# THE ARBUCKLES BELOW YOUR FEET

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#### Bronston W. James "Bronc" 1904-2001

Bronc was considered to be one of the deans of the geological world in Southern Oklahoma.

Bronc's main interest was to help people learn about the fossils which represent the life that existed in the ancient seas in the Ardmore area.

Riding Morgan Horses at the age of 95



#### Pauls Valley Uplift is north of the true Arbuckle Mountains.



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### **Geologic Correlation Chart**

	MILLIONS OF YRS.					
SYSTEM	DURATION	AGO	GROUP	FORMATION	MEMBER	
Queterment	0.01	2.5	Recent	and the second second	Alluvium	
Quaternary			Pleistocene		Not present	
	4.5		Pliocene		Not present	Cenozoic
	19		Miocene		Not present	
Tertiary	12		Oligicene		Not present	
	15		Eocene		Not present	
	11	65	Paleocene	and the internation	Not present	
Cretaceous	71	136		Goodland Ls	Present in SE OK.	
Jurassic	54	190			Not present	Mesozoic
Triassic	35	225			Not present	
Permian	55	280	en de la constante de Ma	and Burn Said		
	45	325	Pontotoc	Vanoss	Collings Ranch Cgl	Paleozoic
			Cisco			
			Hoxbar (2500')	Hoxbar	Zuckerman Ls	
					Daube Ls	
					Anadarche Ls	
					Crinerville Ls	
					Confederate Ls	
					Natsy Ls	
					Williams Ls	
	1 Standard		Deese (5700')	Deese	Rocky Point Cgl	
Pennsylvanian					Arnold Ls	
					Devils Kitchen Cgl	
			Dornick Hills (5885')	Big Branch	Pumpkin Creek Ls	
					Frensley Ls	
				Lake Murray	Lester Ls	
					Bostwick Cgl	
				Golf Course	Otterville Ls	
					Jolliff Ls	
					Primrose Ss	
			Springer (5000')		Lake Ardmore Ss	
					Overbrook Ss	
					Rod Club Ss	

### **Correlation Chart Continued**

	MILLIONS OF YRS. DURATION AGO					
SYSTEM			GROUP	FORMATION		
Mississippian	20	345		Caney Sh (425')		
				Sycamore Ls (370')		
				Woodford Sh & Chert (290')		
Devonian	50	395		Pine Top Chert		
				Frisco Ls		
			Hunton	Bois D'Arc Ls		
			(250')	Haragan Marl		
Silurian	25	430		Henryhouse Marl	-	
	35			Chimney Hill Ls		
	70	500	Viola (684')	Sylvan Sh (305')		
				Fernvale Ls		
Ordovician				Trenton Ls		
				Bromide Ls & Sh		
				Tulip Creek/3rd Bromide Ss	Paleozoi	
			Simpson	McLish Ls & Sh	(cont)	
			(2220)	Basal McLish Ss	(cont.)	
			(2330)	Oil Creek Ls & Sh		
				Basal Oil Creek Ss		
				Joins Ls & Sh		
				West Spring Creek Ls		
				Kinblade Ls		
				Cool Creek Ls		
			Arbuckle	McKenzie Hill Ls		
Cambrian	70	570	(6722')	Butterly Dolomite		
				Signal Mountain Ls		
				Royer Dolomite		
				Fort Sill Ls		
			Timbered	Honey Creek Ls (155')	-	
			Hills	Reagan Ss (105')		
				Colbert Rhyolite (Porphyry)		
Precambrian	3930	4500		Tishomingo Granite		
				Troy Granita		

Total Thickness 30,721'

Hamilton Brothers #1 Turner Falls SE, NE, NW, SW SEC 18-T1S-R1E Murray Co., OK



#### In Cambrian Rhyolite



#### Cambrian Colbert Rhyolite



#### More Cambrian Colbert Rhyolite



...And more Granite...



...and More Granite....



AND..... more Granite....



At 12,000' Dark Gray Granite



Still More Granite



Granite at 14,300'



Note the 50 feet of Arbuckle at 15,390' and then back into the Granite.

And finally, at 16,130' drilled into Arbuckle McKenzie Hill Limestone.



Butterly Dolomite at 16,700 ' and Signal Mountain LS at 16,850'





This log shows that 16,500 feet of igneous granite and/or rhyolite was drilled above the fault to the lower Ordovician Arbuckle (McKenzie Hill Formation,) and then into the Cambrian Arbuckle (Butterly **Dolomite**, Signal Mountain Limestone and finally the Royer Dolomite Formations).

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Frankfort #1 Hale W/2, SW, NE SEC 4-T1S-R1E Murray Co., OK

Top of Viola Noted.



SCHLUNBERGER WELL SURVEYING CORPORATION

Scout

Viola 1054'



#### Viola again!

Viola 3030 (-2087)



Bob Allen and Bob Neman leading Halliburton Engineers on a field trip to the exposed Viola Quarry (closed) near Sulphur, OK. In warm weather oil seeps from this formation.



## Bromide SS at 3890' and again at 4090'

Top of the McLish SS at 4320'



Basal McLish SS at 4670'

Top of the Oil Creek SS at 4750'

Basal Oil Creek SS at 5390'

Joins Sh at 5520'



Basal Oil Creek Tar Sand Basal Oil Creek on the surface South of Sulphur, OK Sec 15-T1S-R3E



#### Top of Arbuckle West Spring Creek Member



Fault: Arbuckle to Springer at 7220'



#### All Springer



#### Caney at 9520', Sycamore at 9775', Woodford at 10,065'

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

Chimney Hill member of Hunton Limestone, Sylvan Shale, Viola Limestone at 10,825'

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Viola at 3030' and again at 10,825' giving a vertical displacement of 7795'.

Two other wells, the Frankford #1 Baldwin and the Gadsco #1 Mary Stromberg, both had vertical displacements of 7645' and 7610' respectively. Contacts between various lower Ordovician units at Exit 51, I-35 Taken from "My Favorite Outcrop" R.L. Neman, Ph.D. *Shale Shaker, May-June 2011* 

![](_page_34_Picture_1.jpeg)

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Total Depth in the Basal Oil Creek Sand Lario Oil & Gas Harley #10 NE, NW, NE SEC 27-T2S-R6W Stephens Co., OK

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#### Map of Fault Plane T1S-R1-2E Murray Co., OK

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#### This Cross Section shows displacement of Fault.

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The following outcrops occur on the Arbuckle Wilderness property in Murray County, OK, just east of Exit 51. A driving tour of the property will reveal most of the formations discussed in this paper.

#### Cliff = Chimney Hill Member of Hunton Limestone Flat = Sylvan Shale

![](_page_44_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Contact: Hunton Formation Chimney Hill (left)--Henryhouse Limestone

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#### Contact: Henryhouse (left) – Haragan (Hunton Formation)

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#### Woodford Shale

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#### Woodford Shale

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#### Woodford Shale (hill left) Sycamore Limestone (bottom right)

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Caney Shale on Right

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#### Sycamore Limestone – Caney Shale

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#### Springer Shale

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Washita River from Dougherty Bridge looking South. Note the bedding planes normally under water.

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As you drive thru the Arbuckle Wilderness you will see various creatures including this Emu......

![](_page_54_Picture_1.jpeg)

This strange horse is a Przewalski (pronounced "shed-walski") from Mongolia

![](_page_55_Picture_1.jpeg)

White Rhino wishing we would leave!

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## "The 2 Bobs"

![](_page_57_Picture_1.jpeg)

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# THE END!