Folsom components have been found in several excavation areas, with intact buried components appearing in Areas 2 and 3 (Frison 1982a:37-40). Area 2 is a single component, while Area 3 has two Folsom occupations. However, the two areas are closely related, as a channel flake from Area 3 refits to a preform from Area 2. There is some evidence (in the form of concentrations of flakes around shallow hearths, along with possible tent stakes made from bison ribs) to suggest that one or two structures were present in Area 2. However, the position of these possible structures in a seasonal floodplain indicates that they would have been temporary and likely affiliated with bison hunting efforts, possibly as shaman structures or tool sheds (Frison and Stanford 1982:363-364). A bone bed is also present in Area 2 and contained at least 11 bison, as well as canids, pronghorn, and rabbits. In Area 3, the lower Folsom component contained a small pile of bison bones and a small hearth surrounded by scattered artifacts (Frison 1982b:71-74). The upper component contained a similar small hearth and scattered bison bones. A wide variety of

artifacts came from the Folsom excavations at Agate Basin, with the vast majority of them from Area 2 (Frison 1982b:45-70). These artifacts include points, preforms, end scrapers, side scrapers, modified flakes, gravers, bend break tools, notches, wedges, choppers, bifaces (including one likely ultrathin), cores, and abraders. The Folsom artifacts from Agate Basin available for this study include five points and five preforms.

### Hell Gap

This is an extensive, multicomponent Paleoindian site located in a small valley in southeastern Wyoming on the drainage of the North Platte River. The environment of the valley and the surrounding hills of the Hartville Uplift provided prehistoric inhabitants with resources from both High Plains and semi-montane ecosystems, along with shelter from storm systems and fresh water from springs (Irwin-Williams et al. 1973:40). The initial investigations of the site took place in 1959 through 1966 and were conducted by Harvard University and the University of Wyoming. Subsequent investigations took place sporadically in the late 1960s and 1980s, until Localities I, II, and IV were acquired by the Wyoming Archaeological Foundation (Kornfeld and Larson 2009:9-12). Following the purchase, the University of Wyoming resumed formal field excavations from 1990 to 1999 to better understand the site's stratigraphy and formation processes in preparation for a comprehensive report. The site is made up of five localities, four of which are Paleoindian in age (Irwin-Williams et al. 1973:40). The Paleoindian complexes present at Hell Gap include Goshen, Folsom, Midland, Agate Basin, Hell Gap, Alberta, Cody, and Frederick, making Hell Gap the definitive site for understanding the stratigraphic relationship between Paleoindian complexes in the High Plains. Of particular interest for this research is the relationship between the Goshen, Folsom, and Midland components at the site. Locality I is the most significant area for the Goshen and Folsom



components, while the Midland occupation is more substantially present at Locality II. Originally, the Goshen, Folsom, and Midland components were reported as being discrete (Irwin-Williams et al. 1973:46-47), but more recent analysis (Bradley 2009:261-264) has revealed that Folsom points are present in both the Goshen and Midland components (although the Folsom component itself contains neither). Based on an underrepresentation of bison limb elements compared to primary kill sites such as the Folsom site, Rapson and Niven (2009:129-131) conclude that the Goshen and Folsom levels at Locality I are likely secondary processing/residential sites. In this analysis, 16 points, five preforms, one ultrathin biface, and one thick ultrathin-like biface were available for study, representing tools from the Goshen, Folsom, and Midland components of Localities I and II.

#### Barger Gulch

This is located in Middle Park, Colorado, and is an extensive Paleoindian site covering multiple localities over three square kilometers. Middle Park lies within the Rocky Mountains just west of the Continental Divide and is known for its snowy conditions in winter, making travel into and out of the area impassible during the season (Surovell et al. 2003:1-2). The Barger Gulch site itself lies along a small tributary of the Colorado River, and this tributary (from which the site is named) cuts into the Troublesome geologic formation (Surovell et al. 2003:7-10). The area is a source for Troublesome Formation chert, making it an attractive location for Paleoindian groups, including components such as Folsom, Goshen, Hell Gap, and Cody (Surovell 2009:45-46). Folsom artifacts occur in three of the site's ten localities. However, only Locality B has undergone archaeological excavations that have uncovered a shallowly buried Folsom campsite. Analysis of local vs. nonlocal raw materials as well as flakes vs. tools shows that Locality B was likely a single long term Folsom occupation (Surovell et al.

2003:119-123). The campsite yielded a wide variety of Folsom artifacts, including points, bifaces, cores, graters, endscrapers, and utilized flakes. In this analysis, 15 points, 13 preforms, and three ultrathin bifaces are examined.

### Big Black

This site is one of two Folsom sites located at the Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge in Dunn County, North Dakota, and is in the western portion of the Knife River Flint Quarry area. Archaeological interest in the Knife River Flint Quarry was sparked in 1970, and surveys of the area took place intermittently from 1976 to 1988, primarily due to coal mining interests in that region (William 2000:11). Big Black (32DU955C) is one of four sites subdivided out of the “megaseite” 32DU955, with Bobtail Wolf (32DU955A) the other North Dakota Folsom assemblage sampled for this analysis, being another. Big Black is the second northernmost subdivision of the megaseite (William 2000:3-6). Archaeological investigations specifically focused on Big Black began with a survey in 1989, in which the site was identified based on a scatter of artifacts. The site underwent test excavations in the fall of 1990, and subsequent block excavations took place in 1993 and 1994 (Williams 2000:15-32). The archaeological components of Big Black consist of Folsom, Middle Plains Archaic, Late Plains Archaic, and Late Prehistoric. Although the post-Folsom components tend to be mixed, the Folsom component of the site is largely intact and unmixed (Williams 2000:45). The Folsom occupation is actually the largest component at Big Black, with the combined count of points, preforms, and channel flakes being 233. Folsom strata are present in all five of the excavation blocks (Williams 2000:233-267). In Block 1, Folsom materials are eroding onto the surface, where they are mixed with later components, but buried unmixed Folsom materials occur at Level 2 and below. Flakes, tools and bones are evenly distributed throughout this block, so that individual

activity areas could not be discerned. Blocks 2 and 3 both contain two apparent Folsom occupations each. All occupations in Blocks 2 and 3 represent stone tool manufacturing, with the early occupation of Block 2 being the densest. Block 4 consists mainly of tested cobbles and cores for flake blanks situated on a slight topographic rise upon which cobbles of Knife River Flint would have been visible during the Folsom period. Block 5 appears to have been a short term occupation with a relatively sparse artifact distribution. In this analysis, 11 points, 34 preforms, and 13 ultrathin bifaces are examined.

### Bobtail Wolf

This is the other Folsom site from the Knife River Quarry area included in this research. This site makes up the southernmost portion of the Lake Ilo “megasite.” Like Big Black, Bobtail Wolf has multiple components, including Hell Gap, Cody, Archaic, and Late Prehistoric, but only the Folsom component is occasionally buried in unmixed sediments (Root and Osborn 2000:2-10). Jerry William conducted the first test excavations at the site in 1990, when the lake level was lowered due to concerns about the structural integrity of Lake Ilo’s dam, revealing artifact scatters on the exposed lakebed and adjacent land. More extensive excavations were carried out by Washington State University in 1992. These excavations encountered the Leonard Paleosol, in which the buried Folsom component is contained. Excavations continued in 1993 and 1994 under collaboration between WSU and other groups, although constant rainfall and flooding in 1993 complicated the efforts. Archaeologists uncovered the Leonard Paleosol along “terraces” in the western, northeastern, and southern portions of the site, and these terraces provided the bulk of Folsom material from secure contexts (Root 2000:363-368). The Block 2, 4, and 6 excavations, located on the western, southern, and northeastern terraces respectively, revealed two stratified Folsom components, each made up of material from two or more

occupations. The primary activity at these locations appears to have been the making of new tools and the discarding of old ones, with Block 4 also containing seven concentrations of burned flakes that may represent hearths. Thirteen points, ten preforms, and eight ultrathin bifaces from Bobtail Wolf have been analyzed in this research.

### Cedar Creek

This site lies in Washita County, Oklahoma and is located along a tributary of the Washita River in the plains north of the Wichita Mountains. The site is made up of several components, including Clovis, Plainview, Dalton, and Scottsbluff, but its most prevalent component is Folsom (Hofman 1990). However, the Folsom artifacts from Cedar Creek have not been found in context and instead have been deposited within a three kilometer stretch along the creek. Cedar Creek is the most prolific Folsom-age site in Oklahoma, with 40 Folsom projectile points, nine preforms, seven channel flakes, and 14 Midland points documented by Hofman from various collections as of 1990. The majority of the Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts are made from Edwards chert, likely from over 300 km to the south. Alibates from about 250 km to the northwest is also represented in a significant percentage of artifacts. More exotic materials include Washington Pass chalcedony from the Chuska Mountains of northwest New Mexico, Flattop Chalcedony from Sterling, Colorado, and Niobrara jasper from northwest Kansas. The presence of preforms at a site so distant from any of the stone sources suggests that unfinished tools or blanks were often transported long distances before being turned into formal tools. The fact that Cedar Creek lies within a canyon means the site may have been useful for trapping bison, and the reliable presence of water and wood also likely made the location an attractive campsite. Evidence for hunting is present in the form of bison skulls and other bones as well as impact damaged projectile points. The presence of preforms and channel

flakes in addition to scrapers, gravers, and flake tools suggests that various campsite-related activities took place also.

### Mud Springs

This site is located in southwest Wyoming and was exposed when sand movement exposed Folsom points and debitage (Frison 1978:114). Little more is known about the site, as it has not undergone any formal archaeological investigations. The 17 points, six preforms, and one ultrathin biface from Mud Springs recorded in this study were made available by Jim Cox.

## CHAPTER 3: THE GAULT SITE

This chapter focuses specifically on the Folsom and Midland component of the Gault site in central Texas. Although this component has been discussed briefly in prior publications (Collins 2007; Waters et al. 2011), it has not yet been reported in a comprehensive, systematic manner. This chapter focuses primarily on the diagnostic artifacts that can be attributed to Folsom-Midland technology (particularly points, preforms, and ultrathin bifaces), with additional artifacts only noted when they can confidently be assigned to the Folsom-Midland component. This level of stratigraphic confidence is only immediately evident at Area 3, although several additional excavation areas may have intact but sparser components and are worth additional analysis in the future. The analysis of technological and typological issues pertaining to the Folsom-Midland artifacts at Gault sets the stage for the larger analyses that are conducted in the following chapters.

### *Overview of Folsom and Midland at the Gault Site*

Gault is a stratified, multicomponent prehistoric site in central Texas located on an ecotone between the Edwards Plateau to the west and the Black Prairie to the east (Collins 2007:61-62). This setting enabled prehistoric groups to take advantage of the enhanced variety of resources that was available from two contrasting regions. Moreover, the site itself lies within an exposure of the Edwards Limestone Formation, a chert-bearing aquifer along the spring-fed Buttermilk Creek, providing a reliable source of toolstone and spring water to its inhabitants. Thanks to these readily available resources, the Gault site provided a consistently livable habitat to people for over 13,000 years. The total site area covers approximately 32 hectares (Wernecke

and Collins 2013), generally following the Buttermilk Creek valley and its tributary channels. The Debra L. Friedkin site, reported by Waters et al. (2012), is located on a neighboring property about 250 meters to the east of the Gault site and may be an extension of the same site.

Gault is primarily known as a large Clovis workshop and campsite, with about 650,000 chipped stone artifacts recovered from the Clovis components (Collins 2007:59-61). An extensive Archaic burned rock midden is also present and encompasses an area of about 800 by 200 m. In recent excavations, the site has yielded flakes, blades, and bifaces in discrete strata up to 80 cm below the Clovis component in Area 15, suggesting a human presence at the site prior to the Clovis period. The Folsom-Midland period is not as well represented as the Clovis and Archaic components, but Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts do occur at over half of the 15 excavation areas that have been opened to date. The reduced Folsom-Midland presence compared to Clovis is likely due to different foraging strategies between the two complexes (Collins 2007:81). While the Clovis occupation at Gault represents a generalized foraging strategy involving the pursuit of a variety of food options, Folsom sites are largely focused on the hunting of bison. Because the Gault site is situated in a sheltered stream valley away from the open plains, Folsom groups would have traveled elsewhere to procure their preferred prey (Collins 1999:29). As such, the Folsom-Midland presence at Gault is more ephemeral than Clovis, and their utilization of the site appears to have been primarily that of a stopover for replacing worn out and broken stone tools before moving on to more bison-rich areas.

Diagnostic artifacts of the Folsom-Midland components at Gault include points, preforms, channel flakes, and ultrathin bifaces (Figure 6 and Figure 7). Additional tools such as scrapers, graters, and utilized flakes are also present but are often difficult to unambiguously attribute to the Folsom-Midland period due to contextual issues. The purpose of this chapter is

threefold. First, it provides an overview of the context of the Folsom-Midland occupations at Gault, with specific attention given to clarifying the assumptions and overgeneralizations that have previously been applied to the relationship between the Clovis and Folsom-Midland occupations at the site (Waters et al. 2011:17). Second, this chapter explores the technology involved in the production of Folsom and Midland points at Gault, with emphasis on the variation in production techniques that are apparent. This assemblage offers a rare opportunity to examine Midland preforms, which are not often reported in other sites. The patterns of discard and manufacture for Folsom and Midland points are also examined. Third, this chapter places the Gault assemblage in the larger scheme of Folsom and Midland typology based on comparisons with artifacts from 28 other sites and collections across the geographic span of the Folsom complex. This analysis particularly focuses on specimens that represent “hybrids” of Folsom and Midland technology with consideration given to the regions in which they appear.



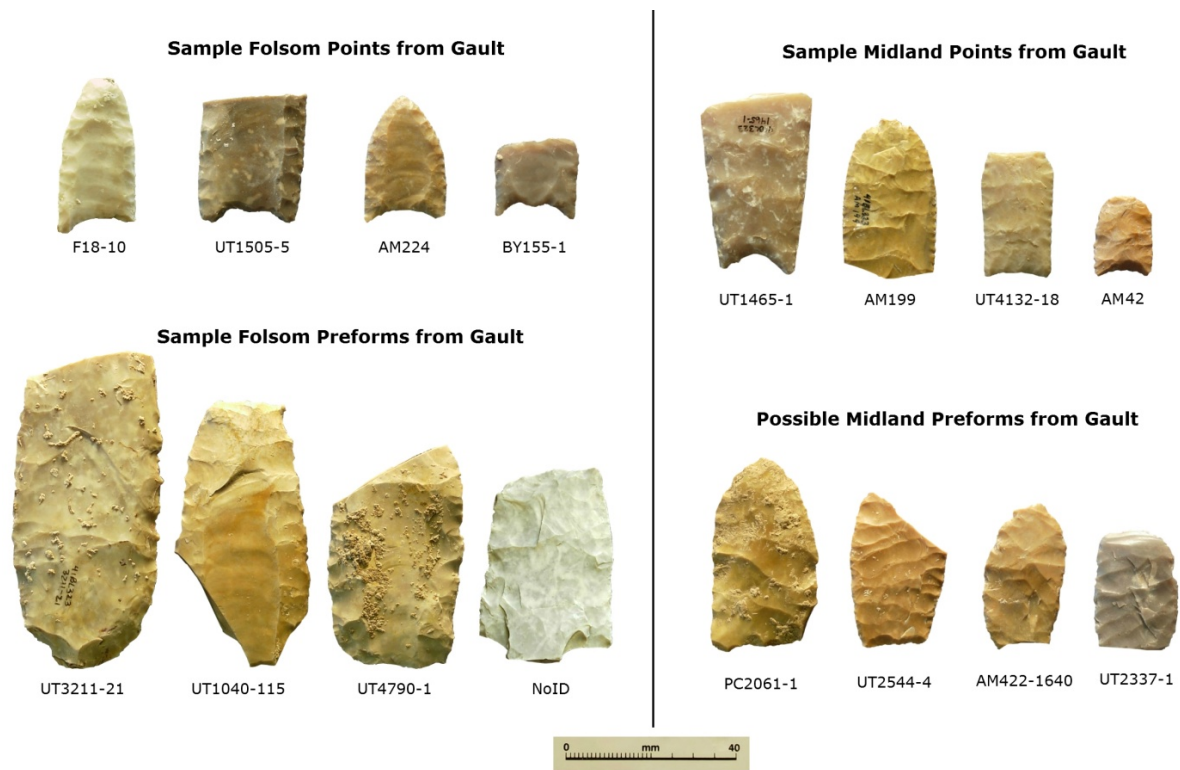


Figure 6: Examples of Folsom and Midland points and preforms from the Gault site.

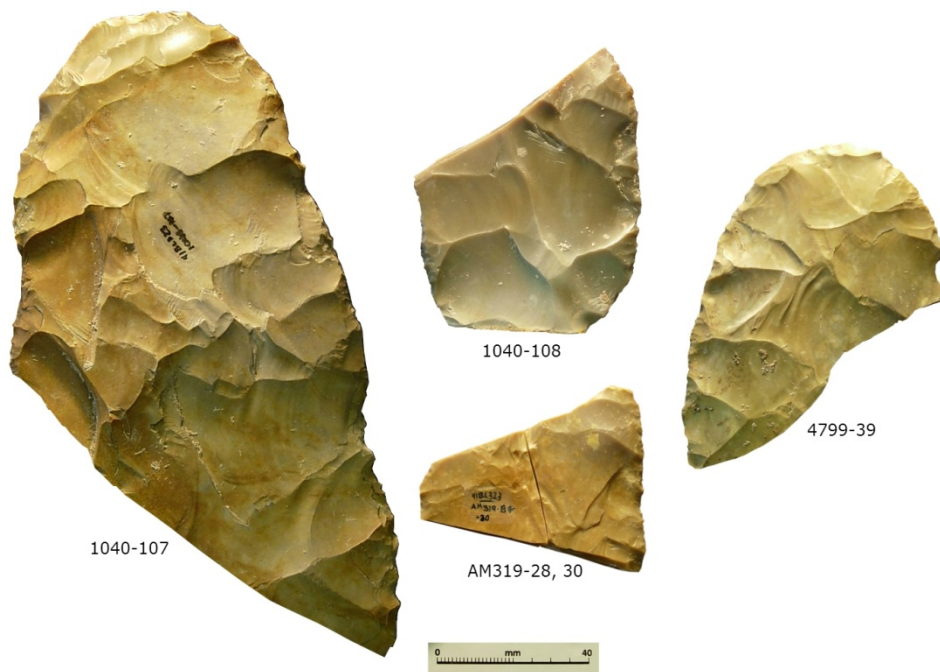


Figure 7: Examples of ultrathin bifaces from the Gault site.

### *Context*

Although the Gault site has been cited as one of the few sites in which Folsom age artifacts can be found immediately overlying Clovis artifacts (Bement and Carter 2010:919; Jennings 2012:3240), the contextual integrity of the Folsom-Midland presence at Gault is variable depending on the excavation area in question. A total of 15 areas has been excavated to date. Excavation Areas are numbered 1-15 and are defined as areas of the site with cohesive excavation histories and methods that encompass multiple unit addresses (Figure 8). Of these areas, eight of them contain Folsom and/or Midland diagnostic artifacts (Table 3). These areas are 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 15. However, only four of these areas (3, 7, 8, and 12) have yielded Folsom or Midland diagnostic artifacts in contexts that can be solely attributed to the Folsom period, and only three areas (3, 4, and 12) contain Folsom-Midland diagnostic material that consistently overlies Clovis. Each of the areas containing Folsom period diagnostic material is described individually below. Images of all the diagnostic Folsom-Midland artifacts are available in the “Photos” folder in the attached materials.

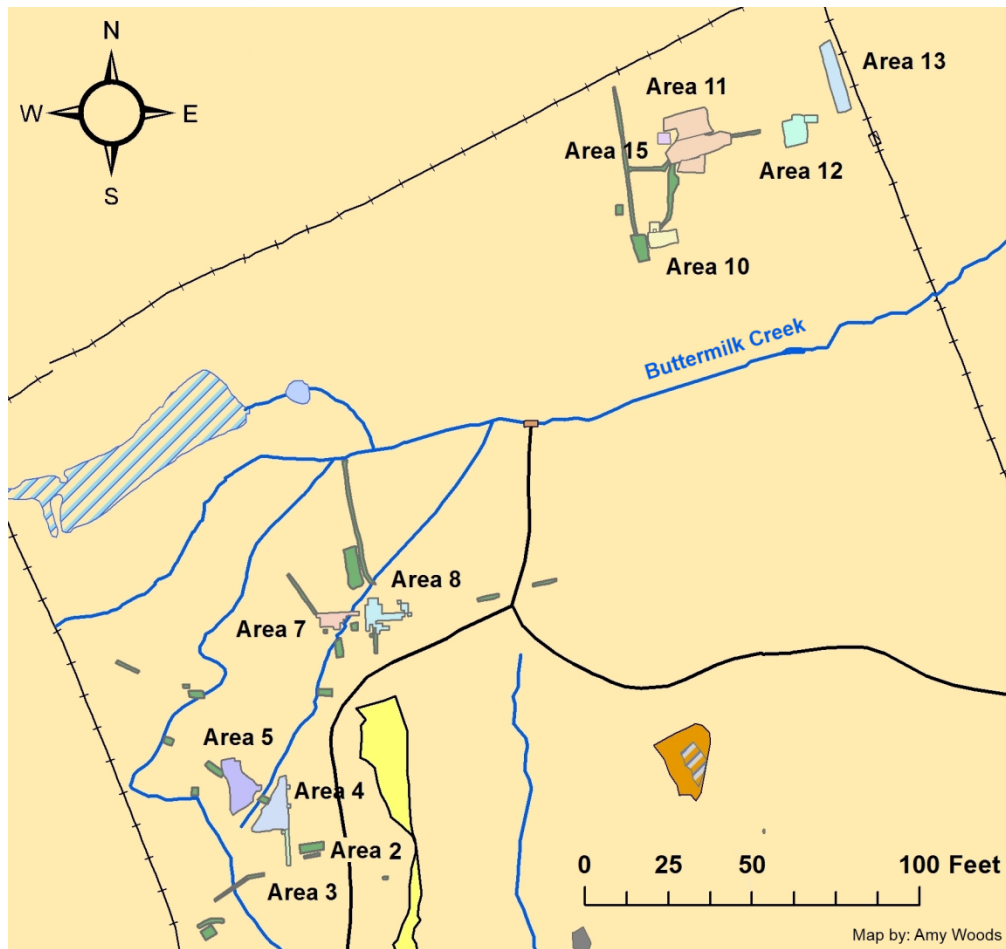


Figure 8: Layout of the excavation areas within the Gault site.

Table 3: Diagnostic Folsom-Midland artifact counts from Gault by excavation area.

Excavation Area	Folsom Points	Folsom Preforms	Midland Points	Midland Preforms	Hybrid Forms	Ultrathin Bifaces	Totals
Area 2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Area 3	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
Area 4	0	3	1	0	0	2	6
Area 7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Area 8	3	3	5	2	0	3	16
Area 10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Area 12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Area 15	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Surface	0	2	2	1	0	2	7
<b>Totals</b>	5	9	11	4	2	7	38

## Area 2

This area was excavated in the spring of 2002 and is a small 2 x 4 meter area where the topsoil and disturbed Archaic strata were scraped off to expose intact underlying levels. It lies south of Buttermilk Creek, on the east side of the creek's western tributary channel, in the same vicinity as Areas 1-5. The sole diagnostic Folsom artifact (UT4632-1) occurs in the uppermost archaeologically excavated level. Analysis of the artifacts from Area 4 has revealed that the first levels of the area likely contain a mixture of intact Paleoindian material and intrusive Archaic material. This mixture is likely a result of a combination of factors, including geologic processes, previous looting activities, and the bobcat scraping itself. As such, the debitage that appears to be associated with the diagnostic preform in Area 2 cannot be reliably attributed to the Folsom period. Additionally, although Clovis material occurs one level below Folsom and appears stratigraphically intact, it is also mixed with Early Archaic material.

## Area 3

This is a 1 x 8 meter mostly hand excavated trench that extends southward from Area 4 and is just west of Area 2. The surface of Area 3 was scraped prior to excavation; however, the scraping did not extend below the disturbed Archaic levels and left the Folsom component intact. Folsom-age diagnostic materials are found lying on top of a buried alluvial fan made up of chert and limestone cobbles. Although some Clovis material appears in Area 3, it is relatively sparse compared to other areas and occurs consistently below the Folsom artifacts. As such, this area has the best potential for analyzing Folsom-age debitage and non-diagnostic tools.

Area 3 has the second highest density of Folsom-Midland diagnostic material, after Area 8. Interestingly, all four of the discarded projectile points in this area are Midland (UT4098-1, UT4109-25, UT4132-18, and UT2892-1). However, a base of an early stage Folsom preform

(UT2883-2) was also found immediately overlying Clovis levels. Although this preform base was located at an elevation about 10 to 20 centimeters lower than the Midland points, it was also found in an excavation unit at least five meters north of the Midland finds, where all cultural strata appear to be more deeply buried than elsewhere. Additional tools attributable to the Folsom-Midland occupation include two endscrapers on flakes and 18 other modified flakes. Finally, three incised cortical flakes were found in Folsom-Midland levels at Area 3. Two of these flakes (UT4109-3,5) only have small remnants of cortex, leaving only a couple of incised lines each, but the third (UT4102-16) exhibits a cross-hatched pattern common to other incised stones found in Paleoindian context at Gault and elsewhere (Collins 1998:151, Hester 1972:102-103, Wernecke and Collins 2012).

#### Area 4

This area is located immediately north of the Area 3 trench. It is one of the larger excavation blocks, with a total of 73 1x1 meter squares. The grid for this area was laid out in November of 1999, the surface was scraped down to undisturbed sediment in December of 2000, and various field crews excavated Area 4 from November of 2000 to May of 2002. Many Folsom-age diagnostic artifacts have been found in this area, and nearly all of them come from the first level after the scraping. As with Area 2, the Folsom material is mixed with the remnants of the overlying Archaic components and occasionally some of the uppermost Clovis material as well. Six artifacts diagnostic of the Folsom-Midland period have been found in Area 4. They consist of three Folsom point preforms (BB2135-1, UT4409-12, and UT3211-21), a medial section of a Midland point (UT4096-39), and two fragments of ultrathin bifaces (UT3228-1 and UT4066-8). All of these artifacts come from the first excavation level except for the Midland fragment, which was located in the second level along with Clovis artifacts, including the distal

end of a bifacial preform with overshot flaking (UT4096-38). The excavation form for this level notes that a looters' pit appears to intrude eight centimeters in the southwest corner of the unit, making it possible that the Midland fragment came from a recently disturbed context.

### Area 7

This excavation area contains 35 1x1 meter units that were excavated near the confluence of the two drainages that feed Buttermilk Creek from the south. It lies immediately to the west of Area 8. The Folsom component of this area is sparse, considering the strong presence of Folsom and Midland artifacts in the adjacent Area 8. Only one artifact that is likely diagnostic to the Folsom period (a probable Midland preform, PC2061-1) was found in Area 7, and it was found in a fairly reliable context below an Early Archaic level and above a Clovis level. However, it should be noted that Clovis materials were also found in a higher elevation in the unit immediately to the west of this find.

### Area 8

This is possibly the most well known of Gault's excavation areas. In 1998, one of the site's new owners, Howard Lindsey, dug a pit south of Buttermilk Creek, near the convergence of its two small tributary channels and east of what would later be Area 7. About 2 meters below the surface, he encountered mammoth bones in association with artifacts and contacted Michael Collins and Tom Hester at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL). The team from TARL worked from August 1 to October 12 and excavated seven units, uncovering mammoth bones, horse teeth, and Clovis artifacts. The results from this excavation compelled the staff of TARL to negotiate a three-year excavation plan with the Lindseys. From 1999 to 2001, Area 8 was excavated by several groups, with the most notable being the University of



Texas and Texas A&M University. A total of 49 units and one backhoe trench were excavated around Howard Lindsey's original pit (Waters et al. 2011:6).

Area 8 deserves special attention for three reasons. First, this area has yielded the largest sample of diagnostic artifacts from the Folsom-Midland period. Second, Area 8 has been the most extensively reported excavation area to date, thanks primarily to the publication of a book detailing Texas A&M University's research on the area's Clovis component (Waters et al. 2011). Finally, Waters et al. (2011:17-18) and Jennings (2012:3245) have suggested that the Folsom-Midland component of Area 8 reveals a small stratigraphic separation between the appearance of Folsom and Midland points, with the former occurring slightly earlier than the latter. In order to evaluate the accuracy of this interpretation, the contexts of all the diagnostic artifacts from the Folsom-Midland period in Area 8 need to be examined.

Table 4 details the Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts found in Area 8. The surface finds came from the area immediately surrounding the excavation. Whenever possible, the geologic stratum in which the artifacts were found is included. The stratum designations are based on Texas A&M inventory files currently stored at Texas State University. However, the geologic contexts of artifacts found during the University of Texas and Texas Archeological Society excavations are not currently available.

Table 4: Area 8 Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts and their contexts.

ID Number	Type	Northing	Easting	Level	Elevation	Stratum	Context
UT3303-31	Midland	1016.30	991.00	2	95.915	-	Feature 1004, Archaic context
UT1505-5	Folsom base	1017.222	992.157	5	95.309	-	Clovis above and below
UT2392-1	Folsom preform base	1022	984	3	95.20-95.10	-	Clovis above and below
UT2544-4	Midland preform base	1021.18	985.25	6	95.05	-	Mixed with Clovis
AM14	Folsom base	1013	988	7	96.00-95.90	-	Good context
AM267	Midland medial	1016	984	22	95.12-95.07	3b (Clovis soil)	Good context, but Clovis stratum
AM199-1644	Midland distal	1015.78	983.25	18	95.30	1 (gravel) / 4b (Bk2)	Mixed with Clovis
AM224-1642	Folsom	1015	983	19	95.27	1 (gravel) / 4b (Bk2)	Clovis above and below
AM422-1640	Midland preform?	1018	983	22	95.08	3a (Clovis soil)	Clovis above
AM164-934	Folsom preform distal	1015	983	16	95.42-95.37	1 (gravel) / 4b (Bk2)	Mixed with Clovis
AM256	Midland	1019	984	17	95.10-95.07	3a & 3b (Clovis soil)	Mixed with Clovis
AM42	Miniature Midland	1017	983	9	95.83-95.80	5b (overbank) & 4c (Royalty Paleosol)	Archaic context
AM1040-115	Folsom preform distal	-	-	-	-	Surface	-
AM319-28,30	Ultrathin Biface refits	1017	983	23	95.07-95.02	3a (Clovis soil)	Mixed with Clovis
AM1040-107	Ultrathin Biface preform base	-	-	-	-	Surface	-
AM1040-108	Ultrathin Biface base	-	-	-	-	Surface	-

The geologic strata observed in the Area 8 excavations are described in detail in Waters et al. 2011:11-19), but a short overview is warranted here. Unit 1 lies directly on top of the bedrock and is made up of matrix-supported gravels and limestone cobbles with no artifacts or faunal remains. Unit 2 is also a high-energy gravel deposit that contains Pleistocene faunal remains but no artifacts, except on its surface. Unit 3a and 3b are clay layers that underwent some soil development and were deposited by lacustrine accumulation and overbank flooding, respectively. These units encompass the area's Clovis component. Unit 4 is also made up of clays from overbank flooding but is also marked by more extensive soil development, so that the unit is subdivided into Bk1, Bk2, and BC horizons. The Folsom-Midland component ideally occurs at the base of this unit, with Late Paleoindian material appearing towards the top. Units 5, 6, and 7 represent additional overbank flooding episodes and contain Early, Middle, and Late Archaic materials roughly in chronological succession.

Three points from the Folsom-Midland period (two Midland and one Folsom) are mentioned in Waters et al. (2011:17). One of the Midland points (AM42) was found out of its expected context and is interpreted as an artifact that was picked up by an individual during the early Holocene. The other two (AM199-1644 and AM224-1642) comprise the evidence from the Gault site that support the hypothesis that Midland points appeared in the latter part of the Folsom interval. Both points were found in the expected geological stratum for Folsom (although it is labeled Bk2 in the inventory and BC in Waters et al. 2011), and both points were found in the same excavation unit, with the Midland point located three centimeters higher than the Folsom point. However, a Clovis blade was also reported from the same level in which the Midland point was found, casting some doubt on the relationship between the two points. The presence of blade-like flakes and controlled overshot flakes often define the onset of Clovis

levels at Gault, but these artifacts may also be produced by chance by later groups (though in vastly reduced quantities, see Bradley and Stanford 2006:707-710, and Bradley et al. 2010:76-77). Therefore, there is a remote possibility that some of the “Clovis” levels that appear above Units 3a and 3b are mislabeled.

Still, 13 additional Folsom-Midland diagnostic artifacts come from Area 8, further complicating the stratigraphic relationship between Folsom, Midland, and Clovis. Besides AM42, one other Midland point (UT3303-31) was found in buried context above its expected stratum. However, this Midland point was excavated from a pit or hearth feature (Feature 1004), and the creation of the feature may have removed the artifact from its original context. Additionally, the distal end of a Folsom preform and two ultrathin biface fragments were found on the surface immediately surrounding Area 8. Because it is highly likely that these artifacts were disturbed from their original positions as a result of Howard Lindsey’s digging, their context is not considered here.

Of the nine remaining Folsom-Midland artifacts, only one of them (AM164-934) has been positively assigned to the lower portion of Unit 4, although it is associated with a Clovis blade fragment (AM164-307), and only one other Folsom point (AM14) is positioned in good context clearly above Clovis material. The rest of the artifacts have been found below Clovis diagnostic material and/or in geological Units 3a or 3b. A Clovis blade and a blade fragment (UT1495-1, 2) were found in the level above the Folsom base, UT1505-5. Folsom preform UT2392-1 was found one level below a Clovis blade core and several blades (UT2385-1, 2, 3, 4, and 12). A base of a likely Midland preform (UT2544-4) was found with an overshot flake (UT2544-18) and blades and blade fragments (UT2544-55, 80, and 88) in the same level and at the same elevation. AM267, a midsection of a Midland point, came from geologic Unit 3b and

was found at the same level as the distal fragment of a Clovis point (AM277) two meters to the west. AM422-1640 is a small probable Midland preform that was found in geologic Unit 3a. One intact Clovis point (AM228-E) and two point fragments (AM228-PP, ZZ) were found one meter to the north at this level, although a sloping ground surface during the Paleoindian period could account for this discrepancy. A Midland point, AM256, came from geologic Unit 3a/3b, and is associated with a Clovis preform (AM256-4), a blade core (AM256-49), and multiple blades and overshot flakes. Finally, the refit ultrathin biface fragments, AM319-28 and 30, were found in the middle of the Clovis levels in geologic Unit 3a, along with a vast quantity of Clovis diagnostics including two blade cores (AM319-160, 161), one of which refits to three blades. Waters et al. (2011:100-101) acknowledges the presence of the ultrathin biface fragments in geologic Unit 3a but interprets its apparent Folsom technology as a coincidence.

In summary, the context of the Folsom-Midland component in Area 8 is unclear at best and mixed with both earlier and later materials at worst. Although the two points mentioned in Waters et al. 2011:17 appear to be in the proper positions expected of Folsom-Midland material, inferring a fine-grain chronological distinction between them requires a degree of depositional integrity that is simply not present in this area. While one or two artifacts mixed with Clovis material may be written off as a fluke of bioturbation or other disturbances, it becomes much more problematic when the majority of an area's Folsom-Midland diagnostics occur in such contexts. Recent evidence from the Debra L. Friedkin site about 250 meters east of Gault may indicate that Midland points come into use in the latter portion of the Folsom period (Jennings 2012:3245), but the evidence from Area 8 at the Gault site cannot support or refute such a scenario.

### Area 10

This area is made up of the eastern excavation block of the Brigham Young University field school of 2000. It is located north of Buttermilk Creek and is the southwesternmost excavation area on the north side of the creek. Nine 1 x 1 m excavation units comprise Area 10. A single Folsom point base was found approximately one meter below the surface. No Clovis diagnostic material was recovered in this area, although a knapping area of early stage core flaking debris occurs 15 to 20 cm below the Folsom material and matches the elevation of a Clovis point from an adjacent backhoe trench. Therefore, the Folsom component is likely in secure, albeit sparse, context.

### Area 12

This is one of the easternmost excavation blocks north of Buttermilk Creek. It is made up of 41 1 x 1 m units that were excavated from February of 2001 to May of 2002 by the Gault site staff, along with the help of a week-long Texas Archeological Society field school in June of 2001. An unusual, four square meter cobblestone “pavement” was encountered at an elevation of 93.00 m, at or below the approximate bottom of the Clovis component. Folsom-Midland artifacts appear to consistently overlie Clovis at this area, but diagnostics of the Folsom period consist only of a unifacially fluted point base and a channel flake fragment.

### Area 15

This most recent excavation block was opened in March of 2007 by the University of Exeter and has remained open through the time of this writing. Multiple volunteer groups and field schools have participated in the excavation. Area 15 is situated north of Buttermilk Creek, west of Area 12 and is made up of 64 square meter units, with the innermost 12 square meters extending into Paleoindian-aged strata. The Folsom-Midland component here is sparse and

consists of a single Folsom point found out of its original context, likely due to the construction of a large oven during the Early Archaic period.

### Surface

Multiple diagnostic artifacts attributable to the Folsom period have been found in surface collections. A proximal section of a Folsom preform (UT4790-1) was found near Area 11, just east of Area 15. A Midland preform that was likely made on a Folsom channel flake (UT2337-1) was found along a trail on the south side of Buttermilk Creek. A proximal fragment of a particularly well made Midland point (UT1465-1) was found just to the east of Area 8. Three artifacts, consisting of a Midland point, a base of an ultrathin biface (UT4799-39), and a distal portion of a Folsom preform (No ID) were found in unspecified surface collections. Finally, a lateral section of an ultrathin biface (UT3225-1) appears to come from an excavated context in Area 3, but the ID number does not match the unit number, and it is not mentioned in the unit's level forms, suggesting that the artifact may be mislabeled.

### Summary

Overall, the contextual integrity of Folsom-Midland artifacts appears to be dependent on an excavation area's location relative to Buttermilk Creek. Excavation areas on the north side of the creek have Folsom and Midland diagnostic materials that occur in their expected context above Clovis and below Late Paleoindian or Early Archaic materials, but the occurrence of Folsom-Midland artifacts in these areas is sparse. On the south side of Buttermilk Creek, Folsom-Midland diagnostic material is more common, but it tends to be mixed with Clovis or Archaic artifacts. Two excavation areas are exceptions to this rule. Area 3 lies to the south of Buttermilk Creek and has stratigraphically intact Folsom and Midland deposits. Area 15 is

located on the north side of the creek, and the lone Folsom point from this excavation was disturbed by the construction or maintenance of a burned rock oven during the Early Archaic.

### *Technology*

Because the Gault site is a location where Edwards chert is readily available, it is a prime location for examining the nuances of Folsom and Midland technology in central Texas. The technology for producing Folsom points has been extensively researched (Amick 1999, Crabtree 1966, Sollberger and Patterson 1980, Gryba 1988, Clark and Collins 2002, Frison and Bradley 1980:45-52, Tunnell 1977:9-23) and has resulted in the construction of detailed reduction sequences for producing the fluted points. The technology involved in producing Midland points has been explored to some extent (Judge 1970; Hofman 1992; Amick 1995, Wilke 2002:357-359; Huckell and Kilby 2002:23-27), but evidence for a specific Midland reduction sequence is lacking, probably due to a lack of visibility or identification of Midland preforms. Finally, the technology involved in manufacturing ultrathin bifaces was detailed nearly as soon as the artifact type was first identified (Root et al. 2000:250-256, William 2000:220-230, Root et al. 1999). Although the Folsom-Midland presence at the Gault site appears significantly reduced compared to the preceding Clovis occupations, enough of these three diagnostic artifact types are present to contribute to our understanding of Folsom, Midland, and ultrathin biface technology.

Some variation in Folsom point manufacture is evident from the preforms that were discarded at Gault. According to Frison and Bradley (1980:45-52), Folsom preforms at the Hanson site in Wyoming were carefully pressure flaked on each face immediately prior to preparing the base for fluting. This pressure flaking was done in order to align the flake scars to form a low medial ridge for the channel flake to follow when it is struck. However, evidence for



pressure flaking before fluting is evident only on two of the Gault Folsom preforms (UT1040-115 and UT2392-1). The others exhibit little or no pressure flaking prior to fluting and instead relied on percussion to prepare each face for fluting, a technique that appears to be unique to the Gault site. Evidence for percussion shaping followed by fluting appears on three Folsom preforms (UT4790-1, BB2135-1, and No ID). On the first two of these preforms, the flute fell short on at least one face, possibly indicative of a learning mistake. The third preform is a distal fragment with a lip extending down past the proximal break, indicating that the fluting attempt dove and broke the distal end off as an overshot. The percussion thinned preforms may be slightly thicker than the pressure thinned ones, but the Gault sample is not large enough for a confident determination.

Only five finished Folsom points are present in the Gault Folsom-Midland assemblage, so little variation can be observed. It may be worth noting, however, that two of them (1505-5 and BY155-1) have a remnant of the fluting nipple platform present on their bases, one of them (AM14) has a straight basal edge between its ears, and two of them (AM224 and F18-10) have concave bases. Additionally, although the lateral edges on all finished points are ground towards the proximal end, the basal edges are not ground on two of the five points (BY155-1 and AM14).

For Midland points, the assemblage from the Gault site reveals a range of technological options that seems to have gone unrecognized in other collections. Some archaeologists have defined Midland points as being thinned by collateral percussion followed by fine pressure retouch along the margins (Bradley 2009:260). Others have remarked that Midland points are both thinned and subsequently retouched entirely by pressure flaking (Wilke 2002:358). Interestingly, Midland points from the Gault site and elsewhere indicate that both reduction strategies were employed prehistorically. Although attributing flake scars to pressure or

percussion is largely subjective (Andrefsky 2005:118-119, but see Takakura 2012 for an emerging technique), two of the larger Midland points from the Gault site (UT1465-1 and AM199-1644) have large, wide thinning flake scars suggesting they were produced by percussion (Figure 9c, d), while the smaller Midland points have small, narrow collateral flake scars that are more likely made by pressure flaking (Figure 9a, b). It may be possible that some pressure thinned Midland points are reworked from larger percussion thinned points, but this scenario is not true in all cases, as one pressure thinned Midland point (UT3303-31) still retains traces of its original flake blank surface. The epitome of Midland percussion thinning is evident in the Shifting Sands assemblage from west Texas, where two point fragments (3A61 and 561) exhibit very wide, parallel transverse thinning flakes that resemble a series of flutes extending laterally across the points' faces (Figure 9e, f). These points appear to be the Midland equivalent of the very thin, broadly fluted, and finely pressure flaked "extra fine" Folsom points that show up in small numbers in numerous sites (William 2000:188, Bement 1999:139-143).

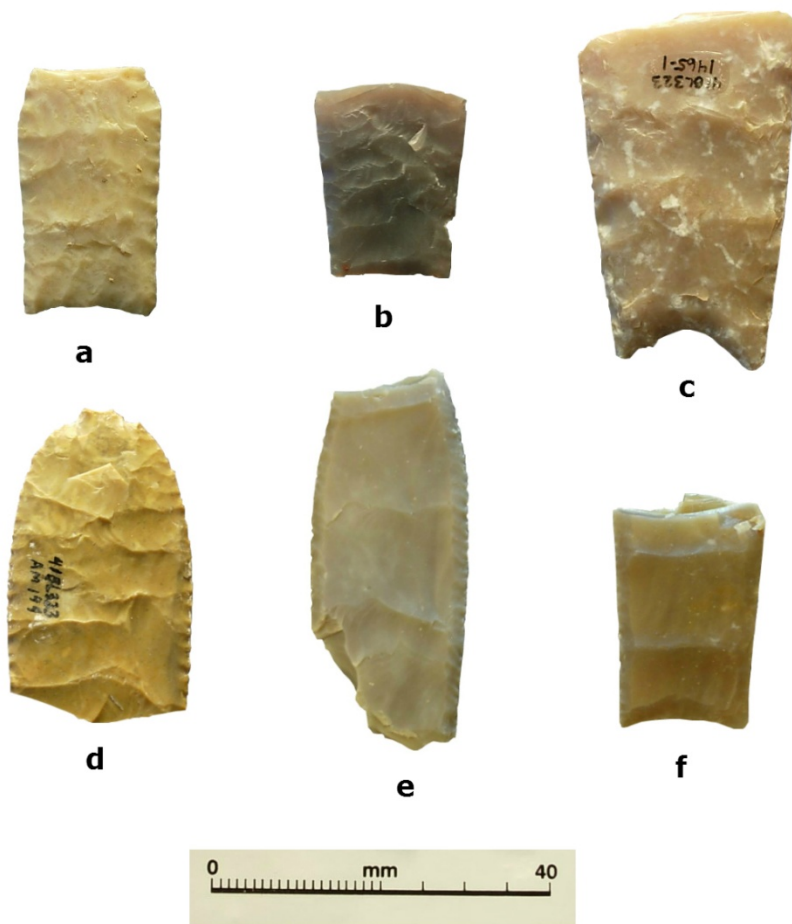


Figure 9: Midland point examples. From the Gault site: a. UT4132-18, b. UT2892-1, c. UT1465-1, and d. AM199. From the Shifting Sands site: e. 3A61 and f. 561.

It is widely assumed that Midland points are made on flake blanks, particularly blanks that are smaller than those used to produce Folsom points (Judge 1970:44-46, Hofman 1992:200-208, Wilke 2002:357-359). In his examination of over 1000 Folsom artifacts from New Mexico and Texas, Amick (1995:26, 28) finds that 15.6% of the Midland points retain evidence of being made on flake blanks, while only 8.8% of Folsom points show evidence of a flake blank origin. These findings hint that Midland points may indeed be made from smaller flake blanks than Folsom, although the fluting process likely obscures any remaining flake blank surface on Folsom points, so the evidence is not conclusive. Additionally, the presence of different forms of reduction among Midland points indicates that a range of flake blank sizes were likely used to create them, with larger flake blanks being thinned by percussion and smaller ones being thinned by pressure. At the Gault site, four probable Midland preforms have been found (Figure 1). UT2337-1 is a distal fragment of a Midland preform made on a Folsom channel flake. The original termination of the channel flake is still present on the distal end of the preform, and the ventral face retains the flake scars from the original Folsom preform. The ventral face, however, has been modified with collateral, parallel oblique pressure flaking, most of which terminates in step fractures just beyond the center line of the preform. UT2544-4 is a preform fragment missing the distal tip that exhibits extensive collateral pressure flaking on one face but still would have required additional thinning on the other. It closely resembles a finished Midland point, but unlike the Midland points found at Gault, this preform has a slightly twisted cross section, suggesting that the original blank was a small twisted flake. AM422-1640 is an unusual Midland preform, in that it is already smaller than many finished points and has an uneven outline. One face is thinned mostly with unpatterned pressure flaking, while the other face remains lumpy, creating an uneven thickness. Finally, PC2061-1 is a slightly larger preform that

appears to make use of percussion for at least some of its thinning. It is nearly complete, just with one ear missing, but it is unusually short for a preform. The collateral flaking on one face is strongly suggestive of a Midland preform, while two large basal thinning flakes on the other face are more reminiscent of St. Mary's Hall points. However, this preform is already thinner than the finished St. Mary's Hall points found in the Gault excavations, so this is more likely a Midland preform.

Although one would naturally expect preforms to be at least slightly cruder in appearance when compared to finished points, the Midland preforms at the Gault site seem to be of a noticeably reduced quality when compared to the finished, discarded Midland points. One of the notable aspects of these preforms is that they appear quite small. None of them appear to be larger than finished Midland points. Even the most formal-looking preform, PC2061-1, is somewhat short in terms of length. Figure 10a plots the widths and thicknesses of the Midland points and preforms from the Gault site (minus the miniature point, AM42). The small sample size rules out the use of formal statistics, but some conjectures can be made based on the plot.

In terms of width, the Midland preforms from Gault are comparable to the wider finished points. About half of the finished points are narrower than the preforms, however. In terms of thickness, the proposed preforms fall on either extreme compared to the points. Two of the preforms are thicker than nearly all the points, while the other two preforms are actually thinner. This discrepancy raises the question of whether at least some of the preforms may actually be learners' or practice pieces.

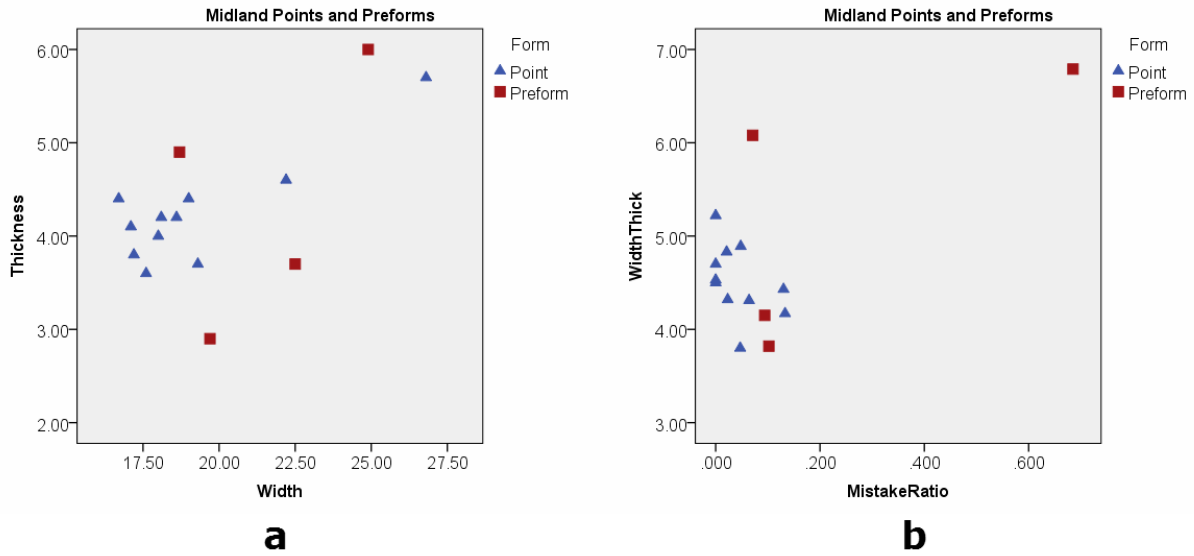


Figure 10: Scatterplots comparing Midland points and preforms from Gault. a. Width (x-axis) and thickness (y-axis). b. Mistake ratio (x-axis) and width/thickness ratio (y-axis). Points are the triangles, and preforms are the squares.

To test this hypothesis, two variables are examined: the width/thickness ratio and a ratio between the average number of mistakes per 10mm and the number of flake scars per 10mm for each artifact. For this purpose, a “mistake” is defined as a flake scar that terminates in a hinge or step fracture that would impede subsequent flake removals of similar size. As before, a scatterplot is used to compare the proposed Midland preforms to finished Midland points (Figure 10b). If the proposed preforms are made by novices, the artifacts should deviate from the projectile points in these two variables. If the artifacts actually are adeptly made preforms, then they should cluster among the projectile points.

The scatterplot comparing the width/thickness and mistake ratios reveals that two of the Midland preforms are comparable to the points. The preform that compares most favorably to the points is the same one that meets the expectations of a Midland preform in the previous scatterplot (PC2061-1). The second artifact lies along the lower limit of the width/thickness ratio for projectile points and is likely made by a novice due to its inconsistent outline (AM422-1640). The other two proposed preforms have width/thickness ratios that are actually greater than the points, but that result is due to the preforms being made on very thin, flat flakes. The preform that was made from the channel flake (UT2337-1) also has a high mistake ratio, suggesting that it was used for flintknapping practice and not necessarily intended to become a point.

Lithic procurement areas are often considered to be ideal locations for observing the learning process among prehistoric flintknappers (Bamforth and Finlay 2008:17-18, Lohse 2010, but see Bamforth and Hicks 2008:148-149 for a counterexample). It is possible that due to the readily available chert at the Gault site, the more experienced flintknappers during the Folsom-Midland interval focused on the production of fluted points, while the making of Midland points was reserved only for those who had not attained enough skill for fluting. The discarded

Midland points at Gault appear more adeptly manufactured and may have been originally made far away from lithic sources, prompting skillful flintknappers to forsake the risky fluting technique in favor of conserving raw materials. Upon reaching the Gault site, the broken and depleted Midland points may have been largely replaced with Folsom points.

Hofman (1992) proposes a hypothesis based on raw material conservation to explain the prevalence of Midland points in west Texas Folsom age sites such as Shifting Sands. The hypothesis states that if Folsom groups were highly mobile and spent significant amounts of time away from lithic raw material sources moving from kill to kill, they needed to improvise their projectile point technology to accommodate raw material shortages. As such, their projectile points followed a trajectory from bifacially fluted, to unifacially fluted, to Midland, to pseudo-fluted, and finally to miniature forms as raw materials dwindled. Therefore, in an assemblage in which all point forms are present, bifacially fluted points should exhibit the most signs of resharpening and the most raw material diversity compared to the others.

The fact that Midland preforms are present at a lithic procurement site like Gault, where large pieces of quality stone are present, does cast some doubt on Hofman's approach, but his hypothesis should not be discarded entirely. The results of this test suggest that Hofman's hypothesis is at least partially accurate. At the Gault site, Midland points are preferentially discarded and Folsom points are preferentially manufactured. However, the fact the Midland points were still made at the site indicates that factors other than raw material availability were also at work. The Midland preforms in the Gault sample appear overall to be less skillfully made than the finished Midland points that were discarded at the site, suggesting that Midland points made at the site were likely knapped by individuals who were not adept enough to make fluted points. However, four out of the nine Folsom preforms also exhibit errors



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Table 5 shows the results of a Chi-square test comparing the counts of Folsom and Midland points and preforms found at Gault. The results reveal that a statistically significant difference exists (Chi-Square = 4.693 and p-value = .035) in which more Midland points were discarded and more Folsom preforms were made than would be expected by random chance.

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### Gault Site Folsom and Midland Counts

Form \* Type Crosstabulation

			Type		Total
			Folsom	Midland	
Form	Point	Count	5	12	17
		Expected Count	7.9	9.1	17.0
	Preform	Count	9	4	13
		Expected Count	6.1	6.9	13.0
Total		Count	14	16	30
		Expected Count	14.0	16.0	30.0

Chi-Square Tests

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (1-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	4.693 <sup>a</sup>	1	.030		
Continuity Correction <sup>b</sup>	3.229	1	.072		
Likelihood Ratio	4.810	1	.028		
Fisher's Exact Test				.063	.035
N of Valid Cases	30				

a. 0 cells (.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is 6.07.

b. Computed only for a 2x2 table

Finally, fragments from seven ultrathin bifaces are present in the Gault collections. All but one of them appear to have been finished and either utilized or ready to be utilized just prior to breaking. The unfinished ultrathin (UT1040-107) is also the largest biface in the sample and reveals the hinge flake removal process that is characteristic of the opposite diving technique that defines ultrathin bifaces (Root et al. 1999:152-154, William 2000:220-230). However, several flakes hinged short of the center line, creating a flawed biface even before it broke. One biface fragment (UT3225-1) exhibits beveling, a resharpening technique that appears on ultrathin bifaces in numerous Folsom sites including Shifting Sands, Lindenmeier, Krmopotich, Hanson, Barger Gulch, Bobtail Wolf, and Big Black. Three of the biface fragments (UT4799-39, UT3225-1, and AM319-28/30) show signs of radial fracture, cited by Root et al. (1999:161) as an intentional action used to produce burin-like tools. Of these, UT4799-39 and AM319-28/30 have slightly crushed surfaces at the center point of their fractures, strongly suggesting that a sharp impact in the center of each artifact is the force that broke them. There are no macroscopic signs of use after this breakage; however, microscopic usewear analysis of AM319-28/30 has found evidence for use on hard materials along both the original and the radially fractured edges (Waters et al. 2011:138-140, Smallwood 2006:114-116). In all, the ultrathin bifaces from the Gault site match those described by Root et al. (1999), and it is evident that both the discard of old bifaces and the manufacture of new ones occurred at the site.

### *Typology*

Although evidence increasingly supports the idea that Folsom and Midland points were used by the same groups of people at the end of the Pleistocene, they are still generally considered to represent two distinct technologies that are used to produce points of similar size

and shape. At first glance, the distinction between Folsom and Midland points is intuitively obvious: the former is fluted and the latter is not. Additional analysis, as noted in the previous section, reveals that Folsom preforms are typically flaked laterally to produce a central ridge to facilitate fluting, while Midland points generally have collateral flaking that overlaps across the center to create a flattened surface without fluting. However, these technological strategies represent idealized templates for creating typologically characteristic Folsom and Midland points, and though these strategies appear to have been utilized to produce many or even most of the points in Folsom-Midland assemblages, they do not account for the full variation that is present in most Folsom age sites. Moreover, these templates do not include additional variants, such as miniature and pseudo-fluted points.

Because Folsom and Midland points are not only closely related in time and space, but also were likely made and used by the same groups of people, combinations of the two types are apparent in points and preforms that contain aspects of both technologies. Various “hybrid” points consist of points that are unifacially fluted with Midland-like collateral flaking on the opposite face, Folsom points in which the channel flake falls short with the remainder of the point’s length being thinned by collateral flaking, and Midland points that retain evidence of a fluting nipple platform on the basal edge. Also, some channel flakes show evidence of collateral flaking across their dorsal surfaces. In some cases, it appears a knapper’s decision whether to make a Folsom or a Midland point may have been up in the air until the final shaping of a preform, and sometimes this open-endedness resulted in these mixtures of both types. Some, but not all, of these hybrid forms are present at Gault and are discussed below.

One unifacially fluted point and one possible unifacially fluted preform are present at the Gault site (Figure 11a, b). The point, UT4386-1, is a basal fragment with a long but narrow flute

on the fluted face. The flute appears to have been truncated laterally by pressure flakes from the right edge, but the flakes originated from the left edge were truncated by the flute. The unfluted face has evenly spaced collateral pressure flakes extending across the center line of the point, although the flakes did not reach a small area in the middle of the point, revealing the surface of the original flake blank. This point was likely made on a small flake that only had enough mass to enable fluting on one face. UT2392-1 is a medial failed preform fragment that has been interpreted as an overly large channel flake (Collins personal communication). The dorsal surface has a long but slightly narrow flute extending across its face, while the ventral surface is unmodified except for a series of collateral pressure flakes near the proximal end. Although this preform is only fluted on one face, it is already roughly equal in thickness to other Folsom points in the Gault assemblage, probably making a fluting attempt on the ventral surface needlessly risky. If the ventral face's collateral flaking had extended up the entire length of the preform, it would have become a unifacially fluted point.

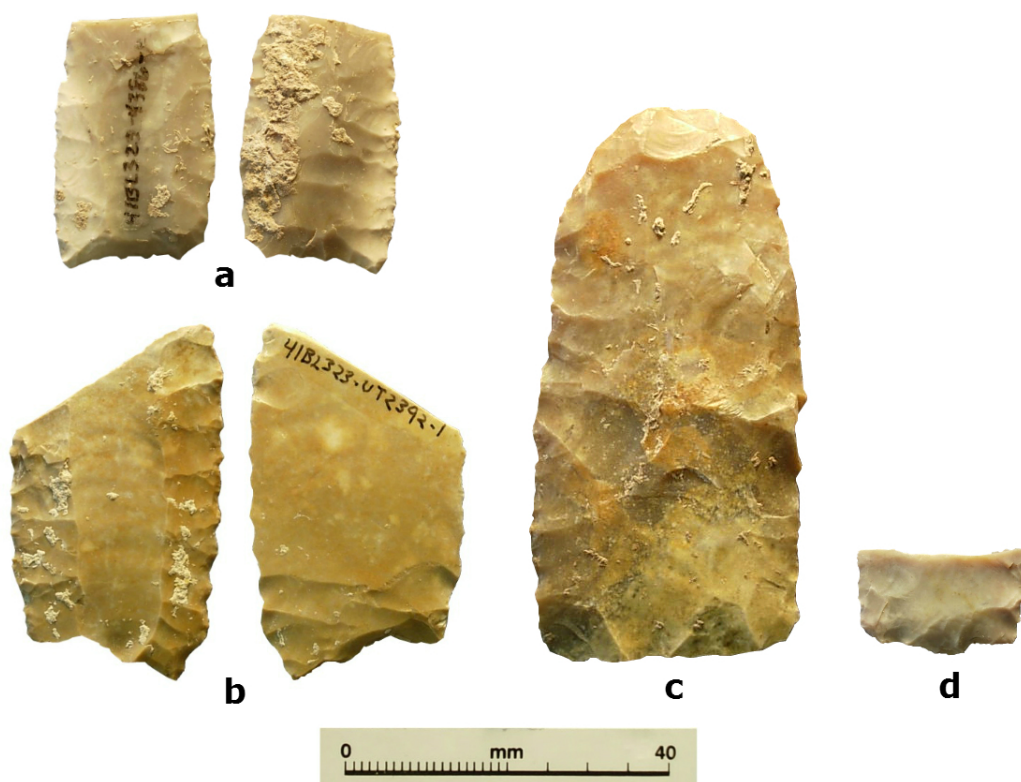


Figure 11: Atypical points and preforms from Gault. Unifacially fluted point and preform (a. UT4386-1, b. UT2392-1), intact Folsom preform (c. BB2135-1), and late stage collaterally flaked preform with a fluting nipple (d. UT4632-1).

Another combination of Folsom and Midland projectile point technology emerges when at least one of the flutes on a Folsom point falls short of the point's full length, leaving the remainder of the length to be thinned by collateral flaking. At the Gault site, no finished Folsom points show signs of distal collateral flaking, but two preforms do have flutes that fell well short of the artifacts' full lengths. UT4790-1 has a full length flute on one face and a short flute on the other. The second flute likely fell short because the second face lacks pressure thinning, and the percussion flake scars that are present could not facilitate the propagation of a full length flute. The distal end is broken off, so it is unlikely that the insufficient fluting was the cause of the preform's abandonment. However, the other preform with a short flute, BB2135-1, is complete (Figure 11c). Only one face has a fluting attempt, and neither face shows signs of pressure thinning. The fluting attempt on this preform resulted in a short, narrow flake that is difficult to distinguish from a less formal basal thinning flake. A second fluting attempt could likely have been made on this face, so it is uncertain why this preform was discarded.

Midland points are occasionally reported to exhibit fluting nipple remnants similar the fluting platforms often found on finished Folsom points (Wendorf et al. 1955:57, Irwin-Williams et al. 1973:47). A basal fragment of one of these points is present at the Gault site (Figure 11d). UT4632-1 may more appropriately be called a preform because the edges lack grinding and the fluting platform extends below the rest of the basal edge. However, the extreme thinness of the artifact is a strong indicator that it was near completion. Both faces exhibit large collateral percussion flakes that extend way beyond the center line. The collateral flaking combined with a maximum thickness of 3.3 millimeters makes fluting highly unlikely, but the presence of the nipple platform suggests that fluting was considered a possibility through much of the reduction sequence. Some researchers consider the presence of nipple platforms on Midland points to be



an aesthetic decision (Irwin-Williams et al. 1973:47), but the next chapter reveals that some Folsom channel flakes exhibit Midland-like flaking on their dorsal surfaces, indicating that the decision to flute a point was not always known from the beginning.

In summary, although the typological distinction between ideal Folsom and Midland point specimens is inherently obvious, the types exist within a spectrum that could be considered “generalized Folsom-Midland projectile point technology.” Any conceivable blending of the two types can, and likely does, exist, and several of those blends are evident at the Gault site. When one steps back from examining only the idealized fluted points, the bigger picture of Folsom age projectile point technology is rife with innovation and adaptation rather than strict adherence to a specific template.

### *Discussion*

Collard et al. (2010) propose that Folsom technology emerged in the northern Plains and spread south from there. Based on available radiocarbon dates, their analysis shows that Hell Gap has the oldest Folsom component out of a sample of 16 Folsom sites, with other sites in Wyoming such as Agate Basin and Barger Gulch being only slightly younger. The youngest Folsom component in their sample is Bonfire Shelter from west Texas, whose radiocarbon age could be 1,000 years younger than that from Hell Gap (Collard et al. 2010:2514). However, it should be noted that Bonfire Shelter’s date has a large standard deviation and derives from charcoal situated immediately above the triple-layered Paleoindian bone bed, while Folsom artifacts were only found in the lowest of these deposits (Holliday 1997:150-153). Collard et al.’s analysis shows that some of the Folsom dates in the northern Plains overlap with terminal Clovis dates in the same region, while there is a hiatus between the youngest Clovis and oldest

Folsom dates to the south, specifically below the 36°N latitude, encompassing most of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Although more robust radiocarbon ages are needed to verify these findings, the results suggest that Folsom originated out of Clovis technology in the north, but the emergence of Folsom in the south was the result of subsequent migration. This chronology is tested further in Chapter 7.

This southern manifestation of Folsom appears to coincide with the regions in which Midland points are also prevalent (Amick 1995:26). This coincidence may indicate that Midland technology became increasingly common as the Folsom period progressed, culminating with the arrival of Folsom-age groups in the southernmost Plains. Conversely, the reduced occurrence of Midland points north of 36°N latitude appears to indicate that fluting may have been more prevalent early in the Folsom period. Further evidence in support of this scenario may be found in the Folsom technology of the northern Plains, in which preforms with subpar fluting but no other discernible flaws are occasionally discarded (Bradley 1993:255-256). However, an examination of Folsom radiocarbon ages in Chapter 7 indicates no definitive correlation with the geographic distributions of Folsom and Midland points.

Additionally, two exceptions to this scenario go against this overall regional trend. First, Hell Gap has a substantial Midland component in addition to its Folsom presence. Originally, Irwin-Williams et al. (1973:47) report that the Folsom and Midland assemblages at Hell Gap are separate components, with Folsom occurring in Locality I and Midland occurring mostly in Locality II. Their radiocarbon dates placed the Midland component as slightly younger than the Folsom component, although there was much overlap between the two (Folsom: 10,800-10,600 BP; Midland: 10,740-10,440 BP). However, subsequent analysis has revealed that not only does the Midland component also contain Folsom artifacts, but the underlying Goshen component

does as well (Bradley 2009:261-262). The strong presence of Midland points at Hell Gap is particularly striking when one considers that the site also has the oldest dated Folsom occupation currently known (Collard et al. 2010:2514). This age,  $10,820 \pm 170$ , is an average of three dates including one from the Midland component at  $10,690 \pm 500$  (Haynes et al. 1992:94-96). The large standard error in the radiocarbon age of the Midland component makes it difficult to conclusively place within the Folsom chronology.

The other exception to this technological/geographical Folsom-Midland trend is the pristine Folsom preform (BB2135-1) that was discarded at the Gault site. As stated earlier, a fluting attempt was made on one face of the preform, but the flute fell short and the preform was discarded, even though it has no other obvious flaws. The rejection of this preform is reminiscent of discarded preforms from northern Plains sites such as Hanson and Agate Basin, where the production of fluted Folsom points appears to have been strongly preferred over the unfluted variants.

Blackwater Draw, Jake Bluff, Kincaid Rockshelter, Friedkin, and Gault are the only known sites that reportedly contain Folsom age material stratigraphically overlying Clovis age artifacts (Hester 1972, Bement and Carter 2010, Collins 1999:30, Jennings 2012). Although this superposition is true for some of the excavation areas at the Gault site, it is not clear for all of them. Area 8 is the most widely published excavation area to date, and it contains the greatest number of Folsom and Midland diagnostic artifacts, but most of those artifacts come from the same context as Clovis materials. In a recent usewear study, Pevny (2012) notes that selecting Clovis tools for microscopic usewear analysis from Area 8 is problematic because the surfaces of most of the artifacts have been worn or damaged by post-depositional movement. Such movement may be enough to obscure the chronological boundary between Clovis and Folsom-

Midland periods to some extent, and it could at least account for the situations in which Clovis artifacts appear in geologic unit 4 or Folsom-Midland artifacts appear in unit 3b. Although vertisols have been proposed as an explanation for the downward movement for artifacts at Gault and at the adjacent Friedkin site (Morrow et al. 2012), recent research has shown that the vertisols in the vicinity of Friedkin and Gault displace very little soil and would rarely affect artifact positions (Driese et al. 2013). Furthermore, vertisols cannot explain the apparent upward movement of some Clovis artifacts into unit 4. A more likely explanation may be that an interplay of alluvial and colluvial deposition from the nearby tributary channel and hillslope transported Clovis and Folsom-Midland artifacts out of their original contexts and into Area 8, where they became mixed. One final but less likely possibility to consider is that the chronologies of Clovis and Folsom-Midland may overlap at Gault much like they do in the northern Plains, and the seeming absence of such an overlap in the southern Plains noted by Collard et al. (2010) is a result of a dearth of well dated Folsom-age sites in this region (Collins 1999:12).

### *Conclusion*

This analysis of the diagnostic Folsom and Midland materials from Gault raises significant questions that are tested in subsequent chapters of this dissertation. First, Folsom-Midland materials from some of the excavation areas overlap with Clovis stratigraphically. This overlap may be a result ofurbation or a complex depositional system in those areas, or it could be indicative of an actual technological/cultural overlap that is apparent from Clovis and Folsom radiocarbon dates in the northern Plains. The lack of pressure flaking prior to fluting that is evident on some of the Gault Folsom preforms may also represent an early manifestation of

Folsom technology in which the fluting process had not yet been refined, although alternately it may represent a step in the flintknapping learning process. Technological variations in the making of Folsom, Midland, and other contemporary points are considered more fully in Chapter 4. Moreover, the comparison of proxy variables for flintknapping skill suggests that the Midland preforms from Gault may have been made by novices. Chapter 5 further investigates the relationship between flintknapping skill and projectile point production for the Folsom period. Another line of evidence to consider is that although discarded Midland points outnumber Folsom points at the Gault site, the opposite is true for preforms. This observation indicates that raw material availability may play a role in deciding whether to manufacture a fluted Folsom point, an unfluted Midland, or something in between. This possible relationship is explored more extensively in Chapter 6. Finally, the Folsom-Midland component of the Gault site appears to conform to a regional trend in which Midland points are more common in the southern Plains than in the north. This observation combined with the data from Collard et al.'s (2010) analysis seems to suggest that Midland points became increasingly common over time and culminated when Folsom-age people began to populate the Plains south of the 36°N latitude. However, the analyses or radiocarbon dates conducted in Chapter 7 fails to support the geographic trend indicated by Collard et al.

## CHAPTER 4: TECHNOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Although the technology used to produce Folsom points has been extensively explored (Crabtree 1966; Frison and Bradley 1980:45-52; Sollberger and Patterson 1980; Amick 1999; Clark and Collins 2002), a range of options for manufacturing viable projectile points was known to hunter-gatherers during the Folsom period. Additional point types that are regularly found at Folsom sites include unifacially fluted points, Midland points, pseudo-fluted points, miniature points, and possibly a miscellaneous “unfluted Folsom” type that is distinct from Midland. The purpose of this chapter is to compare measurements of these various point types and their respective preforms when available. The analysis of the finished points was conducted to determine whether similarities in size and shape exist among the finished forms of all the point types (with the exception of the size of the miniature points), suggesting that the points were all hafted in the same manner regardless of production technology. The analysis of the preforms was conducted to determine whether they exhibit considerably more variation, considering the formal staged reduction strategy for Folsom points compared to the more expedient strategies involved in producing most of the other types.

### *Quantitative Analysis*

The projectile points in this study consist of Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, Plainview, Goshen, Milnesand, and indeterminate. Miniature points are not included except where specifically stated because they are also subdivided into miniature Folsom, Midland, etc.; and their inclusion would skew the results of this analysis. Table 6 gives the counts and percentages of each type in the sample.

Table 6: Frequencies and percentages of the full-sized projectile point types in the research sample.

	Frequency	Percent
Folsom	321	47.8
Goshen	5	0.7
Indet	19	2.8
Midland	201	30
Milnesand	4	0.6
Plainview	44	6.6
Pseudo-fluted	35	5.2
Unifacially Fluted	42	6.3
Total	671	100

Because the Goshen, Milnesand, and indeterminate point types are represented by small ( $n < 30$ ) sample sizes, they will not be included in statistical comparisons. While it may be logical to lump Goshen with Plainview based on their typological similarities, further research may be necessary to determine whether such an aggregation is valid. The few Goshen points from Hell Gap that have been examined in this research are noticeably larger than the Plainview points, suggesting a possible (but tenuous) typological difference.

Based on the typological definition in Chapter 2, I infer that knappers during the Folsom period had a range of technological options for producing points that are roughly the same size and shape (on an impressionistic level). Basically, Folsom points, Midland points, and pseudo-fluted points initially appear to represent different means for reaching the same end. Therefore, the null hypothesis for this analysis states that there is no size or shape difference between these points. If this hypothesis is supported, then it can be reasoned that the point types were all likely employed using the same hafting system or for the same purpose. If the hypothesis is rejected, then it is likely that different hafting systems were used for different point types. Plainview points are expected to have significantly different measurements from the other types due to their different production technology and their contextual distinction from the Folsom period. The variables examined in this analysis include width, thickness, basal width, and length of edge grinding.

#### Width

Naturally, if all points from the Folsom period utilized the same hafts, their widths would need to be roughly equivalent. The first comparisons (Table 7-10) are independent samples t-tests comparing the maximum widths of Folsom points to the other types.



Table 7: Independent samples t-test comparing the widths of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Width Folsom	321	21.287	2.9774	.1662
Midland	201	19.795	2.1973	.1550

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Width	Equal variance assumed	11.55	.001	6.136	520	.000	1.4924	.2432	1.0145	1.970
	Equal variance not assumed			6.567	506.11	.000	1.4924	.2272	1.0459	1.938

Table 8: Independent samples t-test comparing widths of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Width Folsom	321	21.287	2.9774	.1662
Unifacia	42	19.683	2.0014	.3088

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Width	Equal variance assume	4.912	.027	3.391	361	.001	1.6043	.4731	.6740	2.535
	Equal variance not assume			4.575	67.46	.000	1.6043	.3507	.9044	2.304

Table 9: Independent samples t-test comparing widths of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Width Folsom	321	21.287	2.9774	.1662
Pseudo-f	35	19.310	2.7373	.4627

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Width	Equal variance assume	.009	.923	3.759	354	.000	1.9772	.5260	.9426	3.0118
	Equal variance not assume			4.022	43.26	.000	1.9772	.4916	.9859	2.9685

Table 10: Independent samples t-test comparing widths of Folsom and Plainview points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Width Folsom	321	21.287	2.9774	.1662
Plainvie	44	22.031	2.6886	.4053

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Width	Equal variance assume	.741	.390	-1.57	363	.117	-.7437	.4734	-1.6746	.1872
	Equal variance not assume			-1.70	58.45	.095	-.7437	.4381	-1.6205	.1330

As it turns out, comparing the maximum widths of Folsom points to other Folsom variants, as well as Plainview, gives results that are the opposite of what was expected. With at least 95% confidence, Folsom points are wider on average than Midland, unifacially fluted, and pseudo-fluted points. Compared to Midland, Folsom points are about 1 to 1.9 millimeters wider, Folsom points are 0.9 to 2.3 millimeters wider than unifacially fluted points, and they are 0.9 to 3 millimeters wider than pseudo-fluted points (equal variances are not assumed for the Folsom/Midland and Folsom/unifacially fluted comparisons, but they are assumed for Folsom/pseudo-fluted and Folsom/Plainview comparisons, based on the results of Levene's test). On the other hand, the width of Folsom points does not significantly differ from that of Plainview points, despite the general lack of association between Folsom and Plainview points in archaeological sites. It may be difficult to discern, however, whether a difference of 1 to 3 millimeters in width would require a separate hafting system. The difference in widths between Folsom points and the other Folsom-age variants may instead be due to the size of the initial blanks from which they are reduced. The widths of Midland, unifacially fluted, and pseudo-fluted points all compare favorably with each other in their respective t-tests, and they differ significantly from Plainview.

#### Thickness

Folsom points are also expected to compare favorably with the other variants in terms of maximum thickness (Table 11-14). If these points were being employed in the same hafts, then their thicknesses should closely match each other. Plainview points are expected to be notably thicker, which is common sense considering that greater thickness is one of my typological criteria for differentiating Plainview points from Midland.

Table 11: Independent samples t-test comparing thicknesses of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness Folsom	321	4.174	.6003	.0335
Midland	201	4.149	.6153	.0434

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	T	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assume	1.731	.189	.468	520	.640	.0255	.0545	-.0816	.1326
	Equal variance not assume			.465	416.88	.642	.0255	.0548	-.0823	.1333

Table 12: Independent samples t-test comparing thicknesses of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness Folsom	321	4.174	.6003	.0335
Unifacia	42	3.994	.6790	.1048

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assume	.531	.467	1.80	361	.072	.1805	.1001	-.0163	.3772
	Equal variance not assume			1.64	49.748	.107	.1805	.1100	-.0405	.4014

Table 13: Independent samples t-test comparing thicknesses of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness Folsom	321	4.174	.6003	.0335
Pseudo-f	35	3.703	.8091	.1368

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assume	7.128	.008	4.25	354	.000	.4711	.1110	.2529	.6894
	Equal variance not assume			3.35	38.189	.002	.4711	.1408	.1861	.7561



Table 14: Independent samples t-test comparing thicknesses of Folsom and Plainview points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness	Folsom	321	4.174	.6003	.0335
	Plainvie	44	5.573	.7928	.1195

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assumed	6.185	.013	-13.89	363	.000	-1.3985	.1007	-1.596	-1.201
	Equal variance not assumed			-11.27	49.98	.000	-1.3985	.1241	-1.648	-1.149

The results of the t-tests for maximum thickness reveal that for the most part, the expectations are correct. Folsom point thickness does not differ significantly from Midland or unifacially fluted points, but Folsom points do differ from pseudo-fluted and Plainview points. Folsom points are thinner than Plainview points by about 1.15 to 1.65 millimeters (equal variances not assumed), which is an expected result based on the typological definition of Plainview points. However, Folsom points tend to be thicker than pseudo-fluted points by 0.19 to 0.76 millimeters, with equal variances not assumed. This result is probably due to the differing cross sections of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points. The thickest portion of Folsom points tends to be the ridges along either side of the flutes, and this thickness compares favorably to Midland and unifacially fluted points. However, although pseudo-fluted points can appear fluted, they lack those ridges. Therefore, comparing the maximum thickness of pseudo-fluted points to the mid-flute thickness of Folsom points may be necessary (Table 15).

The results of this test indicate that the fluted portion of Folsom points is actually thinner than pseudo-fluted points at 95% significance. The difference (with equal variances not assumed) is between 0.07 and 0.66 millimeters, roughly similar to the degree that the maximum thickness of Folsom points is greater than pseudo-fluted. Based on these results, the average thickness of pseudo-fluted points appears to lie halfway between the maximum thickness and flute thickness of Folsom points.

Table 15: Independent samples t-test comparing the flute thicknesses of Folsom and maximum thickness of pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness Folsom	321	3.262	.5342	.0298
Pseudo-f	35	3.623	.8403	.1420

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assume	16.050	.000	-3.55	354	.000	-.3611	.1016	-.5609	-.1613
	Equal variance not assume			-2.49	37.06	.017	-.3611	.1451	-.6551	-.0671

### Basal Width

Although the idealized versions of Folsom and Midland points have parallel sides, and therefore their basal widths should be similar to their maximum widths, not all Folsom-age point variants match this ideal. Many points have slightly tapered bases, and this observation seems to be more prevalent among the unfluted Folsom variants than the fluted ones. Amick (1995:31-33) mentions that the narrower bases on some points may be due to the shape of their original flake blanks, with these flake blanks being smaller than fluted point preforms, making parallel sides more difficult to produce for these points. In this analysis, a ratio of basal width to maximum width is used to compare the point types (Table 16-19). Using this ratio controls for artifact size and improves the validity of the analysis. It must be noted that sample sizes are smaller than usual in this analysis because it only includes points that retain intact bases, excluding medial, distal, and lateral fragments.

Table 16: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Folsom	215	.894620	0.0638	0.0044
	Midland	154	.879148	0.0726	0.0059

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	5.127	.024	2.17	367	.031	0.0155	0.0071	0.001	0.030
	Equal variances not assumed			2.12	302.95	.035	0.0155	0.0073	0.001	0.030

Table 17: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Folsom	215	.894620	0.0638	0.0044
	Unifacia	31	.886998	0.0887	0.0159

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	3.307	.070	.60	244	.557	0.0076	0.0129	-0.018	0.033
	Equal variances not assumed			.46	34.62	.647	0.0076	0.0165	-0.026	0.041

Table 18: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Folsom	215	.894620	0.0638	0.0044
	Pseudo-f	29	.872567	0.0881	0.0164

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	7.753	.006	1.66	242	.098	0.0221	0.0133	-0.004	0.048
	Equal variances not assumed			1.30	32.08	.202	0.0221	0.0169	-0.012	0.057

Table 19: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Folsom and Plainview points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Folsom	215	.894620	0.0638	0.0044
	Plainvie	32	.917447	0.0613	0.0108

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	.008	.927	-1.90	245	.059	-0.0228	0.0120	-0.047	0.001
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.95	41.65	.057	-0.0228	0.0117	-0.046	0.001



These results reveal that only Midland points differ significantly from Folsom points in terms of the ratio of basal width to maximum width. The difference of the ratios is not large (with a mean of 0.895 for Folsom and 0.879 for Midland), but it is consistent enough in these samples to be statistically significant with 95% confidence. The fact that this difference is only significant when Folsom is compared to Midland, and not when Folsom is compared to the other variants (or to Plainview), indicates that initial blank size cannot solely explain the contracting basal morphology seen in some Midland points. If blank size was the only factor, then unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points should also have basal width ratios that differ significantly from Folsom. Since this is not the case, one can only assume that the narrower basal width of Midland points is a stylistic attribute of that point type. Such a narrowing of the base may imply that Midland points were hafted differently from Folsom, but just as it is with the maximum width variable, it is difficult to tell whether such a slight difference required a different hafting system.

To further complicate matters, the following tests comparing Midland points to unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points reveal no significant differences in their ratios of basal width to maximum width (Tables 20, 21). These results show that unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points tend to have basal widths that taper slightly more than Folsom but slightly less than Midland, indicating that there is a spectrum of basal dimensions available to Folsom-age projectile points, with Folsom and Midland siding on either extreme.

Table 20: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Midland and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Midland	154	.879148	0.0726	0.0059
	Unifacia	31	.886998	0.0887	0.0159

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	.354	.552	-.528	183	.598	-0.0079	0.0149	-0.037	0.022
	Equal variances not assumed			-.463	38.51	.646	-0.0079	0.0170	-0.042	0.027

Table 21: Independent samples t-test comparing Base Width/Max Width ratios of Midland and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Base DivWid	Midland	154	.879148	0.0726	0.0059
	Pseudo-f	29	.872567	0.0881	0.0164

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Base DivWid	Equal variances assumed	2.242	.136	.43	181	.666	0.0066	0.0152	-0.024	0.037
	Equal variances not assumed			.38	35.51	.707	0.0066	0.0174	-0.029	0.042

### Edge Grinding

Although not related to artifact size or shape, the length of edge grinding on a point may provide some insight on the way it was hafted. Archaeologists generally agree that grinding on the edges of Paleoindian points dulls the edges in order to prevent them from cutting through the binding that secures a point in its haft (Tunnel 1977:16, but Titmus and Woods 1991 state that grinding helps secure a point against breakage). Unfortunately, the length of edge grinding is greatly affected by artifact breakage and resharpening, so analyzing the direct measurements is unlikely to yield useful results. Instead, this analysis is restricted to complete, unbroken projectile points and uses a ratio variable. This variable is made up of the average edge grinding length of both edges of a point divided by the length of the point. The main difficulty in analyzing edge grinding in this manner is that it greatly reduces the sample size, since most of the points in the sample are fragmentary. Complete Folsom and Midland points number 85 and 56 respectively, while there are only 11 unifacially fluted points, 16 pseudo-fluted points, and 25 Plainview points. Therefore, only Folsom and Midland points have reliably large sample sizes for this analysis. Table 22 compares the edge grinding ratios of complete Folsom and Midland points (note: there is no significant difference in overall length between these two point types in this sample).

Table 22: Independent samples t-test comparing average grinding length/maximum length ratios of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Grind Length	Folsom	85	.373356	0.2388	0.0259
	Midland	56	.504539	0.1915	0.0256

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Grind Length	Equal variances assumed	8.365	.004	-3.45	139	.001	-0.1312	0.0381	-0.207	-0.056
	Equal variances not assumed			-3.60	133.60	.000	-0.1312	0.0364	-0.203	-0.059

This test reveals that the edge grinding ratios of Folsom and Midland points are different with a strong significance. On average, the edge grinding on Folsom points extends to just over a third of their total length, while the edge grinding on Midland points extends to half their full length. Neither Folsom nor Midland points significantly differ from the other variants in terms of edge grinding, but this result is probably due to the small sample size of complete unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and Plainview points. Considering that the complete Folsom and Midland points in this sample do not significantly differ in length, the difference in edge grinding may indicate different hafting methods for the point types.

#### Summary for Full-Sized Points

The null hypothesis for this section, which states that there are no significant differences in measurements between Folsom-era projectile point types, cannot be supported. Some significant differences do exist, and these differences may indicate that some of the projectile point types were hafted differently. First, Folsom points are consistently wider than Midland, pseudo-fluted, and unifacially fluted points. On its own, this result could be interpreted as an indication that Folsom points were not laterally thinned as much as the other types, relying instead on the fluting process for thinning. However, the width of Folsom points is not significantly different from that of Plainview points, despite the latter being laterally thinned. Second, the ratio of basal width to maximum width is significantly greater for Folsom points than for Midland, revealing that Midland points generally have more tapering bases than Folsom. Unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points appear to bridge this gap, however, as their basal width ratios are not significantly different from Folsom or Midland. Third, the ratio of edge grinding to overall length for complete points is far greater for Midland points than for Folsom. Assuming that edge grinding is related to the manner in which a projectile point is secured to its

haft, this significant difference suggests that different hafting techniques were used for Folsom and Midland points. The sample sizes of complete unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points were too small to include in this part of the analysis, however. Finally, the only variable that is consistent for most point types is maximum thickness. Pseudo-fluted points are consistently thinner than the rest, but they are still thicker than the mid-flute thickness of Folsom points, suggesting that the thinness of pseudo-fluted points is related more to their production technology than to the way they were hafted.

### Miniature Points

Because miniature points are by definition a different size than ordinary Folsom-age points, it is already reasonable to assume they were hafted differently, or at least on smaller shafts, than the other points. While some research has interpreted miniature points as toys or ceremonial fetishes (Bonnichsen and Keyser 1982; Storck 1991:156-158), many of the miniature Folsom-age points in this research and elsewhere show signs of use, such as impact damage. Amick (1994a:23-25) suggests that these miniature points may indicate the presence of bows and arrows in North America as early as the Folsom period, but much more evidence would be necessary to support this hypothesis. The sample of miniature points has been subdivided by type in the same manner as their full sized counterparts, but the small sample size precludes the use of independent t-tests to compare them (Table 23). Instead, boxplots are used to compare the width, thickness, basal width, and edge grinding of the miniature points (Figure 12).

Table 23: Frequencies of miniature points in the research sample.

Style		Frequency	Percent
Valid	Mini Folsom	8	25
	Mini Indet	2	6.3
	Mini Midland	11	34.4
	Mini Pseudo	10	31.3
	Mini Uni-Fluted	1	3.1
	Total	32	100



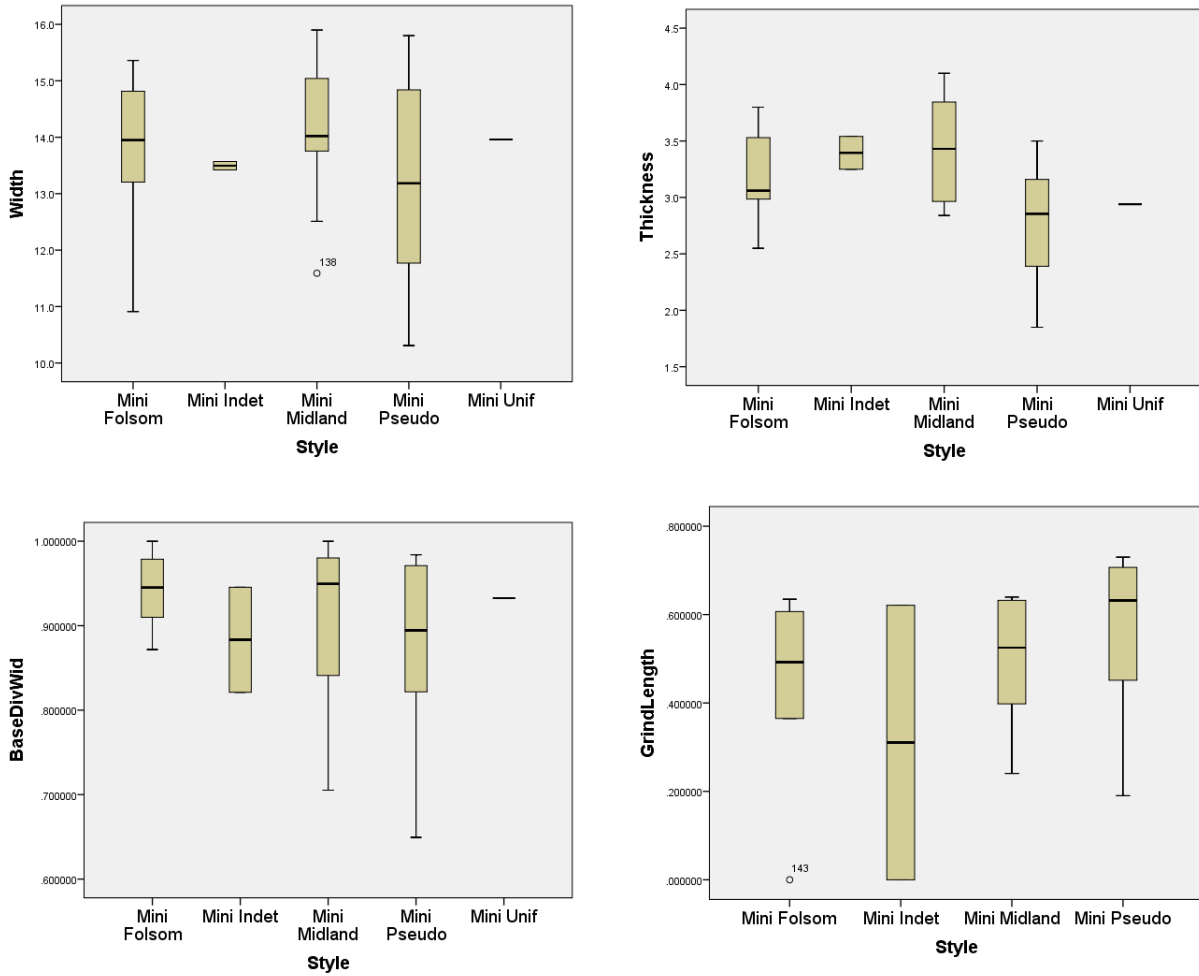


Figure 12: Boxplots for the miniature points. Comparing Width, Thickness, Basal Width/Max Width, and Grinding Length/Max Length variables for the following miniature subtypes: Folsom, Indeterminate, Midland, Pseudo-Fluted, and Unifacially Fluted. Note: the Grinding Length/Max Length variable only includes complete points.

Overall, it appears that miniature Folsom and Midland points compare favorably to each other, while miniature pseudo-fluted points are more variable in terms of width and are often thinner than the Folsom and Midland miniatures. No inferences can be made about the indeterminate and unifacially fluted miniatures because their sample sizes are two and one, respectively. The differences in measurements that distinguish full sized Folsom and Midland points do not seem to carry over to their miniature counterparts, suggesting that the smaller Folsom and Midland points were likely hafted and used interchangeably. The differences in measurements between them and the pseudo-fluted miniatures are likely due to different reduction techniques. By and large, Folsom and Midland miniatures appear to be resharpened down from full sized points, while the pseudo-fluted miniatures are made that size from the start using very small flake blanks. Some of the pseudo-fluted points appear to be made from channel flakes, based on the lateral flaking of their dorsal surfaces and the orientation of the ripples on the ventral surfaces. Two of the pseudo-fluted points from west Texas are made on cortical flakes with some cortex remaining on their dorsal surfaces, indicating that some pseudo-fluted miniature points are very expediently made. On the other hand, a few Folsom and Midland miniatures show no signs of lateral resharpening and may have initially been made with the intention of being miniature. Two Midland points of this variety are present from west Texas, and two well made Folsom miniatures are recorded from Lindenmeier.

### *Qualitative Analysis*

Some analyses of Folsom-age point and biface reduction technology do not involve specific scale-level variables, and therefore their significances cannot be determined using statistical methods. However, qualitative analyses can have meaningful information to

contribute to Folsom technology, and our understanding of the whole range of the technology would be incomplete without them. Such analyses involve exploring the relationships between the points and preforms of the various point types; pointing out the morphological variability of ultrathin bifaces; identifying technological connections between points, preforms, and ultrathin bifaces; understanding deviations from stage-based reduction strategies and why these deviations might occur; and recognizing “hybrid” point types that bridge the gap between the fluted and unfluted styles. Idealized forms and rigid reduction sequences generally dominate the published literature, but a full understanding of Folsom point and biface technology must also allow for variations.

#### Point-Preform Comparisons

Chapter 3 noted that out of the small sample of Midland points and preforms from the site, the preforms are not proportionately wider and thicker than the points. Scatterplot A in Figure 13 shows that Midland preforms are clustered above and below the points, with only one in its expected position up and to the right of the points, along a general one-to-one trajectory of width and thickness. In ideal cases, the artifacts should all fall along that trajectory, with points towards the lower left and preforms towards the upper right. Using the full sample size, this trajectory holds true for Folsom points and preforms (Figure 13a). Furthermore, Folsom preforms can easily be divided into unfluted (early stage) and fluted (late stage), enhancing the resolution of the plot (no distinction is made here between unifacially and bifacially fluted preforms, however). Most Folsom points do appear in the lower left, most unfluted Folsom preforms appear in the upper right, and the fluted Folsom preforms overlap between the two. The trajectory is fairly clear for Folsom points most likely because Folsom points follow a reduction sequence that involves many steps, making them the least expedient and most

standardized point type out of the variants. However, the trajectory is less clear for the whole sample of Midland points and preforms (Figure 13b). While some Midland preforms occur to the upper right of the points, most of the preforms are interspersed among the points. This result is likely due to the lack of a specified reduction sequence among Midland points. The lateral reduction technique involved in making Midlands is more straightforward than Folsom and allows for a variety of initial blank shapes, making the widths and thicknesses of Midland preforms more variable than expected. The plot for pseudo-fluted points and preforms has the smallest sample size, but it appears as though some of the preforms do fall to the upper right of the points, as expected (Figure 13c). Others are wider than the points but not thicker, which is also expected considering pseudo-fluted points are only thinned on one face at most. The fact that these points match the expected trajectory more than Midland points is probably due to pseudo-fluted points being made from flake blanks of a size and shape that requires little modification. In that respect, pseudo-fluted preforms are actually more standardized than Midlands.

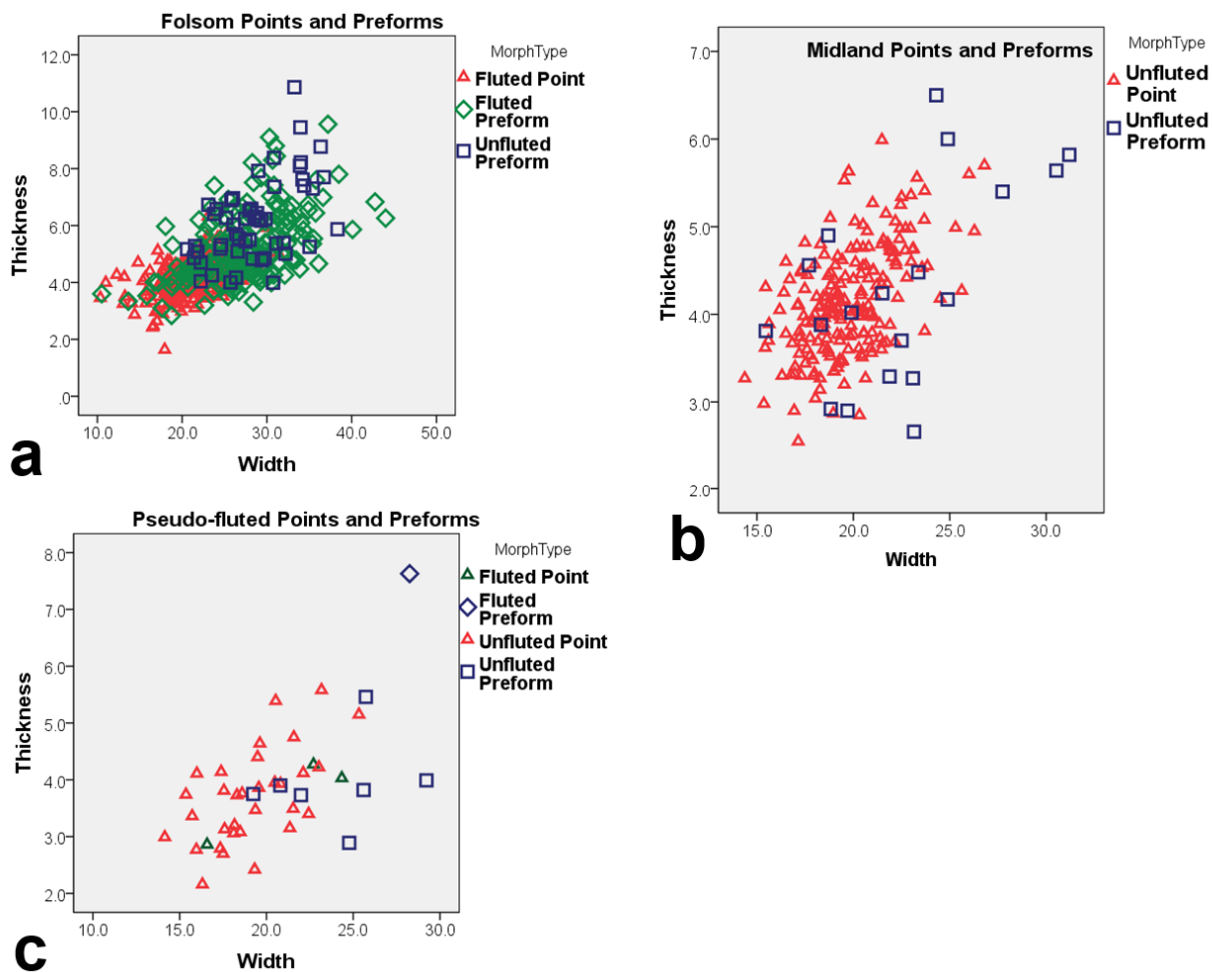


Figure 13: Scatterplots of width and thickness for points and preforms, a. Folsom, b. Midland, and c. pseudo-fluted.

### Deviations from “Stages” of Folsom Point Production

Although the idealized sequence of Folsom point production was outlined in the beginning of this chapter, some Folsom points and preforms in the sample exhibit reduction strategies that differ from this sequence. Some of these deviations are inconsequential and do not greatly affect the appearance or performance of the intended finished product. On the other hand, one of the deviations is detrimental to the making of Folsom points and is likely related to novice flintknappers, while another can (at least in one instance) be attributed to Folsom fluting “practice.”

The first of these out-of-sequence deviations is relatively innocuous. Most of the time, Folsom preforms are fully prepared for fluting on one face, and then the second face is only pressure flaked if the first flute is successful. This approach minimizes the amount of effort that goes into making a Folsom preform in case the first flute happens to fail and break the piece. However, some preforms in the sample were broken during the first fluting, but the second face exhibits even pressure flaking in preparation for fluting. This deviation has been positively identified in ten out of the 245 Folsom preforms in the sample. The number appears quite low, especially given that pressure flaking both faces prior to fluting seems like it would depend on the discretion of each individual knapper, but the count in this sample almost certainly underestimates this occurrence. Other broken preforms in the sample have been fluted on one face and pressure flaked on the other, but it could not be determined whether the flute caused the breakage, so it is possible that the pressure flaking followed the fluting, and then the preforms broke by some other means.

In rare cases, pre-fluting pressure flaking is skipped entirely, and a fluting attempt is made on a Folsom preform that has only been percussion flaked. Preforms featuring this

reduction strategy feature most prominently at the Gault site, but isolated examples may also be present at Big Black, Lindenmeier, Boca Negra Wash, and the Westfall collection. The most likely explanation for the occurrence of these preforms is that they were made by novices, and attempting to flute the preforms without sufficient preparation is a learner's mistake. Although skipping an important step in the Folsom production sequence seems counterintuitive, it may be possible that the individuals who made these preforms lacked the strength for pressure flaking. Lohse (2011:102) states that young novices may not be strong enough to successfully pressure flake a preform, leaving them to try to work around it.

Folsom points that have been fluted from the distal end sometimes occur in Folsom assemblages. In most cases, these points are almost certainly resharpened from larger points, with the tip and the base reversed from the original form. Examples of this resharpening strategy appear in Shifting Sands, Lindenmeier, and Krmopotich. More difficult to interpret are points that have been fluted from the proximal end on one face and from the distal end on the other face. Points exhibiting this reduction strategy occur in the Lindenmeier assemblage and the Cox collection. One preform from Lindenmeier (440770) appears to have had a flute removed from the opposite end on the second face because the proximal end had broken, making the distal end easier to set up a fluting platform. Therefore, fluting one face from the distal end may represent an attempt at salvaging a broken preform, although in this particular case the preform was still abandoned.

The final deviation from the usual Folsom reduction sequence also appears to be a technique for salvaging failed preforms, except this time it entails fluting a preform from both the proximal and distal ends on the same face. This reduction technique appears most commonly at Lindenmeier, where five of the sampled preforms and possibly one point exhibit double-ended

fluting. One such preform is also present from Barger Gulch, and this preform refits to an ultrathin biface fragment, suggesting these bifaces could have served as cores. In some cases, the flutes from both ends fell short of meeting in the middle of the preform, resulting in its discard. It appears that this technique was either used by knappers who were inexperienced with fluting and compensated by attempting to flute both ends, or more adept knappers may have used the technique to correct the occasional fluting error. However, a fluted preform from Big Black (10191) is exceptionally well made, with double flutes on both faces meeting perfectly in the middle in a resemblance of the opposed diving technique used to make ultrathin bifaces. This preform would not likely have resulted in a viable point because the center where the flutes meet creates a weak point that is particularly fragile (although it possibly could have been broken into two smaller points). This preform appears to have been made by an experienced Folsom knapper as an eccentric piece, possibly to show off one's skill.

#### Ultrathin Biface Variation

In general, ultrathin bifaces have largely the same morphology in that they are thin, flat, ovate bifaces that were thinned by opposed diving flaking. However, a couple of subtypes appear to be evident in this research sample and are worthy of note here. The first subtype is termed “thick bifaces” because they have the same outline and flaking pattern as ultrathins, but they are noticeably thicker. These bifaces are particularly noticeable from the Lindenmeier assemblage at the Denver Museum, where these thick bifaces tend to be made from a coarse red quartzite instead of the more fine-grained material of the regular ultrathins (Figure 14). Bifaces from Lindenmeier assemblage at the Smithsonian were not analyzed, but a similar pattern is likely evident in that collection as well. It may be possible that raw material, rather than



function, is the most significant factor in determining whether a bifacial knife will be thick or ultrathin. This possibility is explored further in Chapter 6.

The second subtype, the “flake biface,” is rather rare but noted in a few assemblages, particularly Blackwater Draw, Hanson, and Bobtail Wolf. These artifacts resemble ultrathin bifaces in outline, and the dorsal flaking patterns are similar, but the ventral flake blank surface is largely unmodified (Figure 15). These tools appear to be a more expedient form of ultrathin biface, similar to the more expedient nature of pseudo-fluted points compared to other point types. However, the rarity of flake bifaces (only three are in this sample) suggests that this tool form was not preferred. It may be possible that other flake bifaces exist in Folsom assemblages that do not match the technological or morphological criteria for an ultrathin, and as such have not been included in this analysis.



Figure 14: Example of a “thick biface” from Lindenmeier.



Figure 15: Dorsal and ventral faces of a “flake biface” from Blackwater Draw.

### Ultrathin Bifaces and Projectile Point Manufacture

Different archaeologists have had different opinions on whether projectile points and ultrathin bifaces follow the same reduction trajectory. On the one hand, ultrathin bifaces are noticeably distinct from other bifaces in some Folsom assemblages in that the other bifaces are narrower and thicker (Frison and Bradley 1980:40-42). These other bifaces are inferred to more likely represent early stage Folsom preforms, or tools that could easily be turned into preforms. On the other hand, ultrathin bifaces are a possible end product of bifacial core reduction (Collins 1999:21-23). In this scenario, the flakes produced from bifacial cores are the source for many Folsom tools, including projectile points, and eventually a core may be thinned down enough to enable opposed diving flaking to create an ultrathin biface. Finally, it may be possible that ultrathin bifaces themselves are turned into projectile points. This scenario has been verified in the Barger Gulch assemblage, in which the squared off distal edge of a Folsom preform refits to an ultrathin biface fragment along its broken facet (Surovell et al. 2003). However, it is worth noting that this Folsom preform is atypical, as noted in the preceding section. It is rather short for a preform and is fluted both proximally and distally. Therefore, although this preform indicates that making Folsom points from ultrathin bifaces was attempted during the Folsom period, it does not indicate whether such a reduction strategy was common.

Another Folsom preform in my research sample may also have been made from an ultrathin biface, but in this case the inference is much more tenuous. Preform 02 from Shifting Sands was fluted on one face, but the channel flake dove and broke the preform, leaving only the base (Figure 16). The other face has not been pressure flaked to prepare for fluting, leaving the larger biface thinning flakes visible. This face is very flat, and the larger thinning flake scars terminate in a diving fashion just off center from the middle of the preform. These flake scars

could be considered opposed diving, but it is not certain. The preform also expands significantly from its base to the distal termination, which does not resemble finished Folsom points and is more reminiscent of the distal end of an ultrathin biface. Two similar examples of widely expanding Folsom preforms are present in the Westfall collection, but the flaking style on their unfluted faces is unpatterned. Both Rose and Collins disagree that the Shifting Sands preform resembles a reworked ultrathin biface (personal communication), so more definitive examples would need to be discovered for this possible technological connection to be supported.

One test for the potential of ultrathin bifaces to be turned into Folsom preforms would be to compare thicknesses between the two. If finished ultrathin bifaces are consistently thinner than early stage unfluted Folsom preforms, then ultrathin bifaces could not be regularly converted to Folsom points. However, if there is no significant difference in thickness, or ultrathin bifaces are consistently thicker than the preforms, then converting ultrathins to Folsom points would have at least been physically possible in general. Table 24 gives the results of a t-test comparing the thicknesses of ultrathins and unfluted Folsom preforms, indicating that there is no significant difference between the two, but with a p-value of 0.054, it was a close call. However, even if the results had been significant, the ultrathin bifaces are slightly thicker than the Folsom preforms overall (bifaces average 6.68 mm, preforms average 6.18 mm), so the possibility of the bifaces being made into points would still have remained.



Figure 16: Both faces of a Folsom preform base from Shifting Sands that may have been made from an ultrathin biface.

Table 24: Independent samples t-test comparing maximum thickness of finished ultrathin bifaces and unfluted Folsom preforms.

**Group Statistics**

Type	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Thickness Unfluted	51	6.1782	1.46486	.20512
Ultrathi	59	6.6849	1.25986	.16402

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Thickness	Equal variance assume	.873	.352	-1.95	108	.054	-0.5067	0.2598	-1.0216	0.008
	Equal variance not assume			-1.93	99.36	.057	-0.5067	0.2626	-1.0278	0.014

In summary, there is evidence that Folsom preforms were occasionally made from ultrathin bifaces, and an analysis of the thicknesses of the two forms reveals that such conversions were generally possible, but there is no technological evidence that such a practice was done commonly. The Barger Gulch preform that refits to the ultrathin fragment is not typical of the usual Folsom projectile point reduction sequence, so it cannot attest to the regularity of the occurrence. It is also possible and even likely that flakes from the production of ultrathin bifaces were used to make other Folsom tools, including points. Even the opposed diving flakes from the final stages of ultrathin production may have been used to make Midland or pseudo-fluted points. However, testing the feasibility of this strategy would be difficult, and might require an examination of debitage from ultrathin biface production and comparing its morphology to Folsom-age projectile point variants.

#### The Folsom-Midland “Hybrids”

Chapter 3 discussed the existence of points that bear hallmarks of both Folsom and Midland technology and noted three ways in which this overlap could occur. The first type of hybrid is unifacially fluted points that are fluted on one face and collaterally flaked on the other, the second is fluted points in which the channel flake falls short of the points’ full length with the remainder being collaterally flaked, and the third is Midland points that retain traces of a basal nipple platform that is usually intended for fluting. Although the preceding chapter mentioned the presence of such hybrids outside the Gault site, it did not systematically document them. This section provides more details on the occurrences of these points.

Unifacially fluted points that have Midland-style collateral flaking on their unfluted faces are relatively common in the sample. Of the 42 unifacially fluted points in the sample, 19 of them have collateral flaking. Assemblages that include these hybrid variants are as follows:



Gault (1), Lubbock Lake (1), Shifting Sands (6), Scharbauer (1), the Baker Collection (3), the Westfall Collection (2), Krmpotich (1), and Lindenmeier (4) (see “Lassen Folsom Measures.xls” in the attached files). This widespread occurrence indicates that this particular point form was a regular part of Folsom technology, and although it was not as common as fully fluted Folsom points or fully unfluted Midland points, these points were still made fairly regularly.

Bifacially fluted Folsom points with Midland-like collateral flaking past their flutes also occur fairly often but are not as common as the unifacial variety. A total of 14 points of this description occur in the sample, and the assemblages in which they appear are Blackwater Draw (1), Rio Rancho (1), the Folsom site (3), the Baker Collection (1), the Westfall Collection (2), Cedar Creek (2), the Cox Collection (2), Lindenmeier (1), and miscellaneous Colorado materials (1) (see “Lassen Folsom Measures.xls” in the attached files). In reality, this reduction strategy was probably more common than this research sample indicates. Of the 321 Folsom points in the sample, 137 of them are either complete points or distal fragments. And out of those 137, many of them were either fully fluted to the distal tip, resharpened down into the flutes, or impact damaged, removing any evidence of collateral flaking. Observing Midland-like flaking on unifacially fluted points is easier because they are not as affected by these issues.

Midland points with Folsom-like fluting nipple platforms are not as common as the preceding examples, but they are widespread. A total of 10 of these points are present in the research sample, and they come from Blackwater Draw (1), Shifting Sands (4), a surface find from Winkler County, TX (1), Hanson (1), Hell Gap (1), and the Cox Collection (2) (see “Lassen Folsom Measures.xls” in the attached files). As stated in Chapter 3, the existence of Folsom channel flakes with collateral flaking across the dorsal surface suggests that some Midland-style preforms were ultimately fluted, and some Midland points may also have retained fluting

platforms just in case the knapper decided to attempt to flute. Of the 49 channel flakes photographed from the Shifting Sands assemblage, eight of them appear to have collateral flaking on their dorsal surfaces. In other assemblages, this type of channel flake is nearly non-existent, with only two possible examples from Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and one from eastern Colorado. Although channel flakes were not systematically analyzed in this research, this phenomenon appears to be rare among them, so this seeming indecisiveness among Folsom-age point makers was probably not the norm. Additionally, the fact that only 10 points out of 154 Midland bases or complete points show signs of a fluting nipple platform further indicates the exceptionality of this occurrence.

#### Summary for Qualitative Analysis

These analyses have explored some of the more subtle variations in Folsom-age projectile point and biface technology that cannot be easily quantified. First, the comparison of reduction strategies between Folsom, Midland, and pseudo-fluted points and preforms reveals that the formal, staged sequence of reduction for Folsom points is not reflected in the making of Midland and pseudo-fluted points, supporting the idea that they are more expediently manufactured from smaller flake blanks. Next, an account of the ways in which some Folsom preforms deviate from the typical reduction sequence reveals the ways in which innovation, compromise, the learning process, and even personal touches can contribute to the variation in a Folsom assemblage. An examination of ultrathin biface variants reveals that not all of them are “ultra-thin” or even fully bifacial. Exploring the potential link between Folsom preforms and ultrathin bifaces shows that some preforms were indeed made from ultrathins, and that most of these bifaces are thick enough to enable them to be recycled into Folsom preforms, but there is no evidence yet to support that this was a regular occurrence. Finally, an examination of the appearance of various Folsom and

Midland “hybrid” points across the sites and collections in the sample indicates that these hybrids had wide geographic ranges and that at least the unifacially fluted Folsom/Midland variety was somewhat common.

### *Conclusions*

The ultimate lesson to be learned from the quantitative analysis is that Midland points appear to have been hafted differently from Folsom. This inference is based on the two point types’ statistically divergent widths, basal tapers, and particularly edge grinding. Of course, this conclusion brings up more questions than answers – particularly, why were the two point types hafted differently? One explanation may be that the fluting of Folsom points enables them to fit more tightly into a spear haft without the need for as much binding as Midland points. Ahler and Geib (2000:806-808) propose that the fluting of Folsom points enabled the points to be secured snugly into a split haft, with only the tip and edges of the point exposed. The same hafting method may not have been viable for unfluted points such as Midland. Instead, the use of extra sinew binding to secure Midland points in their hafts may explain the tapering base and longer edge grinding. Another possibility is that Folsom and Midland points may have been used separately in the pursuit of different game. The viability of this explanation will be further explored in Chapter 7.

If Folsom and Midland points were hafted differently, then what does that mean for unifacially fluted points, pseudo-fluted points, or Folsom-Midland hybrid forms? Most likely they could have gone either way, with some being hafted like Folsoms and others being hafted like Midlands. This explanation may account for the lack of statistically significant differences between unifacially fluted points and both Folsom and Midland points in terms of width and

basal taper. Unifacially fluted points bridge the gap between Folsom and Midland by being hafted in either manner. The other Folsom and Midland hybrids (Folsom points with short flutes and collateral flaking, and Midland points with basal nipple platforms) are more firmly entrenched as either Folsom or Midland and have been statistically analyzed as such. Pseudo-fluted points have various morphologies on their dorsal faces and can be fluted, collaterally flaked, or expediently retouched, making them at least as versatile as unifacially fluted points.

The take home lesson from the qualitative analysis is that although the construction of reduction sequences for Folsom points and bifaces has been extremely useful for a generalized understanding of Folsom technology (Frison and Bradley 1980), it glosses over significant variation that is also present in Folsom assemblages (Lohse 2011). Some knappers may take some steps out of order, such as pressure flaking both faces of a preform prior to fluting, indicating personal flintknapping preferences that do not affect the ultimate outcome. Some knappers skip steps altogether, indicating that they are likely still learning the craft. Finally, innovative distal fluting techniques occur in different situations for different reasons. Sometimes, distal fluting shows how some knappers retool broken or worn out Folsom points. Other times, it reveals how novice knappers compensate for a lack of fluting skill by taking channel flakes from both ends of a preform. And in rare cases, proximal and distal fluting can be used to show off the epitome of a Folsom knapper's ability. The next chapter will further explore the role that skill plays in the decision to make different types of Folsom-age projectile points.

## CHAPTER 5: SKILL ANALYSIS

The chapter on Gault explored variation in flintknapping skill between discarded Midland points and Midland preforms that were made on site, and it concluded that three out of the four Gault Midland preforms were not made with enough skill to attain the same dimensions as the Midland points. These results may suggest that Midland points are made by relatively unskilled knappers when large amounts of high quality toolstone are available. Conversely, the more competent flintknappers may prefer to make fluted points whenever lithic availability is not an issue and resort to making Midland points as stone supplies are depleted during their travels (Hofman 1992). In addition, Bamforth (1991:311-314) proposes that Folsom-age hunters employed skillfully made fluted points over unfluted varieties when “gearing up” for a communal bison hunt. The reason for this preference, according to Bamforth, was likely due to the division of labor that occurs when a large group of hunter-gatherers aggregate to accomplish a task. In this case, the duty of making projectile points for use in the upcoming hunt falls on the most skilled flintknappers, while other members of the group take on other responsibilities. If both of these scenarios are accurate, then it appears that Folsom points are made using a high level of skill, while Midland points may be indicative of a medium level of flintknapping skill, in relative terms. In this case, “low, medium, and high” represent a scale of point-making skill specifically during the Folsom period, by which I do not mean to imply that making Midland points requires little skill in an absolute sense. If I expand the scale to include other point variants, unifacially fluted points may also fall into the “medium” skill level, and pseudo-fluted points would likely be on the lowest end of the scale (Figure 17).

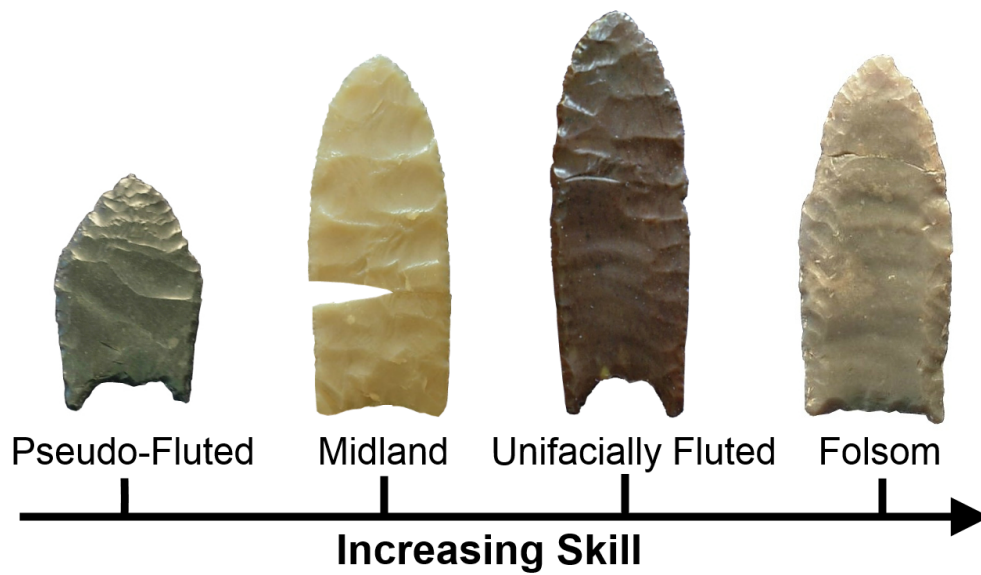


Figure 17: Scale illustrating the hypothetical relationship between skill level and Folsom-age point types.

Research into flintknapping skill in the archaeological record has received increased attention lately (Bamforth and Bleed 1997; Bamforth and Finlay 2008; Lohse 2010). Analyses have examined the risks versus the rewards of creating complex or simple weapon systems, the interplay of cognitive understanding and physical ability that goes into making tools, and the role that the learning process plays in generating lithic debris at archaeological sites. Each of these perspectives plays a role in the examination of flintknapping skill in Folsom technology.

One of the fundamental assumptions regarding the making of Folsom points opposed to other Folsom-age variants is that the former are more risky to produce than the latter. In this instance, “risk” merely refers to the fact that Folsom points are prone to breakage during their manufacture (though estimated probabilities vary, see Amick 1999:2 and Bamforth and Bleed 1997:130-131), while the other types such as Midland are less likely to break in production. Two factors can affect the risk associated with making Folsom points: the cost of failure and the skill of the knapper. Bamforth and Bleed (1997:117) illustrate the varying costs of failure using the example of a tightrope walker. The walker has an equally likely chance of falling regardless of the height of the tightrope, but a rope that is 100 feet above the ground has a much higher cost of failure than a rope that is one foot up. In the case of Folsom knapping behavior, making Folsom points while surrounded by plenty of knapping material assumes a low cost of failure because the knapper can always try again if a preform breaks, but the cost becomes considerably higher in situations where stone is at a premium. Also, a high level of flintknapping skill can reduce the probability of failure in making Folsom points, indicating that fluted points would only be made by highly skilled individuals if the cost of failure is high. Attaining a high level of knapping skill requires extensive practice and may represent some degree of specialization, requiring other members of a hunter-gatherer group to cover the knapper’s basic needs

(Bamforth and Bleed 1997:127). In situations where the costs of failure and of specialization are high, individuals would be more likely to resort to knapping other Folsom variants instead of fluted points. Of course, this inference assumes that the other point types involve less skill to produce, and that assertion will be tested below.

The realm of “skill” itself includes two essential aspects, which Bamforth and Finlay (2008:2-3) call *connaissance* and *savoir-faire*. *Connaissance* refers to the knowledge, understanding, and problem-solving abilities – basically the know-how involved in performing a task. *Savoir-faire* is the physical strength, dexterity, and coordination that go into successfully performing a task. One achieves the greatest level of skill when both of these aspects are at an optimum, usually while one is an able-bodied adult. In the case of flintknapping, a young child would lack both the *connaissance* and the *savoir-faire* involved in tool making. A physically adept individual who learns to knap as a young adult would have the *savoir-faire* but not the *connaissance* necessary to skillfully make tools. On the other hand, an older individual who has knapped for many years would retain the *connaissance*, but declining physical aptitude may hinder the knapper’s *savoir-faire*, inhibiting his or her production of well made tools (Lohse 2010:158-160). Additionally, a skilled knapper should be consistent as well, meaning that the knapper can regularly produce tools that exhibit relatively little variation in their dimensions compared to tools produced by less proficient individuals.

The process by which individuals learn to flintknap also has an effect on the way skill is manifested in the archaeological record. The most archaeologically distinguishable form of learning is apprenticeships, in which the remains produced by the master flintknapper are clearly segregated from those made by novices (Bamforth and Finlay 2008:9). However, apprenticeships only commonly appear in complex, sedentary societies. Hunter-gatherers



generally do not rely on formal teaching and instead novices typically learn by doing (Hayden and Cannon 1984). The lack of formal teaching does not mean that novices receive no help from experts, however. Ferguson (2008) proposes that “scaffolding” is a useful learning technique that appears in archaeological flintknapping contexts. Scaffolding involves the cooperation of an expert and a learner in order to produce viable tools. The novice works on making a tool until he or she encounters an insurmountable problem, and the expert corrects the problem so that the novice may continue. In this way, the novice manages to produce viable tools that he or she could not have made otherwise. Ferguson (2008:57-60) conducts an experiment that highlights the effectiveness of scaffolding as a method of learning. In the experiment, he trains two groups of novices in the making of pressure-flaked points. The first group is trained using verbal instruction and demonstration. The second group is trained using demonstration and scaffolding. The results reveal that by the end of the experiment, more members of the second group were able to independently create points that closely matched the author’s original points than the first group. Scaffolding succeeds as a learning strategy not only because it improves novices’ performance, but also because it enables more finished products to be brought into service, minimizing waste. However, it can also obscure an archaeological analysis of flintknapping skill that relies on preforms and finished points as the subjects of research. Scaffolding can become apparent when debitage that exhibits signs of mistake correction, such as removal of stacks and large hinge or step fractures, is incorporated in an analysis. When examining bifacial tools without debitage, scaffolding may homogenize the appearance of skill in the archaeological record and cause an inflated number of tools to appear to be of an intermediate skill level.

Because individual knappers may vary in terms of performance from tool to tool, and because learning processes such as scaffolding may generate artifacts that are made by multiple

individuals of different skill levels, the unit of analysis in this study is the artifact and not the knapper(s) who made it. For the most part, the variation observed in this analysis lies within the physical realm of *savoir faire*, based on the fact that most of the points, preforms, and bifaces follow their respective reduction sequences or flaking techniques, indicating that the knappers at least had a cognitive understanding of the technologies involved. There are a few exceptions (notably some of the Folsom preforms from Gault) that do not follow the usual reduction sequence and may suggest a lack of *connaissance* on the part of the knappers. Additionally, some pseudo-fluted points may represent attempts to meet the end goal of projectile point production while failing to understand the technological processes involved. The goal of this chapter is to determine whether significant differences in skill can be discerned between Folsom, unifacially fluted, Midland, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points and preforms.

The first hurdle in assessing flintknapping skill is finding a way to quantify it. Bamforth and Finlay (2008:5-6) present two tables listing attributes that are common in artifacts made by skilled and unskilled knappers (Table 25). Some of the variables listed are not applicable for discarded Folsom artifacts (such as large size, extreme length, or overshot flaking), and others like platform preparation are not assessed here, but other variables can be readily operationalized or at least observed in this sample. Among the indicators of high levels of skill, useful variables include thinness relative to width, regularity of form, multistage reduction strategies, and consistency in production. For the indicators of novice knappers, irregularity of form, steps and hinge terminations, and inconsistency in production are useful variables.

Table 25: Indicators of skillful and unskilled knapping in archaeological assemblages. Modified from Bamforth and Finlay (2008:5-6), Tables I and II.

Indicators of High Levels of Skill	Indicators of Unskilled Knapping
Unusually large size	Irregularity in form
Extreme thinness relative to width	Predictable errors
Extreme length relative to width or thickness	Stacked steps & hinge terminations
Extremely complex outline form	Mis-hits and hammermarks
Regularity of form	Inconsistency in production
Volume	Wasteful and ineffectual use of raw material
Plan-view symmetry	Failure to rejuvenate
Smooth/symmetric cross-section	Low length/breath flake ratio
Precise and regular finishing flaking	Deviation from expected chaîne opératoire
Intentional “overshot” flaking	Peripheral spatial knapping location
Minimal platform preparation	
Very low metric variation in artifact size	
Reliance on complex, patterned multistage reduction strategies	
Consistency in production	

### *Quantitative Skill Analysis*

The quantitative assessment of flintknapping skill for this sample utilizes three variables and two statistical techniques. The first variable is the ratio of maximum width to maximum thickness. This ratio is often used as an assessment of skill in bifacial tools (Root et al. 1999:151-152, Callahan 1979:17-18). When thinning a biface, most flakes are removed from the lateral edges, which gradually reduces the tool's width. A skilled flintknapper can remove broad, flat thinning flakes while preserving as much of the edges as possible, creating a biface that is wide but flat. Preserving width while reducing thinness was certainly a goal in Folsom technology, making this variable applicable to an analysis of Folsom knapping skill, but it should be noted that bifacial thinness was not a goal of all technologies. For example, some Firstview points are very skillfully pressure flaked to produce a thick and narrow diamond-shaped cross section (Wheat 1972:125).

The second variable is a count of average flake scars per 10 mm for each artifact. This variable is particularly useful for the analysis of Folsom-age projectile points, as most Folsom and Midland points exhibit fine pressure flaking along their edges. One of the characteristics of skillful flintknapping listed in Table 24 is "precise and regular finishing flaking," which the final pressure retouch on these points represents. Moreover, Lohse (2011:102) notes that consistent pressure flaking requires strength and coordination to properly control the flake removals. Therefore, well patterned pressure flaking represents an optimization of *connaissance* and *savoir faire*. Folsom and Midland points that appear to be the most skillfully made (based on overall impressions of thinness and flaking patterns) also typically exhibit very fine, parallel pressure retouch. As a result, the points that are particularly well made tend to have high flake scar counts. Other points that are more expediently made, such as some pseudo-fluted points, often

have low flake scar counts. In the case of ultrathin bifaces however, this variable becomes a less useful measurement of skill and acts more as an assessment of resharpening.

The third variable for assessing flintknapping skill builds on the previous one. This variable is a ratio of mistakes to flake scars per 10 mm. In this analysis, a “mistake” is defined as any step or hinge termination that would likely impede the removal of another flake of similar size. Mistakes per 10 mm are averaged in the same manner as flake scar counts, and then the mistake count is divided by the flake scar count to create the ratio. The use of a ratio in this instance controls for the overall number of flake scars, so that the measure of mistakes is not artificially inflated for artifacts with high flake scar counts. However, this ratio is not foolproof. Midland points are likely to have higher mistake ratios than the other Folsom variants because they tend to have multiple lateral flake scars driven across each face, making slight mistakes more common. The fluting on Folsom points removes any traces of such mistakes, and pseudo-fluted points only have edge retouch on their ventral surfaces, making mistakes less likely. Comparing Folsom and Midland preforms may be a more useful application of the mistake ratio for this reason.

The first statistical method to quantitatively analyze Folsom point variants is the same independent samples t-test that was used to analyze projectile point measurements in the previous chapter. This method will compare the width/thickness ratios and mistake ratios of finished projectile points and preforms. The second method is comparing coefficients of variation. This method will be used to analyze the variance of flake scar counts as well as other measurements such as width and thickness to determine the consistency with which each point variant is made. According to Bamforth and Finlay (2008:5), coefficients of variation for any

chipped stone assemblage generally falls between 2% and 60%, but standardized artifacts produced by skilled knappers should be in the realm of 10% to 15%.

#### Width/Thickness

Table 26-30 test for significant differences in the width/thickness ratio for the point variants. The only significant differences appear when comparing Folsom to Midland and Midland to pseudo-fluted points. These results are expected because the previous chapter revealed that Midland points are consistently narrower than Folsom, and that pseudo-fluted points are the thinnest (in terms of maximum thickness). Out of all the variants, Midland points rely the most on lateral reduction to achieve their thinness, while the other points are either fluted or made on thin flakes and do not require as much thinning from the sides. Therefore, while the width/thickness ratios suggest that the fluted points are more skillfully produced than the Midland points, the pseudo-fluted results act as a cautionary tale. The technology used to produce a point can have as much of an effect on a point's width/thickness ratio as the skill of the knapper.

Table 26: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratios of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Wid Folsom	321	5.1625	.80587	.04498
Thick Midland	201	4.8356	.63904	.04507

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Wid Thick	Equal variances assumed	4.223	.040	4.871	520	.000	.32690	.06711	.1951	.4588
	Equal variances not assumed			5.134	491.83	.000	.32690	.06368	.2018	.4520

Table 27: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratios of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Wid Folsom	321	5.1625	.80587	.04498
Thick Unifacia	42	5.0269	.76043	.11734

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Wid Thick	Equal variances assumed	.454	.501	1.032	361	.303	.13562	.13141	-.12280	.3940
	Equal variances not assumed			1.079	53.786	.285	.13562	.12566	-.11634	.3876



Table 28: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratios of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Wid Thick Folsom	321	5.1625	.80587	.04498
Pseudo-f	35	5.3723	.99236	.16774

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Wid Thick	Equal variances assumed	3.686	.056	-1.43	354	.154	-.20976	.14697	-.49880	.0793
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.21	39.044	.234	-.20976	.17367	-.56102	.1415

Table 29: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratios of Midland and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Wid	201	4.8356	.63904	.04507
Thick	42	5.0269	.76043	.11734

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Wid	Equal variances assumed	.187	.666	-1.71	241	.089	-.19128	.11219	-.41228	.0297
Thick	Equal variances not assumed			-1.52	53.753	.134	-.19128	.12570	-.44332	.0608

Table 30: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratios of Midland and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Wid Thick Midland	201	4.8356	.63904	.04507
Pseudo-f	35	5.3723	.99236	.16774

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Wid Thick	Equal variances assumed	12.594	.000	-4.18	234	.000	-.53666	.12849	-.7898	-.28352
	Equal variances not assumed			-3.09	39.053	.004	-.53666	.17369	-.8880	-.18536

### Flake Scars per 10 mm

As stated before, the points that appear to be the most skillfully produced also tend to have high flake scar counts, primarily due to their fine pressure-flaked edge retouch. Table 31-35 compare the flake scar counts for Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, and pseudo-fluted points. The results indicate that Folsom points consistently have higher flake scar counts than Midland and pseudo-fluted points, but not more than unifacially fluted points. Midland points also have significantly more flake scars than pseudo-fluted points but there is no significant difference between Midland and unifacially fluted points. The fact that pseudo-fluted points consistently have fewer flake scars than the other variants is not surprising considering the expedient nature of their manufacture. However, the presence of more flake scars on Folsom points than Midland is notable, especially considering that Folsom fluting often eliminates all flake scars except those along the edges. The flake scar counts of unifacially fluted points apparently bridge the difference between Folsom and Midland, which makes sense considering that many unifacially fluted points exhibit Midland-like collateral flaking on their unfluted faces. These results reveal that Folsom points consistently had more care put into their final edge flaking than Midland points (although there are some exceptional Midland examples), suggesting that Folsom points may be more skillfully made than Midland points, on average.

Table 31: Independent samples t-test comparing flake scars per 10 mm of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Flakes 10mm	Folsom	321	6.2368	1.39001	.07758
	Midland	201	5.6990	1.29222	.09115

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.475	.491	4.418	520	.000	.53780	.12172	.2987	.7769
	Equal variances not assumed			4.493	447.86	.000	.53780	.11969	.3026	.7730

Table 32: Independent samples t-test comparing flake scars per 10 mm of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Flakes 10mm	Folsom	321	6.2368	1.39001	.07758
	Unifacia	42	5.9052	1.34232	.20712

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.255	.614	1.459	361	.145	.33152	.22721	-.11530	.7783
	Equal variances not assumed			1.499	53.178	.140	.33152	.22118	-.11207	.7751

Table 33: Independent samples t-test comparing flake scars per 10 mm of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Flakes 10mm	Folsom	321	6.2368	1.39001	.07758
	Pseudo-f	35	4.8077	1.21495	.20536

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.245	.621	5.842	354	.000	1.42905	.24461	.9480	1.9101
	Equal variances not assumed			6.510	44.302	.000	1.42905	.21953	.9867	1.8714

Table 34: Independent samples t-test comparing flake scars per 10 mm of Midland and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Flakes 10mm	Midland	201	5.6990	1.29222	.09115
	Unifacia	42	5.9052	1.34232	.20712

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.022	.882	-.935	241	.351	-.20628	.22071	-.64105	.2285
	Equal variances not assumed			-.912	57.971	.366	-.20628	.22629	-.65926	.2467



Table 35: Independent samples t-test comparing flake scars per 10 mm of Midland and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Flakes 10mm	Midland	201	5.6990	1.29222	.09115
	Pseudo-f	35	4.8077	1.21495	.20536

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.027	.869	3.798	234	.000	.89124	.23468	.4289	1.3536
	Equal variances not assumed			3.967	48.395	.000	.89124	.22468	.4396	1.3429

### Mistake Ratio

This variable basically provides a percentage of mistakes per flake scar count for each artifact in the sample. It should be noted that many finished points lack mistakes, so the mode for this variable's distribution is at zero, meaning the mistake ratio is not normally distributed. While a logarithmic function can normalize the data, it also eliminates the zero values and greatly reduces the sample size. Therefore, these results must be interpreted with the knowledge that the variable being analyzed is not normally distributed. Table 36-40 reveal the results of the t-tests comparing the mistake ratios for the projectile point variants. The results indicate that Folsom points consistently have lower mistake ratios than the other point variants. There is no significant difference in mistake ratios between Midland, unifacially fluted, and pseudo-fluted points. It is likely that the bifacial fluting of Folsom points eliminates many of the mistakes that may have been present, so a comparison of preforms is also necessary. Table 41 compares the mistake ratios of Folsom and Midland preforms. It should be noted that Midland preforms are rarely identified in the archaeological record, so their sample size is small. Also, Folsom preforms from all stages of production are used in this test, increasing their variance. With those caveats in mind, the results still indicate that Folsom preforms exhibit a significantly lower ratio of mistakes than Midland preforms. As a whole, these results appear to affirm the likelihood that Folsom points are generally more skillfully produced than the other point variants.

Table 36: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Folsom and Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Folsom	321	0.0114	0.0191	0.0011
	Midland	201	0.0315	0.0464	0.0033

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	36.93	.000	-6.900	520	.000	-0.0201	0.0029	-0.0259	-0.0144
	Equal variances not assumed			-5.848	242.77	.000	-0.0201	0.0034	-0.0269	-0.0134

Table 37: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Folsom	321	0.0114	0.0191	0.0011
	Unifacia	42	0.0341	0.0546	0.0084

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	40.01	.00	-5.390	361	.000	-0.0227	0.0042	-0.0310	-0.0144
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.676	42.315	.011	-0.0227	0.0085	-0.0399	-0.0056

Table 38: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Folsom	321	0.0114	0.0191	0.0011
	Pseudo-f	35	0.0225	0.0314	0.0053

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	19.74	.00	-3.049	354	.002	-0.0112	0.0037	-0.0184	-0.0040
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.064	36.785	.046	-0.0112	0.0054	-0.0221	-0.0002

Table 39: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Midland and unifacially fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Midland	201	0.0315	0.0464	0.0033
	Unifacia	42	0.0341	0.0546	0.0084

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	.813	.368	-.32	241	.749	-0.0026	0.0081	-0.0186	0.013
	Equal variances not assumed			-.29	54.052	.774	-0.0026	0.0090	-0.0207	0.015

Table 40: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Midland and pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Midland	201	0.0315	0.0464	0.0033
	Pseudo-f	35	0.0225	0.0314	0.0053

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	.214	.644	1.099	234	.273	0.0090	0.0082	-0.0071	0.025
	Equal variances not assumed			1.439	63.291	.155	0.0090	0.0062	-0.0035	0.021

Table 41: Independent samples t-test comparing mistake ratios of Folsom and Midland preforms.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Mistake Ratio	Folsom	242	0.0525	0.0745	0.0048
	Midland	19	0.1297	0.1559	0.0358

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	11.27	.001	-3.911	259	.000	-0.0772	0.0197	-0.116	-0.038
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.138	18.65	.046	-0.0772	0.0361	-0.153	-0.002



### Coefficient of Variation

This variable is a ratio of the standard deviation and the mean for each of the projectile point types and each of the previous variables. Table 42 gives the CVs for the artifacts and variables that have been analyzed thus far. Although Bamforth and Finlay (2008:5) mention that CVs of 10-15% may represent the level of standardization that is present in skilled knapping, they also note that experimentation is needed to support this estimate. Also, Table 42 reveals that this range only holds true for variables based on direct measurements, while ratios and count data have wildly different CVs. Because a single CV is calculated from sample data, t-tests cannot be used to test for significant differences between artifact types. Instead, the results of Levene's Test for Equality of Variances from the previous analysis will be used to assess their significance.

Table 42: Coefficients of Variation for each projectile point variant under each skill assessment variable.

	<b>Width</b>	<b>Thickness</b>	<b>Base/Width</b>	<b>Grinding/Length</b>	<b>Flakes10mm</b>	<b>MistakeRatio</b>
<b>Folsom</b>	0.1399	0.1438	0.0713	0.6395	0.2229	1.6754
<b>Midland</b>	0.111	0.1483	0.0826	0.3796	0.2267	1.473
<b>Unifacially Fluted</b>	0.1017	0.17	0.1	N/A	0.2273	1.6012
<b>Pseudo- Fluted</b>	0.1418	0.2185	0.101	N/A	0.2527	1.3956

For the width variable, the CVs for each point type fall in the expected range for skillfully made, standardized tools. However, Folsom points have a higher CV for width than Midland and unifacially fluted points, which is unexpected considering that Folsom points appear to have been more skillfully made than the other types based on the preceding analyses. According to Levene's Test, Folsom point width variation significantly differs from Midland and unifacially fluted points ( $F=11.551$ ,  $p=0.001$ , Table 7; and  $F=4.912$ ,  $p=0.027$ , Table 8, respectively) but does not differ from pseudo-fluted points. Midland point width variance is not significantly different from that of unifacially fluted points, but it does differ from pseudo-fluted points ( $F=3.916$ ,  $p=0.049$ ).

The thickness variable produces CVs that are similar to the expected results based on the previous analyses. CVs for the thickness of Folsom and Midland points fall within the hypothetical range of standardized tools, which the unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points are just outside the range. Levene's Test indicates no significant difference in the variation in thickness in Folsom and Midland points, nor in Folsom and unifacially fluted points (Table 11, Table 12). Folsom and pseudo-fluted points are significantly different, however ( $F=7.128$ ,  $p=0.008$ , Table 13). Variation in Midland point thickness also does not differ significantly from that of unifacially fluted, but it does differ from pseudo-fluted ( $F=4.408$ ,  $p=0.037$ ). These results make sense considering that pseudo-fluted point thicknesses are often determined by the thickness of the flake blanks from which they are made, leading to a higher degree of variation for this type.

Because the base width variable is a ratio of basal width and maximum width, it does not fall in the estimated range of CVs for standardized tools. The CVs for this variable indicate that Folsom points are the least variable, followed by Midland, unifacially fluted, and finally pseudo-

fluted points. These results indicate that Folsom points are the most standardized, which corresponds to the results of the preceding analyses suggesting that Folsom points are the most skillfully made, on average. Folsom points have significantly lower variation in basal width ratios than Midland points with an F statistic of 5.127 and p-value of 0.024, and Folsom variation is significantly lower than pseudo-fluted points with an F statistic 7.753 of and a p-value of 0.006 (Table 16 and 18). Oddly enough, the difference in variance between Folsoms' and unifacially fluted points' basal width ratios is not statistically significant ( $F=3.307$ ,  $p=0.07$ , Table 17), despite the apparent difference in their CVs. This outcome is likely a result of the smaller sample size for unifacially fluted points. The variance of the basal width ratio for Midland points is not significantly different from unifacially fluted or pseudo-fluted points (Table 20 and 21).

The ratio of edge grinding length to maximum length requires complete points and is only analyzed for Folsom and Midland points due to the drastically reduced sample sizes. Folsom points have a much lower mean for their edge grinding ratio, but Midland points have a much lower coefficient of variance. Edge grinding length is significantly more consistent for Midland than for Folsom ( $F=8.365$ ,  $p=0.004$ , Table 22), but the CVs for both are fairly high, suggesting that the length of edge grinding is not particularly standardized for either point type. The most likely explanation for this variance is resharpening. In particular, Folsom points that are rebased from broken distal tips tend to exhibit very little edge grinding, contributing to the high variance among the points.

The variable of flake scar counts per 10 mm has slightly high CVs for all point types, but those CVs are not apparently different between the point types. The flake scar count variance is strongly affected by the kind of finishing edge retouch on the projectile points. Final pressure flaking can range from somewhat broad or sparse flake scars to very fine narrow flake scars that

can substantially increase the flake scar count. However, this spectrum of edge retouch is present within all the Folsom point variants. According to Levene's Test, there is no statistically significant difference in the variance of flake scar counts for any of the point types (Table 31-35).

The CVs for the mistake ratio variable appear unusually high because the presence of so many zero values brings the means down dramatically (many finished points exhibit no obvious errors). The CV for the mistake ratios of Folsom points appears higher than that of Midland and pseudo-fluted points, but not much higher than unifacially fluted points. However, looking back at the standard deviations from which these values derive indicates just the opposite: Midland, unifacially fluted, and pseudo-fluted points have much higher variance than Folsom. The CVs indicate the opposite because the other point variants also have higher mistake ratio means, making their CVs appear lower overall. Also, Levene's Test indicates that the variance for Folsom point mistake ratios is significantly different from all three (compared to Midland:  $F=36.927$ ,  $p=0.000$ , Table 36; compared to unifacially fluted:  $F=40.011$ ,  $p=0.000$ , Table 37, compared to pseudo-fluted:  $F=19.74$ ,  $p=0.000$ , Table 38). On the other hand, using Levene's test to compare the mistake ratio variance of Midland points to unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points reveals no significant differences. On a population level, Folsom points have consistently lower mistake ratios than the other point types, while the others have more widely varied mistake ratios. These results hold true even when comparing Folsom and Midland preforms. Folsom preforms have a mistake ratio CV of 1.419, and Midland preforms have a CV of 1.202. As before, however, the Folsom preform CV is only higher because it has a notably lower mean mistake ratio than that of Midland preforms. The mean and standard deviation for Folsom

preforms is lower than those of the Midland preforms, and Levene's Test reveals a significant difference in variance between the two ( $F=11.269$ ,  $p=0.001$ , Table 41).

### Miniature Points

As stated in the previous chapter, the sample sizes of the miniature Folsom variants are too small for t-tests to reliably discern population differences, so boxplots are instead used to illustrate whether any such differences may potentially exist. Figure 18 shows the boxplots for the width/thickness, flake scars per 10 mm, and mistake ratio variables. The only difference between the three miniature variants that appears potentially significant is the difference in width/thickness ratios between Midland and pseudo-fluted mini points. As previously mentioned, most of the miniature Folsom and Midland points appear to have been made by extensively resharpening full-sized points, while pseudo-fluted miniatures are often made by edge trimming small flake blanks. As such, the thicknesses of miniature Folsom and Midland points are more similar to those of the larger points, while the pseudo-fluted miniatures are made from thinner blanks, enabling the pseudo-fluted points to have a higher width/thickness ratio on average. However, this difference does not appear significant between Folsom and pseudo-fluted miniatures, most likely because some very finely made miniature Folsom points are present in the Lindenmeier sample. Additionally, pseudo-fluted miniatures would probably have the least variance in their mistake ratios, if not for two extreme outliers (out of a total of 10 pseudo-fluted mini points).

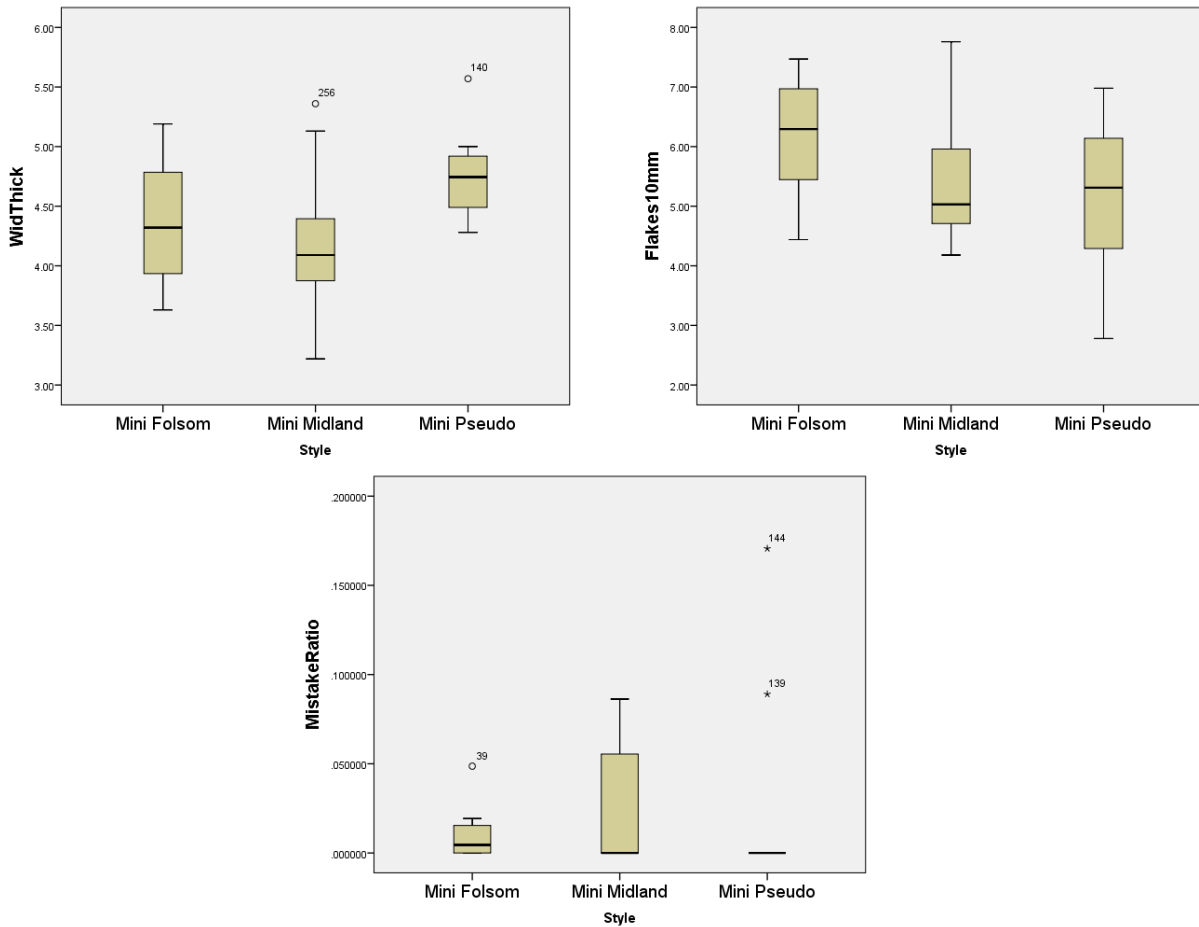


Figure 18: Boxplots for miniature points for width/thickness, flake scars per 10 mm, and mistake ratio variables. Unifacially fluted and indeterminate points are not shown due to their extremely small sample sizes.

### Summary for Quantitative Analysis

In most variables used to quantitatively assess flintknapping skill among full sized points, Folsom emerges as the most skillfully made projectile point among the variants. Folsom points have a significantly higher width/thickness ratio than Midlands (but not higher than the other variants), Folsom flake scars per 10 mm are significantly higher than all variants except unifacially fluted points, and Folsom mistakes per 10 mm are significantly lower than all other types (although this variable is not normally distributed). Folsom point variance is significantly lower than the other point types for width, lower than all but unifacially fluted for the basal width ratio, and lower than all other types for the mistake ratio. Midland points were expected to be nearly as skillfully made as Folsom points, but in many cases the statistics suggest otherwise. Midland points have lower width/thickness ratios, lower flake scars per 10 mm, and higher mistake ratios. The only variable in which Midland points exceed Folsom is the variance of their edge grinding. However, grinding the edges of a point does not require any real skill, so other factors such as resharpening more likely determine its variance. The patterns of skill level observed for full sized points does not appear to be reflected among the miniature points, although the small sample size for the miniature variants makes this conclusion tentative. The only noticeable difference that may be significant is that miniature Midlands have a higher width/thickness ratio than miniature pseudo-fluted points.

### *Qualitative Skill Analysis*

In many cases, assessing the skill level of a lithic artifact relies on observations or variables that are difficult if not impossible to quantify. Evenness of outline, symmetry, patterned flaking styles, and reduction strategies can be easily observed on an impressionistic



level, but operationalizing these variables would require measurements that are prohibitively complex for large sample sizes. This section deals with those impressionistic values in terms of presence or absence for each of the point variants. When possible, statistical tests are used to determine whether significant differences are present among these subjective distinctions.

#### “Extra Fine” Points

Some points in the sample are exceedingly well made, with evenly spaced and well patterned flake scars, wide and flat flutes with minimal rippling, very fine pressure retouch with flake scars 1 mm wide or less, and no apparent mistakes (Figure 19). Points of this exceptional quality have been noted at various sites (William 2000:188, Bement 1999:139-143), but thus far they have been given only minimal attention. For the sake of expediency in this study, the artifacts are informally termed “extra fine” points. These points occur in small numbers at most sites, and they are predominantly Folsom, although extra fine Midland and unifacially fluted points do exist. The presence of extra fine versions of Midland and unifacially fluted points indicates that highly skilled flintknappers during the Folsom period did create some of the non-Folsom variants. However, this observation leads to the question of whether extra fine points occur in similar proportions among all three point variants in the sample. Table 43 gives the results of a Chi-square test to determine whether any proportional difference exists. The results indicate that a significant difference in extra fine point counts between the variants does exist, with a Chi-square value of 16.96 and a p-value of 0.000. Folsom points have considerably more extra fine examples than expected, Midland points have far fewer than expected, and unifacially fluted points are close to the expected count. Therefore, although high quality versions of each of these three point variants exist, the fact that a disproportionate number of them are Folsom indicates that Folsom points are more often skillfully made compared to the other types.

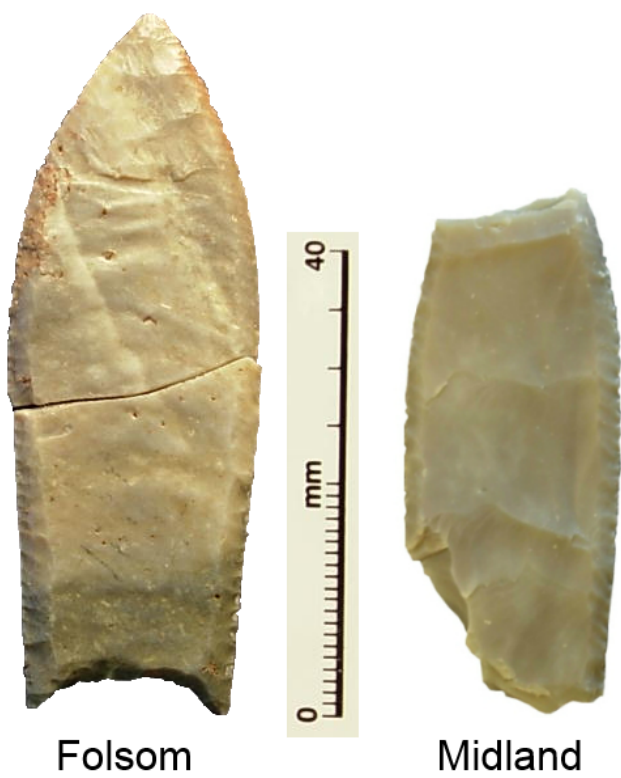


Figure 19: Examples of “extra fine” Folsom and Midland points.

Table 43: Chi-square test comparing counts of “extra fine” and ordinary styles for Folsom, Midland, and unifacially fluted points.

**Type \* Quality Crosstabulation**

			Quality		Total
			Extra Fine	Ordinary	
Type	Folsom	Count	44	277	321
		Expected Count	30.2	290.8	321.0
	Midland	Count	6	195	201
		Expected Count	18.9	182.1	201.0
	Unifacial	Count	3	39	42
		Expected Count	3.9	38.1	42.0
Total		Count	53	511	564
		Expected Count	53.0	511.0	564.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	16.961	2	.000
Likelihood Ratio	19.397	2	.000
N of Valid Cases	564		

### Percussion and Pressure Thinned Midland Points

As noted in Chapter 3, the Midland type encompasses two collateral flaking techniques, percussion and pressure. Distinguishing between percussion and pressure thinning is subjective, with no clear flake scar morphology separating one technique from the other (Andrefsky 2005:118-119). The previous chapter defines percussion flake scars as being wider than 5 mm and are somewhat rounded in outline. Collateral pressure is defined as flake scars that are narrower than 5 mm or are more elongated in outline. Although ideal examples of both are present in the research sample, there is also a considerable gray area in which the distinction between percussion and pressure flaking is dependent on the analyst's impression. Midland points appear to have been made using one or both thinning techniques. In some cases, a Midland point may exhibit collateral pressure flaking on one face (usually the more rounded dorsal face of the original flake blank) and collateral percussion flaking on the other (usually the flatter ventral face of the flake blank). For this research, a Midland point is defined as "percussion" if collateral percussion flakes are present on at least one face. A point is defined as "pressure" if collateral pressure flakes are present on at least one face, and no percussion flakes are apparent. Table 44 tests for significant differences in the three skill assessment variables between percussion and pressure thinned Midland points. The results indicate that a significant difference is only present in the count of flake scars per 10 mm. While intuitively it might seem that pressure flaked Midland points would have more flake scars than percussion flaked ones, the results actually indicate that the opposite is true. Percussion flaked Midland points have between 0.027 and 0.762 more flake scars per 10 mm than pressure flaked points, with 95% confidence. The difference may be significant but it is not large, and it is likely due to the fact that percussion thinned Midland points need more fine pressure retouch to shape the edges compared to their

pressure thinned counterparts. Therefore, there does not appear to be any strong statistical support for a difference in skill between percussion and pressure thinned Midland points.

Table 44: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratio, flake scars per 10 mm, and mistake ratio of percussion thinned vs. pressure thinned Midland points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
WidThick	Percussi	77	4.9196	0.6439	0.0734
	Pressure	123	4.7911	0.6298	0.0568
Flakes 10mm	Percussi	77	5.9434	1.3747	0.1567
	Pressure	123	5.5489	1.2242	0.1104
Mistake Ratio	Percussi	77	0.0324	0.0492	0.0056
	Pressure	123	0.0310	0.0450	0.0041

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
WidThick	Equal variances assumed	.102	.750	1.392	198	.166	0.1285	0.0923	-0.0536	0.311
	Equal variances not assumed			1.385	158.80	.168	0.1285	0.0928	-0.0548	0.312
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	3.218	.074	2.114	198	.036	0.3945	0.1866	0.0265	0.763
	Equal variances not assumed			2.059	147.54	.041	0.3945	0.1916	0.0158	0.773
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	.173	.678	.206	198	.837	0.0014	0.0068	-0.0120	0.015
	Equal variances not assumed			.202	150.91	.840	0.0014	0.0069	-0.0123	0.015

One additional observation could potentially be used to test for skill differences between percussion and pressure thinned Midland points. Some Midland points retain a trace of the original flake blank from which they are made. In most cases, the flake blank remnant consists of the blank's flat, ventral surface appearing on an unmodified portion of a point's face. In rarer instances, the flake blank remnant can retain traces of a flake blank's dorsal surface, in which large flake scars that originated far beyond the current edge of the point are apparent. In extreme cases, there can be some subjective overlap between what constitutes a flake blank remnant on a Midland point as opposed to the ventral face of a pseudo-fluted point. In this research, a point is considered pseudo-fluted if the majority of the ventral face is unmodified and if no lateral flake scars cross the middle of the ventral face in the basal portion of the point (where edge grinding is present). Otherwise, the point is simply considered to exhibit a flake blank remnant. Although Midland and pseudo-fluted points do not have many significant quantitative differences in skill level (Midlands have a higher flake scar count, while pseudo-fluted has a higher width/thickness ratio), pseudo-fluted points are obviously more expediently made on an impressionistic level. Using the same logic, Midland points that retain a trace of their original flake blank were likely more expediently made than those that do not, and therefore those points involved less skill to produce. In Table 45, the occurrences of Midland points that have flake blank remnants are compared for the percussion and pressure thinned varieties. The Chi-square test reveals that there is no significant difference between percussion and pressure thinned Midland points in terms of flake blank remnants (Chi-square value=0.307, p-value=0.375). Once again, there does not appear to be a difference in skill level between the two forms of Midland point production.

Table 45: Chi-square test comparing presence and absence of flake blank remnants for percussion and pressure thinned Midland points.

**Production \* FlakeBlank Crosstabulation**

			FlakeBlank		Total
			Absent	Present	
Production	Percussion	Count	69	8	77
		Expected Count	67.8	9.2	77.0
	Pressure	Count	107	16	123
		Expected Count	108.2	14.8	123.0
Total		Count	176	24	200
		Expected Count	176.0	24.0	200.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)	Exact Sig. (2- sided)	Exact Sig. (1- sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	.307	1	.579		
Continuity Correction <sup>b</sup>	.110	1	.741		
Likelihood Ratio	.313	1	.576		
Fisher's Exact Test				.659	.375
N of Valid Cases	200				



### Formal and Informal Pseudo-Fluted Points

Until now, pseudo-fluted points have been implied to represent a generalized “expedient point” category against which all the more formally produced point types are judged. However, this generalization downplays the technological variation that is present among these points, and this variation may also be indicative of different skill levels. For this analysis, pseudo-fluted points are divided into “formal” and “informal” categories based on the flaking of their dorsal surfaces. Pseudo-fluted points that are fluted, collaterally flaked, or that exhibit some kind of patterned flaking on their dorsal surfaces are placed in the formal category. Points whose dorsal surfaces have no reduction pattern, just edge retouch, or have a visible flake blank surface on both faces are placed in the informal category. Informal pseudo-fluted points are more likely to be expediently made from retouched flakes, while the formal varieties appear to have more skillfully executed flaking on their dorsal surfaces. However, Table 46 indicates that there are no significant differences in width/thickness ratios, flake scars per 10 mm, or mistake ratios between formal and informal pseudo-fluted points. Mathematically, there is no obvious difference in skill between the two. However, it should be noted that the sample size for this analysis is fairly small. But even when miniature points and preforms are included to bolster the sample size, no significant difference is present.

Table 46: Independent samples t-test comparing the width/thickness ratio, flake scars per 10 mm, and mistake ratio of formal vs. informal pseudo-fluted points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
WidThick	Formal	19	5.4316	1.0793	0.2476
	Informal	16	5.3019	0.9080	0.2270
Flakes 10mm	Formal	19	4.7611	1.1390	0.2613
	Informal	16	4.8631	1.3353	0.3338
Mistake Ratio	Formal	19	0.0235	0.0270	0.0062
	Informal	16	0.0213	0.0368	0.0092

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
WidThick	Equal variances assumed	.259	.614	.380	33	.706	0.1297	0.3410	-0.564	0.824
	Equal variances not assumed			.386	33.00	.702	0.1297	0.3359	-0.554	0.813
Flakes 10mm	Equal variances assumed	.595	.446	-.244	33	.809	-0.1021	0.4181	-0.953	0.749
	Equal variances not assumed			-.241	29.72	.811	-0.1021	0.4239	-0.968	0.764
Mistake Ratio	Equal variances assumed	.612	.440	.201	33	.842	0.0022	0.0108	-0.020	0.024
	Equal variances not assumed			.196	27.03	.846	0.0022	0.0111	-0.021	0.025

### Summary for Qualitative Analysis

This section presented statistical tests concerning sub-divisions within Folsom point typology that are of a somewhat subjective nature. First, occurrences of very finely made “extra fine”-style points were explored among the Folsom, Midland, and unifacially fluted types. Extra fine points appear to represent the height of Folsom age skill in projectile point manufacture with broad, smooth fluting and/or lateral flaking, along with evenly spaced and very narrow pressure retouch along the edges. According to the Chi-square test, this style occurs most commonly in Folsom and least commonly in Midland with unifacially fluted points in between, indicating that Folsom points are more often made by highly skilled individuals than the other variants. The second analysis focused specifically on Midland points, dividing them into percussion thinned and pressure thinned varieties. T-tests revealed no significant differences in width/thickness ratios or mistake ratios between the two sub-types, but percussion thinned points tend to have slightly higher flake scar counts. Additionally, these two sub-types were examined for occurrences of remnant flake blank surfaces (suggesting possible expedient manufacture), and the Chi-square test revealed no significant distinction between percussion and pressure thinned Midlands in this regard. Finally, pseudo-fluted points were divided into “formal” and “informal” categories based on the presence or absence of patterned flaking on the dorsal surface, and the t-tests for width/thickness, flake scar counts, and mistake ratios revealed no significant differences between the pseudo-fluted sub-types. Ultimately, counts of extra fine-style points for each point type provide the only qualitative distinction for skill that holds up statistically out of the methods employed here.

## *Conclusion*

When examining Folsom-age projectile points on a population level, Bamforth's (1991:311-314) assertion that fluted Folsom points are made by the most skilled flintknappers in a group appears accurate. Overall, Folsom points are the most skillfully made, followed by unifacially fluted, then Midland, and lastly pseudo-fluted points. This trend is not reflected in the miniature versions of these point types, however. Miniature point variants are more comparable with each other in general, suggesting that they were made (or reworked into miniature form) with equal levels of skill regardless of type.

The presence of exceedingly well made points among the Folsom-age variants, named "extra fine" points in this analysis for lack of a better term, is particularly noteworthy. Although extra fine varieties of Folsom are the most common, the fact that they also appear among Midland and unifacially fluted points indicates that highly skilled individuals did not always adhere to the typical "Folsom" template when making projectile points. The regional analysis chapter will explore the sites and conditions in which the various types of extra fine points occur.

Archaeologists tend to differ over whether points with complicated reduction sequences, such as Folsom, are made by all or most members of a group or by a subset of flintknapping specialists. Patten (2002:301) states, "For the group to flourish, everyone, no matter how awkward or adroit, must be able to accomplish the same end." Stepping away from the focus on fluted Folsoms, the presence of a variety of projectile point options during the Folsom period means that no one had to starve simply because they could not flute a point. Folsom points were likely the ideal form, but the variety of unifacial, Midland, pseudo-fluted, and miniature options means that individuals of varying skill levels could at least improvise weapons of similar, and

likely the same, effectiveness. On the other end of the spectrum, extra fine points were probably made by specialists who had an innate talent for flintknapping (see Olausson 2008).

## CHAPTER 6: RAW MATERIALS ANALYSIS

Analyzing the raw materials from which stone tools were made has been a central part of Folsom studies, and of Paleoindian studies in general, for decades and has led to a variety of interpretations, with the majority emphasizing the presence of “exotic” raw materials as indicators of high mobility (Hester 1972; Kilby 2008; Bement 1999; Speth et al. 2013; Bamforth 2009). In Folsom research in particular, lithic raw material studies tend to focus on a particular site or region without generalizing to the entire range in which Folsom artifacts appear. This specificity is understandable, considering the ability to accurately identify and to know the source of origin for various lithic resources takes time and experience. This study attempts a more comprehensive understanding of Folsom-age raw material use, but as a result it involves analyzing many raw materials with which I am not familiar.

This chapter will first discuss the important raw material studies that have been conducted for the Folsom period in the various regions included in the sample. The subsequent analysis of the sample artifacts, however, will primarily draw upon Hofman’s (1992) work. His research directly pertains to the relationship between Folsom and Midland points and does not depend significantly on knowing the distance between a site and any particular lithic outcrop, making this approach especially applicable for the current study. This is not to say that knowing the distances between sites and lithic sources is not immensely useful, but it would require data that is not available at this point in time.

Hofman (1992) and Bement (1999) have studied toolstone procurement for the Folsom period in the southern Plains. As previously described, Hofman’s approach depends on the assumption that Folsom-age hunter-gatherers followed herds of bison regularly, leaving them

with only occasional opportunities to stock up on lithic raw materials. Hofman states that these hunter-gatherers likely relied on bifacial cores to supply them with flake blanks for tool production, and as evidence, the large flake blanks from the Shifting Sands and Lipscomb assemblages would have been struck from such cores. Over time, the size of a bifacial core decreases, and the flakes struck from them can no longer serve as blanks for Folsom preforms. Instead, the smaller blanks would be used to produce the unfluted or pseudo-fluted point types that do not require such an extensive reduction sequence as Folsom points. In addition, already existing tools would be increasingly reworked to conserve raw materials. Hofman (1992:208) points out that the distance between a site and a lithic source does not necessarily correlate with the amount of stone a group has remaining to them, as the number of kill and butchery events that take place prior to retooling plays a much greater role.

Bement's (1999) analysis of the Cooper site, a Folsom bison kill in Oklahoma also explores the pattern of toolstone procurement as it relates to bison subsistence in the southern Plains. The Cooper site is composed of three separate bison kill events from the Folsom period, all superimposed on each other in an arroyo trap. Applying the assumption that Folsom groups prioritized bison procurement above all other needs, Bement illustrates how the Cooper site fits the model of embedded procurement, in which lithic material is acquired and tools are made and maintained in the course of tracking and hunting bison. According to this model, new raw material that is picked up from a source does not immediately enter into service as formal tools and weapons; it is instead held until after the next bison kill, and only then is new raw material introduced to replace broken and worn out points and tools (Bement 1999:151). It should be noted that this pattern does not appear evident at the Gault site, where worn out and broken points are replaced during the Folsom period with thus far no evidence of an associated bison

kill. On the other hand, Bement's model states that the newly acquired raw material would comprise most of the expedient flake tools, which are made at any time as the need arises.

Philippe LeTourneau's (2000) dissertation spans Folsom assemblages in both the southern Plains and the Southwest. His research questions many of the assumptions of what he calls the "Synthetic Folsom Model," particularly the dependence on bison hunting, the long distance movement of lithic raw materials, the high mobility of Folsom-age people that is inferred from these materials, and the reliance on large bifacial cores for tool blanks. His assessment of Folsom toolstone usage focuses on the proposed utilization of bifacial cores, direct versus indirect raw material procurement, and distribution patterns of local and nonlocal materials. Direct evidence of bifacial cores in Folsom assemblages is rare, if it exists at all, with Hanson being a possible exception. However, the cores from the Hanson site are smaller than expected, suggesting that they may either be exhausted larger cores or cores that were used only to produce expedient flake tools. The only example of a large bifacial core is Frank's Biface from the Mitchell Locality near Blackwater Draw, but it was found on the surface and may actually be attributable to the Clovis period. LeTourneau then examines Folsom assemblages from Lindenmeier, Blackwater Draw, and Lubbock Lake to determine the proportion of flake tools that were made from biface thinning flakes. He finds that biface thinning flakes make up less than a third of the flake tools in the three sites, indicating that bifacial cores may not have played as large a role in Folsom stone tool assemblages as previously assumed. Small bifacial cores are present at Lindenmeier and Blackwater Draw, and they are made of nonlocal material in contrast to the few multidirectional cores from the two sites, which are made from local stone. LeTourneau (2000:77) applies Meltzer's (1989:31) standard for differentiating local and nonlocal stone, with a cutoff distance at 40 km from a site.



To explore the subject of direct procurement versus exchange of raw materials, LeTourneau (2000:56-75) employs fall-off curve analysis, in which a percentage of tools made from a particular source are plotted against the distance from that source to the site. A site made up entirely of directly procured stone would have a sharp dropoff at the end of the curve, while a site that has a large percentage of exchanged materials would taper down more gradually with increasing distance. LeTourneau uses regression to fit data from Folsom assemblages to both of these curves to determine which one provides a better match. However, this methodology failed to produce useful results, probably because it relied on too many unfounded assumptions (LeTourneau 2000:242-246). LeTourneau acknowledges that fall-off curves are generally applied to sedentary societies, where raw material exchange is likely more common. Moreover, the curves assume direct linear movement from a stone source, which is unlikely for hunter-gatherer bands moving from resource to resource.

Bamforth (2009) provides a cautionary tale for archaeologists who rely primarily on projectile point raw material data to trace Paleoindian mobility on the Plains. He asserts that when local stone is available, nearly all non-projectile point tools are made of it, while points themselves may be made from more distant materials. Therefore, focusing on projectile points has skewed the archaeological record in their favor of distant materials. This discrepancy is exacerbated by the fact that points are accurate chronological markers, they are often the only artifacts present at kill sites, and non-diagnostic tools cannot be attributed to Folsom or other periods when found out of context. Additionally, direct procurement of raw materials is usually assumed for Paleoindians, and that would suggest that raw materials would be used up in the order in which they are obtained. However, Bamforth asserts that many sites do not exhibit this sequence. For example, the one complete and unresharpened Cody point from the Horner site is

made of the most distant raw material from the site (Bamforth 2009:150). Lake Theo provides a Folsom-age example, in which most of the expedient tools and flakes are made from local Tecovas jasper, while most of the projectile points are made from the more distantly acquired Edwards chert. From this evidence, Bamforth suggests that the Tecovas jasper was obtained directly as the entire group migrated, but the Edwards chert was likely obtained by trade or by a special trip of a few individuals (Bamforth 2009:153-154).

Amick's (1994a, 1995, 1999, 2002) research covers raw material use during the Folsom period for the southern Plains and the Basin and Range regions of New Mexico. Amick's data collection methodology is similar to this study in that it relies on private collections in addition to excavated materials and as such focuses primarily on Folsom-age projectile points, preforms, and channel flakes (Amick 2002:159-160). Amick's work has the advantage of a larger sample size (a total of 2,148 artifacts as of 2002) but is more restricted in its geographic range, dealing specifically with the southwestern United States. In terms of raw material, Amick finds a notable distinction between the southern Plains and the Basin and Range Folsom assemblages in terms of the relative abundance of Edwards chert. Edwards is the stone of choice for about 82% of the Folsom diagnostic artifacts in the southern Plains to the exclusion of the materials used more often in the Basin and Range (Amick 1994:18). On the other hand, Chuska and Rancheria cherts make up most of the identifiable materials for the Albuquerque Basin, in Jornada del Muerto mostly Rancheria chert and Socorro jasper are identifiable, and Rancheria chert makes up almost half of the Folsom material identified in the Tularosa Basin, although various unidentifiable materials also comprise a significant portion of Folsom artifacts in all these areas. This stark division in raw material use between the Plains and Basin and Range has prompted

Jodry (1999:113-116) to suggest that the Rio Grande valley may have represented a border between two or more neighboring groups during the Folsom period.

Reitze et al. (2012) provide a compelling counterexample to some of the arguments that Hofman and Bamforth have put forth concerning Folsom technology and raw material use. Their recent publication on the Martin site presents a Folsom site that was surface collected in 1955, initially reported in the MA thesis and subsequent Ph.D. dissertation of William Roosa, and then largely forgotten until Reitze et al.'s reexamination of Folsom sites in the Rio Grande valley of New Mexico. The site is located in the Estancia Basin, 46 km east of Albuquerque. The Martin site stands out from the other Folsom sites in the region for two reasons. First, 95% of the diagnostic artifacts and 90% of the other tools are made of Edwards chert from the Callahan Divide of west central Texas. Second, nearly all of the points and preforms are of the classic Folsom type, with 14 fragmentary points, 46 preforms, and 148 channel flakes (although four of the points are "atypical" points made on flakes – most likely pseudo-fluted). No Midland points are reported from this site despite the significant distance from any sources of Edwards chert. The implications of this finding are difficult to discern and may indicate that one or more of the previous assumptions about the relationship between Folsom and Midland points is inaccurate (Reitze et al. 2012:254-255). On the other hand, it may simply mean that Midland points were present but are not archaeologically visible at the site, or that the Folsom-age people who occupied the Martin site were not running low on lithic supplies despite the distance. After all, Hofman (1992:208) notes that it is the number of retooling events, rather than distance, which plays the larger role in determining the types of points that are made. Next, the flake tools from the Martin site are also predominantly made from distant Edwards chert, contra to Bamforth's (2009) research on the Plains which would suggest that such tools would be made

from more locally available materials. It is possible, however, that a group traveled from a chert source in Texas to the Estancia Basin without encountering additional resources, prompting nearly all their tools to be made from Edwards chert.

Jodry's (1999) Ph.D. dissertation reports on the Folsom occupation of Stewart's Cattle Guard in south-central Colorado, in the San Luis Valley of the upper Rio Grande basin. Cattle Guard is a bison kill and associated campsite with at least 49 killed and butchered bison represented. The raw materials present in the Folsom weapons and tools at this site consist predominantly of Black Forest silicified wood, followed by smaller proportions of Trout Creek jasper, Cumbres chert, and hornfels (Jodry 1999:101). Black Forest silicified wood and Trout Creek jasper both come from the north, at distances of about 190 and 140 km, respectively. Cumbres chert and hornfels come from the San Juan Mountains and foothills, about 105 and 80 km away, respectively. Small percentages of artifacts are made from Chuska, Alibates, and Edwards cherts. Chuska occurs to the southwest, about 400 km away, and Alibates and Edwards are to the southeast, about 425 and 750 km away, respectively (Jodry 1999:88-98). The more abundant raw materials were either obtained directly by a single group moving in a circular pattern from the San Juan Mountains to what is now the Denver/Colorado Springs area, and then back down to Cattle Guard; or two groups (one from the west and on from the north) may have converged to participate in the Cattle Guard bison kill (Jodry 1999:87-88). The more distant materials were likely obtained through trade or by a special task group, especially considering their nearly non-existent contribution to the debitage percentage (Jodry 1999:103).

In his analysis of Folsom sites in the Middle Park area of Colorado, Kornfeld (2002) makes an argument for generalized foraging (as opposed to a focus on bison procurement) for Folsom groups living in upland areas. Middle Park lies in north-central Colorado and

encompasses the headwaters of the Colorado River. The terrain is more rugged and elevated than the locations of most Folsom sites, and this geography may have played a role in the specific adaptations in this region. Kornfeld's analysis focuses on three Folsom sites (Lower Twin Mountain, Barger Gulch, and Hay Gulch), supplemented with data from 23 smaller localities in Middle Park. One of the most noteworthy aspects of these assemblages is that they consist of artifacts made almost exclusively from local materials, primarily Troublesome Formation chert and to a lesser extent, red jasper (Kornfeld 2002:65-66). This observation suggests that people who lived in this area during the Folsom period did not stray far enough away from Middle Park to acquire non-local stone for their tools. Additionally, living in Middle Park year-round implies that Folsom-age people could not have relied on bison for the majority of their sustenance.

Using a sample of Folsom sites (plus one Goshen site) from Colorado and Wyoming, Surovell (2009) applies behavioral ecology to the analysis of stone tools. The sample of sites consists of Agate Basin, Carter/Kerr-McGee, Krmopotich, Barger Gulch, and Upper Twin Mountain. Using analyses that include ratios of bifacial to flake tools as well as local to nonlocal materials, Surovell develops a method for determining the length of occupation of a site and for discerning whether a site was repeatedly occupied multiple times. For the raw material portion of his analysis, Surovell (2009:78) classifies any material available within 20 km of a site as local, and anything from a greater distance as nonlocal. Simply put, a site that has a larger portion of nonlocal materials than local materials is likely to be a short term occupation, especially if the tools present are bifacial/curated, rather than more expedient flake tools. As a result, Surovell determines that Barger Gulch was the longest occupied Folsom site in the sample, and that it was occupied 28 times longer than the short term Carter/Kerr-McGee

occupation. One downside of this analysis is that the equations only work when both local and nonlocal materials are present, which is not the case for all Folsom assemblages. It also assumes that the full horizontal extents of the archaeological sites have been excavated. Finally, the sample size of Folsom sites in this study is small and would need to be expanded to determine whether Surovell's methods and equations work on a larger regional or temporal scale.

Root et al. (2000) analyze the raw material use for the Folsom component of Bobtail Wolf in North Dakota. Although Bobtail Wolf is a procurement site for Knife River flint with over 90% of the tools at the site being made from the material, the site also contains a wider sample of other raw material compared to other sites in the quarry area (Root et al. 2000:240-245). Folsom tools from the site are made from 11 other material types in addition to Knife River flint, and debitage is composed of 16 non-KRF materials. Most of these materials occur within or around 100 km of the Knife River quarries, and the majority of those are from the west or southwest. A few materials come from locales as distant as Idaho, the Black Hills, and the Green River Basin of Wyoming; however, some are from mixed contexts with Folsom and later groups (Root et al. 2000:248). Although Knife River flint was extensively transported to the north into Canada and southwest into Wyoming, the materials coming into the quarry area from west and southwest do not appear to be from nearly as great a distance.

In summary, the toolstone procurement habits of Folsom groups appear to vary greatly depending on the region in question. In some places, particularly the southern Plains, Folsom raw materials were often obtained from quite distant sources, although in at least some sites, only hunting-related tools were made from these exotic materials with the flake tools made from locally available stone. Central New Mexico provides a stark contrast between Folsom groups that relied heavily on Edwards chert and those that used materials from elsewhere, suggesting

that a boundary between Folsom-age cultural groups may have existed in the region (although the Martin site may represent an incursion of an Edwards-supplied group beyond their usual range). The Cattle Guard site in southern Colorado represents a bison kill and campsite containing lithic materials from multiple directions and distances, while the Middle Park region contains local materials to the near-exclusion of any distant supplies. Finally, the Bobtail Wolf site shows that Folsom groups did not appear to travel from great distances to obtain Knife River flint, but KRF moved extensively after it was procured. This seeming discrepancy may provide insights into Folsom-age trade or seasonal migration patterns.

#### *Analysis Procedure for this Study*

This analysis tests the position that raw material considerations play a role in determining the types of projectile points that were manufactured during the Folsom period. As previously mentioned, knowing the source of every lithic material and the distances from those sources to their respective archaeological sites is not currently feasible. The most pertinent aspect of this research is to distinguish different raw materials, without necessarily knowing what they are called or where they are from. With this modicum of information, it is possible to test Hofman's (1992) approach to Folsom and Midland technology. Since Hofman proposes that atypical Folsom-age points such as Midland and pseudo-fluted are made when raw material supplies are running low, then these points should generally be made from the less abundant raw material types at any given archaeological site. The underlying assumption in this test is that Folsom-age hunter-gatherers obtained lithic material via direct procurement as they traversed the landscape as a group.

Distinguishing raw materials is accomplished by visual inspection using natural and ultraviolet light. UV light has been used in several Folsom analyses as an inexpensive and expedient aid for identifying raw materials (Hofman et al. 1991; Jodry 1999; LeTourneau 2000:88-93; Reitze et al. 2012; Root et al. 2000:243). All artifacts have been photographed under natural light as well as longwave and shortwave UV light (see the “Photos” folder in the attached files). The photos are then examined to match specimens based on similarities in natural appearance and UV reactions. Originally, the use of color charts (such as Munsell or Pantone) appeared to be a useful method for eliminating subjectivity in UV color designations. However, other factors that affect color, such as patination, makes fine-grained color analysis excessive and unwieldy, and such specificity would result in splitting assemblages into a multitude of divergent material types. Instead, colors are recorded under generic (but admittedly impressionistic) colors, such as gray, orange, or green.

The sample used in this analysis consists of points and preforms from individual Folsom sites with multiple lithic raw materials present in their assemblages. Sites such as Gault that are made up entirely of one material and collections that have been acquired across a wide area are not considered in this analysis. The analysis is first conducted on a site-by-site basis using Chi-square tests to determine whether a significant difference exists in raw material usage among Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature point types for each site. However, because the subdivisions of the artifacts by site, then type, then raw materials tend to generate numerous cells with low observed counts, the significance of these results is open to question. In order to improve the usefulness of these tests, adjusted residuals are displayed in the crosstabulations to indicate which specific raw material/projectile point combinations have significant deviations from their expected counts. Any cell with an adjusted residual that is



higher than the z-score of 1.96 is considered significant (Madrigal 2012:63-66, 178). Next, the total number of points with significant differences in each type is then assessed against the total number of points sampled to determine whether raw material considerations play a role in Folsom-age projectile point technology overall. Finally, two analyses using generalized dominant and non-dominant raw material categories are conducted to test whether material types differ by point type across the sample of artifacts as a whole.

### *Analysis*

#### Blackwater Draw

For the 21 points and preforms recorded from the Blackwater Draw collections at TARL, only three are made from materials other than Edwards chert. One is Alibates, and the others are two separate indeterminate materials. A Chi-square test does not find any significant differences in material selection among point types (Table 47) due to the small sample size, but it may be worth noting that 11 of the 12 Folsom points are made from Edwards chert, while two of the five Midland points are made from non-Edwards materials. These Midland points still fall short of having significant residual scores, however.

Table 47: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Blackwater Draw.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material				Total
			Alibates	Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	
Style	Folsom	Count	0	11	1	0	12
		Expected Count	.6	10.3	.6	.6	12.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.18	.90	.89	-1.18	
	Midland	Count	1	3	0	1	5
		Expected Count	.2	4.3	.2	.2	5.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.83	-1.88	-.57	1.83	
	Plainview	Count	0	2	0	0	2
		Expected Count	.1	1.7	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.33	.61	-.33	-.33	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	0	2	0	0	2
		Expected Count	.1	1.7	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.33	.61	-.33	-.33	
Total		Count	1	18	1	1	21
		Expected Count	1.0	18.0	1.0	1.0	21.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	7.681 <sup>a</sup>	9	.567
Likelihood Ratio	7.430	9	.592
N of Valid Cases	21		

### Shifting Sands

Similar to Blackwater Draw but with a larger sample in this analysis, the Shifting Sands assemblage is almost entirely dominated by Edwards chert, with the exception of four individual cases of other raw materials. However, in this case none of the other raw materials are present among Folsom points or preforms. Moreover, none of the full-sized Midland points and preforms are made from non-Edwards materials. Two pseudo-fluted points are made from indeterminate materials, a miniature Midland point is made from quartz crystal, and a lone Plainview point is made from Notrees chert. These points all have significant adjusted residual scores, along with Edwards chert Midland points, which are slightly more abundant than expected. The Chi-square test suggests that a significant difference in raw material preference exists overall as well, but once again the non-Edwards chert point count is extremely small (Table 48).

### Scharbauer

Folsom points are uncommon among the Scharbauer sample in Rose's collection, with only three present. However, one of those three is made from a material other than Edwards chert, while all but one of the 17 Midland points in the sample are Edwards chert. Additionally, two of the three miniature points are Edwards chert, and the single pseudo-fluted and unifacially fluted points are also both Edwards chert (Table 49). The Chi-square test does not indicate any overall significance due to the small sample, but the miniature Midland made from Indeterminate chert A has a significant adjusted residual score. The lone Milnesand point is also significant, while the Folsom point of Indeterminate chert B falls just shy of a significant score.

Table 48: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Shifting Sands.

Style * Material Crosstabulation			Material					Total
			Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	Notrees	Quartz Crystal	
Style	Folsom	Count	31	0	0	0	0	31
		Expected Count	30.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	31
		Adjusted Residual	1.05	-0.52	-0.52	-0.52	-0.52	
	Midland	Count	78	0	0	0	0	78
		Expected Count	75.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	78
		Adjusted Residual	2.17	-1.07	-1.07	-1.07	-1.07	
	Mini Folsom	Count	4	0	0	0	0	4
		Expected Count	3.9	0	0	0	0	4
		Adjusted Residual	0.34	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	
	Mini Midland	Count	3	0	0	0	1	4
		Expected Count	3.9	0	0	0	0	4
		Adjusted Residual	-2.77	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	5.98	
	Mini Pseudo	Count	4	0	0	0	0	4
		Expected Count	3.9	0	0	0	0	4
		Adjusted Residual	0.34	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	
	Mini Uni-Fluted	Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Adjusted Residual	0.17	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	
	Plainview	Count	0	0	0	1	0	1
		Expected Count	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Adjusted Residual	-5.98	-0.08	-0.08	12.08	-0.08	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	9	1	1	0	0	11
		Expected Count	10.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	11
		Adjusted Residual	-3.26	3.52	3.52	-0.29	-0.29	

Table 48 continued.

Style			Material					Total
			Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	Notrees	Quartz Crystal	
Unifacially Fluted	Count	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
	Expected Count	11.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	12
	Adjusted Residual	0.61	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	
Total		Count	142	1	1	1	1	146
		Expected Count	142	1	1	1	1	146

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	206.592 <sup>a</sup>	32	0
Likelihood Ratio	30.056	32	0.565
N of Valid Cases	146		

Table 49: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Scharbauer.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material			Total
			Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	
Style	Folsom	Count	2	0	1	3
		Expected Count	2.6	.2	.2	3.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.04	-.50	1.91	
	Midland	Count	17	0	1	18
		Expected Count	15.5	1.2	1.2	18.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.65	-1.87	-.36	
	Milnesand	Count	1	1	0	2
		Expected Count	1.7	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.54	2.49	-.40	
	Mini Midland	Count	0	1	0	1
		Expected Count	.9	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-2.54	3.74	-.28	
	Mini Pseudo	Count	2	0	0	2
		Expected Count	1.7	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	.59	-.40	-.40	
	Plainview	Count	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.9	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	.41	-.28	-.28	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.9	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	.41	-.28	-.28	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.9	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	.41	-.28	-.28	
Total		Count	25	2	2	29
		Expected Count	25.0	2.0	2.0	29.0

Table 49 continued.

Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	24.940 <sup>a</sup>	14	0.035
Likelihood Ratio	14.498	14	0.413
N of Valid Cases	29		

### Wyche Ranch

This sample is very similar to Scharbauer, with only Midland points being well represented at 10 specimens. Three of those 10 Midland points are made from unknown cherts, while the one Folsom, one miniature, and two pseudo-fluted points are all made from Edwards. Although these results seem to imply that Midland points are more often made from less abundant raw materials, neither the Chi-square test nor the adjusted residuals reveal statistically significant values (Table 50).

The Folsom assemblages from Texas and eastern New Mexico suffer from an obvious problem that likely inhibits this analysis: an overabundance of Edwards chert. Outcrops of this chert occur across a wide area of central Texas and are extremely difficult to assign to regional varieties (Hofman et al. 1991:297), masking much of the Folsom procurement patterns that occurred in this region. Moreover, it must be noted that many of the sites that rely heavily on Edwards chert have a high percentage of Midland points. A couple of possible explanations for this observation will be explored in the following chapter.



Table 50: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Wyche Ranch.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material			Total
			Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.8	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	.48	-.38	-.26	
	Midland	Count	10	2	1	13
		Expected Count	10.7	1.5	.8	13.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.06	.84	.57	
	Mini Midland	Count	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.8	.1	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	.48	-.38	-.26	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	2	0	0	2
		Expected Count	1.6	.2	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	.70	-.55	-.38	
Total		Count	14	2	1	17
		Expected Count	14.0	2.0	1.0	17.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	1.121 <sup>a</sup>	6	.981
Likelihood Ratio	1.799	6	.937
N of Valid Cases	17		

### Rio Rancho

Moving away from Texas and eastern New Mexico, two dramatic changes are immediately noticeable, as observed by Amick (1994a:18) and Jodry (1999:113-116). First, the prevalence of Edwards chert drastically decreases, and second, Folsom points become much more numerous compared to the unifacially fluted or unfluted varieties. As a result, the Rio Rancho sample suffers from basically the opposite problems as the preceding samples. Rio Rancho has a variety of raw materials, but all but one of the 33 points and preforms are typologically Folsom. The one remaining point is pseudo-fluted. Moreover, this pseudo-fluted point is made from the most abundant material in the sample, which fails to support Hofman's hypothesis, and its inclusion in the dominant raw material makes the Chi-square test results insignificant (Table 51).

Table 51: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Rio Rancho.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material						
			Chalcedony	Chuska	Indet A	Indet B	Indet C	Indet D	Obsidian
Style	Folsom	Count	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
		Expected Count	1.9	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.9
		Adjusted Residual	.26	.26	.18	.18	.18	.18	.32
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Expected Count	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.1
		Adjusted Residual	-.26	-.26	-.18	-.18	-.18	-.18	-.32
Total		Count	2	2	1	1	1	1	3
		Expected Count	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation (continued)**

								Total
			Quartzite	Rancheria	San Andres	Silicified Wood	Yellow & Brown Chert	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	3	2	3	12	32
		Expected Count	1.0	2.9	1.9	2.9	12.6	32.0
		Adjusted Residual	.18	.32	.26	.32	-1.26	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	0	0	0	0	1	1
		Expected Count	.0	.1	.1	.1	.4	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.18	-.32	-.26	-.32	1.26	
Total		Count	1	3	2	3	13	33
		Expected Count	1.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	13.0	33.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	1.587 <sup>a</sup>	11	1.000
Likelihood Ratio	1.911	11	.999
N of Valid Cases	33		

### Lindenmeier

Although this site contains the largest Folsom assemblage recorded thus far and boasts a wide variety of raw materials and point types, the sample used in this analysis is still heavily biased towards bifacially fluted Folsom points. Only a sample of the Lindenmeier points and preforms was analyzed in this research, encompassing the 197 artifacts at the Denver Museum and the Smithsonian available for raw material analysis. Given its size, this sample may well be representative of the total raw materials and point types from the site. All the points and preforms from the Denver Museum collections were recorded. At the Smithsonian, Lindenmeier diagnostic artifacts are organized in drawers on trays, with separate trays for points and preforms. The sampling strategy for the Smithsonian Lindenmeier assemblage consisted of recorded points and preforms from each tray column by column, so that the first column from every tray was analyzed before moving back to the second column of the first tray (see Figure 5).

While the sample of 197 points and preforms is more than enough for examining issues relating to technology and skill, it falls short in the raw material analysis. This shortfall is due to the disproportionate number of Folsom points compared to the other type variants, as well as the wide variety of raw materials that are represented at the site. Therefore, the results suggested here must be read with caution due to low artifact counts in individual cells. The attached file “Lindenmeier Raw Materials.xlsx” shows the distribution of the point types sampled at Lindenmeier relative to the raw materials that have been identified in this analysis. The most prevalent raw materials are Chalcedony A, Flattop chalcedony, and Hartville Uplift, based on counts of Folsom points and preforms. Additionally, adjusted residuals indicate there are significantly more Folsom points made from Chalcedony A than expected. Proportionately, the counts of the other point variants match the expected amounts for Flattop chalcedony and

Hartville Uplift, except for a higher than expected count of Midland points made from Flattop chalcedony. Four material types: Alibates, Green River Chert B, Indet F, and oil shale are not present among the Folsom points but are present among the other Folsom variants. Alibates and oil shale are each represented by a single unifacially fluted point, Indet F is a Midland point, and Green River B is present in a pseudo-fluted point. These four points may appear to lend some credence to Hofman's hypothesis and have significant adjusted residual scores, but they are most likely exceptions. Additionally, there are 11 material types in which Folsom points appear to the exclusion of all other variants: Black Forest silicified wood, heated orange chert, Indet A and E, Jack Marrow chert, Oolitic chert A and B, Phosphoria (red jasper) A and C, Silicified Wood B, and Tan chert B. For the most part, the proportions of other point variants in any material type reflect a scaled down proportion of the Folsom points for that material.

#### Krmpotich

The diagnostic points and preforms from Krmpotich consist almost entirely of the formal Folsom type, although one unifacially fluted point is also present. The unifacially fluted point is made from Green River chert, which is the second most abundant raw material for the 16 projectile points at the site. Neither the Chi-square test nor the adjusted residuals are significant, and Krmpotich cannot support Hofman's hypothesis (Table 52).

#### Hanson

Folsom and Midland points and preforms from Hanson occur roughly in proportion to each other in terms of raw materials, although there is one quartzite Midland point out of the 16 artifacts sampled that has no Folsom counterpart. This artifact could represent the last remaining point of a dwindling raw material supply as per Hofman's hypothesis, but this point is not

enough to produce significant results in the Chi-square test or in the adjusted residuals (Table 53).

#### Agate Basin

The point and preform sample from Agate Basin is made up of seven Folsom artifacts, along with one example each of Midland, pseudo-fluted, and unifacially fluted. Knife River flint and quartzite have the highest counts of Folsom artifacts, but all the other variants (and a single Folsom point) are made from the material designated Indet B. Although these results appear to offer some support to Hofman's hypothesis, they are not significant according to the Chi-square test and the adjusted residuals (Table 54), likely due to the presence of the Indet B Folsom point.

Table 52: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Krmpotich.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material						Total
			Green River Chert	Indet A	Indet B	Jack Marrow Chert	Oil Shale	Oolitic Chert	
Style	Folsom	Count	4	1	1	3	1	5	15
		Expected Count	4.7	.9	.9	2.8	.9	4.7	15.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.53	.27	.27	.50	.27	.70	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.1	.1	.2	.1	.3	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.53	-.27	-.27	-.50	-.27	-.70	
Total		Count	5	1	1	3	1	5	16
		Expected Count	5.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	16.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	2.347 <sup>a</sup>	5	.799
Likelihood Ratio	2.477	5	.780
N of Valid Cases	16		

Table 53: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Hanson.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material						Total
			Indet	Morrison Chert	Phosphoria A	Phosphoria B	Phosphoria C	Quartzite	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	2	4	1	1	0	9
		Expected Count	1.1	2.3	3.9	.6	.6	.6	9.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.19	-.29	.06	.91	.91	-1.17	
	Indet	Count	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
		Expected Count	.3	.5	.9	.1	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.57	.87	.19	-.39	-.39	-.39	
	Midland	Count	1	1	2	0	0	1	5
		Expected Count	.6	1.3	2.2	.3	.3	.3	5.0
		Adjusted Residual	.61	-.31	-.20	-.70	-.70	1.53	
Total		Count	2	4	7	1	1	1	16
		Expected Count	2.0	4.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	16.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	4.857 <sup>a</sup>	10	.901
Likelihood Ratio	5.836	10	.829
N of Valid Cases	16		



Table 54: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Agate Basin.

Style * Material Crosstabulation							
			Material				Total
			Knife River Flint	Indet A	Indet B	Quartzite	
Style	Folsom	Count	3	1	1	2	7
		Expected Count	2.1	.7	2.8	1.4	7.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.36	0.69	-2.54	1.04	
	Midland	Count	0	0	1	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.1	.4	.2	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.69	-0.35	1.29	-0.53	
	Pseudo- fluted	Count	0	0	1	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.1	.4	.2	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.69	-0.35	1.29	-0.53	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	0	0	1	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.1	.4	.2	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.69	-0.35	1.29	-0.53	
Total		Count	3	1	4	2	10
		Expected Count	3.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	10.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	6.429 <sup>a</sup>	9	.696
Likelihood Ratio	7.719	9	.563
N of Valid Cases	10		

### Hell Gap

Although the sample from this site is divided into Folsom, Midland, and Goshen components, these components are combined in this analysis due to the small sample size of diagnostics (21 in total) in the assemblages. The Chi-square test provides no significant results overall, although as with the other sites, the miniscule sample size for each point type by material type makes the results uncertain (Table 55). There are several cells with adjusted residuals that are close to significant, but the only one that is truly significant is the one containing two Folsom points made of Hartville Uplift chert. However, it is worth noting that Hartville Uplift chert is split from another material, termed Hartville B, which appears similar under regular light but fluoresces differently. The same holds true with the three varieties of “Phosphoria” (possibly red jasper) identified in this sample. When these materials are combined under one Hartville category and one Phosphoria category, no significant adjusted residuals are present.

### Barger Gulch

This site is made up almost entirely of bifacially fluted Folsom points (27), except for one unifacially fluted point. Also, the site is heavily dominated by Troublesome Formation chert, with the unifacially fluted point being made from this material as well. Therefore, no significant variations in point types and raw materials are present at this site (Table 56).

### Bobtail Wolf

Although this is one of the Folsom sites located within the Knife River flint quarry area, a variety of other materials is also present in small numbers. Midland points (three in total) are present among some of these materials in addition to Knife River flint, but every raw material is also represented by at least one Folsom point. Therefore, both the Chi-square test and the adjusted residuals lack any significant results (Table 57).

Table 55: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Hell Gap.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material					
			Clinker (Porcelainite)	Hartville B	Hartville Uplift	Indet A	Indet B	Indet C
Style	Folsom	Count	0	0	2	1	1	1
		Expected Count	.3	1.4	.6	.3	.6	.3
		Adjusted Residual	-0.65	-1.62	2.35	1.62	0.71	1.62
	Goshen	Count	1	2	0	0	0	0
		Expected Count	.2	1.2	.5	.2	.5	.2
		Adjusted Residual	1.83	0.97	-0.83	-0.57	-0.83	-0.57
	Midland	Count	0	2	0	0	1	0
		Expected Count	.4	2.1	.9	.4	.9	.4
		Adjusted Residual	-0.89	-0.15	-1.29	-0.89	0.21	-0.89
	Pseudo- fluted	Count	0	1	0	0	0	0
		Expected Count	.0	.2	.1	.0	.1	.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.23	1.83	-0.33	-0.23	-0.33	-0.23
Total		Count	1	5	2	1	2	1
		Expected Count	1.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0

Table 55 continued.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation (continued)**

							Total
			Phosphoria A	Phosphoria B	Phosphoria C	Troublesome Chert	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	0	0	0	6
		Expected Count	1.7	.3	.3	.3	6.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.76	-0.65	-0.65	-0.65	
	Goshen	Count	1	0	1	0	5
		Expected Count	1.4	.2	.2	.2	5.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.49	-0.57	1.83	-0.57	
	Midland	Count	4	1	0	1	9
		Expected Count	2.6	.4	.4	.4	9.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.39	1.18	-0.89	1.18	
	Pseudo- fluted	Count	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.0	.0	.0	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.65	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	
Total		Count	6	1	1	1	21
		Expected Count	6.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	21.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	25.916 <sup>a</sup>	27	.523
Likelihood Ratio	26.992	27	.464
N of Valid Cases	21		

Table 56: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Barger Gulch.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material				Total
			Hartville Uplift	Indet A	Indet B	Troublesome Chert	
Style	Folsom	Count	2	1	1	23	27
		Expected Count	1.9	1.0	1.0	23.1	27.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.28	0.20	0.20	-0.42	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	0	0	0	1	1
		Expected Count	.1	.0	.0	.9	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.28	-0.20	-0.20	0.42	
Total		Count	2	1	1	24	28
		Expected Count	2.0	1.0	1.0	24.0	28.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	.173 <sup>a</sup>	3	.982
Likelihood Ratio	.314	3	.957
N of Valid Cases	28		

Table 57: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Bobtail Wolf.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material					
			Chalcedony A	Chalcedony B	Clinker (Porcelainite)	Hartville Uplift	Indet A	Knife River Flint
Style	Folsom	Count	2	1	1	1	1	10
		Expected Count	2.6	.9	.9	.9	1.7	9.6
		Adjusted Residual	-1.12	0.40	0.40	0.40	-1.62	0.54
	Midland	Count	1	0	0	0	1	1
		Expected Count	.4	.1	.1	.1	.3	1.4
		Adjusted Residual	1.12	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	1.62	-0.54
Total		Count	3	1	1	1	2	11
		Expected Count	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	11.0

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation (continued)**

							Total
			Rainy Buttes Silicified Wood	Silicified Wood A	Silicified Wood B	Yellowstone Agate	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	1	1	1	20
		Expected Count	.9	.9	.9	.9	20.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	
	Midland	Count	0	0	0	0	3
		Expected Count	.1	.1	.1	.1	3.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	
Total		Count	1	1	1	1	23
		Expected Count	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	23.0

Table 57 continued.

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	4.699 <sup>a</sup>	9	.860
Likelihood Ratio	4.518	9	.874
N of Valid Cases	23		

### Cedar Creek

A variety of point types and raw materials are present at Cedar Creek, with Edwards chert and Alibates being the most plentiful of the material types. Quartzite and Tecovas jasper are only represented by a single Midland point each, but their adjusted residuals do not indicate a strong significance in this occurrence. Significant residual values are present for a single Plainview point made from Indeterminate chert B, a pseudo-fluted point made from Indeterminate chert A, and two unifacially fluted points made from Alibates (Table 58). The Chi-square test is not significant overall, but the pseudo-fluted and unifacially fluted points may provide some support for Hofman's hypothesis at this site.

### Sulphur River

This Folsom assemblage is very small with the six diagnostic artifacts made from various materials, with no material type occurring among more than two artifacts. The Chi-square test is expectedly insignificant, but a single Midland point made from Chadron chert has a significant adjusted residual score (Table 59). However, considering that all material types except for Edwards chert are represented by single specimens, it is uncertain to what degree this lone Midland point supports Hofman's hypothesis.

### Mud Springs

This Wyoming site in Jim Cox's collection has a variety of materials with no particular one dominating the assemblage of 23 artifacts. The Chi-square test does not yield a significant p-value, but a couple of points do have significant adjusted residual scores (Table 60). A Midland point made of silicified wood and a unifacially fluted point made of jasper are significant in terms of residuals and may support Hofman's hypothesis, but it is difficult to determine with any certainty due to the lack of any abundant material types.



Table 58: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Cedar Creek.

Style \* Material Crosstabulation

			Material							Total
			Alibates	Edwards	Indet A	Indet B	Indet C	Quartzite	Tecovas	
Style	Folsom	Count	5	11	0	0	1	0	0	17
		Expected Count	5.5	9.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	17.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.36	1.06	-0.87	-0.87	1.18	-0.87	-0.87	
	Midland	Count	3	7	0	0	0	1	1	12
		Expected Count	3.9	6.6	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	12.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.66	0.28	-0.66	-0.66	-0.66	1.55	1.55	
	Milnesand	Count	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.3	.6	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.70	0.92	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	
	Plainview	Count	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	6
		Expected Count	2.0	3.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	6.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.99	-1.16	-0.43	2.41	-0.43	-0.43	-0.43	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
		Expected Count	.7	1.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-1.01	-0.15	4.41	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Expected Count	.7	1.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	2.09	-1.60	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	
Total		Count	13	22	1	1	1	1	1	40
		Expected Count	13.0	22.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	40.0

Table 58 continued.

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	37.593 <sup>a</sup>	30	.160
Likelihood Ratio	24.222	30	.762
N of Valid Cases	40		

Table 59: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Sulphur River.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material					Total
			Alibates	Chadron	Edwards	Nova Chert	Quartzite	
Style	Folsom	Count	0	0	1	1	0	2
		Expected Count	.3	.3	.7	.3	.3	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.77	-0.77	0.61	1.55	-0.77	
	Midland	Count	0	1	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.49	2.45	-0.77	-0.49	-0.49	
	Plainview	Count	0	0	1	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.49	-0.49	1.55	-0.49	-0.49	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	1	0	0	0	1	2
		Expected Count	.3	.3	.7	.3	.3	2.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.55	-0.77	-1.22	-0.77	1.55	
Total		Count	1	1	2	1	1	6
		Expected Count	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	6.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	13.500 <sup>a</sup>	12	.334
Likelihood Ratio	13.183	12	.356
N of Valid Cases	6		

Table 60: Chi-square test comparing point types and material types for Mud Springs.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material							
			Alibates	Flattop Chalcedony	Green River Chert	Indet A	Indet B	Indet C	Jack Marrow Chert	Jasper
Style	Folsom	Count	3	2	1	1	2	4	1	0
		Expected Count	2.7	1.8	.9	.9	1.8	3.7	.9	.9
		Adjusted Residual	0.57	0.46	0.32	0.32	0.46	0.68	0.32	-3.31
	Midland	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Expected Count	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.2	.0	.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.40	-0.32	-0.22	-0.22	-0.32	-0.47	-0.22	-0.22
	Unifacial Fluted	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.2	.0	.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.40	-0.32	-0.22	-0.22	-0.32	-0.47	-0.22	4.80
Total		Count	3	2	1	1	2	4	1	1
		Expected Count	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.0

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation (continued)**

									Total
			Morrison Quartzite	Oil Shale	Oolitic Chert A	Oolitic Chert B	Quartzite	Silicified Wood	
Style	Folsom	Count	1	1	2	1	1	1	21
		Expected Count	.9	.9	1.8	.9	.9	1.8	21.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.32	0.32	0.46	0.32	0.32	-2.17	
	Midland	Count	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
		Expected Count	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.22	-0.22	-0.32	-0.22	-0.22	3.31	
	Unifacial Fluted	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Expected Count	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.1	1.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.22	-0.22	-0.32	-0.22	-0.22	-0.32	
Total		Count	1	1	2	1	1	2	23
		Expected Count	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	23.0

Table 60 continued.

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	33.952 <sup>a</sup>	26	.136
Likelihood Ratio	13.590	26	.978
N of Valid Cases	23		

As previously mentioned, the assemblages from each of these sites suffer from small sample sizes, particularly due to subdividing the points and preforms by type and raw material. This rather substantial problem may inhibit the usefulness of these Chi-square results. With this caveat in mind, the results appear to indicate that most of these assemblages do not support Hofman's model that Folsom-age knappers made non-Folsom points as their raw material supplies grew low. However, the data should also be examined on a more comprehensive level to determine whether this trend holds true overall. One way to perform a comprehensive analysis is to compare the instances in which a point type has a significant adjusted residual score with the number of times it appears in all the Chi-square crosstabulations. This comparison does not count individual points, but instead counts unique instances of point type/raw material combinations for each site. A new Chi-square test can then be run, with point types on the rows and the counts significant and non-significant adjusted residuals on the columns. Additionally, all miniature point types are combined into one group to increase their sample size. Table 61 gives the results of this analysis. The results are highly significant and indicate that Folsom points have an unexpectedly low count of significant residuals from the previous analyses, while unifacially fluted and miniature points have an unexpectedly high count. These results correspond to Hofman's model to some extent but not perfectly. Midland points and pseudo-fluted points have close to the expected number of significant residual scores, placing them in the middle of a scale with Folsom points on one end and unifacially fluted and miniature points on the other. An interpretation of these results from the perspective of Hofman's approach would indicate that Folsom points are made when raw material is most abundant, followed by Midland and pseudo-fluted points as the material decreases, and finally knappers resort to unifacially fluted and miniature points when supplies decrease further.

However, the inclusion of pseudo-fluted points in the middle of the scale and unifacially fluted points on the end makes no sense from a technological perspective. Pseudo-fluted points are generally far simpler and less risky to make and likely consume less material than unifacially fluted points. In this respect, the results do not support Hofman's approach very strongly.

Table 61: Chi-square test comparing point types to occurrences of significant adjusted residual scores from the previous analyses.

**Type \* Significance Crosstabulation**

			Significance		Total
			No	Yes	
Type	Folsom	Count	92	2	94
		Expected Count	81.3	12.7	94.0
		Adjusted Residual	4.7	-4.7	
	Midland	Count	27	6	33
		Expected Count	28.6	4.4	33.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.9	.9	
	Mini	Count	9	8	17
		Expected Count	14.7	2.3	17.0
		Adjusted Residual	-4.3	4.3	
	Pseudo	Count	16	3	19
		Expected Count	16.4	2.6	19.0
		Adjusted Residual	-.3	.3	
	Unifacial	Count	10	5	15
		Expected Count	13.0	2.0	15.0
		Adjusted Residual	-2.4	2.4	
Total		Count	154	24	178
		Expected Count	154.0	24.0	178.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	32.598 <sup>a</sup>	4	.000
Likelihood Ratio	30.958	4	.000
N of Valid Cases	178		



The final raw material analysis encompasses nearly the entire sample of points and preforms and completely eliminates the problem of small sample sizes. In order for this analysis to be performed across sites, the raw material types from each site are homogenized into “Dominant” and “Non-dominant” categories. The occurrences of the most abundant raw materials for each site are counted until those materials account for at least 50% of the points and preforms from that site. Those raw materials are then renamed “Dominant.” All the other raw materials from that site are termed “Non-dominant.” Only two sites are eliminated from this analysis: Plainview, due to its lack of Folsom artifacts; and Two Moon, because it only contains two Folsom points made from different materials, making it impossible to determine which is dominant. On the other hand, the large personal collections of Tom Westfall and Jim Cox are included in this analysis, despite the fact that they are not from discrete sites, because dominant raw materials are readily discernible in both collections. Most point types from this sample are included in the analysis, but a few are eliminated due to small sample sizes. The removed types are Cody and Milnesand, while the Goshen points from Hell Gap are lumped in with Plainview. If this analysis supports Hofman’s approach, then Folsom points should be preferentially made from dominant materials, while Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points would more likely be made from the non-dominant materials, since those materials should represent the supplies that were running low.

The results of the Chi-square test comparing point types with dominant and non-dominant raw materials are highly significant (Table 62). However, the direction of the significance is almost the opposite of the expectations based on Hofman’s model. Folsom points are made on non-dominant materials more often than expected, while Midland points are made on dominant materials more often than expected. The final point type with a significant adjusted

residual score is indeterminate unfluted, which is made from non-dominant materials more often than expected. Unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points do not deviate significantly from their expected proportions of material types. These results do not support Hofman's approach as stipulated in the analysis procedure, but the presence of other significant results may indicate that the underlying assumption of direct raw material procurement is incorrect.

Table 62: Chi-square test comparing point types to dominant and non-dominant material types for all applicable assemblages.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material		Total
			Dominant	Non-dominant	
Style	Folsom	Count	374	186	560
		Expected Count	392.8	167.2	560.0
		Adjusted Residual	-2.70	2.70	
	Indet	Count	9	13	22
		Expected Count	15.4	6.6	22.0
		Adjusted Residual	-3.03	3.03	
	Midland	Count	182	38	220
		Expected Count	154.3	65.7	220.0
		Adjusted Residual	4.65	-4.65	
	Miniature	Count	24	8	32
		Expected Count	22.4	9.6	32.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.61	-0.61	
	Plainview	Count	21	12	33
		Expected Count	23.1	9.9	33.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.83	0.83	
	Pseudo-fluted	Count	29	14	43
		Expected Count	30.2	12.8	43.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.40	0.40	
	Unifacially Fluted	Count	33	15	48
		Expected Count	33.7	14.3	48.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.22	0.22	
Total		Count	672	286	958
		Expected Count	672.0	286.0	958.0

Table 62 continued.

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2- sided)
Pearson Chi- Square	29.851 <sup>a</sup>	6	.000
Likelihood Ratio	30.675	6	.000
N of Valid Cases	958		

### *Ultrathin Bifaces*

These finely made bifaces are not present in large numbers in most Folsom sites, but their raw materials can be analyzed as an aggregate using the same “dominant” and “non-dominant” categories as the preceding analysis. For the sake of consistency, the raw materials of the ultrathin bifaces are determined to be dominant or non-dominant based on the projectile point and preform data. Because of this decision, some sites and collections have more ultrathin bifaces made from non-dominant materials than from dominant materials. Those assemblages are Lindenmeier, Krmpotich, Mud Springs, and the Cox collection. However, the three sites in this list have a very small sample of ultrathin bifaces. Krmpotich and Mud Springs only have one biface each in this sample, and Lindenmeier only has five due to the fact that none of the bifaces in the Smithsonian collection were examined. Finally, the Cox collection of ultrathins does not come from a specific archaeological site and may be unrelated to the projectile point collection. As such, it appears likely that ultrathin bifaces are generally made from the most abundant materials present at any particular site, or at least they are made from the same materials as the majority of the projectile points at a site.

However, not all of the bifaces assigned to the ultrathin biface category are technologically the same. In the technological analysis chapter, some of these artifacts are termed “thick bifaces” or “flake bifaces.” These bifaces appear to have served the same purpose as ultrathins, but it is possible that they are morphologically different due to being made from different raw materials. Table 63 gives the results of the Chi-square test comparing different bifacial knife forms to material type (dominant vs. non-dominant). The results show that finished ultrathin bifaces and flake bifaces match the expected proportions of dominant and non-dominant materials, while ultrathin preforms and thick bifaces deviate from their expected

proportions. Ultrathin preforms fall just shy of having a significant adjusted residual score, but their results are worth discussing. The preforms are more commonly made from dominant materials than expected, suggesting that ultrathin bifaces are indeed likely made from the most prevalent materials available, at least in terms of projectile point raw materials. On the other hand, thick bifaces are made from less commonly used materials, and these materials often appear to be coarser varieties such as quartzite. Flake bifaces are the least common form, but it appears that raw material type does not play a significant role in determining their morphology. Instead, they may simply be a more expedient form of ultrathin biface.

Table 63: Chi-square test comparing ultrathin biface forms to dominant and non-dominant material types for all applicable assemblages.

**Style \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material		Total
			Dominant	Non-dominant	
Style	Flake Biface	Count	2	1	3
		Expected Count	2.1	.9	3.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.11	0.11	
	Thick Biface	Count	1	6	7
		Expected Count	4.9	2.1	7.0
		Adjusted Residual	-3.30	3.30	
	Ultrathin	Count	44	18	62
		Expected Count	43.0	19.0	62.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.51	-0.51	
	Ultrathin Preform	Count	12	1	13
		Expected Count	9.0	4.0	13.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.95	-1.95	
Total		Count	59	26	85
		Expected Count	59.0	26.0	85.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	13.310 <sup>a</sup>	3	.004
Likelihood Ratio	13.366	3	.004
N of Valid Cases	85		

## *Discussion*

The preceding raw material analysis for the sampled Folsom point assemblages does bring up some intriguing questions. Since there is little support for Hofman's approach when looking at the sample as a whole, the first question must be whether his approach accurately describes Folsom behavior in certain regions. There are five sites that may provide tentative support for Hofman's model and ten sites that do not (provided one accepts the results of the site-by-site Chi-square tests). The five sites that support the model are included based on having significant adjusted residual scores for non-dominant raw materials for Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and/or miniature points. These sites are Shifting Sands, Scharbauer, Cedar Creek, Sulphur River, and Mud Springs. Lindenmeier may also be considered based on these criteria, but it was excluded because numerous non-dominant raw materials are also represented solely by Folsom points. Perhaps the most important observation to note on these sites is that four of them come from the southern Plains, and three of those sites are located in Texas. However, none of the five sites listed above provide particularly strong support for Hofman's model. Shifting Sands has some significant scores, but it also has a greater than expected count of Midland points made on Edwards chert, the site's dominant material. Scharbauer's and Sulphur River's significances are based on one point each. Mud Springs has a significant Midland and a unifacially fluted point, but it has a wide variety of raw materials, most of which are only represented by one artifact each. Finally, Cedar Creek actually yields some promising results in favor of Hofman's hypothesis, but the overall Chi-square test for the site is not significant. Perhaps the fact that significant residuals appear primarily in southern Plains sites is simply the result of more unfluted Folsom-age points being present at these sites than elsewhere.



The implications of this regional difference were touched upon in the Gault chapter and will be further explored in the next chapter.

The second question raised is whether a factor other than stone tool technology is contributing to the results observed in the analysis of dominant vs. non-dominant material types. One possibility worth considering is that some of the non-dominant raw materials may have been obtained indirectly via trade or small task groups. Hofman's (1992:197) approach assumes that Folsom groups obtained their lithic materials directly as part of their regular movements. However, other researchers have considered other options. Speth et al. (2013) explore the possibility of trade and small group procurement of raw materials from an ethnographic perspective. For example, select groups of male Australian Aborigines have been recorded traveling on a 300 mile trip to obtain red ochre, and each individual would carry about 70 pounds of it back to the base camp (Speth et al. 2013:115). If recent Aborigines were willing to make such an arduous trip for a material that is unrelated to subsistence, then it is not difficult to imagine Folsom-age Paleoindians making similar trips for exotic lithic supplies. In this case, the red ochre is valuable for its use in ceremonies and for its potential to be traded for a variety of goods. However, red ochre is not the only material that Aborigines sent special task groups to procure. According to Speth et al. (2013:116), special groups were sent to obtain any material that was considered to hold significant spiritual or symbolic properties, including:

...obsidian, turquoise, mica, copper, silver, galena, freshwater pearls, quartz crystals, greenstone for making stone axes, salt, marine shells, feathers, shark's teeth and other fossils, furs, hair (both human and animal), red ocher, herbal medicines, catlinite, special construction timbers and wood for making bows and arrows, and many other materials and substances...

As mentioned previously, Bamforth (2009) has also explored the possibility of toolstone procurement by trade or task groups, specifically within the context of Paleoindian projectile

points, which often appear to be made from more distantly obtained materials than any other tools found at a site. When addressing the issue of trade, Meltzer (2003:553) states that lithic raw materials are unlikely to be traded in an unmodified form; instead, finished points and perhaps bifacial cores would be exchanged between groups. This inference leads to a possible explanation for the raw material variability observed among Folsom points in this study. If Folsom points are more commonly made from non-dominant raw materials than the other point types, it may be because Folsom points were exchanged more often than the other types. In that case, assuming that Meltzer is correct in that finished points are more likely to be exchanged than unfinished tools, then more finished Folsom points should be made of non-dominant materials than preforms. Table 64 gives the results of a Chi-square test indicating that this inference is likely correct for this research sample. Finished Folsom points are made from non-dominant materials more often than expected, fluted preforms (late stage) match the expected counts, and unfluted preforms (early stage) are made from dominant materials more often than expected. Although these results indicate the possibility of trade occurring during the Folsom period, this explanation is not the only way to interpret the data. It may be possible that finished Folsom points are more curated than the other point types, and so discarded Folsom points made from non-dominant materials represent points that were retained for a long time. However, an examination of maximum lengths for complete Folsom and Midland points in the Technological Analysis chapter reveals no significant difference between the two point types, suggesting that they underwent similar use-lives prior to discard. Instead, the existence of a trend from dominant materials in early stage preforms to non-dominant materials in finished points most likely suggests that Folsom preforms were kept in an unfinished state for a while before being finished and employed as weapons. This scenario indicates that staged approaches to Folsom

point production as suggested by Frison and Bradley (1980) may be more than just modern analytical categories and could be accurate representations of past human behavior.

Another explanation is that the aggregate data used in Table 64 are biased by the presence of Folsom points from specific sites or collections, where points made from various materials are often present to the exclusion of most other artifacts. A site-by-site examination of dominant and non-dominant raw materials for Folsom points and preforms (see “Dominant Materials.xls” in the attached files) shows that there are 15 sites or collections with both Folsom points and preforms that are made from dominant and non-dominant materials (although two of those sites, Scharbauer and Sulphur River, only have a single preform each). Of these, only Rio Rancho, the Westfall site, and Big Black have significant Chi-square tests with greater than expected counts of non-dominant Folsom points. Lindenmeier also deserves mention because it does not have a significant Chi-square, but the adjusted residuals for non-dominant Folsom points are high. Therefore, only a small number of individual sites have Folsom points that are made on non-dominant materials more often than expected when compared to preforms. That being the case, it appears that a small number of sites may be inflating the total count of Folsom points made from non-dominant materials and making the population-level results appear significant.

Table 64: Chi-square test comparing Folsom points and preforms to dominant and non-dominant material types for all applicable assemblages.

**MorphType \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material		Total
			Dominant	Non-dominant	
MorphType	Fluted Point	Count	193	122	315
		Expected Count	210.4	104.6	315.0
		Adjusted Residual	-3.14	3.14	
	Fluted Preform	Count	136	58	194
		Expected Count	129.6	64.4	194.0
		Adjusted Residual	1.21	-1.21	
	Unfluted Preform	Count	45	6	51
		Expected Count	34.1	16.9	51.0
		Adjusted Residual	3.41	-3.41	
Total		Count	374	186	560
		Expected Count	374.0	186.0	560.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	15.861 <sup>a</sup>	2	.000
Likelihood Ratio	17.806	2	.000
N of Valid Cases	560		

One final test remains to determine whether the trade of finished artifacts contributes to the prevalence of Folsom points made from non-dominant materials. The chapter on skill analysis mentions the presence of very finely made projectile points in many assemblages, informally termed “extra fine” points in this research. If Meltzer’s hypothesis is correct that finished points were more likely to be traded than lithic materials in a rougher form, then “extra fine” projectile points would likely have been highly prized. It would make sense then that these high quality points would be traded more often than the more ordinary forms. However, a Chi-square test examining dominant and non-dominant materials among “extra fine” and normal points shows no significant differences (Table 65). Extra fine points are no more or less likely to be made from other materials than regular points, suggesting that the high quality points were obtained in the same manner as the rest of the points.

Table 65: Chi-square test comparing “extra fine” and normal quality points to dominant and non-dominant material types for all applicable assemblages.

**Quality \* Material Crosstabulation**

			Material		Total
			Dominant	Non-dominant	
Quality	"Extra Fine"	Count	37	19	56
		Expected Count	38.0	18.0	56.0
		Adjusted Residual	-0.29	0.29	
	Normal	Count	420	198	618
		Expected Count	419.0	199.0	618.0
		Adjusted Residual	0.29	-0.29	
Total		Count	457	217	674
		Expected Count	457.0	217.0	674.0

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (1-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	.084 <sup>a</sup>	1	.772		
Continuity Correction <sup>b</sup>	.020	1	.888		
Likelihood Ratio	.083	1	.773		
Fisher's Exact Test				.767	.438
N of Valid Cases	674				

### *Directionality and Distance of Dominant Raw Materials*

As mentioned before, many of the raw materials differentiated in this study are not properly identified by regional names, and their source locations are unknown. However, the materials labeled as “dominant” are the most abundant and most easily recognizable in their respective assemblages, and many of these materials can be traced to a particular source. Therefore, these dominant materials may be used to determine the most recent travel directions and distances that Folsom groups underwent prior to occupation of their respective sites. In sites where lithic procurement took place, this analysis does not reveal any information on movement because the dominant materials are immediately available at or near the site itself. This consideration includes Barger Gulch in Wyoming and the Knife River Flint Quarry sites of Bobtail Wolf and Big Black, along with Edwards Plateau sites such as Gault, Pavo Real, Kincaid, Wilson-Leonard, and Bonfire. Edwards chert outcrops across the widest geographic range of any lithic material source in North America (Hofman et al. 1991:297), is notoriously variable in appearance, and differentiation among local sources has only recently become possible using high resolution elemental analyses (Speer 2011). As such, an analysis directed towards understanding the mobility patterns of Folsom-age groups utilizing Edwards chert within the Edwards Plateau was not conducted, although its occurrence beyond this area was examined. An examination of sites was conducted to see if the sourcing of the dominant materials reveals useful insights on Folsom-age mobility. The distances included in this study assume that Folsom-age people obtained their dominant raw materials from the primary source of the stone, rather than from secondary sources such as stream cobbles.

Shifting Sands, Scharbauer, Wyche Ranch, and Lubbock Lake are all west Texas Folsom-Midland sites largely dominated by Edwards chert. The TARL collection of points from

the Folsom assemblage from Blackwater Draw, New Mexico is also largely made up of Edwards chert and can be considered as part of this grouping as well. In the case of Shifting Sands, the closest identified source of Edwards chert is 150 km to the east, near Sterling City, Texas (Hofman 1992:211). Scharbauer is located 80 km to the east of Shifting Sands, making it about 70 km distant from the same Edwards chert source (Hofman et al. 1990:221). Similarly, Wyche Ranch is roughly 20 km east of Shifting Sands, placing it about 130 km east of the Sterling City chert source (Holliday 1997:4). For Lubbock Lake, the distance to the same Edwards chert source is just over 200 km to the south-southeast. Finally, the distance from Blackwater Draw to the Edwards chert source at Sterling City is about 330 km to the southeast. For the sampled sites in which Edwards chert dominates that are located away from the Edwards Plateau, the direction of movement is primarily to the west and north, although no Folsom-age sites have been sampled to the south and east of the plateau, making this sample biased. The fact that Edwards chert dominates sites over 300 km away is a testament to its value to hunter-gatherers during the Folsom period, and the extensive presence of Edwards chert in the Folsom artifacts from the Martin site in New Mexico (Reitze et al. 2012) indicates that the material was even transported in bulk as far as 550 km northwest from the Sterling City outcrop.

Rio Rancho is located only about 50 km west of the Martin site, but it completely lacks Edwards chert. Instead, the most prevalent raw material at the site is termed “yellow and brown” chert, but its source location is currently unknown (Huckell and Kilby 2002:22). The other most common raw materials for the points and preforms sampled are obsidian and silicified wood. The obsidian is known to occur in the Jemez Mountains 50 to 70 km to the north, but the silicified wood source is also unknown (Huckell and Kilby 2002:21). Based on the obsidian and less prevalent materials such as Pederal, Chuska, Zuni Spotted, and San Andres cherts, the



surrounding Jemez, Chuska, and Zuni mountain ranges are the likely procurement locations for many of the raw materials at Rio Rancho. These mountain ranges are located to the north (50-70 km), west (220 km), and southwest (115 km), respectively, suggesting that the Folsom-age groups living in this area travelled in a curvilinear pattern between these ranges. However, the uneven distribution of raw materials at the different Folsom loci in Rio Rancho complicates any interpretation and brings up the possibility that either multiple groups or multiple occupations converged at the site (Huckell and Kilby 2002:27-28).

The Folsom points and preforms from Lindenmeier are made from a wide variety of materials, but only three of them stand out as dominant. The first, Flattop chalcedony, is derived from a source due east, near Sterling, Colorado (Hofman 1990:20). The nearest town to Lindenmeier is Wellington, Colorado, and the distance between Wellington and Sterling is about 150 km. However, this distance should be considered a maximum distance, as Wilmsen and Roberts (1978:114) note that the chalcedony from Lindenmeier closely resembles lithic materials from four outcrops about 7.8 km to the west. In this respect, Flattop chalcedony could possibly be considered a local material. One of the other dominant materials is an unnamed chalcedony, termed “Chalcedony A” in this analysis. In natural light, Chalcedony A appears white or gray in color, in contrast to the pink color of Flattop chalcedony, but it is possible that both materials are actually Flattop chalcedony, considering that they fluoresce similarly under UV light. The final dominant raw material from Lindenmeier is Hartville Uplift chert. The Hartville Uplift lies in eastern Wyoming, about due north of Lindenmeier. Using Wellington, Colorado again as a proxy for Lindenmeier and Hartville, Wyoming as a proxy for the Hartville Uplift, the distance between the two locations is about 170 km.

For the sample that was analyzed from the Folsom site, the dominant material is Alibates. Alibates is present in proportionately smaller amounts in other assemblages in this research, such as Blackwater Draw, Plainview, the Baker collection, Lindenmeier, and Cedar Creek, but it is rarely the dominant material. The Alibates source is located in a fairly small outcrop north of Amarillo, Texas, along the Canadian River. The Folsom site is located 265 m to the northwest of the Alibates quarry (Meltzer 2006:261).

The Westfall collection consists of artifacts collected primarily from secondary stream contexts in northeastern Colorado and southwestern Nebraska. Like Lindenmeier, the dominant materials are Flattop chalcedony and Hartville Uplift chert. Because the source of Flattop chalcedony is located near the town of Sterling in northeastern Colorado, it can be considered a local material for many of the artifacts included in this assemblage. However, some of the more distant counties in the Westfall collection may be up to 100 km northeast of the Flattop source. The Hartville Uplift is located in east-southeast Wyoming. Using the towns of Hartville, Wyoming and Sterling, Colorado as proxies, the source of Hartville Uplift chert is located approximately 230 km northwest of the Westfall collection. However, it is necessary to point out that the North Platte River runs along the south end of the Hartville Uplift and may have transported chert cobbles into southwestern Nebraska, where some of the Westfall collection originates.

The Westfall site, on the other hand, is dominated by Black Forest silicified wood. Since the site is located near the headwaters of Bijou Creek in Elbert County, Colorado, the nearby town of Elbert is used as a proxy in this analysis. According to Jodry (1999:88), Black Forest silicified wood outcrops between Colorado Springs and Denver, with one variety of the material

appearing near Elbert itself. As such, the Westfall site appears to be composed mainly of local raw materials.

The Krmpotich site lies in southwestern Wyoming, about 45 km north of the city of Rock Springs (Peterson 2001:14). The two dominant materials in the research sample are called Green River chert and oolitic chert in this analysis, and they refer to Green River Formation Upper Laney Member chert (type 1-4) and ostracod chert (type 6), respectively, according to Peterson's MA thesis on the site (2001:46-49). Both of these materials could be considered local, as the Green River chert can be found 20 km to the northeast, and oolitic chert outcrops are only 5 km to the southeast of the site. Peterson (2001:46) states that all but two of the raw materials identified at Krmpotich are found within 75 km of the site, indicating that the Folsom-age inhabitants of the site did not need to travel far to acquire toolstone.

The Hanson site, in Big Horn County of northern Wyoming, is generally considered a lithic procurement site (Frison and Bradley 1980). However, because its dominant raw materials include two different cherts, some elaboration may be necessary. Morrison chert outcrops within the Hanson site and is the apparent local material. Phosphoria, the other dominant material, occurs on the western slopes of the Big Horn Mountains and is also close to the Hanson site, although the distance has not been calculated.

For Agate Basin, the most dominant identifiable material of the Folsom component was initially identified as Green River chert, but subsequent experience indicates that the material is actually Knife River flint (Frison 1982c:176). This material occurs a substantial distance away from Agate Basin, especially when considering its abundance among the Folsom points and preforms. Using Edgemont, South Dakota as the town nearest to Agate Basin and Dunn Center as the town nearest to the Knife River flint quarries, the distance from the Knife River quarries to

the Agate Basin site is over 470 km to the south-southwest. It should be noted, however, that a material that appears similar to Knife River flint may occur within the Hartville Uplift and as such may not represent long distance movement, according to Sellet's (1999:24) communication with Jim Miller regarding Knife River flint in the assemblage from Hell Gap.

The dominant raw materials for the Folsom, Goshen, and Midland components at Hell Gap are somewhat difficult to properly identify due to variations in UV light reactions. One of the dominant materials has been assigned the name "Hartville B" because it has the visual appearance of Hartville Uplift chert but reacts differently under UV light. Generally, Hartville Uplift chert has no noticeable UV reaction, but Hartville B turns orange in longwave and green in shortwave light. The other dominant material is given the name "Phosphoria A" for similar reasons. Phosphoria and red jasper have proven difficult to distinguish in the eyes of a researcher who is inexperienced in High Plains raw material types, resulting in tentative identifications that may be subject to change. In the present research, the dominant material types for Hell Gap are considered to be derived from the sources for Hartville Uplift and Phosphoria cherts. Due to the location of Hell Gap within the source area for Hartville Uplift chert, Hartville B is likely a local material. Using the town of Ten Sleep just west of the Big Horn mountains as a source location for Phosphoria A and Hartville as the proxy for Hell Gap, it appears that Phosphoria A was transported about 260 km to the southeast to arrive at the Hell Gap site.

Cedar Creek is located in a chert-poor area of Oklahoma, so all of the material at the site was obtained from sources that are significant distances away. The dominant material is Edwards chert, and good quality outcrops of this material occur at least 300 km to the south. The

most prevalent non-dominant material is Alibates, which appears over 250 km to the northwest, according to Hofman (1990:20).

Figure 20 traces the movements of dominant raw materials for most of the sites and collections in the research sample. Because only the dominant raw materials are accounted for in this map, it most likely represents the most recent retooling events for each of these sites. Still, it is worth noting Hofman's (1992:208) caveat that there may not necessarily be a straight line from a retooling event to the site of discard, although specifically examining the last retooling events eliminates as many detours as possible. Figure 20 documents an overall trend for Folsom period material movements, in which raw materials from the northernmost and southernmost Folsom localities tend to move the farthest, and those movements tend to travel into the center of Folsom's geographic range. Meanwhile, the sites closer to the center of the Folsom geographic range (particularly in Colorado) tend to have artifacts made primarily from local materials or from materials that are sourced fairly close by. These raw materials do not travel in any large amounts away from the center, however. These combined trends give an impression of Folsom toolstone movements as contracting inward towards the center of the geographic range. Of course, it is important to remember that this analysis only traces the dominant raw materials involved in projectile point production and may not represent the raw materials used for other tools (see Bamforth 2009).

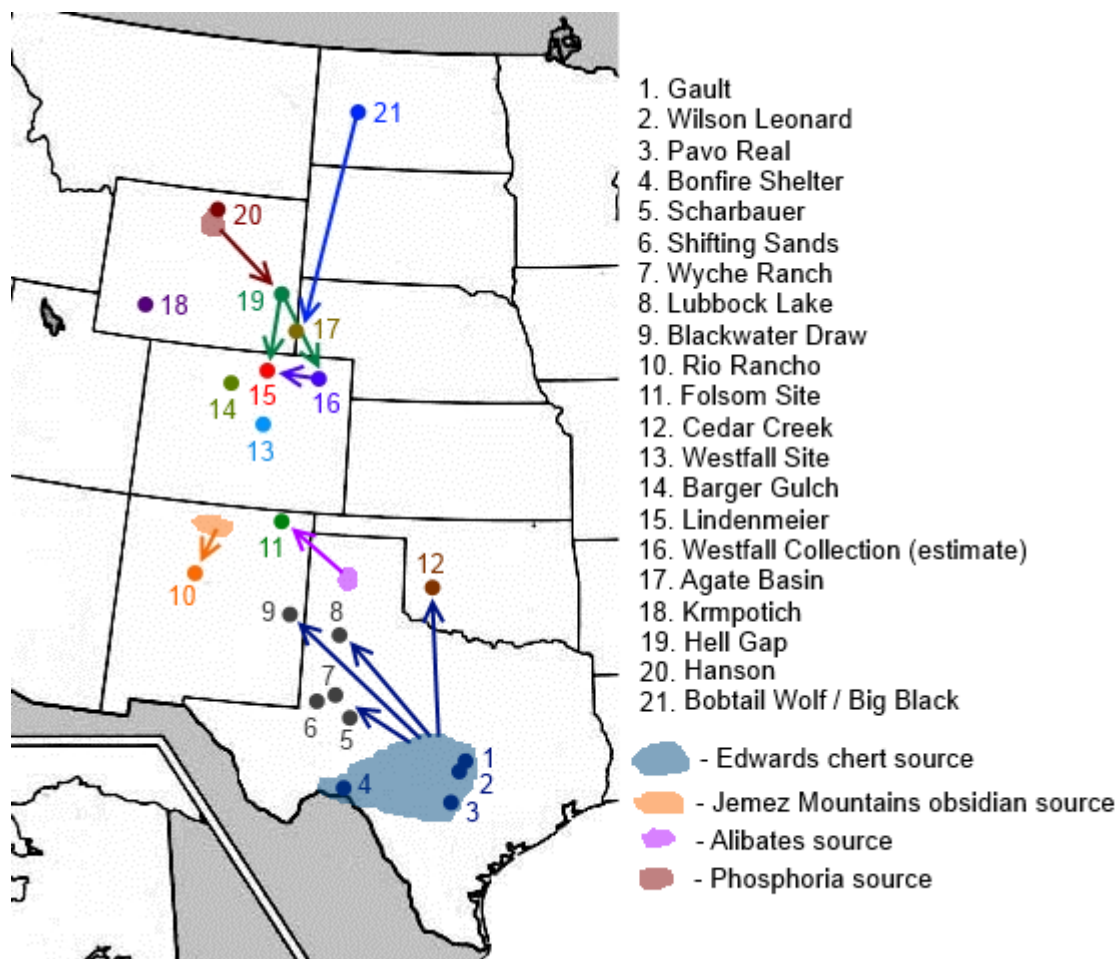


Figure 20: Map portraying the approximate locations of 21 Folsom sites sampled in this research. Arrows indicate the movement of dominant raw material types.

## *Conclusions*

The analyses performed in this chapter generally do not support Hofman's model of Folsom-era projectile point raw material movement, but these results are likely due to a problem with the underlying assumptions of the model. Hofman's (1992:199-208) model assumes that raw material is transported in the form of large bifacial cores or flake blanks, but it appears that individual Folsom preforms were often transported long distances before being finished into points. On the other hand, the other point forms were more likely made in one sitting. This interpretation may be significant to the study of Folsom point technology because it indicates that a "staged" approach to the analysis of Folsom points and preforms may have some prehistoric validity. Further study will be necessary to determine whether modern staged reduction systems approximate possible prehistoric systems. Because the other point types are not as commonly made from non-dominant raw materials, it is reasonable to infer that they were typically manufactured in one sitting. As a cautionary note, however, the aggregate data used to reveal this trend may be biased by a small portion of the sampled sites, so additional data from more Folsom-age residential campsites may be necessary to verify the phenomenon.

## CHAPTER 7: REGIONAL ANALYSES

The previous three chapters address issues largely related to Folsom-age stone tool technology as a whole entity, without addressing trends that may vary between regions. This chapter explores possible regional trends in order to address some lingering questions. First, the discussion section in the Gault chapter mentions that there may be a link between chronology, latitude, and the relative abundance of Midland points at Folsom sites. The first portion of this chapter tests this idea quantitatively, first by comparing proportions of point types to the longitude and latitude of site locations, then by comparing point type proportions to the available radiocarbon dates of relevant sites, and finally by checking the results of Collard et al. (2010) by comparing longitude and latitude of Folsom sites to the available radiocarbon dates. The next portion of this chapter explores a question first presented in the technological analysis chapter: if Midland points were hafted differently from Folsom as suggested by some of their measurements, is it likely that they were used for hunting game other than bison? This section relies on analyzing sites in which faunal remains are preserved to compare proportions of Folsom and non-Folsom points to proportions of bison and non-bison game. Finally, the last portion of this analysis explores occurrences of certain sub-types of artifacts to determine whether any regional trends are apparent. Of particular interest in this section are regional distributions of “extra fine” points and pristine but discarded Folsom preforms.

### *Latitude/Longitude Analysis of Folsom-age Point Types*

Archaeologists have often casually observed that Midland points are more common in the southern Plains than in any other region in which Folsom points occur (Amick 1995), but the



extent of this geographic trend has not been quantified. Moreover, researchers have not explored whether a similar trend holds true for unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, or miniature points. For this analysis, points are given latitude and longitude coordinates based on the county in which they were found. Because the extent of the Folsom range covers the entire central portion of the continental U.S., using county-level data should provide sufficient resolution while allowing for the inclusion of as many points as possible. Points from every archaeological site and almost every personal collection retain a record of their county of origin, with the exception of the Baker collection and a few miscellaneous points, allowing for a significant sample size. The analysis uses independent samples t-tests to determine whether significant differences in mean latitude and longitude are present for the different point types.

Comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and Midland points gives both expected and unexpected results (Table 66). Levene's test gives p-values lower than 0.05, indicating that the variances between Folsom and Midland points are unequal. This result is expected based on the inference that Folsom points occur commonly across a wider area than Midland points. The significant difference in latitude is also expected, as the dearth of Midland points in the northern Plains has been noted before. In this study, the difference in latitude is highly significant, with Folsom points having a mean latitude that is between 3.3 and 4.8 degrees higher than Midland points at 95% confidence. The more unexpected result is that the difference in longitude between Folsom and Midland points also gives a highly significant p-value, with Folsom points having an average longitude that is between 1.2 and 2.2 degrees greater than Midland points. Therefore, these results indicate that Midland points are relatively rare in Folsom sites that are in the northern or western portions of Folsom's geographic extent. Amick (1995:30) has noted that Midland points are not nearly as prevalent in the Basin and Range

region of New Mexico when compared to their strong presence in west Texas, and this distinction may contribute to the significant longitude difference. However, this difference may also be a result of sampling bias, as the sites and collections sampled tend to fall on a slight northwest/southeast geographic axis. Either way, it should be noted that even though the difference in longitude is statistically significant, the mean longitude difference is not nearly as strong as the difference in latitude.

Unifacially fluted points appear somewhat evenly spread across regions, but even still Table 67 indicates a statistically significant difference in average latitude between Folsom and unifacially fluted points. Levene's test for variances reveals no significant difference between the two point types, indicating that they indeed likely extend across similarly sized ranges. The difference in mean latitude between the points has a significant p-value of 0.033, but the 95% confidence interval for this difference is between 0.13 and 3.08 degrees. Therefore, the difference in latitude between Folsom and unifacially fluted points may not be very great despite the statistical significance. There is no significant difference in longitude between the two point types.

The differences in mean latitude and longitude for Folsom and pseudo-fluted points is much the same as those between Folsom and unifacially fluted points (Table 68). A statistically significant difference in latitude is present ( $p=0.018$ ), but the 95% confidence interval ranges from 0.33 to 3.44 degrees, making the magnitude of that difference fairly small. No significant difference in mean longitude exists between Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

Table 66: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and Midland points.

Group Statistics					
Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Folsom	307	38.440	4.335	0.247
	Midland	191	34.343	4.000	0.289
Longitude	Folsom	307	103.872	3.070	0.175
	Midland	191	102.161	2.769	0.200

Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	6.409	.012	10.56	496	.000	4.097	0.388	3.335	4.859
	Equal variances not assumed			10.76	427.42	.000	4.097	0.381	3.349	4.846
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	4.965	.026	6.274	496	.000	1.711	0.273	1.175	2.246
	Equal variances not assumed			6.427	434.11	.000	1.711	0.266	1.187	2.234

Table 67: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and unifacially fluted points.

Group Statistics					
Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Folsom	307	38.440	4.335	0.247
	Unifacia	37	36.833	4.063	0.668
Longitude	Folsom	307	103.872	3.070	0.175
	Unifacia	37	103.322	3.087	0.507

Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	.017	.896	2.14	342	.033	1.607	0.749	0.133	3.081
	Equal variances not assumed			2.26	46.45	.029	1.607	0.712	0.174	3.040
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	.656	.419	1.03	342	.305	0.549	0.535	-0.502	1.601
	Equal variances not assumed			1.02	45.02	.312	0.549	0.537	-0.532	1.630

Table 68: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and pseudo-fluted points.

Group Statistics										
Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean					
Latitude	Folsom	307	38.440	4.335	0.247					
	Pseudo-f	33	36.552	4.152	0.723					
Longitude	Folsom	307	103.872	3.070	0.175					
	Pseudo-f	33	103.122	2.637	0.459					

Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	.168	.682	2.39	338	.018	1.888	0.791	0.332	3.444
	Equal variances not assumed			2.47	39.88	.018	1.888	0.764	0.344	3.432
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	2.997	.084	1.35	338	.178	0.750	0.555	-0.343	1.842
	Equal variances not assumed			1.53	41.91	.135	0.750	0.491	-0.242	1.741

For the analysis comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and miniature points, all the sub-types of miniature points are combined to increase their sample size. The results indicate that a statistically significant difference exists for both mean latitude and longitude for the two point types (Table 69). For latitude, the difference is highly significant with a p-value of 0.000 and a 95% confidence interval between 2.91 and 6.08 degrees. For longitude, the difference is still significant, but not as strongly as it is for latitude. The p-value for longitude is 0.021, and the interval is between 0.18 and 2.04 degrees, indicating that the difference in longitude between the point types is not very great. Based on these results, the difference in mean coordinates between Folsom and miniature points is similar to the difference between Folsom and Midland points, with miniature points being prevalent in the southern or eastern portions of Folsom's geographic range.

Comparing the mean longitude and latitude of Midland points to the remainder of the Folsom variants also reveals significant differences. First, both the latitudes and longitudes of Midland and unifacially fluted points are statistically different (Table 70). For latitude, the difference has a p-value of 0.001 and a 95% confidence interval of 1.07 to 3.91 degrees, with Midland point occurrences centered farther south than unifacially fluted points. In terms of longitude, the difference has a p-value of 0.023 and a confidence interval between 0.16 and 2.16 degrees, indicating that Midland points tend to occur slightly farther to the east than unifacially fluted points, although the difference may be negligible.

Table 69: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Folsom and miniature points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Folsom	307	38.440	4.335	0.247
	Miniatur	32	33.943	4.351	0.769
Longitude	Folsom	307	103.872	3.070	0.175
	Miniatur	32	102.763	2.414	0.427

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	.023	.881	5.58	337	.000	4.497	0.805	2.912	6.081
	Equal variances not assumed			5.57	37.70	.000	4.497	0.808	2.861	6.133
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	3.900	.049	1.98	337	.049	1.109	0.560	0.007	2.211
	Equal variances not assumed			2.40	42.22	.021	1.109	0.461	0.178	2.039

Table 70: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Midland and unifacially fluted points.

Group Statistics					
Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Midland	191	34.343	4.000	0.289
	Unifacia	37	36.833	4.063	0.668
Longitude	Midland	191	102.161	2.769	0.200
	Unifacia	37	103.322	3.087	0.507

Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	1.376	.242	-3.46	226	.001	-2.490	0.720	-3.909	-1.071
	Equal variances not assumed			-3.42	50.45	.001	-2.490	0.728	-3.952	-1.028
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	.112	.739	-2.29	226	.023	-1.161	0.507	-2.160	-0.163
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.13	47.88	.038	-1.161	0.546	-2.259	-0.064



Comparing the latitude means for Midland and pseudo-fluted points yields similar results, but the difference in longitude is not significant at the 95% level (Table 71). For latitude, the difference between Midland and pseudo-fluted points has a p-value of 0.004 and a confidence interval between 0.72 and 3.7 degrees, with the mean Midland point latitude occurring south of the mean for pseudo-fluted points. The difference in mean longitude has a p-value of 0.065, slightly above the 0.05 cutoff for a 95% confidence interval.

Finally, a comparison of mean latitude and longitude between Midland and miniature points yields no significant differences (Table 72). The p-value for latitude between the two is 0.606, and it is 0.248 for longitude, indicating that there is no significant difference in the means of these two point types. Not coincidentally, Midland and miniature points both have the most significant differences in mean coordinates from Folsom points, suggesting that the occurrences of Midland and miniature points are correlated on a regional scale.

Table 71: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Midland and pseudo-fluted points.

Group Statistics					
Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Midland	191	34.343	4.000	0.289
	Pseudo-f	33	36.552	4.152	0.723
Longitude	Midland	191	102.161	2.769	0.200
	Pseudo-f	33	103.122	2.637	0.459

Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	2.611	.108	-2.91	222	.004	-2.209	0.758	-3.704	-0.715
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.84	42.90	.007	-2.209	0.778	-3.780	-0.639
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	.359	.550	-1.85	222	.065	-0.961	0.519	-1.983	0.061
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.92	45.08	.061	-0.961	0.501	-1.970	0.048

Table 72: Independent samples t-test comparing the latitudes and longitudes of Midland and miniature points.

**Group Statistics**

Style		N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error Mean
Latitude	Midland	191	34.343	4.000	0.289
	Miniatur	32	33.943	4.351	0.769
Longitude	Midland	191	102.161	2.769	0.200
	Miniatur	32	102.763	2.414	0.427

**Independent Samples Test**

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Diff.	Std. Error Diff.	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Latitude	Equal variances assumed	1.746	.188	.516	221	.606	0.399	0.774	-1.125	1.924
	Equal variances not assumed			.486	40.27	.630	0.399	0.822	-1.261	2.060
Longitude	Equal variances assumed	.716	.398	-1.16	221	.248	-0.602	0.520	-1.627	0.423
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.28	45.82	.208	-0.602	0.471	-1.551	0.347

To summarize, an analysis of Folsom-age point variants based on the average latitudes and longitudes in which they were found reveals that significant differences in spatial distributions do exist. These differences are primarily related to latitude. The mean coordinates for Folsom points occur farther to the north than the other types, while Midland and miniature points appear farthest to the south. Unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points occur roughly halfway in between the Folsom and Midland/miniature coordinates. In terms of longitude, statistically significant differences exist between some point types, but the values of those differences are fairly small. For the most part, the differences in longitude are only significant among the point types with the most geographically disparate coordinates, particularly between Folsom/Midland and Folsom/miniature points. However, Midland and unifacially fluted points also have significant differences in longitude, and the results for Midland and pseudo-fluted point longitudes are almost significant, but not quite. Overall, the geographic trend in mean coordinates for the point variants (starting from Folsom and ending at Midland and miniature points) is primarily from north to south, and to a lesser extent from west to east (Figure 21).

These results do come with a caveat: not all assemblages or collections have been sampled to 100% of their known artifact counts, and not all known Folsom sites and collections have been accounted for in this research. In particular, only a fraction of the extensive Lindenmeier assemblage has been analyzed here, and a more complete analysis of that site would pull all of the plots in Figure 21 farther north. Therefore, these results are subject to change as more data are accumulated and more Folsom sites are discovered. However, it is also expected that the geographic distinction between the point types will remain significant as the pool of data increases.

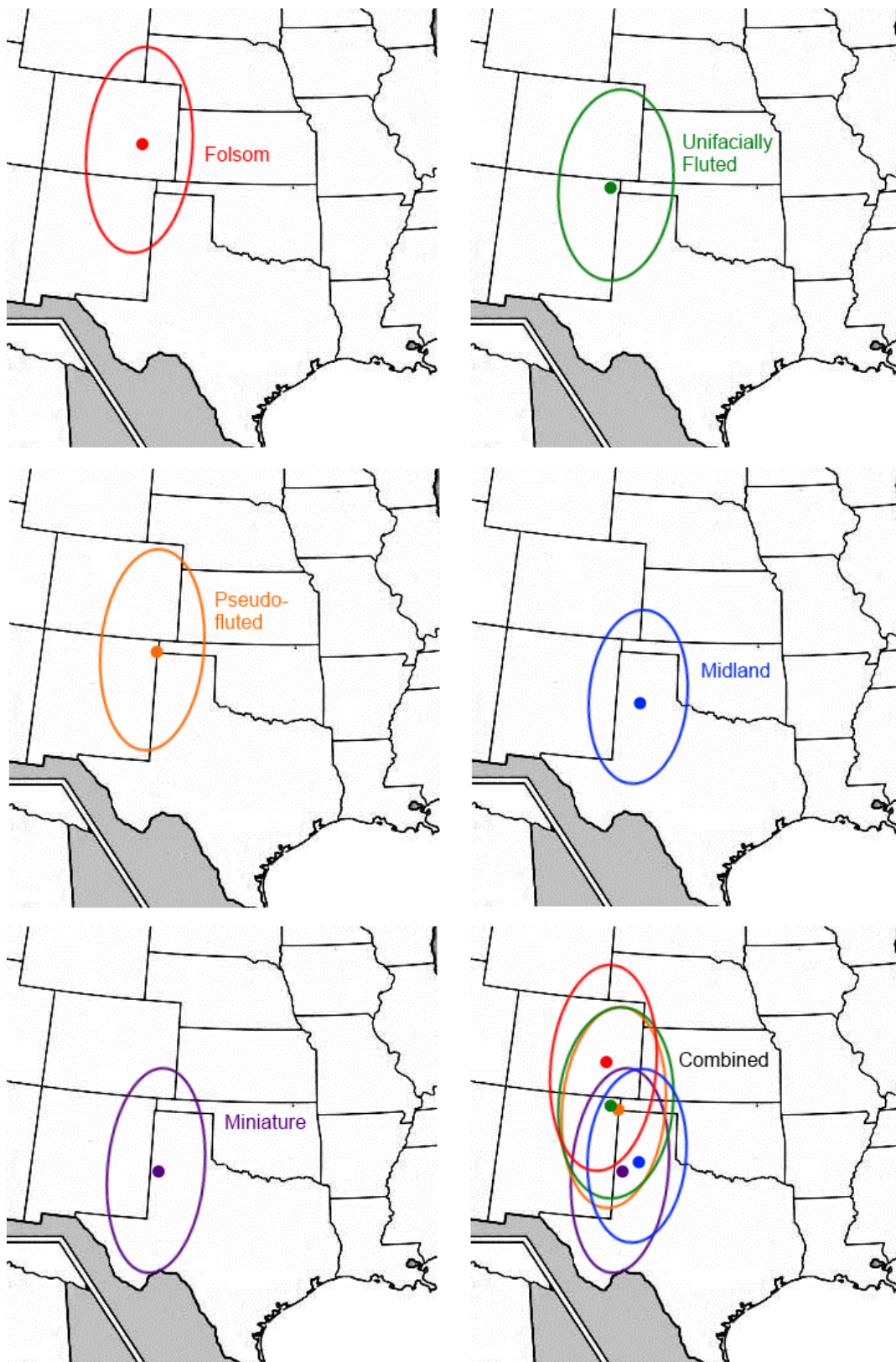


Figure 21: Maps with dots representing the mean coordinates for each Folsom point variant. Ellipses represent variation about the mean within one standard deviation.

### *Radiocarbon Analysis*

Chapter 3 summarized the results of Collard et al. (2010), who compiled radiocarbon dates from Folsom and Clovis sites to determine whether the two technological complexes overlap in age. Their findings suggest that Folsom and Clovis ages overlap in the north, but there is a hiatus between them in the south, with the gap appearing south of 36°N latitude. These results appear to coincide with the increasing prevalence of Midland and other Folsom-age point types in the southern portion of Folsom's geographic range. Based on these results, it is tempting to state that fluting becomes de-emphasized towards the latter end of the Folsom period, starting with the increased appearance of unifacially and pseudo-fluted points and followed by Midland and miniature points in the southernmost (and hence, latest) sites. Before that assertion can be made with confidence, however, it is necessary to test the reproducibility of Collard et al.'s results using a methodology that encompasses the full range of Folsom-age radiocarbon variation.

Collard et al. (2010:2514-2515) employ a methodology that utilizes pooled mean dates from a sample of 16 Folsom sites and 14 Clovis sites. Each site is represented by a single date, which in most cases is the mean of multiple dates that have been averaged in order to "prevent site-phases with multiple dates from biasing the results" (Collard et al. 2010:2514). Any dates with standard errors over 200 years are rejected. For sites with multiple Folsom occupations, they only sample dates from the oldest component. Their analysis also utilizes calibrated dates rather than the original radiocarbon dates, though they are careful to note that the "calibration cliff" that occurs between 12,900 and 12,700 calendar years BP does not significantly affect their post-calibration error ranges (Collard et al. 2010:2516). Collard et al. measure the distances between sites in two ways (2010:2514). They first use a method that sets each site sequentially

as center point and measures the distances between it and all the other sites in turn and calculates correlation coefficients between the sites and their respective pooled calibrated radiocarbon ages. Second, the correlation coefficients are then compared to the sites' latitudes to determine the direction of the correlation. In this way, Collard et al. determine that Hell Gap is the site closest to the point of origin for Folsom, and the technology spreads primarily in a southerly direction from there, with the emergence of Folsom technology south of 36°N latitude being the result of migration rather than cultural diffusion (2010:2516-2517).

The analysis conducted here is more straightforward and inclusive than Collard et al.'s, which gives it the advantage of a larger sample size, but it can also obscure and reduce the power of the results. The dated sites used for this analysis consist of those sampled by Collard et al. (2010:2514, Table 1) and Holliday (2000:241-243, Table IIIb). The sites include Agate Basin, Blackwater Draw, Bonfire Shelter, Carter-Kerr/McGee, Folsom, Hanson, Hell Gap, Lindenmeier, Lipscomb, Lubbock Lake, and Waugh (Holliday 2000), as well as Barger Gulch (Mayer et al. 2005), Black Mountain (Jodry et al. 1996), Bobtail Wolf (Root et al. 1996), Cooper (Johnson and Bement 2009), Indian Creek (Davis and Baumler 2000), MacHaffie (Davis et al. 2002), and Mountaineer (Stiger 2006). The analysis includes all accepted Folsom dates, regardless of standard error and including previously calculated averages. The dates are not calibrated because absolute ages are not relevant in this study; the relationship between the relative ages of the sites is what matters. Each date is given five entries: one for the mean, two for the mean plus and minus one standard error, and two for the mean plus and minus two standard errors, to account for 95% of the variation about the mean for each date. As with the previous analysis, the latitude and longitude of the sites are determined based on the counties in which the sites are located. The relationships between latitude, longitude, and the ages of the

Folsom sites are then investigated using scatterplots, correlation analysis, and regression analysis.

The scatterplots (Figure 22) do not reveal an immediately apparent pattern. Naturally, individual sites and dates have widely varying standard errors, making any possible trend difficult to discern. However, by looking at the medians of each column of dates, a possible trend may be evident. The relationship between age and latitude still appears random, while the relationship between age and longitude appears to peak slightly in one area, suggesting that the oldest Folsom sites occur just east of 104°W longitude. Still, this interpretation of the scatterplots is by no means conclusive, so more quantitative analyses are necessary to parse more definitive relationships.

A correlation analysis reveals that some significant relationships between latitude, longitude, and age do exist (Table 73), although the results appear different from those expected based on the scatterplots. First, there is a highly significant correlation ( $p=0.002$ ) between latitude and age, supporting Collard et al.'s (2010) results. Also, latitude and longitude are highly correlated with each other ( $p=0.000$ ), but that is simply an indication of the northwest-southeast geographic trend of the dated Folsom sites. The correlation analysis does not find a significant relationship between longitude and age, but this result is likely because the analysis searches for linear relationships, while the scatterplot in Figure 22b indicates a curvilinear one.



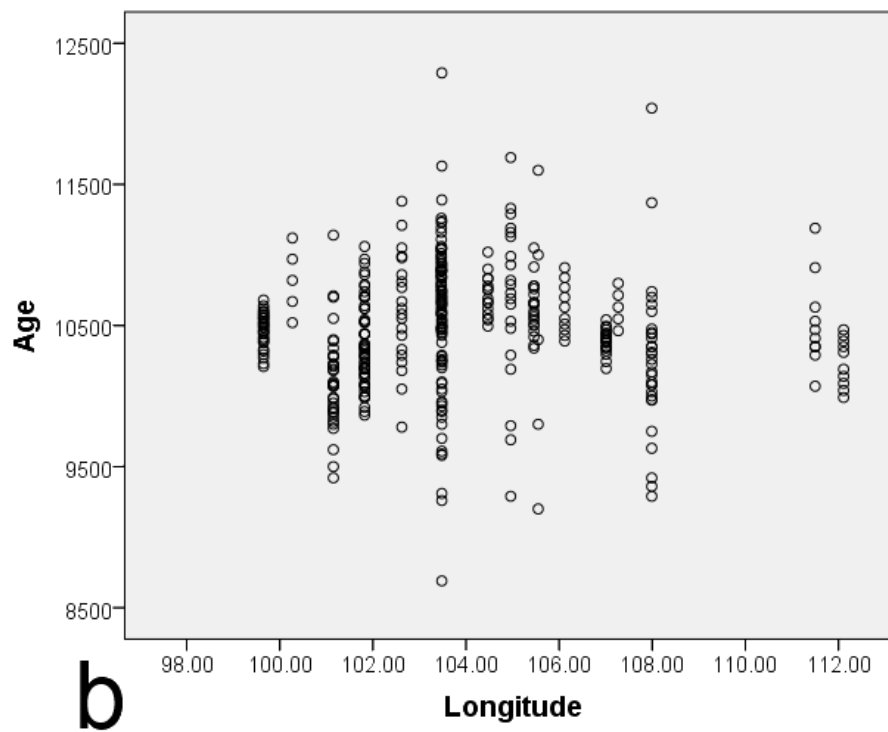
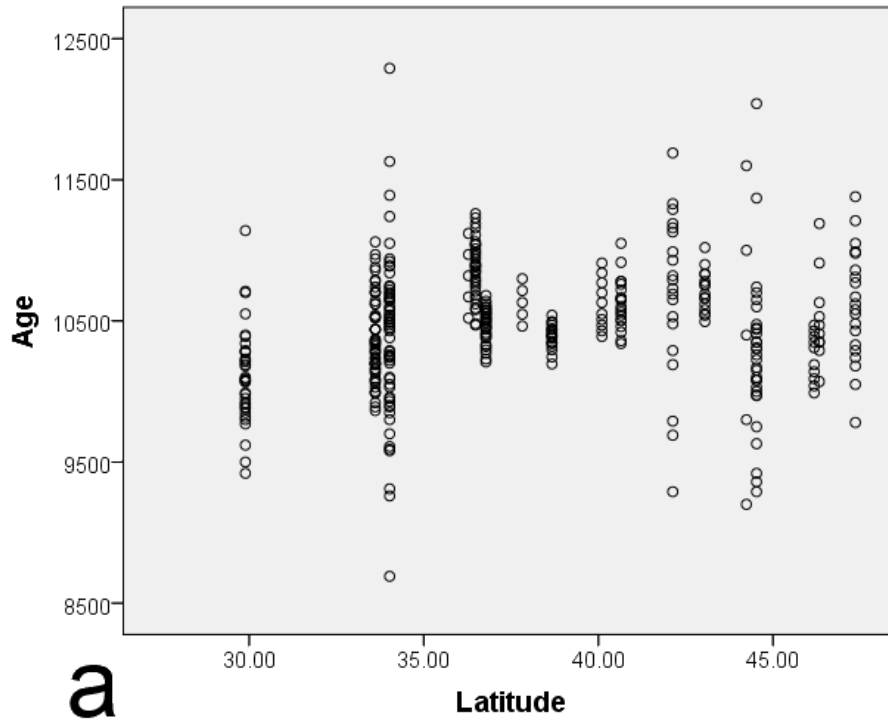


Figure 22: Scatterplots showing the relationship between Folsom-age radiocarbon dates and latitude (a) and longitude (b).

Table 73: Analysis of the correlations between latitude, longitude and age for dated Folsom sites.

Correlations				
		Age	Longitude	Latitude
Age	Pearson Correlation	1	.005	0.159
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.919	.002
	N	385	385	385
Longitude	Pearson Correlation	.005	1	0.665
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.919		.000
	N	385	385	385
Latitude	Pearson Correlation	0.159	0.665	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.002	.000	
	N	385	385	385

Regression analysis can provide additional insights into the relationships between age and latitude and longitude. Using linear regression, a significant relationship is again apparent between latitude and age, with age as the dependent variable ( $p=0.002$ ,  $R^2=0.025$ ). The direction of this relationship indicates that the older sites are in the north, and the younger sites are in the south, but the extremely low  $R^2$  value reveals that the regression equation accounts for very little of the variation in the data. This variation is due to the inclusion of two levels of standard errors for each radiocarbon date, making it difficult if not impossible for any regression equation to fully encompass all the data. However, even if all the standard errors are removed and only the mean radiocarbon date values are used, the  $R^2$  value only increases to 0.064. While remaining significant, the  $p$ -value also increases to 0.026.

It is worth noting that an outlier exists within the latitude and radiocarbon data. As seen in Figure 23a, one site is located considerably farther south than the others and also has radiocarbon dates that are noticeably younger on average than most of the others. This outlier is Bonfire Shelter, and the relationship between its radiocarbon dates and its Folsom component has been the subject of some debate. In the original analysis of the site, the Paleoindian component of Bone Bed 2 is interpreted as representing three kill events, with the lowest kill being Folsom in age and the others being associated with Plainview points (Dibble 1965:30-33). The radiocarbon samples were taken from the uppermost kill and thought to be related only to the Plainview component. However, a recent interpretation of the site proposes that Bone Bed 2 represents a single kill event and that the Folsom and Plainview points are contemporaneous (Byerly et al. 2005; Cooper and Byerly 2005), although not all researchers accept this interpretation (Bement 2007). Moreover, Collins (personal communication) states that the radiocarbon sample was taken from an intrusive pit and is not related to Bone Bed 2 whatsoever.

Therefore, regression analysis must also be run while excluding the Bonfire dates from the sample. Without the presence of the Bonfire Shelter dates, the linear regression analysis loses all significance ( $p=0.498$ ,  $R^2=0.001$ ), and the north-south trend disappears.

Because the scatterplot of longitude and age (Figure 22b) appears to have a slight curvilinear trend, quadratic regression is also used to determine whether a significant relationship exists between age and latitude or longitude. The results indicate that significant correlations exist for both latitude ( $p=0.000$ ,  $R^2=0.098$ ) and longitude ( $p=0.007$ ,  $R^2=0.025$ ), with latitude and age actually expressing the more significant relationship of the two regressions (Figure 23).

However, as noted with the linear regression, the very low  $R^2$  values indicate that neither latitude nor longitude are very powerful variables for encompassing the variation that is present in the radiocarbon dates. When the standard errors of the radiocarbon dates are ignored and only the mean date values are used, the quadratic regression for latitude and age remains significant at  $p=0.00$ , while the  $R^2$  value increases to 0.248. However, using the same dates for the quadratic regression of longitude and age eliminates the significance between these variables at the 95% confidence level, inflating the p-value to 0.085, with an  $R^2$  value of 0.065. Unlike the linear regression analysis, removing the Bonfire Shelter data from the sample does not eliminate the significance of these quadratic regression analyses, although the significance and power of the analyses are reduced slightly without the Bonfire data.

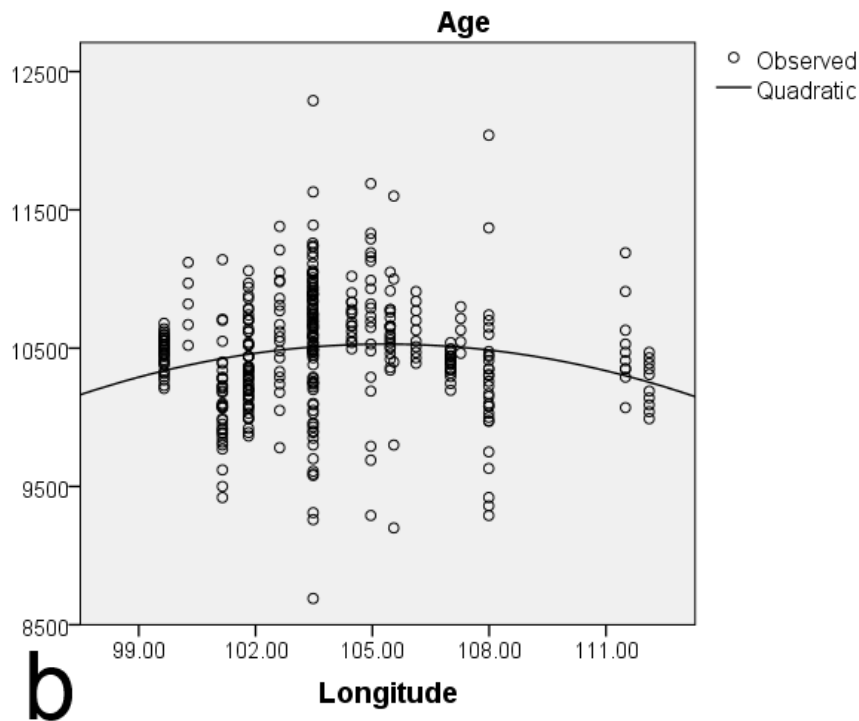
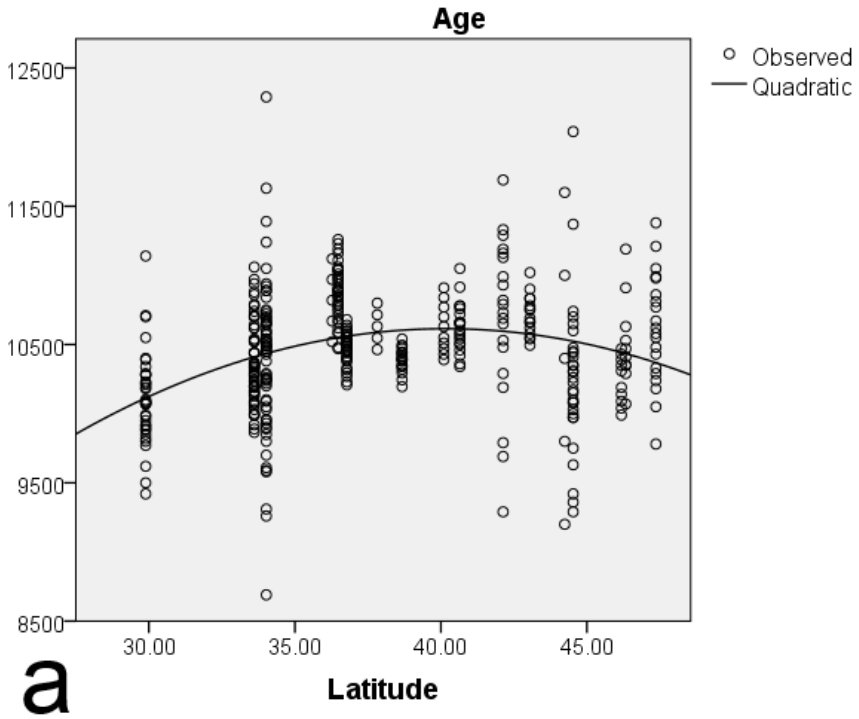


Figure 23: Scatterplots with overlaid quadratic regression lines. a. Latitude/age scatterplot with the quadratic regression expressed as  $y(x) = -4.746x^2 + 381.233x + 2958.046$ , where  $x$  = latitude and  $y$  = age. b. Longitude/age scatterplot with the quadratic regression expressed as  $y(x) = -5.983x^2 + 1260.142x - 55828.785$ , where  $x$  = longitude and  $y$  = age.

The fact that curvilinear lines best depict the geographic distribution of Folsom period radiocarbon dates indicates that the oldest sites occur somewhere towards the middle of their geographic range, with the spread of Folsom technology moving more or less in all directions from there. Assuming that the quadratic equations mentioned in the caption of Figure 23 are accurate representations of a geographic trend among dated Folsom sites (despite the low  $R^2$  values), then a hypothetical latitude and longitude of the oldest Folsom occupation in North America can be calculated from these equations. Based on the quadratic equations provided by the regression analyses, the location of origin for Folsom technology appears to be at about 40.16°N latitude and 105.31°W longitude, which lies just west of Longmont, Colorado. This result is roughly 250 km to the south of Collard et al.'s (2010:2514) estimate of a Folsom origin near the Hell Gap site in Wyoming.

In summary, there appears to be a slight correlation between the age of Folsom sites and their geographic location based on the methods used in this analysis. These results are slightly different from those expressed in Collard et al. (2010), however. While Collard et al. suggest that Folsom technology emerged in the northern portion of its range, near the Hell Gap site, the analysis conducted here indicates that Folsom technology may have emerged closer towards the center of its range, in north-central Colorado. At this point it is unclear which study may be the more accurate. Collard et al.'s inclusion of possible non-Folsom radiocarbon dates from the Bonfire Shelter may have skewed their results and inflated their significance. On the other hand, the quadratic regressions used here are not strongly affected by the Bonfire data, but the low  $R^2$  values mean that the regression equations do a poor job of accounting for the wide variation of standard errors in the radiocarbon dates. If these results are accepted, then there does not appear

to be a one-to-one correlation between Folsom site age and the relative abundance of unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, Midland, and miniature points. Instead, the projectile point distribution trend appears strictly geographic. Sites to the north of Colorado tend to have fewer of the non-Folsom point varieties, while sites to the south typically have more. This trend may be due to the preferences of different regional Folsom hunter-gatherer bands, but the possibility of a link between point types and prey choice also deserves investigation.

### *Comparison of Point Types and Faunal Remains*

The results of the technological analysis indicate that a statistically significant morphological difference exists between Folsom and Midland points, suggesting that the two types may have been hafted differently. The preceding sections indicate that although there are geographic differences in the occurrences of Folsom and the other point types, there does not appear to be a direct relationship between the occurrences of the point types and the ages of the sites. These two results suggest that Folsom, Midland, and the other point types are roughly contemporaneous but may have been used for slightly different purposes. The interpretation that these tools are the tips of weapons intended to be thrown or otherwise propelled towards prey from a distance is not challenged here, but it may be worth investigating whether there is a correlation between Folsom-age point variants and proportions of bison and non-bison game. In other words, this section considers the possibility that fluted Folsom points were largely reserved for hunting bison, while Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and/or miniature points were used to hunt other game animals.

Table 74 displays the sites used in this analysis, along with the counts of point types and faunal remains. The sites included in this analysis are those whose artifacts I have personally

analyzed and which also have yielded faunal remains that have been quantified in prior research. Although numerous other Folsom sites with preserved faunal remains exist, the typology of the artifacts associated with those remains may not have been determined using the same criteria as this analysis, and so these extraneous sites are not included. Some sites, such as Blackwater Draw, have Folsom components that have been analyzed here and also have well preserved faunal remains, but those remains have not been sufficiently quantified for this comparison. The point counts used in this section consist solely of finished projectile points and not preforms because only finished points would presumably be used to hunt game. The “Folsom point” designation includes only the formal, bifacially fluted Folsom points of the classic definition, while the “other points” category is reserved for unifacially fluted, Midland, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points. Plainview, Goshen, Cody, Milnesand, and indeterminate unfluted points are excluded from the analysis. For the faunal remains, the data used are the minimum number of individuals (MNI) counts for their respective Folsom components. The “bison” section refers to the MNI of *Bison antiquus* from these components, while “other game” refers to any other prey type of a size that would likely require a propelled dart to hunt successfully. In most cases, the “other game” category pertains to deer and/or pronghorn, but other occurrences include elk, peccary, horse, camel, and even wolf and dog. The horse and camel remains (from Bonfire Shelter and Lindenmeier and Agate Basin, respectively) may be intrusive and not actually related to the Folsom occupations, but they are included in this analysis for the sake of completeness. Wolf and dog are included in this analysis because remains from the Agate Basin site exhibit cutmarks suggesting human utilization of these animals (Walker 1982).



Table 74: Folsom sites containing faunal remains from the research sample. Includes counts of sampled Folsom and variant point types as well as counts of bison and non-bison game.

Site	Folsom Points	Other Points	Bison	Other Game	References
Kincaid	3	2	1	0	Collins 1990:30
Lubbock Lake	4	3	3	1	Johnson 1987:62, 84
Bonfire	1	0	27	1	Dibble and Lorrain 1968:30
Wilson-Leonard	0	2	2	0	Baker 1998:1506
Lindenmeier	70	40	13	6	Wilmsen and Roberts 1978:46
Folsom	5	1	32	1	Meltzer 2006:236, 243-245
Agate Basin	3	2	9	9	Zeimens 1982:227-229, Walker 1982:281
Hell Gap	2	9	4	2	Rapson and Niven 2009
Bobtail Wolf	10	3	5	1	Emerson 2000a:341
Big Black	12	0	1	1	Emerson 2000b:131, 136

Based on the data in Table 74, there does not appear to be any direct correlation between the counts of projectile points and the MNI counts of game animals from the sampled sites. This result is to be expected, however, as many of these sites represent different activities and durations of residence, which can increase the counts of projectile points relative to faunal remains or vice versa. Ratio variables can be created to reduce the effect of disparate count data between points and faunal remains, but ratios such as “other points/Folsom points” and “non-bison/bison MNIs,” are also imperfect. For example, the lack of Folsom points from Wilson-Leonard means that such a point ratio is impossible for that site and must be excluded. Performing regression analyses using the aforementioned ratio variables yields extremely insignificant results (p-value=0.784 and  $R^2=0.011$  for linear, and p-value=0.966 and  $R^2=0.012$  for quadratic regression). Based on this simple study, a correlation between Folsom-age point types and Folsom prey choice cannot be supported.

This analysis represents a simple exploration of the possibility that different Folsom point types were used in the pursuit of different game, so it does not account for the numerous factors that affect the presence, absence, and preservation of these materials that can obscure the results. The most obvious factor, though, is sample size. The sample of sites and collections used in this research is not oriented towards the study of faunal remains, so the sample size for fauna is smaller and likely less representative than the point sample. Also, site function is a previously mentioned factor that can affect the amounts of faunal remains and artifacts present. The sites in this sample range from extensive, long-term campsites like Lindenmeier, to large communal kill sites like Folsom, and even to ephemeral sites such as Kincaid, whose Folsom component is interpreted as the death site of a wounded bison that escaped an unsuccessful hunting attempt (Collins 1990:30). A more thorough analysis of this topic would control for site types, analyzing

kill sites, residential camps, logistical camps, and lithic procurement sites on their own terms. Finally, the different effects that weathering and taphonomic processes can have on large bison bone opposed to the smaller bone of deer and other game has not been accounted for. The size and density of larger bone such as bison makes it less likely to deteriorate or be transported by scavengers or natural processes than the bones of smaller game (Lyman 1984). In their ethnographic study of the Hadza in Tanzania, O'Connell et al. (1992:339) observe that the remains of large game kill sites are far more visible than the remains from other forms of subsistence, indicating that the importance of large game is often overemphasized in the archaeological record.

The choice of weapon that is used to dispatch different types of game may also depend on factors other than the game itself. For example, Frison (1991:241) states that projectile points may not be used at all in the hunting of pronghorn when using corral traps. Historic accounts of Assiniboiné pronghorn corralling indicate that the animals were led into a corral, where they would run around the perimeter to the point of exhaustion, allowing the Assiniboiné to enter and kill the animals with clubs. In the case of Folsom, Bamforth (1991:311-314) demonstrates that fluted Folsom points are preferentially employed in communal bison hunts, but that preference may not necessarily carry over to less formal bison kills. In the course of encounter-based kills, a hunter is more likely to use whatever dart point types he (or she) has on hand. In that case, Midland or other point types may be used to bring down a bison, or Folsom points may be used on pronghorn, deer, or other game. If this scenario is correct, then Folsom points are more often to be found with bison due to their importance in communal kills, but the correlation may be obscured by the use of a variety of points (including Folsom) in other hunting situations. Some blood residue analyses have indicated that Folsom points were likely used on a variety of game,

including pronghorn, bear, and rabbit, as well as bison (Amick 1994b:253-255; Hyland and Anderson 1990:109).

A related topic concerns the implications of prey choice and weapon systems in conjunction with miniature points specifically. Amick (1994a:23-25) proposes the possibility that miniature points represent a Folsom-age manifestation of bow and arrow technology. He goes on to mention that even full-sized Folsom points have similar size dimensions as later arrow points. This hypothesis is based entirely on conjecture, however, and relies on morphological similarities between Folsom and Late Prehistoric points and the contemporary occurrence of bow and arrow technology in Paleolithic Europe. A recent study by Tomka (2013) presents a series of experiments involving bows and arrows built to specifications derived from historic examples. The results indicate that historic bow proportions would be able to bring down medium-sized game (deer, pronghorn) at up to 45 m distance, and they could possibly kill larger game (caribou) at up to 20 m distance, but the bows would be ineffective against very large game (bison) even at relatively close distances of 10 m (Tomka 2013:562). As such, the greater penetrative power of atlatls and darts may have been preferred for larger game, while the greater projectile velocity offered by bows and arrows may have been more effective for hunting agile medium-sized game. Tomka (2013:564) notes that bows were occasionally used to hunt large game like bison prehistorically, but the use of bows against such large animals may have been limited to situations in which the animals were trapped or confined, allowing the hunters to shoot multiple times from very close range. It is unclear whether this interpretation is supported in the Late Prehistoric archaeological record, however. Also, the extent to which this study may apply to the Folsom period remains in the realm of speculation, but it may be worth considering in

conjunction with the appearance of miniature points in Folsom and other Paleoindian assemblages (Bonnichsen and Keyser 1982; Storck 1991:156-158).

In sum, no correlation is apparent between the abundances of Folsom-era point types and that of different game-sized prey species, although numerous factors affect the occurrences of point types and faunal remains and likely obscure any such correlation. A more exhaustive study would be necessary to examine individual site proveniences for direct associations between different point types and faunal remains. Such detailed site analyses have not been compiled in this research, with the exception of the Gault site, which has no significant faunal remains that can be reliably attributed to the Folsom period.

#### *Regional Occurrences of “Extra Fine” Projectile Points and Pristine Preforms*

The skill analysis chapter mentions the occurrence of “extra fine” projectile points and notes that these well made specimens appear among the Folsom, Midland, and unifacially fluted types. The fact that these points are so well made suggests that a subset of flintknapping specialists existed during the Folsom period, and the consistency of the quality in these points also suggests that the specialists may have been in communication with each other. This section investigates whether extra fine points occur more often in one portion of the Folsom range than in any other. Additionally, the appearance of “pristine” but discarded complete Folsom preforms seems to coincide with the emphasis on Folsom point production in the northern portion of the range, but this hypothesis also requires testing.

The analysis of the extra fine points consists of a Chi-square test comparing the observed and expected counts for extra fine and ordinary points for the sites and collections in the sample (Table 75). Overall, the Chi-square test gives significant results, with a p-value of 0.001 and a

Chi-square value of 58.9, although many of the cells have counts below five. The results indicate that higher than expected counts of extra fine points occur at Blackwater Draw, Big Black, Folsom, and the Westfall site, based on adjusted residual scores that are greater than 1.96. The sites represent a variety of purposes, with Blackwater Draw being a campsite and small kill locality (Bamforth 1991:313), Big Black being a lithic procurement site (Williams 2000:233-267), Folsom being a large kill site (Meltzer 2006), and the Westfall site being a campsite (Hofman et al. 2002). Additionally, these sites with high proportions of extra fine points are widely distributed geographically. Blackwater Draw and Folsom are located in New Mexico, the Westfall site is in Colorado, and Big Black is in North Dakota. Therefore, there does not appear to be a single location in which these skillfully made points likely originate. Although extra fine points are probably made by the most talented flintknappers in a group, these flintknappers do not seem to have come from a single origin but instead follow a similar tradition across space.

Table 75: Chi-square test comparing occurrences of “extra fine” and ordinary point forms for each site/collection.

Site * Quality Crosstabulation					
Site			Quality		Total
			"Extra Fine"	Normal	
	Agate Basin	Count	0	5	5
		Expected Count	0.4	4.6	5
		Adjusted Residual	-0.7	0.7	
	Baker Collection	Count	1	24	25
		Expected Count	2.1	22.9	25
		Adjusted Residual	-0.8	0.8	
	Barger Gulch	Count	1	14	15
		Expected Count	1.3	13.7	15
		Adjusted Residual	-0.3	0.3	
	Big Black	Count	5	7	12
		Expected Count	1	11	12
		Adjusted Residual	4.1	-4.1	
	Blackwater Draw	Count	5	16	21
		Expected Count	1.8	19.2	21
		Adjusted Residual	2.5	-2.5	
	Bobtail Wolf	Count	0	13	13
		Expected Count	1.1	11.9	13
		Adjusted Residual	-1.1	1.1	
	Bonfire Shelter	Count	0	5	5
		Expected Count	0.4	4.6	5
		Adjusted Residual	-0.7	0.7	
	Cedar Creek	Count	2	36	38
		Expected Count	3.3	34.7	38
		Adjusted Residual	-0.8	0.8	

Table 75 continued.

			Quality		Total
			"Extra Fine"	Normal	
Site	Cox Collection	Count	4	65	69
		Expected Count	5.9	63.1	69
		Adjusted Residual	-0.9	0.9	
	Deann's Site	Count	0	1	1
		Expected Count	0.1	0.9	1
		Adjusted Residual	-0.3	0.3	
	Folsom	Count	2	3	5
		Expected Count	0.4	4.6	5
		Adjusted Residual	2.5	-2.5	
	Gault	Count	0	16	16
		Expected Count	1.4	14.6	16
		Adjusted Residual	-1.2	1.2	
	Hanson	Count	2	8	10
		Expected Count	0.9	9.1	10
		Adjusted Residual	1.3	-1.3	
	Hell Gap	Count	0	16	16
		Expected Count	1.4	14.6	16
		Adjusted Residual	-1.2	1.2	
	Kincaid	Count	0	2	2
		Expected Count	0.2	1.8	2
		Adjusted Residual	-0.4	0.4	
	Krmopotich	Count	0	8	8
		Expected Count	0.7	7.3	8
		Adjusted Residual	-0.9	0.9	
	Lindenmeier	Count	7	109	116
		Expected Count	9.9	106.1	116
		Adjusted Residual	-1.1	1.1	
	Lubbock Lake	Count	0	7	7
		Expected Count	0.6	6.4	7
		Adjusted Residual	-0.8	0.8	



Table 75 continued.

			Quality		Total
			"Extra Fine"	Normal	
Site	Misc. Colorado	Count	2	4	6
		Expected Count	0.5	5.5	6
		Adjusted Residual	2.2	-2.2	
	Misc. New Mexico	Count	1	3	4
		Expected Count	0.3	3.7	4
		Adjusted Residual	1.2	-1.2	
	Misc. Texas	Count	0	7	7
		Expected Count	0.6	6.4	7
		Adjusted Residual	-0.8	0.8	
	Mud Springs	Count	1	16	17
		Expected Count	1.5	15.5	17
		Adjusted Residual	-0.4	0.4	
	Rio Rancho	Count	0	23	23
		Expected Count	2	21	23
		Adjusted Residual	-1.5	1.5	
	Scharbauer	Count	1	21	22
		Expected Count	1.9	20.1	22
		Adjusted Residual	-0.7	0.7	
	Shifting Sands	Count	12	97	109
		Expected Count	9.3	99.7	109
		Adjusted Residual	1	-1	
	Sulphur River	Count	0	5	5
		Expected Count	0.4	4.6	5
		Adjusted Residual	-0.7	0.7	
	Westfall Collection	Count	5	41	46
		Expected Count	3.9	42.1	46
		Adjusted Residual	0.6	-0.6	
	Westfall Site	Count	1	1	2
		Expected Count	0.2	1.8	2
		Adjusted Residual	2.1	-2.1	

Table 75 continued.

			Quality		Total
			"Extra Fine"	Normal	
Site	Wilson-Leonard	Count	0	2	2
		Expected Count	0.2	1.8	2
		Adjusted Residual	-0.4	0.4	
	Wyche Ranch	Count	3	12	15
		Expected Count	1.3	13.7	15
		Adjusted Residual	1.6	-1.6	
Total		Count	55	587	642
		Expected Count	55	587	642

**Chi-Square Tests**

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	58.901 <sup>a</sup>	29	0.001
Likelihood Ratio	51.6	29	0.006
N of Valid Cases	642		

Pristine Folsom preforms are ones that are complete and in good enough condition that they likely could have been made into points, but they were discarded for unknown reasons. An examination of the sample for the sites in which these preforms are found reveals that most of them do come from the north. One pristine preform each is found in Gault, the Cox collection, Barger Gulch, and Hanson, with two preforms each from Big Black and Lindenmeier. The small sample of pristine preforms eliminates the usefulness of statistics, but it is worth noting that the average latitude of these preforms is 41.06°N, which lies just north of the Wyoming-Colorado border. Therefore, pristine Folsom preforms do seem to occur more commonly in the north than the south, and it may be related to the prevalence of Folsom points as opposed to the other point variants in the northern part of the range. The existence of these preforms has sometimes been attributed to perfectionism in a ritual context (Bradley 1993:255-256), but considering the results of the raw material analysis in Chapter 6, it is possible that Folsom-age hunter-gatherers were carrying these preforms with the full intention of finishing them later, but somehow lost them along the way.

### *Conclusions*

Of the regional trends investigated, only the first produces statistically significant results. The first analysis reveals that geographic distributions of the five Folsom-era point types are significantly different, with Folsom points appearing more abundantly to the north and west, Midland and miniature points appearing primarily in the south and east, and unifacially fluted and pseudo-fluted points appearing roughly in the middle. The second analysis attempts to determine whether this geographic distribution correlates with Folsom-era radiocarbon dates, as suggested by Collard et al.'s (2010) research. The results of this analysis indicate that the oldest

Folsom sites likely occur in central to north-central Colorado, which falls roughly in the center of the distribution of known Folsom sites in North America. Therefore, the significant north-south distribution of point types does not appear to match the chronological trend, suggesting that the occurrences of the different point types is more due to regional preferences than to change over time. The faunal analysis is a cursory exploration of a potential link between Folsom-age point types and the remains of game species found at Folsom sites. The results show no significant link between the two occurrences, but more thorough faunal and site-specific research may be necessary to research this topic further. Finally, an examination of the occurrences of extra fine points and pristine preforms yields mixed results. The extra fine points do not appear to follow any regional trend, while the pristine Folsom preforms do seem to occur more commonly in the northern part of the Folsom range than in the south.

## CHAPTER 8: CONCLUSIONS

If I were to sum up the results of this whole enterprise in three words, it would be these: “Bamforth was right.” The most significant factor that contributes to the variation in Folsom-age projectile point types appears to be skill. But naturally, the details are more complicated than that. The examination of the Gault assemblage (Chapter 3) sets the stage for the larger research questions that follow, and while some of the results of those larger analyses corroborate the initial observations from Gault, not all of them hold up under the weight of a larger sample. The technological analysis (Chapter 4) expands on the similarities and differences in morphology and production techniques between Folsom, Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo fluted, and miniature points and preforms, as well as ultrathin bifaces. The skill analysis (Chapter 5) uses ratio variables to approximate the level of skill that went into the production of each point relative to each other and supports the assertion that the fluted Folsom type is the most skillfully made in general, followed by unifacially fluted, Midland, and pseudo-fluted, respectively. The raw material analysis (Chapter 6) tests the idea that the unfluted point types were made as raw material supplies diminished and finds that the idea cannot be supported with the present data, primarily due to differential curation of Folsom preforms compared to the other types. The regional analysis (Chapter 7) tests several lingering questions regarding the geographic distribution, age, and function of the various Folsom-era point types and finds that only their geographic distribution contains a significant trend.

### *Revisiting Gault*

Many of the conclusions drawn from the technological and typological examination of the Folsom and Midland points from the Gault site require additional discussion in light of the conclusions obtained from the larger research sample. For the most part, the larger sample agrees with and builds on the ideas put forth in the Gault chapter, but a few, such as Hofman's raw material hypothesis and the potential correlation between site ages and the types of points present, are not supported by the subsequent research. This section details each of the Gault-derived conclusions individually.

The Gault analysis indicates that some Folsom preforms lack the pressure flaking that is usually found prior to fluting on most preforms from other sites. Chapter 4 reports that this anomaly in the reduction sequence also appears to a lesser extent in Big Black, Lindenmeier, Boca Negra Wash, and the Westfall collection. This lack of pressure flaking may represent a novice's lack of understanding of proper Folsom point production, or may be the result of younger individuals attempting to make Folsom preforms, but they have not yet acquired the upper body strength to properly pressure flake.

Other Folsom preform anomalies are found in assemblages outside Gault and are mentioned in Chapter 4. While most preforms are prepared and fluted on one face at a time, about four percent of the Folsom preforms in the sample have a well prepared second face despite a fluting failure on the first. Another anomaly consists of points and preforms that have been fluted from the distal end. In most cases, distal fluting of points is a result of inverting a used point and resharpening it on the opposite ends; while distal fluting on preforms occurs among unusually shaped specimens and appears to be related to the learning process. There is one notable exception from the Big Black site, however, in which a well made preform was

fluted from both proximal and distal ends. Overall, these Folsom production anomalies appear to be the exceptions that prove the rule, in that they are so rare that it seems to indicate that bifacially fluted point production was fairly uniform in general.

Additionally, Gault reveals that some Midland points were likely thinned by percussion flaking and others by pressure, and the technique used likely depends on the size of the original flake blank. An analysis of the skill involved in producing both of these Midland forms (Chapter 5) indicates that their skill levels are similar overall, with a significant difference only in terms of flake scar counts. Contrary to expectations, percussion thinned Midland points consistently have higher flake scar counts than their pressure thinned counterparts. This result is probably due to the need for more edge retouch on the percussion thinned points compared to the pressure thinned ones.

The Gault site appears to have Midland preforms in its assemblage, but these possible preforms are less skillfully made and often smaller than the finished points, suggesting that they may have been discarded practice pieces made by novices. A scatterplot comparing the widths and thicknesses of all the Midland points and preforms from the entire research sample (Figure 13b, Chapter 4) indicates that Midland preforms in general have widely varying sizes and are not consistently larger than most finished Midland points, as would be expected of preforms in general. On the other hand, Folsom and pseudo-fluted preforms are consistently both wider and thicker than their finished counterparts. Additionally, Chapter 5 compares the mistake ratios of Folsom and Midland preforms from the entire research sample and reveals that Folsom preforms consistently exhibit less mistakes than Midland preforms, suggesting that Folsom points are indeed produced with more skill in general than Midland points.

A comparison of the counts of Folsom and Midland points and preforms from Gault provides some initial support for Hofman's (1992) model, revealing that Midland points appear to have been preferentially discarded at the site, while Folsom preforms were preferentially made, suggesting that Midland points were being exchanged for Folsom at lithic procurement localities. However, Chapter 6 explores the model further and reaches different conclusions. Relying on the assumption that Hofman's hypothesis expects Midland and other non-Folsom point types to be made from the more depleted stone resources at any given site, while Folsom points should be made from the resources that are most abundant. The results end up being the opposite of this expectation, with Folsom points being made most often from exotic raw materials compared to the other point types, failing to support Hofman's model overall.

Analysis of the Folsom and Midland points from the Gault site indicate that the two types are not always distinct entities and that occasional "hybridization" occurs, in which technological aspects of both Folsom and Midland points may be present on a single specimen. The most obvious hybrids are unifacially fluted points in which one face is fluted and the other is thinned by Midland-style collateral flaking. These points make up 19 of the 42 unifacially fluted points in the research sample, roughly 45%. The next hybrid form consists of Folsom points in which one or more of the flutes do not reach the distal end, leaving the remainder of the point to be thinned by collateral flaking. Evidence for this thinning pattern appears on 14 points in the research sample, but this count is likely a low estimate due to the large number of fragmentary and resharpened points in the sample. A final hybrid form is made up of Midland points that retain a non-functional basal "nipple" platform that is usually reserved for Folsom fluting. Only 10 Midland points in the sample exhibit this platform, but they are widely dispersed across multiple sites. While the nipple platform appears to be a mere stylistic decision when it appears



on Midland points, it may be possible that these points had been considered candidates for fluting at some point in their reduction sequence. Evidence for this possibility is present in a handful of channel flakes (primarily from the Shifting Sands assemblage) that exhibit Midland-style collateral flaking on their dorsal surfaces. A more systematic examination of channel flake morphology may reveal whether this occurrence is more widespread.

The Gault chapter concludes with a discussion of the possibility that the proportions of Folsom points to unifacially fluted, Midland, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points may be correlated with the ages of the Folsom sites in which they were found. This idea is based on the conclusions of Collard et al. (2010), who state that Folsom sites are oldest in the north and youngest in the south. The regional analysis (Chapter 7) finds that the proportions of point types do indeed follow a geographic trend, with the non-Folsom varieties becoming increasingly prevalent to the south, but the analysis of the radiocarbon ages do not quite replicate the results of Collard et al. Instead, the regional analysis indicates that central Colorado appears to be the origin of Folsom technology, placing Folsom's origin roughly in the center of its distribution.

### *Revisiting the Technological Analysis*

The quantitative portion of the technological analysis in Chapter 4 indicates that Folsom points are consistently wider than Midland, unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points. Additionally, Midland points have consistently narrower bases than Folsom points, and complete Midland points typically exhibit considerably longer edge grinding than Folsom points. The other variants have basal widths that fall in between Folsom and Midland, but their edge grinding could not be accurately assessed due to a shortage of complete specimens. These three significant differences between Folsom and Midland points suggest that the two types may have

been hafted differently. The possibility of Folsom and Midland points being hafted differently brings up the possibility that the two point types served slightly different purposes, such as being used to hunt different species of game. However, Chapter 7 explores this possibility and tentatively finds no correlation between the presence of Midland points (and other Folsom-age variants) and non-bison game remains. While this topic deserves further exploration, at this point it appears that Folsom and Midland points were hafted differently due to the requirements of their slightly different morphologies (Midland points may have needed extra binding), rather than due to differences in their use.

The technological analysis separately explores the variations among miniature points and ultrathin bifaces. Miniature Folsom and Midland points do not exhibit the same morphological differences as their full sized counterparts and instead compare more favorably to each other. Miniature pseudo-fluted points, however, often seem to be narrower and thinner than the miniature Folsom and Midland points. This distinction is likely due to the fact that miniature Folsom and Midland points are usually reworked from full size points, while the miniature pseudo-fluted points are more likely made from small flakes with the intention of being miniature. An examination of ultrathin bifaces reveals that there are a couple of additional bifacial forms that appear similar in technology to ultrathins but have slightly different morphologies. These other forms are called “thick bifaces” and “flake bifaces.” Chapter 6 examines the raw materials of ultrathin bifaces and these alternate forms and finds that the ultrathin and flake bifaces appear to match the expected proportions of raw material types used in projectile points, while the thick bifaces are far more often made from other raw materials, particularly quartzite. Additional research will be necessary to determine whether thick bifaces

served a different purpose from the other types, or if they performed the same function and their thickness is simply due to raw material constraints.

### *Revisiting the Skill Analysis*

Chapter 5 focuses on the skill involved in the production of the various Folsom-era point types, and the results produced here are the most consistently significant out of all the analyses. For that reason, Bamforth's (1991) approach to the Folsom-Midland problem appears to be the most accurate out of the ideas considered in this research. By examining the width/thickness ratios, mistakes per 10 mm, mistake ratios, and the coefficients of variation, Folsom points consistently emerge as the most well made points in the sample. Additionally, occurrences of "extra fine" point-making style are much higher among Folsom points than they are among the other types, suggesting that most highly skilled flintknappers at the time more often put great effort into the making of Folsom points than they did into the making of Midland, unifacially fluted, or pseudo-fluted points. Raw material analysis in Chapter 6 reveals that these extra fine points are made from the same proportions of dominant and non-dominant raw materials as the rest of the points, indicating that these points were not more extensively traded than any other forms despite their apparent high quality. Additionally, Chapter 7 explores the sites in which the extra fine points are prevalent and finds that there appears to be no geographic trend in their distribution. These points appear to represent a small but consistent presence of highly skilled flintknapping across the geographic range of Folsom. Other skill analyses include the aforementioned comparison of percussion thinned and pressure thinned Midland points, as well as a comparison of formal and informal pseudo-fluted points, in which a point is considered "formal" if the dorsal face is carefully flaked and "informal" if it appears expediently flaked.

While formal pseudo-fluted points appear more skillfully made than the informal points in a subjective sense, there are no statistically significant differences between them in terms of quantitative variables.

### *Revisiting the Raw Material Analysis*

As noted in the preceding section on Gault, the raw material analysis in Chapter 6 does not support Hofman's model overall. This lack of support does not necessarily mean the model is wrong; instead, it appears that Folsom points often undergo more extended reduction sequences compared to the other types, and this sequence throws off the assumption of direct raw material procurement for all types. When the raw materials for all sites and collections are divided into "dominant" and "non-dominant" varieties based on their relative proportions within each assemblage, Folsom points tend to be made from non-dominant materials more often than the other point variants. On the other hand, Midland points tend to be made from dominant materials more often than expected, and the unifacially fluted, pseudo-fluted, and miniature points match the expected proportions of raw materials. When examining Folsom points and preforms, another trend becomes apparent. Early stage preforms are disproportionately made from dominant materials, late stage preforms match the expected proportion, and completed points are disproportionately made from non-dominant materials. This pattern most likely indicates that Folsom preforms were often left in an unfinished state and carried around for a time before being finished into points and employed as weapons. On the other hand, the other point variants were most likely finished in one sitting and utilized shortly after their creation. While Hofman's hypothesis assumes a direct procurement of raw materials for all the point

types, it does not account for the delay in Folsom point production compared to the other point types.

A map tracing the direction and distance of movement for the dominant raw materials for most of the sites in the sample (Figure 20) indicates that the southernmost raw materials tend to move north across long distances, the northernmost raw materials tend to move south across long distances, and raw materials located near the center of Folsom's geographic distribution do not move very far in any particular direction. These results seem counterintuitive compared to the results of the radiocarbon analysis conducted in Chapter 7, in which Folsom technology is determined to have originated in north-central Colorado and spread from there. According to the movement of dominant raw materials, people during the Folsom period instead appear to have been converging on Colorado rather than dispersing from there. In all likelihood, these two disparate analyses may reflect back-and-forth pulses of migration between the mountainous central sites and the plains sites to the north and south. It is also possible that this area represents a gathering location for Folsom groups from separate regions. A closer examination and better identification of non-dominant raw materials in each of the sampled sites may reveal evidence of such movements.

### *Tying It All Together*

So what do these results mean in terms of human behavior during the Folsom period? Perhaps the simplest and most obvious lesson to be learned is that Folsom projectile point technology is versatile enough to encompass a wide range of skill levels. Although the classic, bifacially fluted Folsom projectile point is considered to be extremely difficult to make, it is not the only point form that is present in Folsom assemblages. Midland and unifacially fluted points

are also very skillfully made, but they do not require as complex a reduction process as Folsom points. They can be made by people of more intermediate skill or under less-than-ideal conditions. Pseudo-fluted points are often made from minimally modified flakes and can be expediently produced by even novice flintknappers when no better option is available.

Still, the production of bifacially fluted Folsom points was the norm during this period, and the process of making these points was carefully thought out and often took place over an extended period of time. Accepting Bamforth's (1991:314) assertion that these points were often completed as part of the gearing-up process for special communal hunting events, I propose a scenario of staged Folsom point production. In this scenario, competent Folsom flintknappers at lithic procurement sites such as Gault would make a surplus supply of Folsom preforms, and only a portion of those would be finished into complete points on-site. The unfinished preforms would be retained until the time of the next communal hunt. Having formal Folsom points available during these communal hunts appears to have been important enough to warrant the stockpiling of preforms in anticipation of the event. It is possible, as Bradley (1993:255-256) suggests, that the fluting of these preforms played an important role in the ritual preparation for these hunts. In the meantime, if hunters were exhausting their current supply of Folsom points, they may have resorted to making unifacially fluted, Midland, or pseudo-fluted points out of whatever raw materials were on hand, in order to save their Folsom preforms for the more formal hunts to come. Although Midland preforms are present at the Gault site, these preforms appear to be the work of novices, and it is possible that inexperienced knappers tried their hands at making the "easier" points at such localities.

Does this mean that there was a subset of flintknapping specialists during the Folsom period, who supplied everyone with their fluted points? Yes and no. The "extra fine" points

found in many Folsom assemblages suggest that there was indeed a group of people who were exceedingly skilled at making projectile points. These individuals may have been the old or infirm, who could not participate in most hunting and gathering activities and instead devoted much of their time to flintknapping. On the other hand, most Folsom points do not match up to the skill that is evident in these select few. It is likely that most people were at least aware of the process involved in producing fluted points, and many could accomplish the feat to an acceptable degree. However, there were also other projectile point options in place for those who could never master Folsom production, so no one had to starve for lack of knapping ability.

Ultrathin bifaces also represent a very high level of flintknapping skill, and these artifacts were likely made by a specialized subset of individuals. These bifaces were designed to be consistently thin across their entire surfaces, meaning that they could be resharpened many times while still retaining an optimal cutting edge. This aspect suggests that these bifaces would have been highly curated and would likely have been discarded only when they broke or were resharpened beyond their usefulness. As such, it is likely that these bifaces had a fairly low attrition rate, and the most skilled flintknappers in a group could supply them as needed without too much hassle. However, the occasional presence of thick bifaces and flake bifaces that exhibit ultrathin-like flaking patterns suggests that non-experts sometimes resorted to making tools that resemble ultrathin bifaces.

Miniature points represent something of a mystery in the Folsom complex, as well as in the other archaeological assemblages in which they appear. In the case of Folsom, miniature points occur primarily in the southern portion of Folsom's geographic extent, with the exception of Lindenmeier. The fact that some of them have impact damage strongly suggests they were used as projectiles, but their size makes them unlikely to have been hafted onto regular dart

shafts. Amick (1994) suggests the possibility of bow and arrow use during the Folsom period, but according to Tomka (2013), the use of bows and arrows generally suggests the hunting of game smaller than bison. In this research, there is no evidence to suggest that miniatures or any other Folsom-age projectile points were strictly used to hunt non-bison game, but more extensive faunal research may be necessary.

Tying these conclusions into inferences about Folsom period social systems is speculative at best, but some hypothetical scenarios may be suggested. It appears likely that the smallest social unit during this period consisted of small family-based bands, and these bands gathered regularly into larger groups to prepare for communal hunts, to exchange information, and to find mates. It is unlikely that every small group retained an “expert” flintknapper, so these groups would not regularly have access to “extra fine” points. Instead, their hunting toolkits would consist of whatever projectile points their skills enabled them to make, resulting in the variety of point types that are present in the Folsom archaeological record. Jodry (1998) suggests that ultrathin bifaces may have been used for jerky production, which was the work of women according to historic accounts of Plains tribes. Accordingly, it may be possible that expert female flintknappers made and supplied ultrathin bifaces to their brethren for such a purpose. This research cannot determine whether women participated in game hunting in addition to gathering, trapping, and campsite activities. However, it is likely that their participation in all but the most communal bison hunting would have been limited due to the inherent dangers and travel distances involved. Finally, children were likely involved in hunter and gathering efforts at as young an age as possible. It may be possible that miniature points represent part of a child’s hunting arsenal, and children may have engaged in the pursuit of small game at a fairly early age.



As always, more research breeds more questions. In the case of this research, the broad scope enables informed generalizations to be made about Folsom technology, but the data would benefit from finer resolution studies dealing with specific questions regarding particular assemblages. As stated above, a better understanding of the relationship between point types and faunal remains would aid in the interpretations of the use of these points. Another useful inquiry would be more rigorous analyses of the lithic material types utilized during the Folsom period and the tracking of those materials across sites both near and far. A better understanding of Folsom-era material culture helps us move beyond our imagination of the people as point-fluting, bison-hunting automatons and gives us a broader picture of their true diversity.

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Robert Detlef Lassen was born on February 28, 1979 in Louisville, Kentucky to his parents, Peter and Carol Lassen. He was born the seventh son of a seventh son. He has the power to heal. He has the gift of the second sight. He is the chosen one. So it shall be written, so it shall be done. As a child he attended the Xavier School for Gifted Youngsters. During this time, Robert engaged in volunteer archaeological excavations with the Brotherhood of the Cruciform Sword. After graduating high school in the spring of 1997, Robert enrolled at Balamb Garden, where he received SeeD training in guardian forces with a minor in gunblades. After graduating in 2001, Robert spent a year frozen in carbonite with little hope for advancement or happiness. However, that dark time inspired him to return to school and to renew his interest in archaeology. Robert received a Master of Dark Arts in anthropology from the Durmstrang Institute in the fall of 2005. After graduating, Robert spent nearly two years in the warm belly of a dead tauntaun. In the fall of 2007, Robert enrolled in the Ph.D. program in anthropology at the University of Tennessee. While there, Robert worked for four years trying to break into the cave beneath the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, and he spent one year showing highlights from the Maury Show to the students of Anth 110: Human Origins. Robert is currently a staff specialist at the Rachael Ray Show. Finally, almost nothing in the preceding account is true.