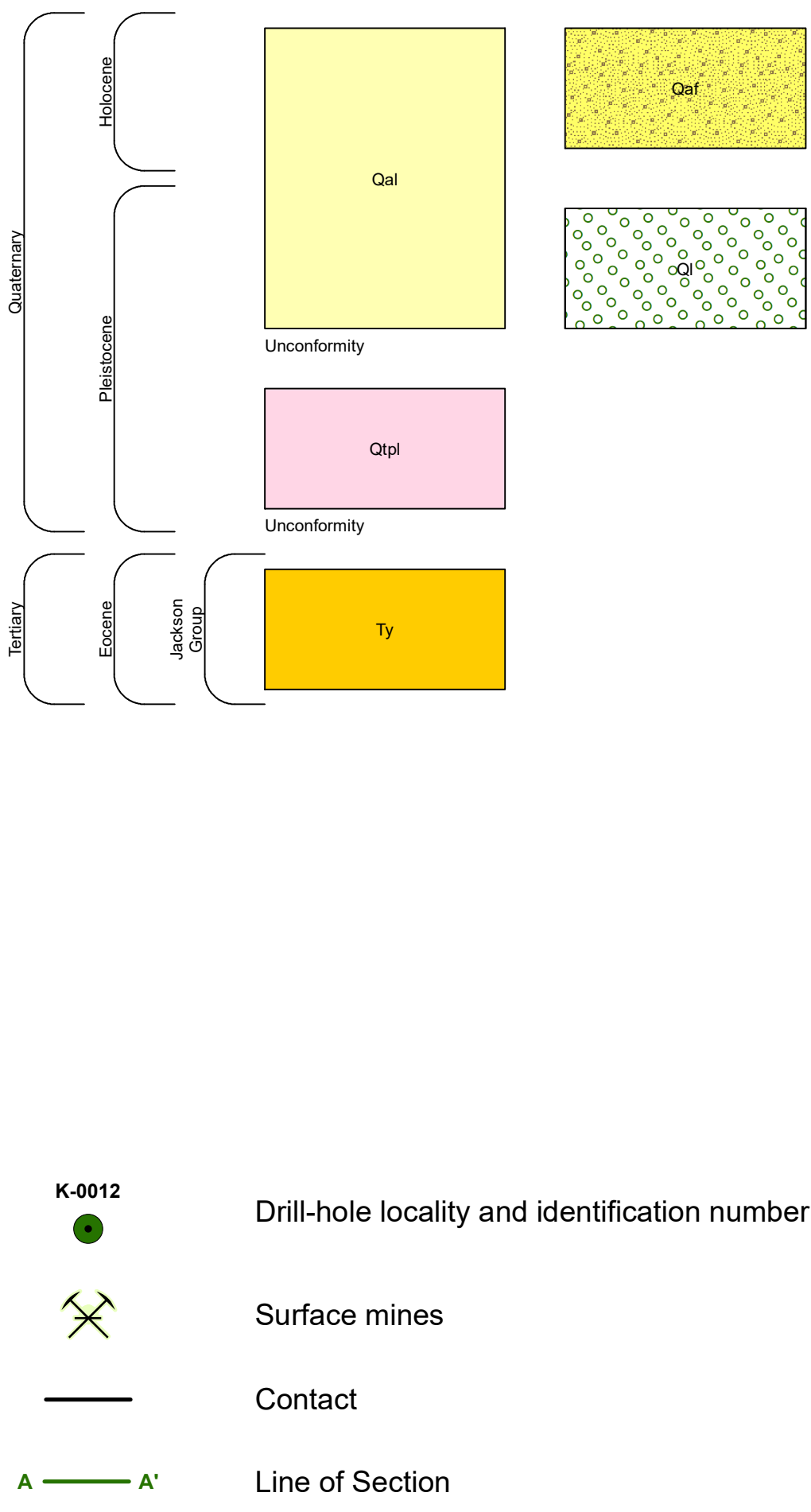


### Correlation of Map Units



### Descriptions of Map Units

**Alluvium**  
Flood plain sands, silts, gravels, and clays.

**Alluvial Fans**  
Alternating silts, sands, and gravels. Coarsest at the apex of the fan, fining laterally (radially) from the apex of the fan.

**Loess**  
Silt, buff to tan, pale yellow, red, or gray, sandy to clayey, quartzose to feldspathic. Loess is an eolian deposit derived from glacial outwash. Loess is typically calcareous with dolomite and calcite; however, the upper portion of the loess is highly weathered, leached / noncalcareous, very clayey, and has been referred to as "brown loam." Loess deposits unconformably blanket the pre-loess topography with substantial local variations in thickness. In places, weathered loess contains secondary deposits of small calcareous concretions (caliche, loess dolls). The basal few feet of loess grades into the sands and gravels of the Pre-loess terrace deposits. Loess can be locally and sparingly fossiliferous, commonly containing tests or steinkerns of foraminifera, and less commonly containing fossils of Pleistocene vertebrates such as mastodon, tapir, and ground sloths.

**Pre-loess Terrace Deposits**  
Sand, yellow, orange, purple, red, pink, fine- to coarse-grained, predominantly quartzose, cross-bedded to massive; graveliferous, pea to large cobble size clasts, clasts of sandstone up to boulder size not uncommon. Gravels are predominantly chert with lesser amounts of vein quartz, metaquartzite, agate, sandstone, and rare rhyolite clasts; clay, pink to white, generally occurring as discontinuous lenses and as rip-up clasts (clasts may be boulder size). Conglomeratic ironstone ledges are common in the graveliferous sands at the base of the deposits, which overlies the Cockfield Formation unconformably. "Head-of-hollow", terrace-derived valley fill deposits are common at lower elevations and are isolated to valley walls. These small deposits are of such limited extent as not to warrant representation on this map.

**Yazoo Formation (Yazoo Clay)**  
Clay, calcareous, montmorillonitic, and blue-green color unweathered, marine shell hash common along partings; weathers tan to yellowish-brown with caliche common. Locally fossiliferous: containing beds of the oyster *Pycnodonte trigonalis* and vertebrate remains of the archaeocete whales *Zygorhiza kochii* and *Basilosaurus cetoides*. Selenite locally along joints where clay is framboidally pyritiferous.



James Starnes standing in front of freshly excavated loess near US Hwy 49 in Yazoo City, T.11N. R.2W. Section 14, photographed January 5, 2021.



Fossil pulmonate gastropods typical of loess near US Hwy 49 in Yazoo City, T.11N. R.2W. Section 14, photographed January 5, 2021.



James Starnes standing at a vertical loess road cut near US Hwy 433, photographed January 5, 2021.



Pre-loess gravels overlain by loess on US Hwy 49 south of Yazoo City, photographed August 14, 2004.



James Starnes at a backfilled gravel pit where the unconformable contact between loess and Pre-loess gravels is exposed near US Hwy 49 in Yazoo City, T.11N. R.2W. Section 14, photographed January 5, 2021.



Jonathan Leard pointing to the unconformable contact between loess and Pre-loess gravels near US Hwy 49 in Yazoo City, T.11N. R.2W. Section 14, photographed January 5, 2021.



Bare Earth LIDAR Hillshade for the Yazoo City 7.5 Minute Quadrangle.  
1:70,000  
1 inch = 5,833 feet  
1 0.5 0 1 Miles



Upper (top) and lower (bottom) teeth of *Carcarrodon angustidens* Agassiz, 1843. Figure 1 is from the Yazoo Clay in Yazoo City. Figure 2 is from the Byram Formation north of Redwood in Warren County. Figure 3 is from the Yazoo Clay in Yazoo City. Figure 4 is from the Byram Formation at Vicksburg and is the largest shark tooth known from Mississippi. Figure 5 is from the Yazoo Formation at Jackson and is the longest shark tooth known from Mississippi. These teeth were first illustrated in the September 1986 issue of *Mississippi Geology*.



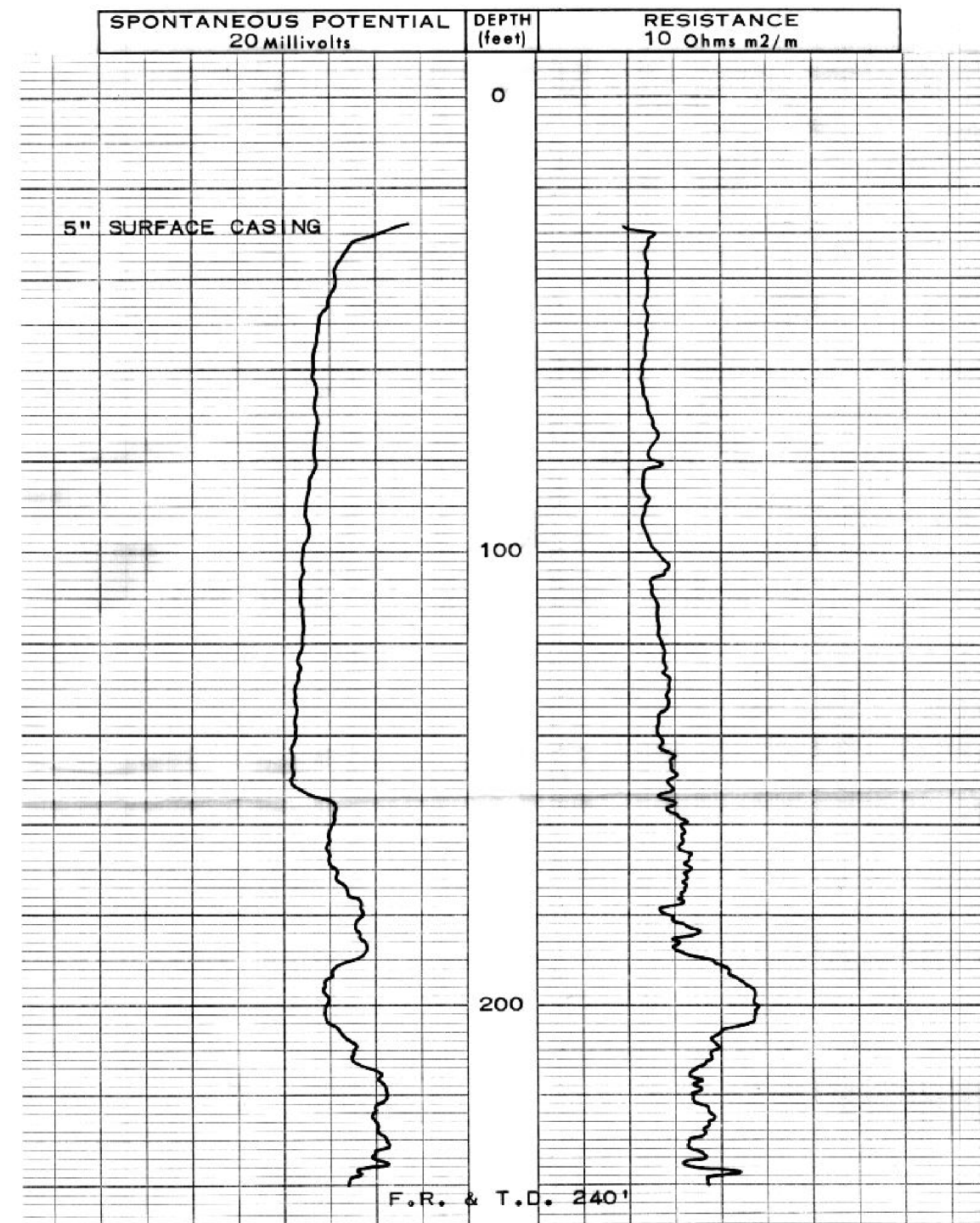
A fresh exposure of Yazoo Clay in the active channel of O'Neil Creek south of Yazoo City in T.11N. R.3W. Section 34, photographed March 5, 2021.



Jointing in weathered Yazoo Clay at the Yazoo City Rubbish Pit in T.11N. R.2W. Section 6, photographed January 5, 2021.

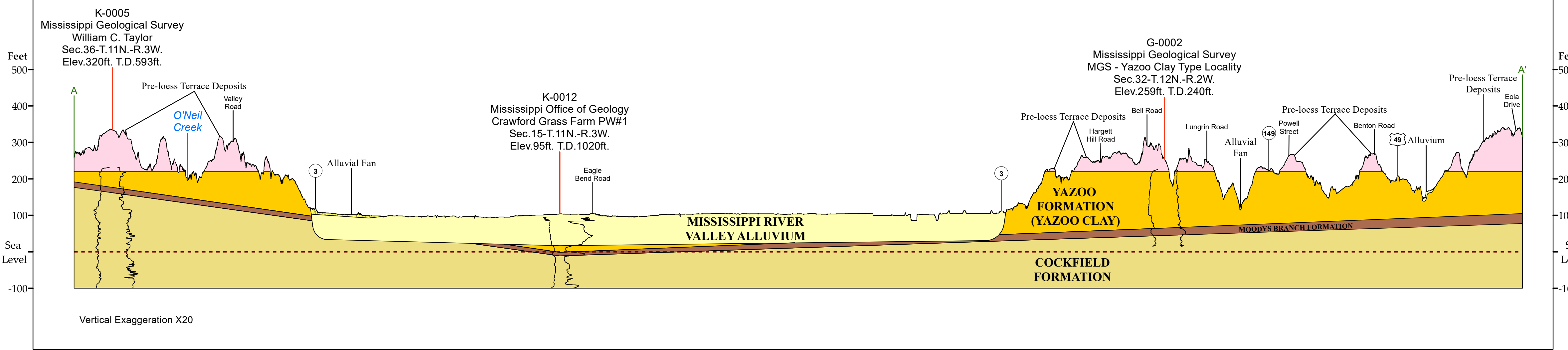
### MISSISSIPPI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

W1000  
DATE 10-4-83 ELECTRICAL LOG FILE NO. 92  
MISSISSIPPI, YAZOO COUNTY, T. 12N. R. 2W., Section, 32  
Location: SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4  
OWNER \_\_\_\_\_  
LOG INTERVAL 30' TO 240' DATUM: 3+3.2  
ELEVATION: 258.82'  
RUN NO. 1 2 FLUID RESISTIVITY OHMS AT 1 F.  
DATE 10-4-83 FLUID LEVEL FEET  
T.D. CASINO 273' NATURE OF FLUID \_\_\_\_\_  
T.D. LOGGER 240' REMARKS: STRATIGRAPHIC TEST AT TYPE LOCALITY OF YAZOO CLAY  
T.D. DRILLER 240' GEOLOGIST: M.H. MOORE AND M.K. KERN  
RECORDED: M.K. KERN  
SPONTANEOUS POTENTIAL (mV) RESISTANCE TO SHEAR (psi)  
50 millivolts 0  
100  
200  
F.R. & T.D. 240'

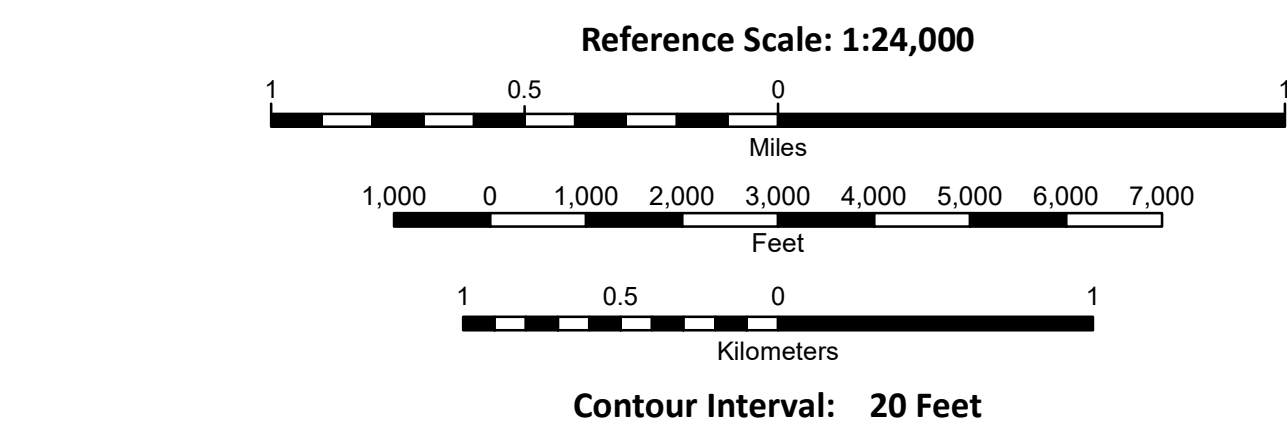


The geophysical log of the Stratigraphic Test at the type locality of Yazoo Clay drilled October 4, 1983.

### Structural Cross Section of the Yazoo City 7.5 Minute Quadrangle



Base Map produced by the Mississippi Geological Survey  
Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere  
Projection: Mercator Auxiliary Sphere; Datum: WGS 1984; Units: Meter  
Declination: January 01, 2021, magnetic north declination in quadrangle center is 1°5' West of true north, changing by 0' West per year.  
User: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Geological Survey (USGS), National Resources Conservation Service(NRCS), Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration(NOAA), National Park Service(NPS), and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Project span 2005-2017.  
Hydrographic: Lidar derived; National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) 2020  
Contours: Lidar derived  
Roads: Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) 2018  
PLS Boundaries: Mississippi Automated Resource Information System (MARIS) 2020  
Building Footprints: Microsoft 2019  
Surface Mines: MDEQ Office of Geology, Mining and Reclamation Division  
Boundaries: MDEQ Office of Geology - Environmental Geology Division



### GEOLOGIC MAP of the YAZOO CITY QUADRANGLE

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Adjoining 7.5' Quadrangles

