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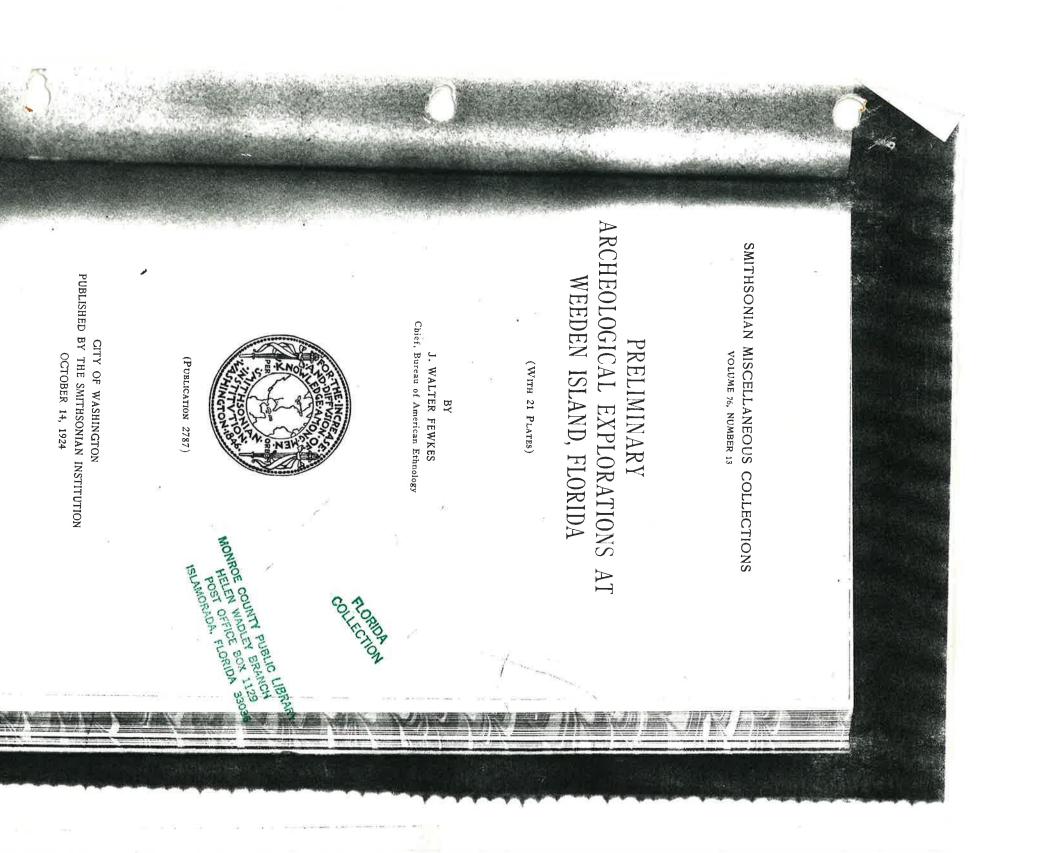
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(WITH 21 PLATES)

INTRODUCTION

The first printed account of any considerable size of the preto the author, was written by Mr. S. W. Walker and published in heaps situated on Hillsborough and Tampa bays, as well as others historic mounds that formerly stood on the site of the present city of time. Fortunately this ancient monument was saved from vandals including six of considerable magnitude, have shared the fate of many and used in the construction of roads in the city, for the stell off they are composed have a commercial value for the shells of The Bull Frog Creek Mound, one of the most extensive in 1879, is in some of those on Tampa Bay. Where there were several mounds of size, and prepared a map illustrating their distribution. His on that region. Among these the mounds at Papy's Bayou, which are thus described by him:

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These mounds are situated on a narrow peninsula on the north side of Papy's Bayou, on Old Tampa Bay. The place is known as Pillan's Hummock, and has been settled at some time in the past, but I presume the settlers fled before invading hordes of mosquitoes and sand flies. A few tumble down houses in a small clearing, surrounded by straggling orange and lemon trees, will serve

¹Mr. Walker published several papers on Florida, among which are two articles dealing with antiquities of Tampa Bay; one entitled "Preliminary Explorations Among the Indian Mounds in Southern Florida" and another, "Report on the Shell Heaps of Tampa Bay, Florida."

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