

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Sent the following note to Dr. Ross T. Christensen, Dept. Archaeology, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah:

yesterday I returned by air mail a marine shell, (Olivella dama Wood) UH 11-21/2, from mound 11, G. M. Hinckley farm, Provo. Our collections at K.U. were not adequate to determine whether this shell was from the East Coast or West Coast of North America; so, knowing that it would be of some significance in determining the source of trading material, I sent it to a specialist, Dr. William J. Clench of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard College. Dr. Clench identifies it as a shell from the Gulf of California. There is only one species of Olivella in the Western Atlantic which equals it in size, not in other details, and this species does not reach the Texas Coast.