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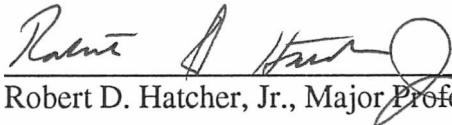
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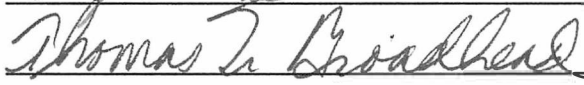

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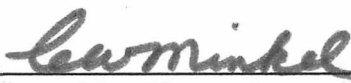
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Abstract

The Upper Proterozoic Walden Creek and Great Smoky Groups (Ocoee Super-group) are a thick sequence of metasedimentary rocks that underlies the western Blue Ridge Foothills in southeastern Tennessee. These rocks represent synrift sedimentation along the Late Proterozoic to Early Cambrian Laurentian margin. They were subsequently deformed and metamorphosed during the Taconic orogeny (Ordovician), then brittlely deformed by northwestward thrusting during the Alleghanian orogeny (Permian). Rejected alternative interpretations suggest that the Walden Creek Group may be Middle Ordovician to Mississippian in age, and deposited in a post-Taconic successor basin, possibly during the Acadian orogeny. Those interpretations require that these rocks were metamorphosed and deformed only during the Alleghanian orogeny.

Detailed geologic mapping (1:12,000 and 1:24,000) of a 191 km² (~74 mi²) area indicates the western Blue Ridge Foothills in southeastern Tennessee consist of Chilhowee Group (Lower Cambrian), Walden Creek Group, and Great Smoky Group lithologies broken by late Paleozoic brittle faults. Rocks assigned to the Great Smoky Group are correlated with the Ammons and Dean formations, whereas rocks of the Walden Creek Group are correlated with the Wilhite and Sandsuck formations. A klippe of quartz arenite on Groundhog Mountain is correlated with the Hesse Quartzite (Chilhowee Group). The contact between the overlying Walden Creek Group (Wilhite Formation) and Great Smoky Group (Dean Formation) is conformable, thus providing an upper bound for the age of the Walden Creek Group. This contact previously has been interpreted as the southern continuation of the Greenbrier fault, as a Middle Ordovician unconformity, and more recently as conformable. The only other conformable contact between formations in the study area is between the Dean Formation and the underlying Ammons Formation (Great Smoky Group); all others are faults. In the Walden Creek

Group, the Wilhite Formation is thrust (Miller Cove fault) onto the Sandsuck Formation, which is thrust (Great Smoky fault) onto Valley and Ridge units.

Rocks within the study area were metamorphosed once, and cut by six regional thrust faults, and four generations of folds and cleavages. Metamorphism during the Taconic orogeny reached chlorite and biotite grade in the study area. During this orogeny, F_1 folds with axial-planar slaty cleavage (S_1) formed along with pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}). Brittle Alleghanian deformation resulted in emplacement of the Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, Maggies Mill, Miller Cove, Rabbit Creek and Oconaluftee faults. These faults separate the western Blue Ridge Foothills in the study area into three thrust sheets (Great Smoky, Miller Cove, and Rabbit Creek thrust sheets). The Bullet Mountain thrust sheet is located in the Valley and Ridge and is interpreted to have been transported northwestward beneath the Great Smoky thrust sheet. F_2 kink folds and S_2 crenulation cleavage formed as a result of this Alleghanian deformation in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. F_3 folds and axial-planar slaty cleavage (S_3) formed in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. Folding of these western Blue Ridge thrust sheets by duplexing of Valley and Ridge footwall units represents the F_4 folding event.

Strain analysis (R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods) of ten oriented sandstones from the Walden Creek Group and the Great Smoky Group in three western Blue Ridge thrust sheets yield mean strain ratios (R_{xy} , R_{xz} , R_{yz}) of 1.33, 1.71, 1.3 ($X \geq Y \geq Z$) and 1.61, 2.27, 1.43 ($X \geq Y \geq Z$), respectively. Strains appear to be the result of one or two western Blue Ridge deformation events. The highest strain values occur near Alleghanian brittle faults, and toward the southeast in the direction of increasing metamorphic grade and deformation.

An environmental assessment for a hypothetical residential development within the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds in the study area indicates slope instabilities exist due to mechanical discontinuity characteristics in bedrock, recognition of

previous landslides, topography, and climate. Previous landslides within this area are classified as debris slides and debris flows, and were possibly triggered by heavy rainfall events. Extensive development is not recommended in most of the assessment area.

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Chapter I

Introduction

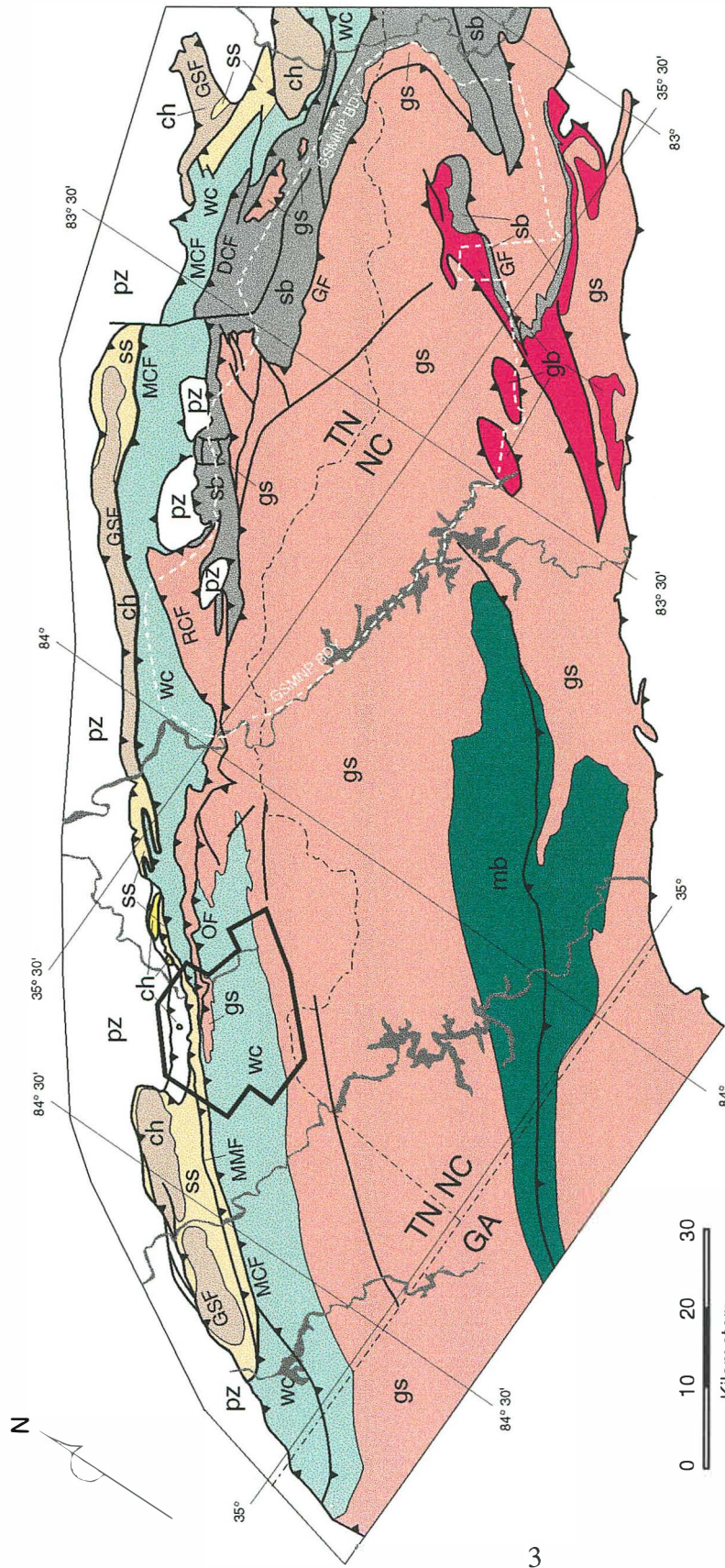
The Ocoee Supergroup is the principal lithostratigraphic unit in the western Blue Ridge of eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and northern Georgia (Fig. I-1). It has been interpreted as the product of Late Proterozoic to Early Cambrian synrift sedimentation along the southeastern Laurentian margin (Stose and Stose, 1949; King and others, 1958; DeWindt, 1975; Rankin, 1975; Hatcher, 1972, 1978; Rast and Kohles, 1986). King and others (1958) defined the Ocoee Supergroup in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as consisting of the Snowbird, Great Smoky, and Walden Creek groups. The sequence was subsequently deformed and metamorphosed during the Taconic orogeny (Ordovician), and deformed again during the Alleghanian orogeny (Permian) (Butler, 1972; Rankin, 1975; Hatcher, 1972, 1978; Kish, 1989; Connelly and Dallmeyer, 1990; Kish, 1991; Woodward and others, 1991; Connelly and Woodward, 1992). Recent hypotheses based on paleontological data suggest that all or part of the Ocoee Supergroup may be younger (Middle Ordovician to Mississippian) than originally thought (Tull and Groszos, 1988, 1990; Unrug and Unrug, 1990; Thompson and Tull, 1991; Unrug and others, 1991; Tull and others, 1993). According to these hypotheses, those units were deposited in a post-Taconic successor basin (possibly during the Acadian orogeny), then were deformed and metamorphosed during the Alleghanian orogeny.

The western Blue Ridge Foothills near Tellico Plains in southeastern Tennessee is a critical area for determining important stratigraphic and structural relationships between groups of the Ocoee Supergroup (Fig. I-2). The bedrock geology here consists of faulted and tightly folded metasedimentary rocks of the Walden Creek and Great Smoky groups. The rolling hills and low mountains of the Foothills belt are underlain by the dominantly fine-grained clastic strata of the Walden Creek Group, whereas the dominantly coarse-

Figure I-1. Geologic map of the western Blue Ridge in southeastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and northern Georgia. Field area is represented by polygon outlined by heavy black line. Modified from Carter and others (1995a).

Geologic abbreviations: DCF-Dunn Creek fault; GF-Greenbrier fault; GSF-Great Smoky fault; MCF-Miller Cove fault; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault.

Geographic abbreviations: GSMNP BDY-Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary.



Explanation

- pz Valley and Ridge Fms
- ch Chilhowee Group
- Walden Creek Group
- Sanduck Formation
- Great Smoky Group
- Snowbird Group
- Murphy belt rocks
- Grenville basement

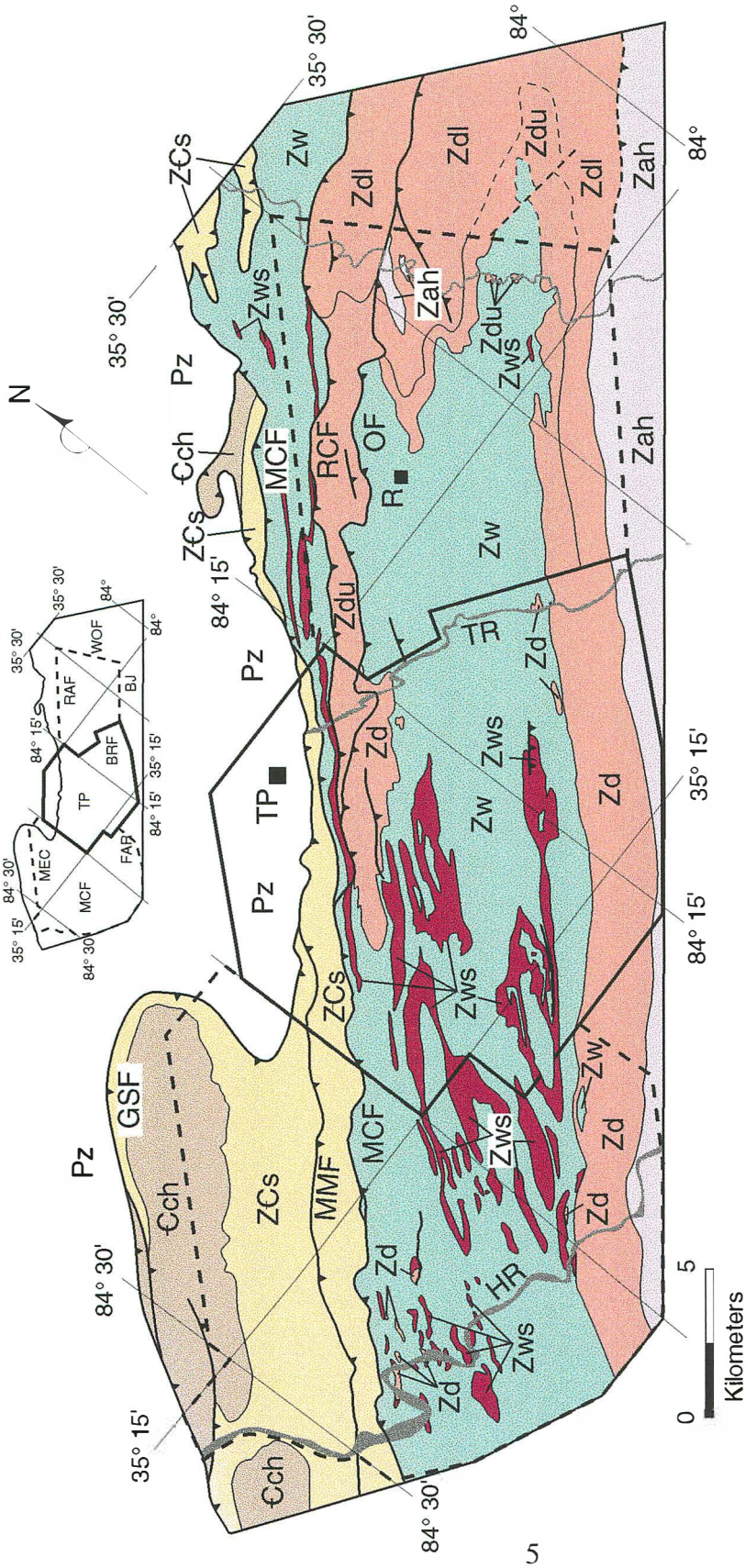
Ocoee Supergroup

Figure I-2. Regional geologic map of the western Blue Ridge in southeastern Tennessee showing location of study area (heavy black line) and quadrangle locations. Heavy dashed lines represent the study areas of Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995) to the southwest and northeast of the study area, respectively. Modified from Carter and others (1995a).

Geologic abbreviations: GSF-Great Smoky fault; MCF-Miller Cove fault; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault.

Geographic abbreviations: HR-Hiwassee River; R-Rafter; TP-Tellico Plains; TR-Tellico River.

Quadrangle abbreviations: BJ-Big Junction; BRF-Bald River Falls; FAR-Farner; MCF-McFarland; MEC-Mecca; RAF-Rafter; TP-Tellico Plains; WOF-Whiteoak Flats.



Explanation

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|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| | Wilhite Fm | | known faults |
| | Zws-sandstone members | | postulated faults (unconfirmed by detailed mapping) |
| | Dean Fm | | |
| | Zdu - upper | | |
| | Zdl - lower | | |
| | Ammons Fm | | |
| | Horse Branch (?) Member | | |
| | Valley and Ridge Fms | | |
| | Chilhowee Group | | |
| | Sandsuck Fm | | |

grained clastic strata of the Great Smoky Group underlie the Unaka Mountains belt, which includes the high peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains, and the Unaka Mountains along the state line in southeastern Tennessee and southwestern North Carolina (Fig. I-2; Plate I).

This study focuses mainly on the stratigraphic and structural relationships between the Walden Creek and Great Smoky groups to determine the age and tectonic setting of the sequence. Reports of Silurian to early Mississippian microfossils from the Walden Creek Group (Unrug and Unrug, 1990; Unrug and others, 1991) have raised questions concerning the nature of the contacts between the Walden Creek Group and other units in the western Blue Ridge, as well as the age of these units. This suggestion also affects the interpretations of depositional and tectonic setting for the Walden Creek Group (Tull and Groszos, 1988, 1990; Thompson and Tull, 1991; Tull and others, 1993). The purpose of this study is to provide new data that will help define the stratigraphic and structural relationships, and structural chronologies of the Walden Creek Group in a portion of the western Blue Ridge foothills in southeastern Tennessee.

Location of study area

The western Blue Ridge of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina can be subdivided into three physiographic subprovinces: (1) the westernmost frontal Blue Ridge fault blocks; (2) the Foothills belt; and (3) the Unaka Mountains belt (Rodgers, 1953). The study area spans part of the Valley and Ridge, the Foothills belt, and includes the westernmost mountain range of the Unaka Mountains belt to the southeast. The area encompasses approximately 191 km² (~74 mi²) near Tellico Plains, Tennessee, and includes portions of the Tellico Plains, Bald River Falls, Farner and Unaka 7.5-minute quadrangles (Fig. I-2). The area is bounded to the northwest by Mocking Crow Mountain, to the northeast by the Tellico River, to the southeast by the Unicoi Mountains,

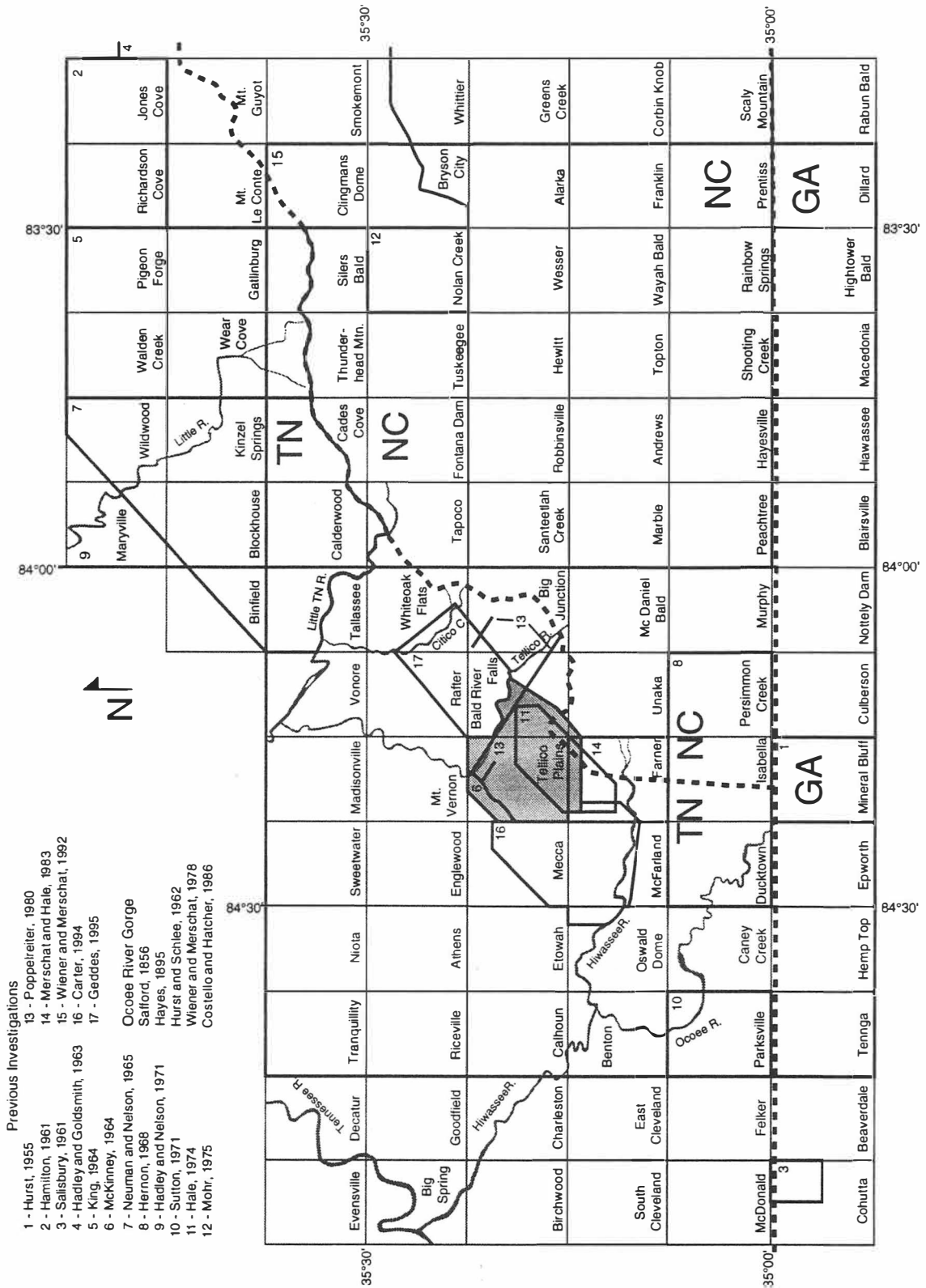
and to the southwest by the Tellico Plains/Mecca 7.5-minute quadrangle boundary (Fig. I-2; Plate I).

Previous work

Some of the most significant geologic investigations of the Ocoee Supergroup in southeast Tennessee have been conducted along the Ocoee River Gorge south of the study area (Fig. I-3). Here, Safford (1856) originally defined the type sections of the Ocoee as the “Ocoee conglomerates and slates,” while Hurst and Schlee (1962) were able to distinguish important stratigraphic continuities between major units within the Ocoee Supergroup. These stratigraphic continuities were recently reconfirmed in the Ocoee Gorge (Costello and Hatcher, 1986; Costello, 1993). King and others (1958) provided the modern stratigraphic framework of the Ocoee Supergroup in an extensive study of the geology of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Most of the previous geologic investigations near this study area were masters theses by University of Tennessee graduate students: McKinney (1964), Poppelreiter (1980), Carter (1994), and Geddes (1995). Other geologic investigations were conducted by Hale (1974), Merschat and Wiener (1973), Wiener and Merschat (1978, 1981, 1992), and Merschat and Hale (1983) (Fig. I-3).

One of the earliest modern detailed geologic investigations in the Tellico Plains area of southeastern Tennessee was by McKinney (1964), who mapped early Paleozoic strata in the Groundhog Mountain area near Tellico Plains. This area is within the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet and consists of Lower Cambrian Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation thrust northwest over Middle to Upper Cambrian Conasauga Group and Upper Cambrian to Lower Ordovician Knox Group of the Valley and Ridge. Within this area is Groundhog Mountain, which is capped by a clean, medium-grained quartzite. The mountain was previously postulated by Rodgers (1953) to have formed by tight folding of

Figure I-3. Previous geologic investigations in the western Blue Ridge of southeastern Tennessee, southwestern North Carolina, and northern Georgia. Study area is shaded.



Lower Cambrian strata with subsequent erosion exposing Chilhowee Group lithologies, which are probably analogous to Glade and Lick Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The Groundhog Mountain klippe may be associated with the Great Smoky fault, either to the main fault surface or to an intermediate slice related to the Great Smoky fault system. McKinney (1964) concluded that the quartzite capping Groundhog Mountain is a klippe of Hesse Sandstone (Chilhowee Group) that has been thrust onto younger Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation. McKinney also interpreted the klippe to be an intermediate slice of upper Chilhowee Group rocks related to the Great Smoky fault system. If this klippe is related to the Great Smoky fault, the fault surface would be warped due to a later stage of deformation, and the strata in the upper plate would be overturned to the southeast. A portion of the southern part of the study area was mapped by Hale (1974), who observed a conformable stratigraphic relationship between the coarser-grained lithologies of the Great Smoky Group and the overlying banded metasilstones of the lower Walden Creek Group. Hale also mapped sequences of arkosic sandstone within the banded metasilstones. Poppelreiter (1980) made regional correlations between major structures in the area, and concluded that the contact between the Great Smoky Group and the Walden Creek Group is conformable.

Merschat and Wiener (Merschat and Wiener, 1973; Wiener and Merschat, 1978, 1981; Merschat and Hale, 1983; and Wiener and Merschat, 1992) made alternative interpretations for some of the contact relationships and correlations between major units of the Ocoee Supergroup in southeast Tennessee, southwest North Carolina, and north Georgia. Principally, they interpreted the contact between the Great Smoky Group and the Walden Creek Group to be the southern continuation of the Greenbrier fault, which changes the facing direction or tops of bedding and stratigraphic nomenclature across the contact.

Recently, Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995) mapped and interpreted the geology of

the western Blue Ridge Foothills to the southwest and northeast of the study area (Fig. I-2). Detailed geologic mapping by Carter delineated the stratigraphic sequence of the uppermost formations of the Great Smoky Group, the Walden Creek Group, and the lower formations of the Chilhowee Group northeast of the Hiwasee River and southeast of Starr Mountain. Important results of this study included: (1) a stratigraphic contact between the underlying Great Smoky Group and underlying Walden Creek Group in doubly plunging anticlines cored by Great Smoky Group strata; (2) mappable metasandstone units within the metasilstone lithofacies of the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group); (3) carbonate lithologies in the Sandsuck Formation in the footwall of the Miller Cove fault; (4) a conformable relationship between the underlying Sandsuck Formation and the overlying Chilhowee Group; and (5) regional correlations for the area. Geddes (1995) mapped the area northeast of the study area between Citico Creek and the Tellico River. He delineated the uppermost formations of the Great Smoky Group and Walden Creek lithologies southeast of the Miller Cove fault, and was also able to demonstrate the stratigraphic relationship between the Great Smoky Group and Walden Creek Group. This relationship is present in southwest-plunging second-order anticlines that expose the upper formations of the Great Smoky Group and the overlying Walden Creek Group. An important correlation made in this thesis is the correlation of the upper part of the Cades Sandstone with the Dean Formation of the Great Smoky Group. Both Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995) integrated seismic reflection data (Cook and others, 1983) with surface data to provide evidence for the Foothills duplex beneath the Great Smoky overthrust.

Objectives

The main objectives of this thesis are: (1) determine the lithologies and areal extent of Walden Creek Group and upper Great Smoky Group formations; (2) determine the

stratigraphic and structural relationships between the Walden Creek Group and the Great Smoky Group; (3) provide evidence in order to constrain an age interpretation for the Walden Creek Group; (4) determine the amount of internal strain in these units; and (5) complete a hypothetical applied problem that involved evaluation of an area for potential residential development using lithologic, structural, and geomorphic data. Achieving the first four objectives will help formulate conclusions about the age of the Walden Creek Group and model the chronology of tectonic events that have shaped the western Blue Ridge Foothills of the southern Appalachians. Objective five was completed by applying many of the bedrock data, along with additional surficial geologic data, to a problem.

Methodology

This research involved detailed geologic mapping (1:12,000) of the study area (Plate I). Field work was begun, while still an undergraduate in mid-July, 1992, and continued until mid-August, 1992. Mapping resumed in January, 1993, as a graduate student and continued with interruptions to August, 1995, and involved foot traverses along streams, ridges, roads, and highways. Most traverses were across regional strike, spaced closely enough to permit tracing contacts along strike. Structural measurements of bedding, cleavages, folds, lineations, and fractures were collected from more than 2,300 stations throughout the study area (Plate II) using a Sylva Ranger™ compass. Structural analyses were aided using Stereonet software, developed by R. W. Allmendinger (Cornell University) for the Macintosh personal computer. Petrographic studies were conducted using a Leitz Orthoplan Pol polarizing microscope. Strain studies, using both the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry method, were performed using software developed by Adolph Yonkee (University of Utah) for the Macintosh personal computer.

Chapter II

Lithostratigraphy

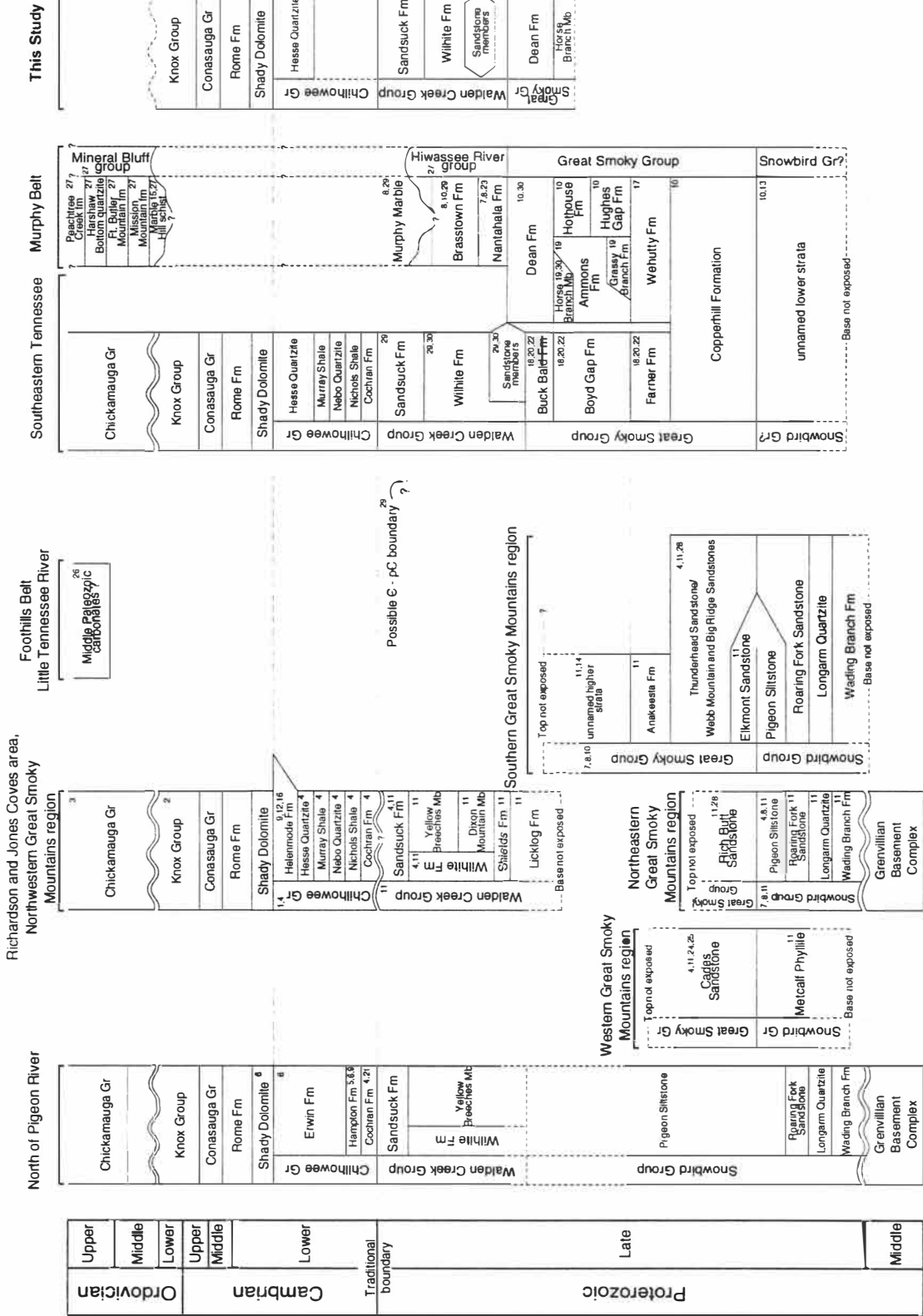
Introduction

The Ocoee Supergroup forms most of the western Blue Ridge province of the southern Appalachians in southeastern Tennessee, southwestern North Carolina, and northeastern Georgia (King and others, 1958) (Fig. I-1). Its thickness has been estimated to be approximately 15 km (50,000 ft), which is dominated by terrigenous clastic sedimentary rocks deposited nonconformably on Middle Proterozoic (Grenvillian) crystalline basement (Hayes, 1900; Keith, 1907a, 1907b; Stose and Stose, 1949; King and others, 1958; Odom and others, 1973; Costello, 1978; McConnell and Costello, 1982, 1984; Costello, 1986; Rankin and others, 1989). The Ocoee Supergroup is overlain by two separate groups of strata. In southeast Tennessee along the western Blue Ridge boundary, the Ocoee Supergroup is conformably overlain by the Lower Cambrian Chilhowee Group (King and others, 1958; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Walker and Driese, 1991) (Figs. I-1, II-1). To the east in the central Blue Ridge, the Ocoee Supergroup is conformably overlain by the rocks of the Murphy belt (Keith, 1907a; Hurst, 1955; King and others, 1958; Hadley, 1970; Mohr, 1975) (Figs. I-1, II-1).

The Ocoee is divided into three groups; the Snowbird, the Great Smoky, and the Walden Creek Groups (King and others, 1958). An unbroken continuous stratigraphic sequence of the Ocoee Supergroup does not exist due to faulting and probable complexity of the depositional basin geometry. Reconstruction of the Ocoee stratigraphic sequence requires correlation of similar formations across faults, but King and others (1958), Hamilton (1961), and Unrug and Unrug (1990) had problems correlating formations from a hanging wall with similar units in the subjacent footwall. Traditionally, the large body of fine-grained rocks underlying most of the study area is interpreted as belonging to the

Figure II-1. Regional correlations of Late Proterozoic to early Paleozoic stratigraphy in eastern Tennessee and southwestern North Carolina. Number key denotes authors(s) and contributor(s) who defined the stratigraphic unit. No thickness or time durations are indicated by the size of individual blocks. Modified from Carter (1994).

Number key index: 1-Safford (1856); 2-Safford (1869); 3-Hayes (1891); 4-Keith (1895); 5-Campbell (1899); 6-Keith (1903); 7-Keith (1904); 8-Keith (1907a); 9-King and others (1944); 10-Hurst (1955); 11-King and others (1958); 12-King and Ferguson (1960); 13-Hurst and Schlee (1962); 14-King (1964); 15-Fairly (1965); 16-Neuman and Nelson (1965); 17-Hernon (1968); 18-Merschhat and Wiener (1973); 19-Mohr (1975); 20-Wiener and Merschhat (1978); 21-Keller (1980); 22-Wiener and Merschhat (1981); 23-Ausburn (1983); 24-Walters and Woodward (1987); 25-Lewis (1988); 26-Unrug and Unrug (1990); 27-Tull and others (1991); 28-Woodward and others (1991); 29-Carter (1994); 30-Geddes (1995).



Walden Creek Group. Wiener and Merschat (1978), Merschat and Hale (1983), and Wiener and Merschat (1992) have correlated this body with the Snowbird Group. Detailed accounts of the history of previous stratigraphic investigations of the Ocoee Supergroup were presented by Rodgers (1991) and Carter (1994).

Description of rock units

The following sections are lithologic descriptions of mappable rock units present in the study area, as well as descriptions of the correlated formations as defined by previous investigators. The stratigraphic nomenclature employed here follows that of King and others (1958) for Walden Creek Group strata, and of Hurst (1955) and Mohr (1975) for Great Smoky Group strata (Figs. II-1, II-1; Plate I). Murphy belt nomenclature for Great Smoky Group formations is used here to emphasize the stratigraphic relationship that exists between the rocks that overlie the Great Smoky Group in the western Blue Ridge of southeastern Tennessee and in the central Blue Ridge in southwestern North Carolina. The lowest mappable stratigraphic unit exposed in the field area is the Ammons Formation (Great Smoky Group), which is overlain by the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group) (Fig. II-1). The Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group) follows in the sequence, and conformably overlies the Dean Formation. The Wilhite metasiltstone is the most dominant lithology exposed in the study area (Fig. II-2; Plate I). The Sandsuck Formation (Walden Creek Group) is the highest mappable stratigraphic unit in the field area, and is separated from the Wilhite Formation by the Miller Cove fault. A lithologic description of early Paleozoic strata in the Groundhog Mountain area, as mapped by McKinney (1964), is also included.

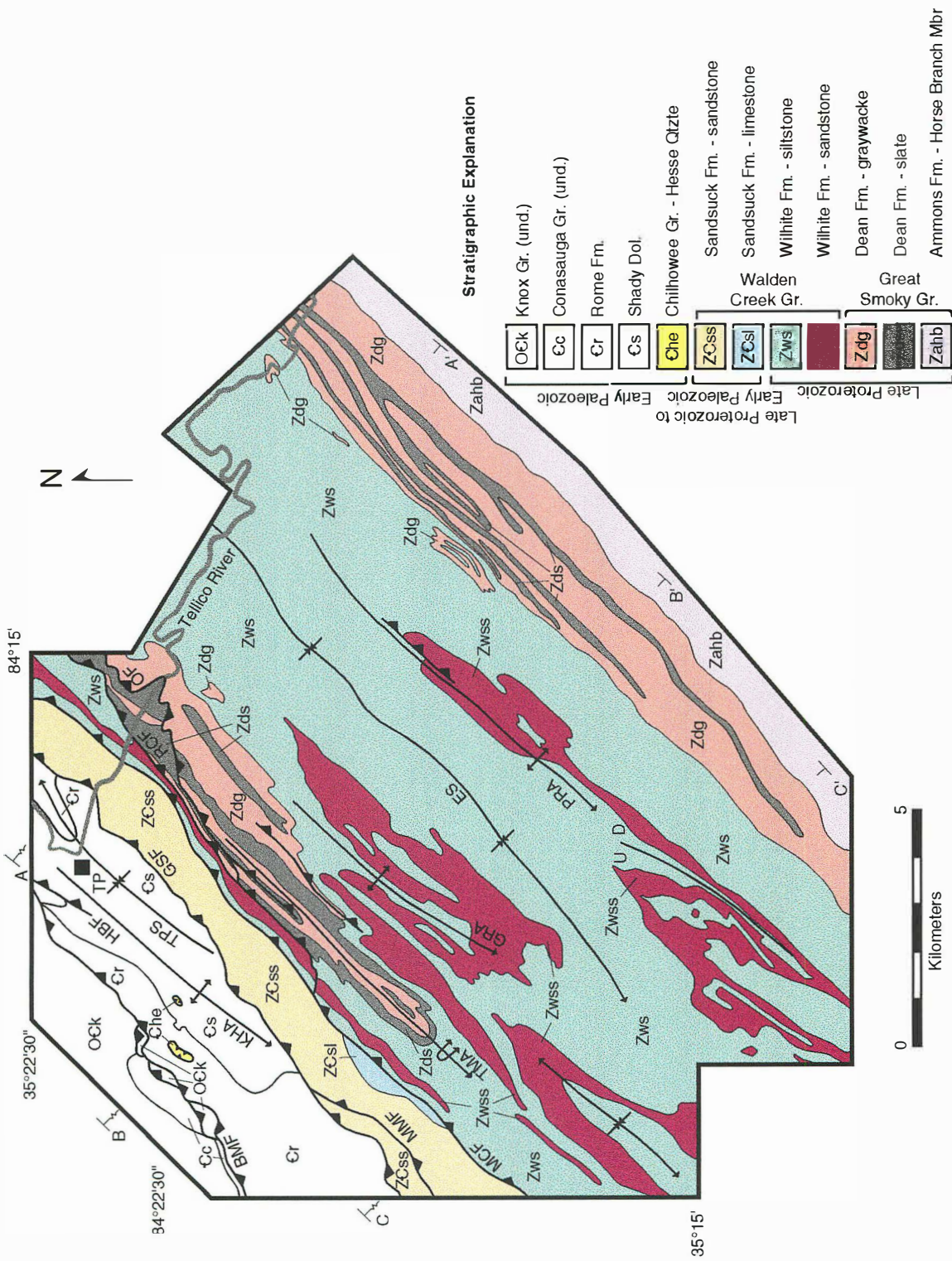
Great Smoky Group

The Great Smoky Group is the thickest unit in the Ocoee Supergroup, at an

Figure II-2. Simplified geologic map of study area. See Plate I for detail. Cross sections (Plate III) located along lines A-A', B-B', and C-C'.

Geologic abbreviations: BMF-Bullet Mountain fault; ES-Epperson synclinorium; GRA-Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium; GSF-Great Smoky fault; HBF-Hunt Branch fault; KHA-Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium; MCF-Miller Cove fault; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; PRA-Payne Ridge anticlinorium; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault; TMA-Tellico Mountain anticlinorium; TPS-Tellico Plains synclinorium; U-upthrown fault block; D-downthrown fault block.

Geographic abbreviation: TP-Tellico Plains.



estimated 8,000 m (25,000 ft) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region, and is generally composed of granule to pebble conglomerate, fine- to coarse-grained sandstone, dark silty or argillaceous slate, phyllite, and schist (King and others, 1958; Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964). This massive sequence extends 240 km (150 mi) along regional strike from the Pigeon River in eastern Tennessee southwestward into northern Georgia, and 65 km (40 mi) across regional strike from the foothills of southeastern Tennessee eastward to the flanks of the Murphy syncline of southwestern North Carolina and northern Georgia. The Great Smoky Group is also exposed in the Brasstown Bald and Shooting Creek windows beneath the Hayesville-Allatoona fault system in southwestern North Carolina (Hopson and others, 1989).

The base of the Great Smoky Group through most of its extent in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is cut off by the Greenbrier fault. In the southeastern portion of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, however, the Great Smoky Group has been interpreted to conformably overlie the Snowbird Group (King and others, 1958). Montes (unpub. M.S. thesis) is currently reexamining the base of the Great Smoky Group near Bryson City, NC, to determine the contact relationship with the underlying Snowbird Group. In southeast Tennessee, along the Ocoee, Hiwassee, and Tellico Rivers, the top of the Great Smoky Group is conformably overlain by the Walden Creek Group (Hurst and Schlee, 1962; Hale, 1974; Poppelreiter, 1980; Costello and Hatcher, 1986, 1991; Carter, 1994; Geddes, 1995; this study). The Great Smoky Group is also conformably overlain by the Hiwassee River Group in the Murphy belt (Hurst, 1955; Tull and others, 1991).

Great Smoky Group lithologies generally consist of pebble conglomerate, graywacke, sandstone and slate (Hurst, 1955; King and others, 1958; Hemon, 1968; Mohr, 1975). The conglomerate is generally a coarser facies of the graywacke, and is characterized by graded beds and poor sorting. These rock types are repetitively interbedded throughout the Great Smoky Group sequence, and the formations are

distinguished from each other by the relative abundance of each rock type.

Ammons Formation

The Ammons Formation is a sequence of well-oxidized mica schist, metasilstone, and sandstone, with an atypical graphitic, laminated schist and metasilstone member (Horse Branch Member) in the upper 300 m (990 ft) of the formation (Mohr, 1975; Ausburn, 1983). The oxidation state of this unit is greater than most units in the Great Smoky Group, because the mineral assemblages consist of magnetite, pyrite, and epidote rather than graphite, pyrrhotite, and zoisite (Mohr, 1975). The Ammons Formation conformably overlies the Grassy Branch Formation, and is stratigraphically equivalent to the Hothouse Formation of Hurst (1955) and Hemon (1968), and to the upper part of the Boyd Gap Formation of Merschat and Wiener (1973) and Wiener and Merschat (1978, 1981, 1992) (Fig. II-1). Mohr (1975) described the Ammons Formation as fine- to medium-grained felsic graywacke, metasilstone, quartz-mica schist, and rare conglomerate. The upper 300 m (990 ft) of the Ammons Formation consist of a distinctive dark gray, graphitic, laminated schist, and dark laminated metasilstone (Mohr, 1975; Ausburn, 1983; Geddes, 1995). The Hothouse Formation, as originally described by Hurst (1955), consists of interbedded graywacke and mica schist, with lesser amounts of conglomerate and quartzite. The thickness of the Ammons Formation is estimated to be 1,200 to 1,500 m (3,900 to 4,900 ft) (Mohr, 1975), while the Hothouse Formation is estimated to be 2,440 to 3,350 m (8,000 to 11,000 ft) (Hurst, 1955).

Horse Branch Member

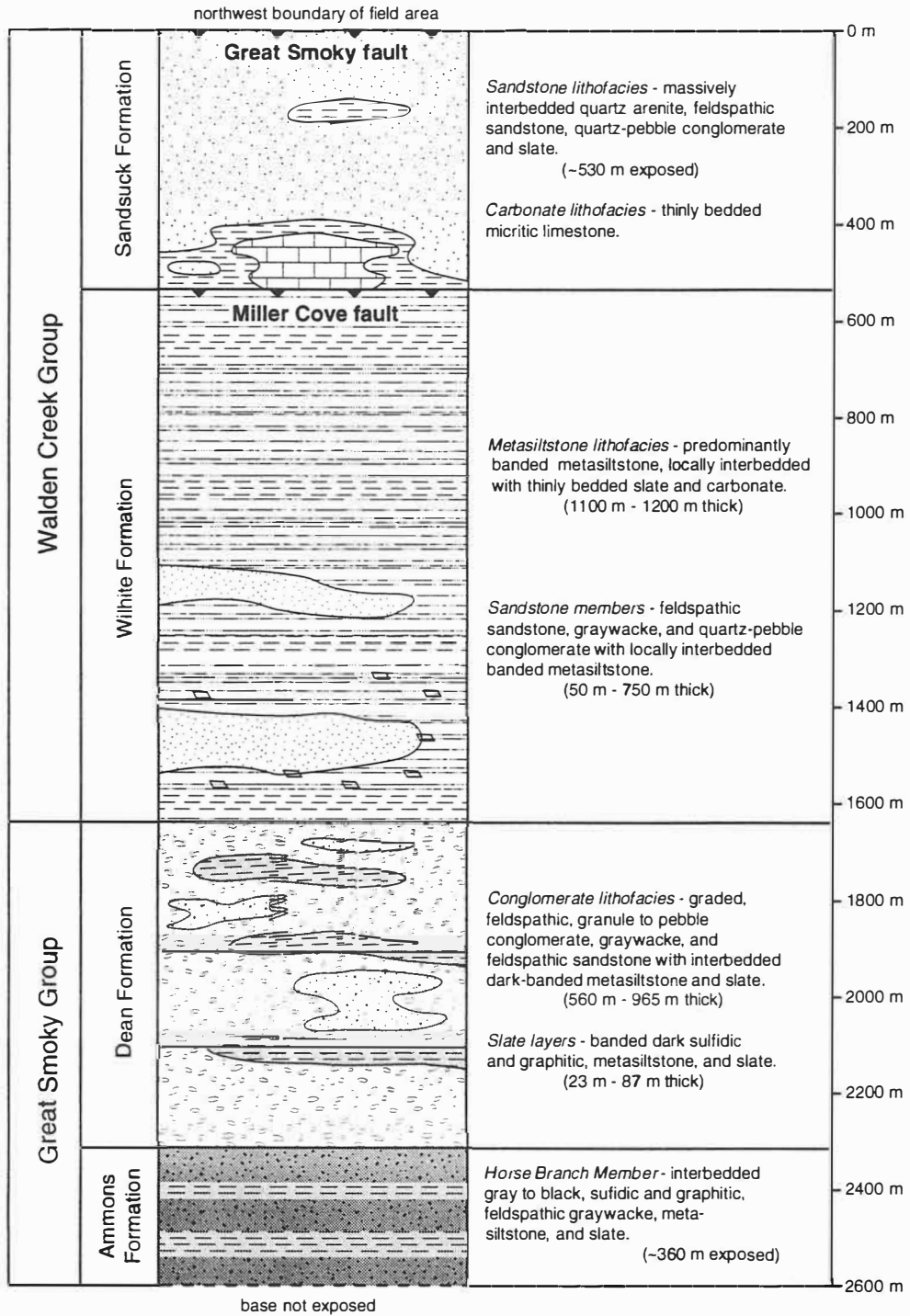
The lowest stratigraphic unit exposed in the study area occurs along the southeastern boundary on the southeastern slopes of the Unicoi Mountains in southeastern Tennessee and southwestern North Carolina (Fig. II-2). Lithologically, this

unit consists of a medium gray to black, sulfidic and graphitic, medium- to coarse-grained feldspathic graywacke interbedded with dark gray to black, sulfidic, graphitic slate, and metasiltstone (Fig. II-3). Bed thicknesses range from 5.5 cm to 1.0 m for the graywackes, while the metasiltstone contains primary depositional dark and light bands that range from 0.7 to 1.5 cm. This unit is correlated with the Horse Branch Member of the Ammons Formation (Mohr, 1975; Ausburn, 1983; Geddes, 1995) (Figs. II-1, II-2). Mohr (1975) estimated the Horse Branch Member to be about 300 m (990 ft), while Ausburn (1983) estimated the thickness to range between 330 to 1300 m (1,090 to 4,265 ft). The thickness of the Horse Branch Member in the study area is estimated to be approximately 360 m (1,175 ft). Good exposures of this lithology are found along Bald River and U. S. Forest Service roads 126 and 44201 southeast of Basin Gap, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle (Plate I).











Dean Formation

The Dean Formation conformably overlies the Ammons Formation, and is the uppermost unit of the Great Smoky Group in southeastern Tennessee and southwestern North Carolina (Hurst, 1955; Hemon, 1968; Mohr, 1975; Geddes, 1995). It is equivalent to the Buck Bald Formation of Merschat and Wiener (1973) and Wiener and Merschat (1978, 1981, 1992) (Fig. II-1). Hurst (1955) defined the Dean Formation as a unit consisting of staurolite-mica schist, cross-biotite schist, quartz metaconglomerate, quartzite, and pseudodiorite interbedded with lesser amounts of phyllite and sericite schist, with metagraywacke and metaarkosic sandstones locally present. These lithologies undergo horizontal and vertical variations along with many breaks in the lithologic sequence (Hurst, 1955). Mohr (1975) defined the Dean Formation as a unit consisting mostly of light gray, thinly bedded to laminated schist, and coarse-grained to conglomeratic felsic metagraywacke. Also occurring within this formation are beds of

Figure II-3. Schematic stratigraphic column for the lithologies exposed in the study area.



Explanation

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|  quartz sandstone |  ankeritic metasiltstone |  feldspathic graywacke | |
|  carbonate |  banded and unbanded slate |  feldspathic granule to pebble conglomerate |  sulfidic and graphitic graywacke |
|  banded metasiltstone |  feldspathic sandstone |  sulfidic and graphitic slate | |

quartz-pebble metaconglomerate with minor amounts of metasiltstone and metaquartzite. Both Hurst (1955) and Mohr (1975) estimated the thickness of the Dean Formation to be 750 to 1,000 m (2,500 to 3,500 ft), while Ausburn (1983) estimated the thickness of the Dean Formation to be 1,100 to 1,300 m (3,600 to 4,265 ft).

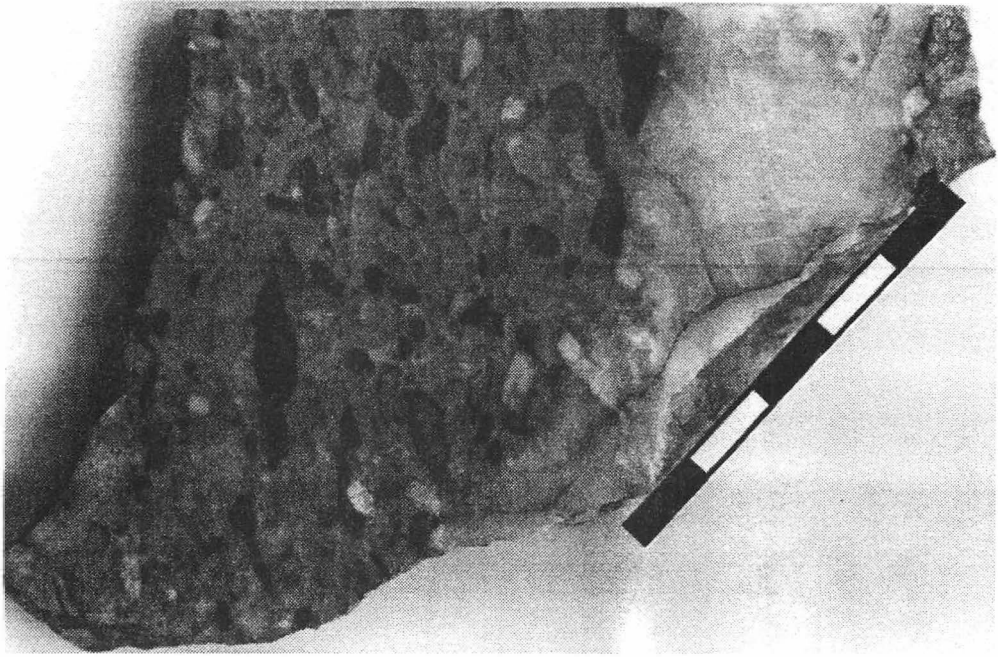
In the study area, the coarse-grained, graded, granule to pebble conglomerate, feldspathic sandstone and graywacke, and slate exposed in strike belts along the northwest slopes of the Unicoi Mountains in the southeastern portion of the map and along Tellico Mountain in the upper northwest half of the map are correlated with the Dean Formation. These Great Smoky Group lithologies are also exposed in the cores of breached anticlines (whalebacks) beneath the Wilhite Formation to the northwest of the main strike belt mentioned above (Fig. II-2; Plate I). The Dean Formation is divided into two map units in the study area, a conglomerate lithofacies and slate lenses. The thickness of the Dean formation in the study area is estimated to range from 560 to 965 m (1,835 to 3,165 ft) thick.

Conglomerate lithofacies

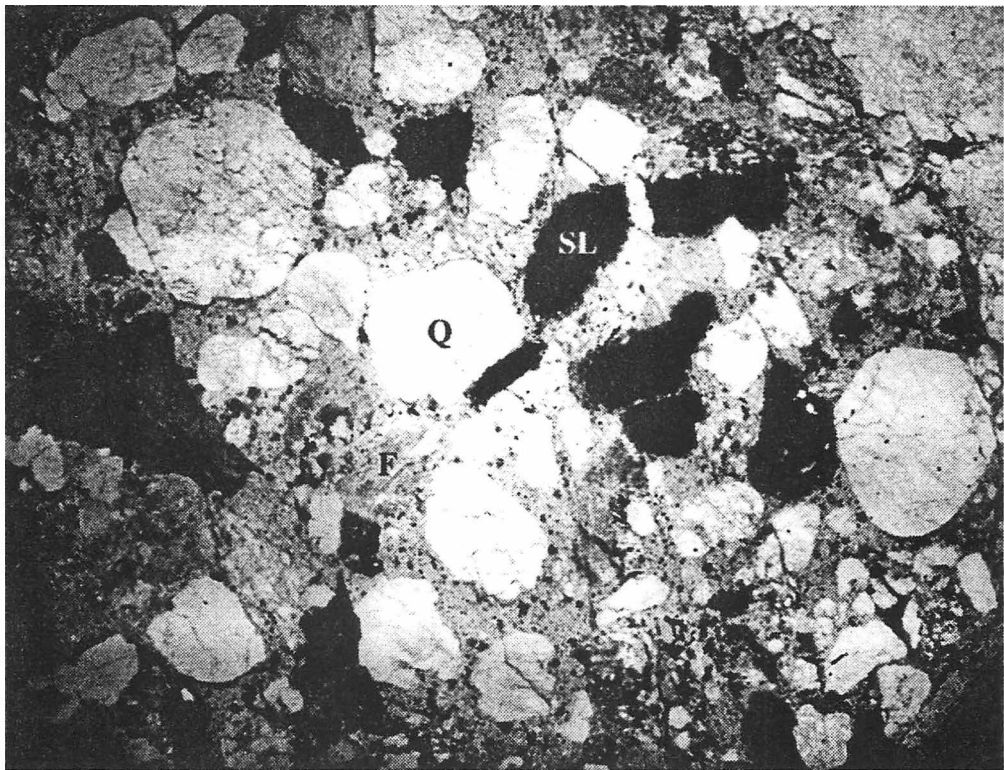
This heterogeneous lithology consists of an irregularly interbedded succession of light- to dark-gray coarse-grained granule to pebble conglomerate, light gray medium- to coarse-grained graywacke and feldspathic sandstone, black slate, and dark gray metasiltstone (Fig. II-3). Bed thickness in the coarser-grained rocks ranges from 1 to 10 m, while the finer-grained, interbedded slates and metasiltstones have a thickness of less than 1.5 m. Many individual beds contain a complete graded sequence from conglomerate at the base to slate at the top. Other primary sedimentary structures include scour-and-fill features, cross bedding, and soft-sediment folds.

The most prominent lithology present is granule- to pebble-conglomerate and very coarse-grained sandstone (Figs. II-4A, II-4B). Conglomerate clasts consist of poorly to

Figure II-4. Characteristic lithologic features of the conglomerate lithofacies in the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group). Sample location on top of Tellico Mountain on Tennessee State Highway 68 (station TP-563), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (A) Granule- to pebble-conglomerate. Centimeter scale. (B) Enlarged image (plane light) of conglomerate thin section. Q=quartz, F=feldspar, and SL=slate clast. Field of view is approximately 3.5 cm wide.



(A)



(B)

moderately sorted, rounded to sub-angular, quartz, feldspar, and rock fragments in a coarse sand matrix. Granule-size clasts consist of rounded bluish smoky quartz, and angular plagioclase and potassium feldspar, while pebble-sized clasts include well-rounded milky quartz, and slate chips (Appendix B). Cobble-size clasts are rare, but include limestone, dolomite, and quartzite, along with slate. Most of the medium- to coarse-grained feldspathic sandstones and graywackes are gradational downward into the underlying conglomerates. Other sandstones in this unit grade upward into metasilstone and slate. The metasilstone and slate in these graded sequences are commonly 6 cm thick with primary composition layering occurring as rippled bands or laminae. Much of the coarse-grained, graded sequences higher in the stratigraphic section contain greenish banded metasilstone that is compositionally and texturally similar to the metasilstone of the overlying Wilhite Formation, but without the ankerite that characterizes the Wilhite metasilstones in this area. The sandstones consist principally of quartz and feldspar, and range from graywacke, subgraywacke, and feldspathic quartzite to quartzite (Fig. II-5). Matrix consists of metamorphic sericite, chlorite, and biotite that are present in various amounts, along with detrital muscovite and biotite.

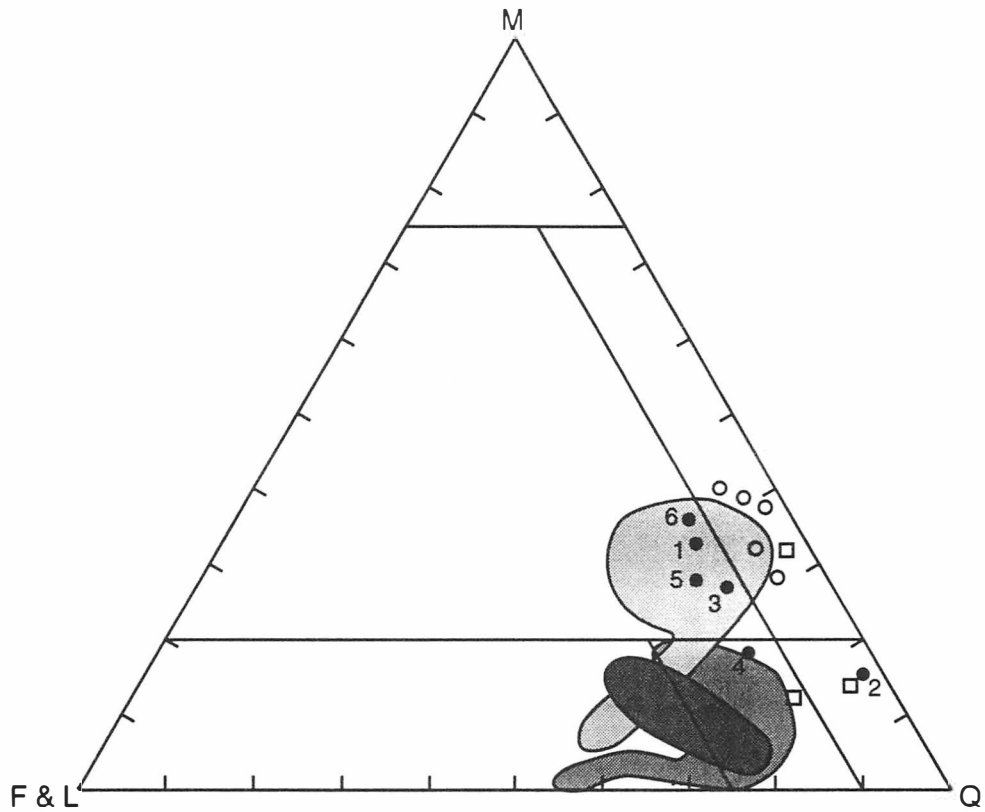
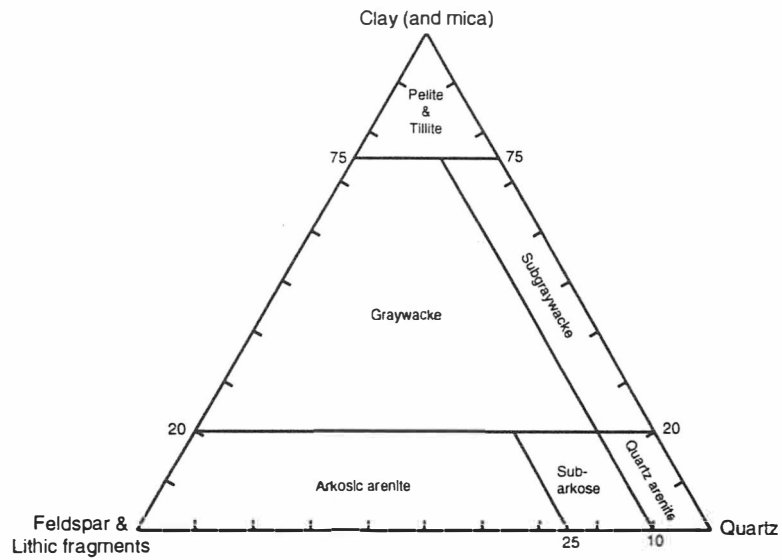
Excellent exposures of the conglomerate lithofacies of the Dean Formation in the study area can be found along Tennessee Highway 165 (Tellico River road) at the eastern edge of the Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle, at Bald River Falls (Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle), along Tennessee Highway 68 at the top of Tellico Mountain (Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle), and on Forest Service road 126 leading to Basin Gap (Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle).

Slate lenses







Interbedded within the conglomerate lithofacies are mappable bodies of slate and metasilstone. These lenticular units are exposed along the northwest slopes of the

Figure II-5. Classification of coarse-grained rocks of the Great Smoky Group. Present study (black circles) as compared to stratigraphically equivalent Great Smoky Group units (uppermost Great Smoky Group and Buck Bald Formation), and older Great Smoky Group units (Thunderhead Sandstone and Elkmont Sandstone). Diagram modified from Pettijohn (1949).

- Number key:*
- 1 - Sample TP-563; TN Hwy. 68 on top of Tellico Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 2 - Sample TP-710; TN Hwy. 68 and Graves Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 3 - Sample BRF-391; Tellico River 480 m southeast of Bald River Falls, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 4 - Sample BRF-459; Tellico River 1.8 km southeast of Bald River Falls, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 5 - Sample BRF-481; Tellico River 1.4 km northwest of Bald River Falls, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 6 - Sample BRF-846; confluence of Tellico River and Wildcat Creek, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.



Explanation

-  Uppermost Great Smoky Group - Salisbury (1961) (n=10)
-  Thunderhead Sandstone - King (1964) (n=12)
-  Elkmont Sandstone - King (1964) (n=3)
-  Buck Bald Formation - Carter (1994) (n=3)
-  Dean Formation - Geddes (1995) (n=5)
-  Dean Formation - this study (n=6)

Unicoi Mountains and along Tellico Mountain (Fig. II-2; Plate I). The slate bodies along Tellico Mountain are thicker than those along the Unicoi Mountains to the southeast, resulting either from original stratigraphic thickness changes or faulting. These fine-grained units consist of black, variably sulfidic and graphitic slate, and light to dark gray banded metasiltstone. The slate bodies located near the top of the unit contain a greater concentration of banded metasiltstone than do the slate bodies lower in the section, with much of the banded metasiltstone being very similar in appearance to the overlying banded metasiltstones of the Wilhite Formation. The upper slate and metasiltstone units are moderately well exposed along Forest Service road 126 northwest of Basin Gap, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. Other good exposures of black slate are located along Forest Service road 126 to Basin Gap, and along Tennessee Highway 68 as the road ascends Tellico Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. The thicknesses of these slate bodies range from 23 to 87 m (75 to 285 ft) along the southeastern portion of the study area, and to as great as approximately 190 m (630 ft) along Tellico Mountain to the northwest.

Walden Creek Group

The Walden Creek Group is the youngest and most lithologically diverse unit in the Ocoee Supergroup (King and others, 1958) (Fig. II-1). The Licklog, Shields, Wilhite, and Sandsuck formations (oldest to youngest) comprise the Walden Creek Group. It consists of a 2,500 m- (8,000 ft-) thick continuous succession of slate, metasiltstone, sandstone, conglomerate, and carbonate in the Foothills northwest of the Great Smoky Mountains (King and others, 1958; Hamilton, 1961; King, 1964). The Walden Creek Group can be traced from Jones Cove and Richardson Cove (Hamilton, 1961) through the Foothills belt of eastern Tennessee and into northeastern Georgia (McConnell and Costello, 1982). This sequence of strata is dismembered by faulting throughout the Foothills belt in

southeastern Tennessee. South of the Little Tennessee River, and within the study area, lower Walden Creek strata (Wilhite Formation) are separated from the Sandsuck Formation by the Miller Cove fault (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Carter, 1994; this study) (Fig. II-2; Plate I). In the study area, the Walden Creek conformably overlies the Great Smoky Group, while the top of the Walden Creek Group is cut off due to faulting (Great Smoky fault) and is thrust onto the Early Cambrian Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation.

Wilhite Formation

Most of the bedrock in the study area consists predominantly of a greenish-gray banded metasilstone with intertonguing lenses of sandstone and conglomerate that are assigned to the Wilhite Formation of the Walden Creek Group (Figs. II-2, II-3; Plate I). These predominantly fine-grained rocks gradationally overlie the Dean Formation of the Great Smoky Group. King and others (1958) divided the Wilhite Formation into two members: the Dixon Mountain Member and the Yellow Breeches Member. The Dixon Mountain Member is the stratigraphically lowest member, and consists predominantly of micaceous and sandy siltstone with carbonate concentrated along laminae. The Yellow Breeches Member is characterized by sandy and conglomeratic limestone and dolomite interbedded with slate and metasilstone. The thicknesses of the Dixon Mountain and Yellow Breeches members are about 450 m (1,500 ft) and 610 m (2,000 ft), respectively.

The Wilhite Formation in the study area is equivalent to the Dixon Mountain Member of the Wilhite Formation, the Shields Formation, and the Licklog Formation north of the Little Tennessee River in the Great Smoky Mountains (King and others, 1958; Hamilton, 1961; Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965), and to the Wilhite Formation in northwestern Georgia (McConnell and Costello, 1980, 1982, 1984). The Yellow Breeches Member of the Wilhite Formation is not present

in the study area. The rocks correlated with the Wilhite Formation in this study have previously been correlated by Merschat and Wiener (1973), Wiener and Merschat (1978, 1981) Merschat and Hale (1983), and Wiener and Merschat (1992) with the Snowbird Group. Compositionally, the coarse-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation are more quartz-rich, less feldspathic, and less micaceous than the coarse-grained rocks of the Snowbird Group (King and others, 1958) in the Great Smoky Mountains region (Carter, 1994; this study). Additionally, the fine-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation are more argillaceous and less current-laminated than the more granular fine-grained Pigeon Siltstone (Snowbird Group) (King, 1964). Both the Wilhite Formation and the Pigeon Siltstone contain carbonate-bearing strata indicated by the occurrence of ankerite along laminae (King, 1964). These rocks are correlated with the Wilhite Formation rather than the Snowbird Group because of the compositional differences.

In the study area the Wilhite Formation consists of a metasiltstone lithofacies with interbedded sandstone (Figs. II-2, II-3; Plate I). The sandstone layers form discontinuous mappable units that consist mostly of coarse-grained rocks and generally lack finer-grained metasiltstone interbeds. The true thickness of the Wilhite Formation is indeterminate because faulting has cut off the top of the section. It is estimated that 1,100 to 1,200 m (3,600 to 4,000 ft) of Wilhite Formation strata is exposed in the study area.

Metasiltstone lithofacies

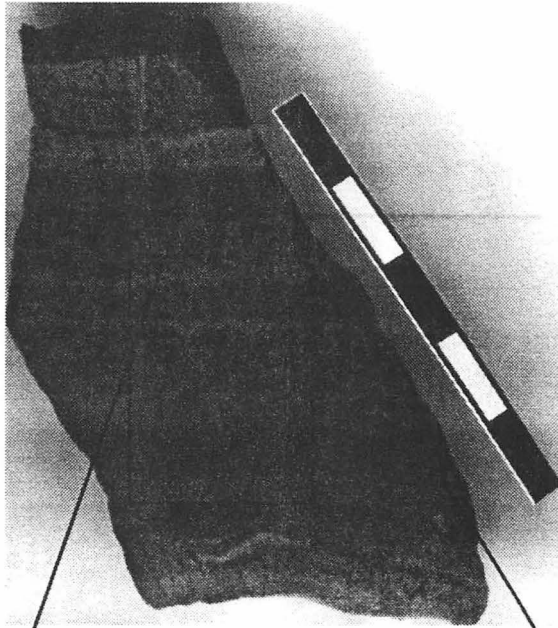
The metasiltstone lithofacies of the Wilhite Formation is the most dominant lithology exposed in the study area. It consists predominantly of metasiltstone, locally interbedded with slate and thinly-bedded fine-grained sandstone (Fig. II-3). The lower portions of the metasiltstone lithofacies are generally more darker gray, slaty, and calcareous than the upper part. The upper sequences of the metasiltstone lithofacies have

more of an olive hue, and are locally sandy, especially in the southwestern portion of the field area. Excellent exposures of the entire sequence of the metasilstone lithofacies occur along U. S. Forest Service road 210 (Tellico River road), Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.

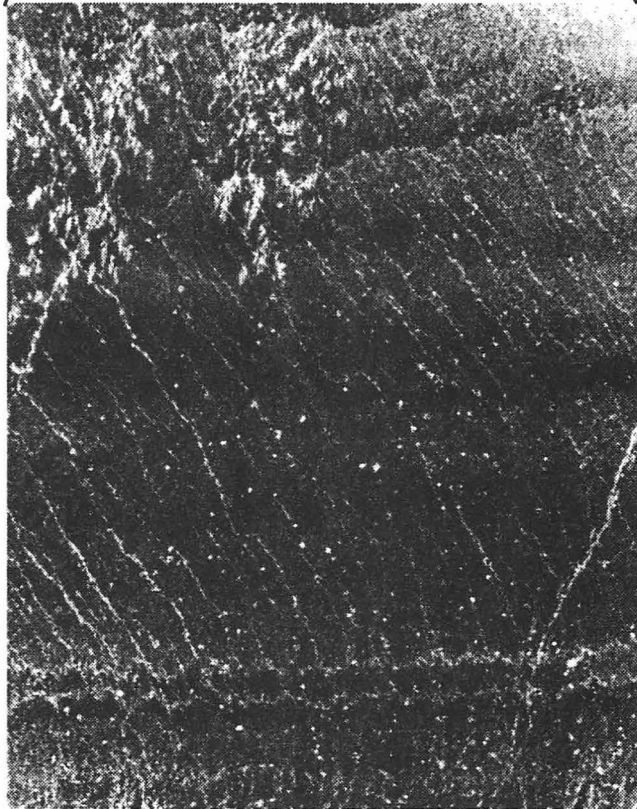
The most common lithology of the metasilstone lithofacies is fine- to coarse-grained, greenish-gray to dark gray, banded metasilstone (Figs. II-6A, II-6B). The banding represents primary deposition, and ranges in thickness from 0.2 to 4.0 cm. Bedding is characterized by rhythmic, and graded, dark- and light-colored laminae. The fine-grained dark laminae consist predominantly of chlorite and sericite, and represent the more argillaceous parts of the metasilstones. The coarser-grained light-colored laminae are comprised principally of silt- and very fine sand-size quartz and plagioclase grains, with subordinate amounts of chlorite, sericite, and local carbonate. Sedimentary structures preserved on many beds include ripple marks, dewatering structures, and scour and fill features. The metasilstones commonly weather to various shades of brown, gray, and a very distinctive maroon or brick red color, which is due to a high concentration of iron (Fe) and manganese (Mn).

Dark-gray to greenish-gray, slightly banded slate and silty slate occur throughout the sandstone lithofacies, but are generally more abundant in the lower sections of the formation near the Great Smoky Group contact. Beds are commonly composed of thinner laminae (< 1.0 cm), which are less prominent and sometimes difficult to distinguish from the green metasilstones higher in the section. The darker slate in the lower part of the formation is composed primarily of clay, muscovite, chlorite, and silt-sized particles with local occurrences of (and sometimes abundant) ankerite rhombs and pyrite cubes. Often the ankerite and pyrite are weathered and are altered to limonite and goethite pseudomorphs. Hurst and Schlee (1962) recognized similar, but more pyritic black slate above Great Smoky Group lithologies in the Ocoee River Gorge and

Figure II-6. Characteristic lithologic features of the metasilstone lithofacies in the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group). Sample location at the intersection of Forest Service roads 341 and 341C (station TP-75), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (A) Primary depositional banding in metasilstone. Centimeter scale. (B) Enlarged image (negative) of banded metasilstone thin section. Field of view is approximately 2 cm.



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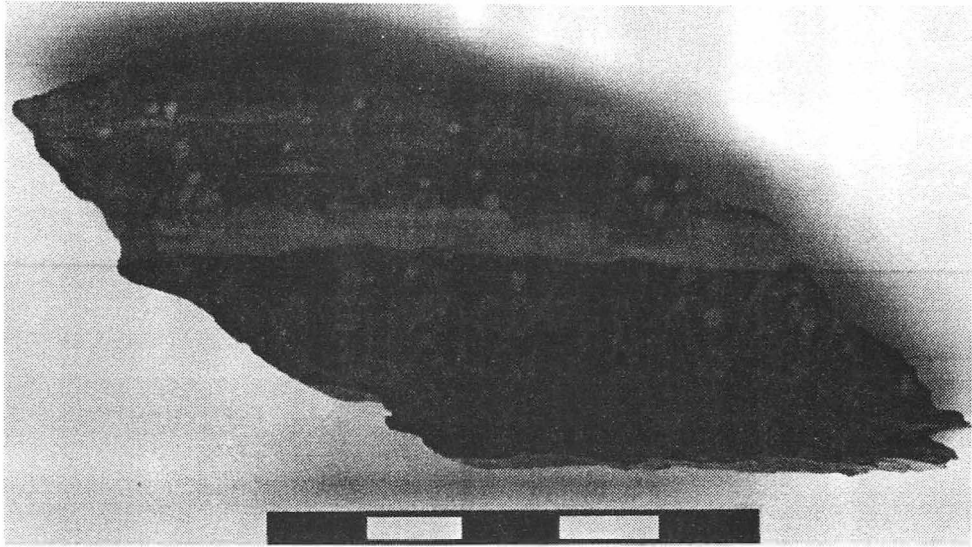


(B)

correlated it with the Nantahala Formation in the Murphy belt to the east. Although lacking the darker color and the abundance of pyrite, the thin black slates near the base of the Wilhite Formation near Bald River Falls have similar composition, texture, and stratigraphic position to the slates in the Ocoee River Gorge. Thus, the lower part of the Wilhite Formation in the study area may be correlative to the Nantahala Formation, possibly representing a distal western facies of that formation (Carter and others, 1993b; Carter, 1994). The best exposures of dark slates can be found in the southeastern portion of the study area along U. S. Forest Service road 210 near Turkey Creek Mountain and Bald River Falls, and U. S. Forest Service roads 126 and 384 at the base of the Gravelstand Top and Waucheesi Mountain, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle (Plate I).

The lower sections of the metasilstone lithofacies, and in minor amounts in the lower sandstone units, contain accessory ankerite (Figs. II-7A, II-7B). Ankerite occurs as aggregates and anhedral to euhedral rhombs, and when fresh has a cream to light tan color. The ankerite weathers rusty brown and may be completely weathered leaving rhomb-shaped voids. Ankerite can comprise as much as 25 percent of the rock mass, although the concentration varies laterally and vertically in a stratigraphic sequence. Ankeritic metasilstone has previously been reported northeast and southwest of this study area in the Rafter, Whiteoak Flats, and Farner 7.5-minute quadrangles (Hale, 1974; Merschhat and Hale, 1983; Carter, 1994; and Geddes, 1995). Geddes (1995) was able to distinguish mappable zones of ankeritic metasilstone ranging from 120 to 520 m (400 to 1,700 ft) thick. Southwestward, into the present study area, the ankeritic metasilstones occur as lateral discontinuous zones with the concentration of ankerite varying between each zone. For this reason, the ankerite-bearing metasilstones are not designated as a mappable stratigraphic unit. The zones of ankeritic metasilstone were used as marker beds during mapping, and are an indicator of stratigraphic positioning in the metasilstone

Figure II-7. Characteristics of ankeritic metasiltstone in the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group). Sample location along northwest slope of Tellico Mountain 1.5 km (0.9 mi) southwest of Tennessee State Highway 68 (station TP-343), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (A) Ankeritic metasiltstone sample containing both fresh and weathered ankerite rhombs. (B) Enlarged image (negative) of ankeritic metasiltstone thin section. Field of view is approximately 7 mm wide. Photo courtesy of Prof. Robert D. Hatcher, Jr.



(A)



(B)

sequence. In the Coker Creek area of this study and into the Farner 7.5-minute quadrangle to the southwest, ankeritic metasilstone was observed to have abundant, well-rounded, heavy mineral inclusions in the ankerite aggregates and rhombs (Hale, 1974; Merschat and Hale, 1983). They concluded the heavy mineral inclusions were of the same composition as the groundmass, thus indicating the carbonate was probably a post-depositional metamorphic feature. Good exposures of ankeritic metasilstone can be found along U. S. Forest Service road 210 (Tellico River road) approximately 1.0 km (3,281 ft) southeast of the confluence of Turkey Creek and Tellico River, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle, and at Hot Water Branch 450 m (1,500 ft) west off Tennessee Highway 68 in the southern portion of the study area, Tellico Plains, 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Sandstone members

The sandstone members of the Wilhite Formation consist predominantly of pinkish-gray to tan, medium- to coarse-grained feldspathic sandstone, conglomerate, and rare metasilstone in graded beds and interbedded lenses (Figs. II-2, II-3; Plate I). The sandstone members occur as mappable but discontinuous sheets or lenses that vary vertically and laterally in composition and thickness. The lowest sequence of sandstone occurs approximately 300 to 1,100 m (990 to 3,600 ft) above the contact with the Great Smoky Group, and underlies Payne Ridge in the southeastern portion of the study area. The same body of sandstone is also exposed on the northwest limb of the Epperson syncline, underlying the area around Grindstone Ridge and Tellico Mountain, where it is estimated to occur 90 to 150 m (300 to 500 ft) above the contact with the underlying Great Smoky Group (Plate I, Plate III). The southwestward plunging Epperson synclinorium preserves a younger sequence of sandstone bodies, approximately 110 m (360 ft) above the lower sequence of sandstone in the southwestern portion of the study

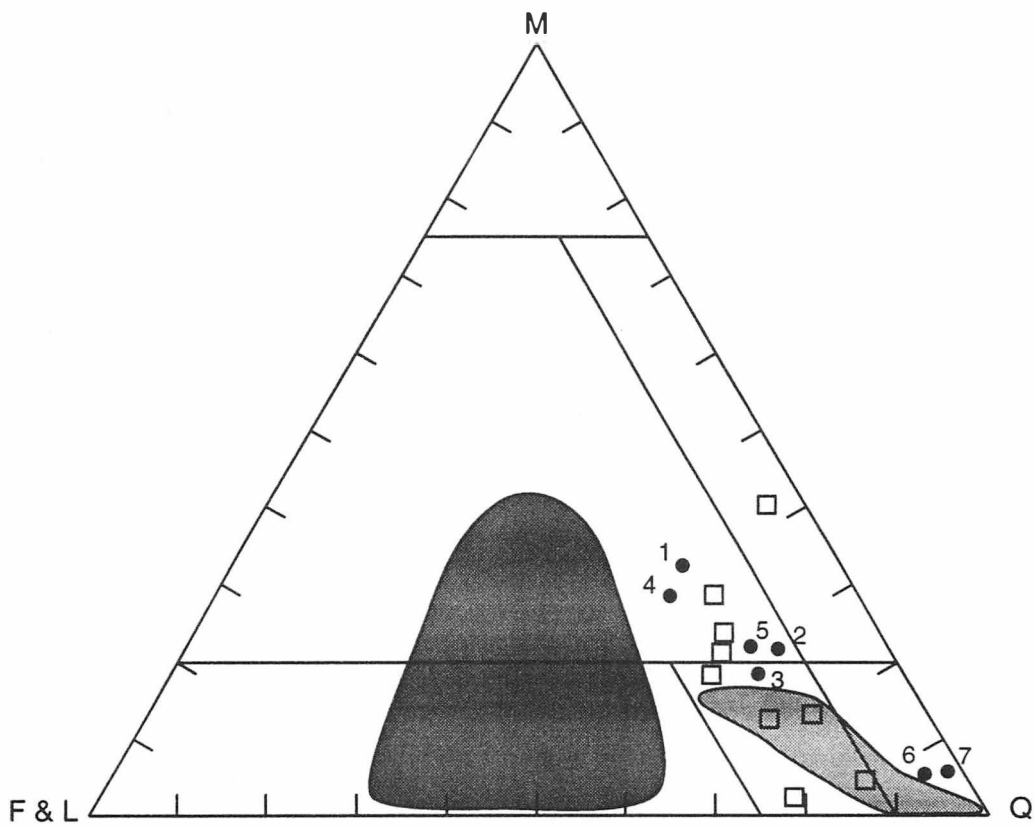
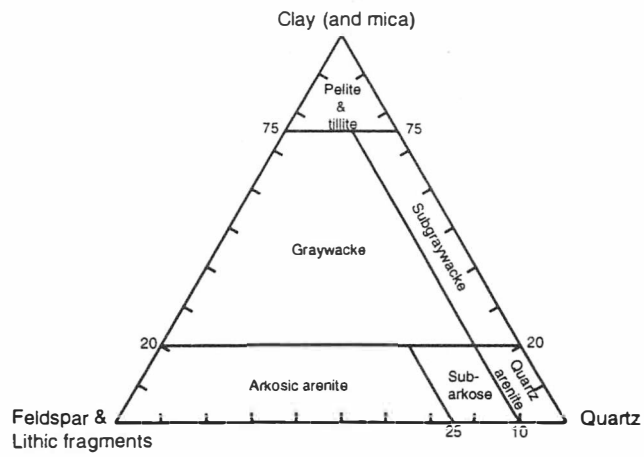
area. These rocks underlie portions of the Coker Creek area, Black Mountain, and Borin Top.

The sandstone bodies are abundant in the central and southwestern portions of the map area and continue southwestward into the Farner and McFarland 7.5-minute quadrangles (Carter, 1994). These sandstone bodies pinch out rather abruptly to the northeast because of possible changes in the depositional environment and proximity to the source. Both the lower and upper sequences of sandstone contain a range of lithologies that are classified as graywacke, subarkose, and quartz arenite (Fig. II-8). The graywacke, subarkose, and quartz arenite lithologies are present in each lens, sheet, or body of sandstone. These lithologies grade vertically and laterally into each other, and do not form distinct mappable units. Each mappable sandstone body does, however, have unique sedimentological characteristics relative to its position in the section. Most of the sandstone bodies are conglomeratic at or near the base of the section. The sandstone units in the lower sequence consist of a quartz-pebble conglomerate with slate chips. The sandstones are generally graywacke with abundant subarkose and quartz arenite, some of which are calcareous. In the upper sequence of sandstones, the lower portion is conglomeratic, but clasts consist of quartz pebbles and lack the slate chips present in the lower sequences. The sandstones are also more lithologically subarkosic with lesser amounts of graywacke and quartz arenite. Metasiltstone is also more abundant in the upper sequences of sandstone. Here, metasiltstone occurs as mappable lenses within the sandstone, and as silty sandstone at the top of the section. The estimated thicknesses of the sandstone members range from 50 to 235 m (160 to 775 ft).

The best exposures of sandstone are found along creeks and near ridge tops. The sandstone beds are massive for the most part and range in thickness from 1 to 4 m. Quartz and feldspar are the primary constituents of the predominantly medium-grained sandstone (Fig. II-9A). Quartz is typically white, with lesser amounts of smoky quartz

Figure II-8. Classification of coarse-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation. Present study (black circles) compared to other coarse-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation, and to rocks of the Snowbird Group. Modified from Pettijohn (1949).

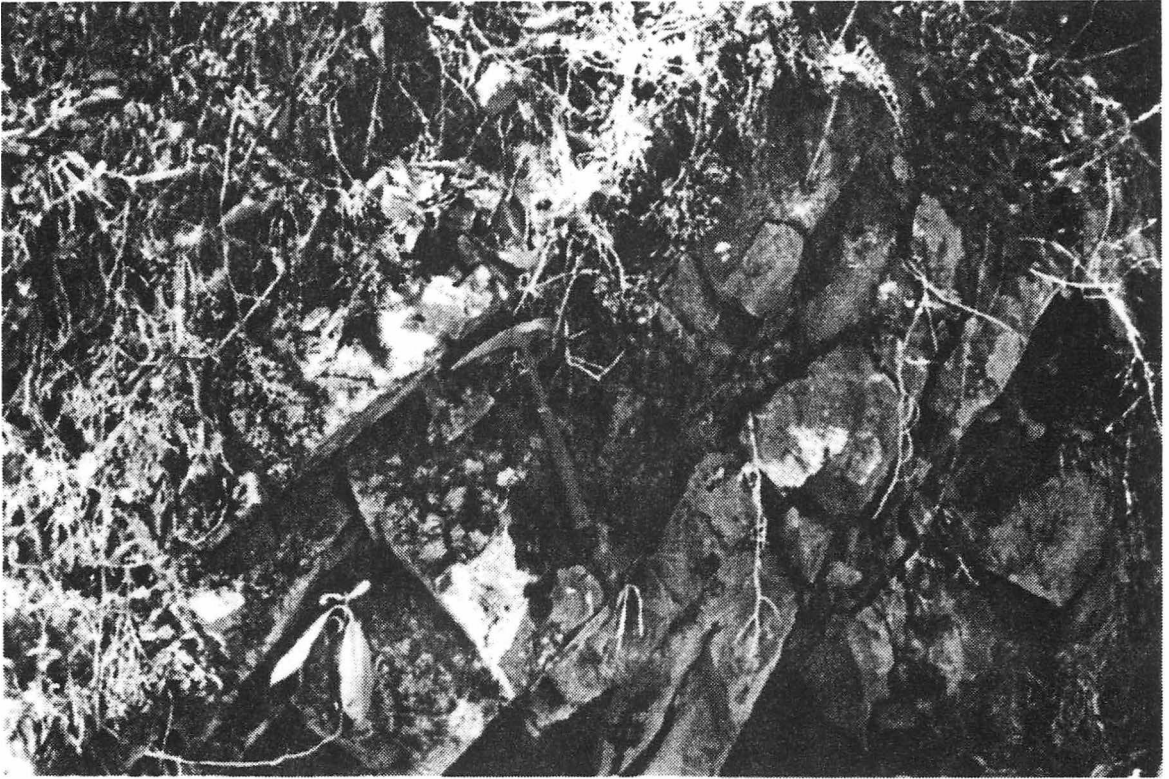
- Number key:*
- 1 - Sample TP-51v; confluence of Conasauga Creek and Wilson Branch, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 2 - Sample TP-133; TN Hwy 68 (NW slope of Graves Mountain), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 3 - Sample TP-289; U. S. Forest Service road 341 H, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 4 - Sample TP-722; TN Hwy 68 (Coker Creek), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 5 - Sample TP-928; Tellico River (1,500 ft NW of Tellico Beach), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 6 - Sample TP-963v; Payne Ridge, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 - 7 - Sample TP-998; 1,500 ft NW of the confluence of Conasauga Creek and Payne Branch, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.



Explanation

- Snowbird Group - King (1964) (n=3)
- ▣ Wilhite sandstone - King (1964) (n=7)
- Wilhite sandstone - Carter (1994) (n=9)
- Wilhite sandstone - this study (n=7)

Figure II-9. Characteristic lithologic features of the sandstone member in the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group). (A) Medium-grained sandstone exposure along Monroe County Highway 2342 (station TP-1097), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Rock hammer is 32 cm in length. (B) Enlarged image (plane light) of sandstone thin section. Sample location at Grave Mountain on Tennessee State Highway 68 (station TP-133), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm wide.



(A)



(B)

and rare occurrences of blue quartz. The feldspar (plagioclase) is rarely fresh, and weathers progressively from dirty white to a pinkish tan. Locally interbedded with the sandstone are pebble-size conglomerate that occur as thin- to thickly bedded lenses and graded channels. These lenses and channels are commonly about 1 m thick. The conglomerate consists predominantly of quartz pebbles, with subordinate quartzite, carbonate, and slate chips in a medium-grained subarkose to graywacke matrix. Sedimentary structures include local occurrences of cross bedding, graded bedding, and scour marks.

Petrographically, the sandstones are composed of moderately sorted, subangular to subrounded, quartz and feldspar (andesine) in a clay-rich matrix (Fig. II-9B). Quartz is the primary constituent with subequal amounts of feldspar and mica, warranting the designation of subarkose, graywacke, or quartz arenite, depending on the relative abundance of each constituent (Fig. II-8). Most quartz grains exhibit undulatory extinction, elongation, and flattening parallel to foliation, and, where closely packed, recrystallization occurs along grain boundaries. Feldspar grains are less abundant than quartz, but are similar in shape and size, and have undergone a greater degree of replacement by mica and carbonate. Many feldspar grains have been sericitized. The matrix consist mainly of sericite and chlorite with minor amounts of calcite, muscovite, and biotite. Accessory minerals include pyrite, hematite, magnetite, tourmaline, and zircon (Appendix B).

Sandsuck Formation

The Sandsuck Formation is the uppermost unit of the Walden Creek Group and, in the study area, is separated from the underlying Wilhite Formation by the Miller Cove fault (Figs. II-1, II-2; Plate I). In the study area, the Sandsuck Formation consists of sandstone, conglomerate, shale, and carbonate, and underlies Mocking Crow and Pine

Mountains and the adjacent valley to the southeast. These rocks are separated into sandstone and carbonate lithofacies, and are correlated with the lower member of the Sandsuck Formation of Carter (1994) (Figs, II-1, II-2; Plate I). The true thickness of the Sandsuck Formation is indeterminate here because the top and bottom of the formation are cut off by the Great Smoky and Miller Cove faults, respectively. The exposed thickness of the Sandsuck Formation in the study area is estimated to be 530 m (1,735 ft).

Sandstone lithofacies

The sandstone lithofacies of the Sandsuck Formation consists of massively interbedded quartz arenite and subarkosic sandstone, quartz-pebble conglomerate, and shale (Fig. II-3). The coarse-grained sandstone comprises most of the section and is more abundant and conglomeratic lower in the section. Shale and siltstone horizons are rare in the lower sections, but become more abundant higher in the section. The dominant lithology of parts of the sandstone lithofacies is a weathered, coarse-grained, light brown quartz arenite and grayish-brown, subarkosic sandstone (Fig. II-10). Fresh exposures of this lithofacies are rare, but when fresh the quartz arenites are tan, and the subarkosic sandstones are dark gray. These coarse-grained sandstones form massive beds up to about 2 m thick, and sedimentary structures, such as graded bedding and cross bedding, are rare. Locally interbedded with the coarse-grained sandstone is quartz-granule to pebble conglomerate. The conglomerate is moderately graded and discontinuous, with beds approximately 1 m thick. The siltstone and shale lithologies are medium gray when fresh, and weather to distinctive terra cotta brown chips. These fine-grained lithologies form thin beds about 5 to 10 cm thick, and commonly grade from shale and fine-grained siltstone to coarser-grained siltstone and fine-grained sandstone. The siltstone and shale are locally interbedded with the coarse-grained sandstone in the lower section of the sandstone lithofacies, but increase and thicken higher in the section enclosing the

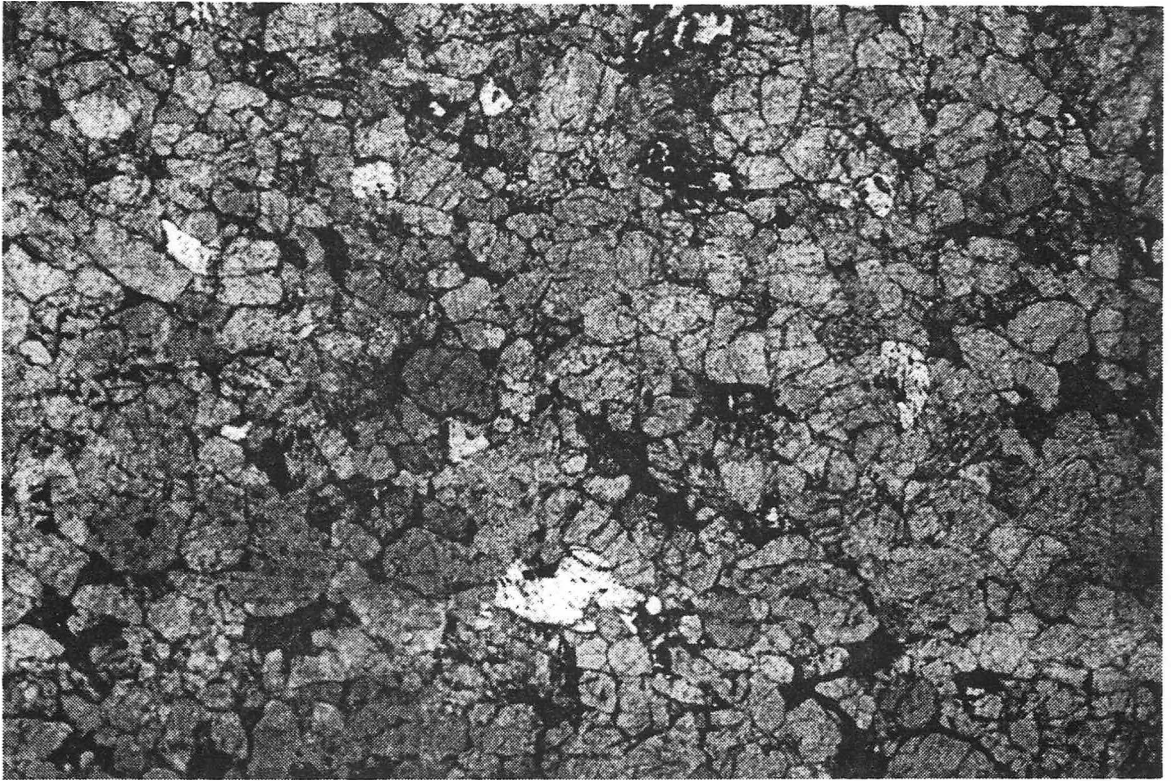
carbonate at the top of the unit. Siltstone and shale are the dominant lithology underlying the valley southeast of Mocking Crow Mountain.

Compositionally, the rocks of the sandstone lithofacies consist of moderate to well-sorted, subrounded quartz, with minor amounts of feldspar and matrix-forming clays (Fig. II-11 A). Quartz grains are typically monocrystalline with one type of detrital quartz, rather than the polycrystalline quartz grains common in the coarse-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation. Unlike the coarse-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation, the feldspar in the sandstone lithofacies is predominantly microcline with lesser concentrations of plagioclase. Accessory minerals include weathered hematite and/or pyrite, tourmaline, and zircon (Appendix B). The dominant constituent of the conglomerate is milky quartz, with subordinate feldspar (plagioclase) and various lithic fragments in a finer-grained, quartz-rich sandy matrix.

Carbonate lithofacies

The carbonate lithofacies of the Sandsuck Formation consists of a dark gray, fine-grained micritic limestone (Figs. II-2, II-3; Plate I). The carbonate is exposed only at the base of the northwest slope of Queens Mountain (Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle), and is interpreted to occupy a small, flat valley at the confluence of Conasauga Creek and Steer Creek. This discontinuous mappable lens of limestone is bounded at the top by the Miller Cove fault, and is interbedded with the shale and sandstone in the upper sections of the sandstone lithofacies. This limestone unit is correlative with the limestone mapped by Carter (1994), because of similar lithologic and stratigraphic position of these rocks in the Maggies Mill fault block. Carter (1994) assigned the carbonate lithologies to the lower member of the Sandsuck Formation because: (1) the carbonate lithologies are enclosed by and interbedded with lithologies distinctly different from similar carbonates correlated with the Yellow Breches Member of the Wilhite Formation (Hamilton, 1961;

Figure II-11. Characteristic lithologic features of the sandstone lithofacies in the Sandsuck Formation (Walden Creek Group) and quartz arenite in the Hesse Quartzite (Chilhowee Group). (A) Enlarged image (plane light) of sandstone thin section. Sample location along Tellico River on Tennessee State Highway 165 near Tellico Plains City Limits (station TP-1388), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm wide. (B) Enlarged image (plane light) of quartz arenite thin section. Unoriented sample from Groundhog Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm wide.



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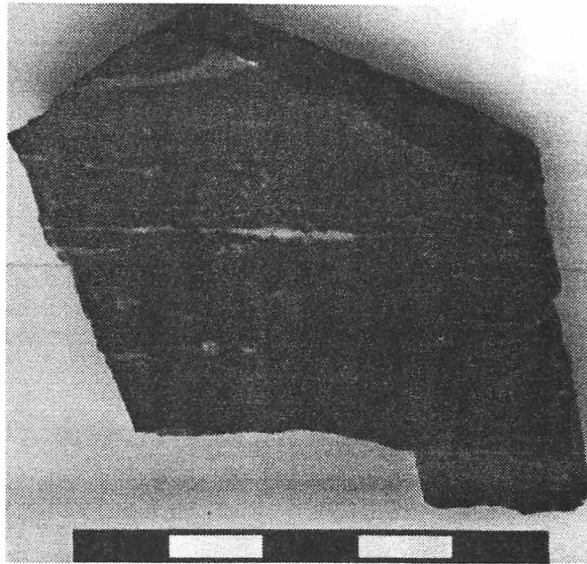
King 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Unrug and others, 1991); (2) the lack of lithologic similarities between the strata in the footwall of the Miller Cove fault and the strata in the hanging wall; and (3) similar carbonate lithologies assigned to the Sandsuck Formation in the Ocoee River Gorge (Hurst and Schlee, 1962; Sutton, 1971; Hatcher and others, 1991), in northwestern Georgia (Salisbury, 1961), and northeast of the study area near English Mountain (Hamilton, 1961).

The limestone is characterized by 0.5- to 1.0 m-thick beds locally interbedded with shale. Compositionally, the limestone consists predominantly of microcrystalline micrite and sparry calcite (Figs. II-12A, II-12B). Sub-rounded detrital quartz grains are common and are sporadically dispersed within the matrix, while feldspar grains are rare. Accessory minerals are opaque, and include magnetite and/or hematite (Appendix B).

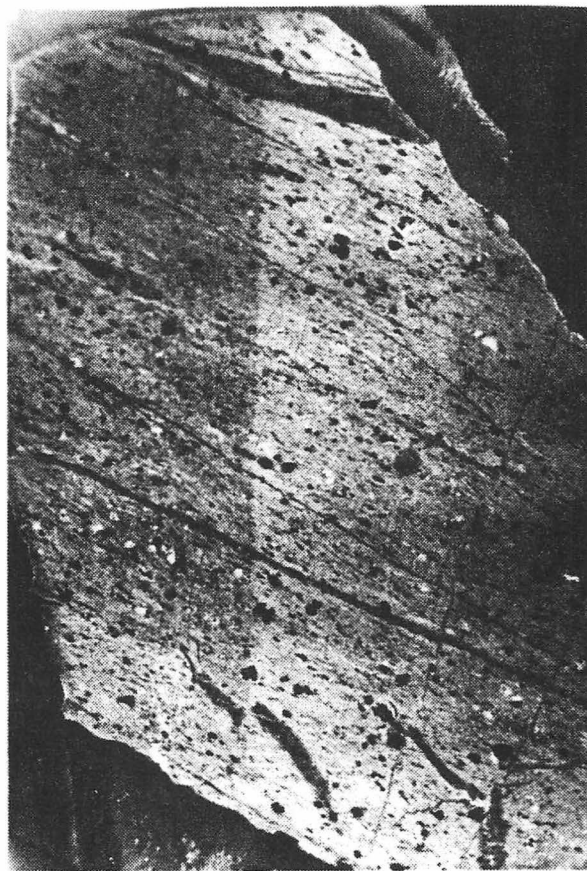
Other units

Other units exposed in the study area include parts of the Chilhowee Group, Shady Dolomite, Rome Formation, Conasauga Group, and Knox Group (Figs. II-1, II-2; Plate I). These units occupy the northwestern portion of the study area near Groundhog Mountain and, with the exception of the Chilhowee Group, comprise Valley and Ridge footwall strata beneath the Great Smoky and Bullet Mountain faults. The Groundhog Mountain area was mapped and studied by McKinney (1964). His work is compiled into this study, and the stratigraphy is briefly discussed below (Fig. II-2; Plate I). The Groundhog Mountain area is included in this study in order to: (1) verify that the quartzite capping Groundhog Mountain is a klippe of Hesse Quartzite; and (2) provide continuity with the Early Cambrian to Late Proterozoic strata of the western Blue Ridge in the hanging wall of the Great Smoky fault. McKinney (1964) interpreted the klippe of Chilhowee Group quartzite to be located in an intermediate slice of strata related to the Great Smoky fault system, with the fault surface below the klippen corresponding to the lower surface of the

Figure II-12. Characteristic lithologic features of the carbonate lithofacies in the Sandsuck Formation (Walden Creek Group). Sample location near the confluence of Conasauga and Steer creeks (station TP-534), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (A) Carbonate sample from the Sandsuck Formation. Centimeter scale. (B) Enlarged image (negative) of carbonate thin section. Field of view is approximately 4.5 cm wide.



(A)



(B)

slice and the main Great Smoky fault surface overriding the lower slice surface. West of the study area, Early Cambrian Chilhowee Group rocks underlie Starr Mountain and comprise the hanging wall strata of the Great Smoky fault. The Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation are exposed in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet, with slices of Knox Group exposed along the fault trace. Upper Conasauga Group and Knox Group strata are exposed in the footwall of the Bullet Mountain fault.

Chilhowee Group

Lower Cambrian Chilhowee Group rocks form a linear belt of mountains in east and southeast Tennessee, including Stone, English, Chilhowee, Starr, Chestnut, and Bean Mountains (Fig. I-1). Rocks of the Chilhowee Group cap the western Blue Ridge stratigraphic sequence, and consist of alternating coarse- and fine-grained formations. The coarse-grained lithologies in the upper formations are predominantly quartz arenite, while the lower formations consist of feldspathic sandstone and conglomerate. The Chilhowee Group is comprised of the (oldest to youngest) Cochran Formation, Nichols Shale, Nebo Quartzite, Murray Shale, Hesse Quartzite, and Helenmode Formation (Fig. II-1).

Hesse Quartzite

Two masses of quartz arenite are exposed on Groundhog Mountain and on a knob 915 m (3,000 ft) to the southeast, and are interpreted as klippe of Chilhowee Group rocks related to the Great Smoky fault (McKinney, 1964) (Fig. II-2; Plate I). I traversed the southeast slope of Groundhog Mountain to collect samples and to confirm McKinney's observations. These rocks consist of clean, well-sorted, white to tan or pink, medium- to coarse-grained quartz arenite (McKinney, 1964; this study) (Fig. II-11B). The slopes of Groundhog Mountain are covered with this lithology as talus or wash. The

quartz arenite occupies the upper 30 m (100 ft) of Groundhog Mountain. Exposures are few and bedding is often massive. Compositionally, the orthoquartzite consists of over 90 percent quartz, with little or no feldspar and minor clay material (Fig. II-10; Appendix B). Accessory minerals include hematite, magnetite, and tourmaline. McKinney (1964) observed local *Skolithos* tubes in the quartzite that occurs as float or talus on the slopes of Groundhog Mountain.

Does the quartzite on Groundhog Mountain belong to the coarse-grained lithologies of the Chilhowee Group (Hesse Quartzite, Nebo Quartzite, Cochran Formation) or to the Sandsuck Formation? Compositionally, the sandstones of the Cochran and Sandsuck Formations are more feldspathic and conglomeratic than the Hesse and Nebo Quartzites (Figs. II-10, II-11A, II-11B). For this reason, the quartzite capping Groundhog Mountain should be correlated with either the Hesse or Nebo Quartzites. Lithologically, the Hesse and Nebo Quartzites are similar. Both formations are texturally mature quartzites that are cross-bedded and contain locally abundant *Skolithos* tubes (Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Walker and Driese, 1991). Typically, the Hesse Quartzite is more massively bedded, less cross-bedded, and has locally more abundance of *Skolithos* tubes than the Nebo Quartzite. McKinney (1964) tentatively correlated the quartz arenite on Groundhog Mountain with the Hesse Quartzite, because of the lithologic similarities to that unit. I also tentatively correlate the quartz arenite with the Hesse Quartzite based on lithologic similarities; massive bedding, composition, and similar texture. However, it is lithologically possible the quartz arenite could be correlated with the Nebo Quartzite. Additionally, the quartz arenite capping Groundhog Mountain is correlated with the Hesse Quartzite due to structural observations and implications (see Great Smoky fault section, Chapter III).

Shady Dolomite

The Lower Cambrian Shady Dolomite consists of two units in the study area: a lower dolomite unit and an upper shale-carbonate unit (McKinney, 1964). The dolomite unit consists of alternating, medium- to thick-bedded, light gray siliceous dolomite and medium dark-gray dolomite in the lower portion of the section, and thinly bedded, siliceous, yellowish brown and bluish-gray shaly dolomite in the upper section of the dolomite unit (McKinney, 1964). The shale-carbonate sequence consists of yellowish-gray, light green, and light bluish-gray shale and mudstone, chert, and a few interbedded carbonate beds in the upper part of the sequence. The shale-carbonate sequence underlies the valleys within the area of the Shady Dolomite with the best exposures in Kirkland Hollow, just beneath the Great Smoky fault (McKinney, 1964). The true thickness of the Shady Dolomite cannot be determined in the study area because of faulting and erosion. McKinney (1964) estimated a thickness between 60 to 90 m (200 to 300 ft), while Neuman and Nelson (1965) reported a thickness of approximately 330 m (1,100 ft) for the Shady Dolomite in Miller Cove.

Rome Formation

The Lower Cambrian Rome Formation consists mostly of maroon and red mudstone and silty shale with interbedded tan, red, and pink siltstone; fine-grained sandstone; and bluish-gray argillaceous carbonate (McKinney, 1964). Shale and mudstone dominate the section, but siltstone and associated sandstone are also abundant throughout the section. Bedding ranges from less than 20 cm thick for the shales and siltstones to less than 1 m thick for the interbedded sandstones. Intertidal sedimentary structures include mudcracks and flow casts, especially in the siltstones and sandstones (McKinney, 1964). Detrital mica is also locally present along siltstone bedding planes (McKinney, 1964). Shale and carbonate beds occur near the base of the formation and

mark the conformable transition zone into the underlying Shady Dolomite. Poorly exposed carbonate beds are also occur elsewhere in the Rome Formation (Rodgers, 1953; McKinney, 1964). The top of the formation is not exposed in the study area due to faulting; therefore, the minimum thickness of the Rome is estimated to be 300 m (1,000 ft) thick (McKinney, 1964).

Conasauga Group

Only the upper part of the Middle Cambrian Conasauga Group is exposed in the study area. This unit is predominantly a yellowish-gray to light greenish-gray, fissile, clay shale with carbonate lithologies at the top (McKinney, 1964) A transition zone of medium dark-gray shaly limestone (about 5 cm thick) separates the clay shale and overlying light gray, massively bedded limestone (about 30 cm thick), which contains silty laminae and irregular silty dolomite layers that produce a ribboned appearance on weathered surfaces (McKinney, 1964). The Conasauga Group in this area is located in the footwall of the Bullet Mountain fault, with less than 190 m (600 ft) of the upper part being preserved (McKinney, 1964).

Knox Group

The Upper Cambrian to Lower Ordovician Knox Group conformably overlies the Conasauga Group. The Knox Group consists of medium to massively interbedded dark to light-gray limestone and dolomite that are characterized by a ribboned appearance similar to the underlying carbonates of the upper Conasauga Group (McKinney, 1964). The carbonates of the Knox Group are more cherty than the underlying Conasauga Group carbonates (McKinney, 1964), and the appearance of tan-weathering chert nodules in the soil marks the contact between the two groups. The carbonates in the study area are correlated with the southeastern phase of the Knox Group (McKinney, 1964) which

regionally consists of a limestone-dominated package estimated to be more than 940 m (3,100 ft) thick (Rodgers, 1953).

Age of the Walden Creek Group - Stratigraphic evidence

The age of the Walden Creek Group and Ocoee Supergroup has been debated for more than a century (Hayes, 1891; Keith, 1895; Hayes, 1895; Keith, 1904; Stose and Stose, 1949; King and others, 1958; Tull and Groszos, 1990; Unrug and Unrug, 1990; Unrug and others, 1991; Tull and others, 1993). Traditionally, the age of the Ocoee Supergroup is considered to be Late Proterozoic (King and others, 1958).

Unsubstantiated reports of fossils from the Wilhite Formation suggest that all or part of the Ocoee Supergroup is Silurian to early Mississippian (Unrug and Unrug, 1990; Unrug and others, 1991; Broadhead and others, 1991). Determining the age of the Walden Creek Group requires analysis of the units that are overlying, underlying, and possibly equivalent to the Walden Creek Group. The purpose of this section is to provide better evidence from the present study area to constrain the age of the Walden Creek Group.

The upper formations of the Chilhowee Group have been established as Early Cambrian from the presence of the crustacean *Isoxys chilhoweana* (Walcott, 1890), and the ostracode *Indiana tennesseensis* (Laurence and Palmer, 1963) in the Murray Shale. The base of the Cambrian is restricted to the units that have paleontological evidence available (King and others, 1958). Although much of the contact between the overlying Chilhowee Group and underlying Walden Creek Group is faulted, conformable contact relationships exist between the Cochran Formation (Chilhowee Group) and the Sandsuck Formation (Walden Creek Group) in several areas in southeastern and eastern Tennessee (Fig. I-1). These areas include: (1) Bean Mountain (Rackley, 1951), (2) Chestnut and Starr Mountains (Phillips, 1952; Carter, 1994), (3) southwestern slope of Chilhowee Mountain (Neuman and Nelson, 1965), (4) northwestern slope of English Mountain, and

(5) Del Rio district, north of the French Broad River (Keller, 1980). Additionally, Keller (1980) mapped a continuous section of the entire Walden Creek Group beneath the Chilhowee Group. The Walden Creek Group rocks in this study area, however, are separated from the main Walden Creek Group outcrop belt of the Foothills by several faults.

In the Foothills belt, the Sandsuck Formation is separated from the remainder of the Walden Creek Group by regional faults, except in the vicinity of English Mountain. Here, the constituent formations of the Walden Creek Group were defined by King and others (1958), and Hamilton (1961) mapped a continuous section of Walden Creek Group strata from the Licklog Formation to the Sandsuck Formation in the hanging wall of the Great Smoky fault. In the footwall, Hamilton (1961) observed Sandsuck Formation lithologies beneath the Chilhowee Group and tentatively correlated the Sandsuck Formation across the fault. The correlations of lithologically similar strata across faults have been used by many workers in the Foothills belt. Lithologic correlations across fault blocks are difficult, so these correlations must be made cautiously.

Paleontological data provide evidence to better constrain the age of the Walden Creek Group. Knoll and Keller (1979) reported occurrences of the Late Proterozoic to Paleozoic(?) acritarch *Bavlinella faveolata* in the Walden Creek Group throughout the Foothills belt. Additionally, soft-bodied metazoan macrofossils originally reported by Rackley (1951) and Phillips (1952) have been rediscovered along Ellis Branch in the Sandsuck Formation in the Mecca 7.5-minute quadrangle (Broadhead and others, 1991; Carter, 1994). In this region of southeastern Tennessee, the Sandsuck Formation is conformably overlain by fossiliferous Chilhowee Group rocks suggesting that the Sandsuck Formation is no younger than Early Cambrian, and may still be Late Proterozoic (Broadhead and others, 1991).

In the study area, no fossils were identified, so the age of the Walden Creek Group

must be determined by analyzing stratigraphic relationships. The Chilhowee Group is preserved in the study area, but in klippe of the Great Smoky fault (McKinney, 1964), while the top of the Walden Creek Group is cut out by the Miller Cove and Great Smoky faults (Figs. II-2, II-3; Plate I, Plate III). The only independent evidence available locally for constraining the age of the Walden Creek Group is analysis of the stratigraphic relationships between the Walden Creek Group and the underlying Great Smoky Group.

The contact between the Walden Creek Group (Wilhite Formation) and the Great Smoky Group (Dean Formation) has been interpreted as: (1) the southern continuation of the Greenbrier fault (Merschhat and Wiener, 1973; Wiener and Merschhat, 1978, 1981; Merschhat and Hale, 1983; Wiener and Merschhat, 1992); (2) as a conformable contact (Hale, 1974; Poppelreiter, 1980; Costello and Hatcher, 1986, 1991; Carter and others, 1993b, 1995a, 1995c; Carter, 1994; Geddes, 1995; this study); and (3) an unconformity (Tull and Groszos, 1988, 1990; Thompson and Tull, 1991; Tull and others, 1993; Carter and others, 1995b). In the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Greenbrier fault juxtaposes Great Smoky Group rocks in the hanging wall onto Walden Creek Group and Snowbird Group rocks in the footwall. If the contact between the Walden Creek Group and Great Smoky Group in the study area is the southern continuation of the Greenbrier fault, a large portion of the metasilstones and sandstones mapped as Wilhite Formation should be correlated with the Snowbird Group.

If the contact were a regional unconformity, all or part of the fine-grained metasedimentary rocks above the Great Smoky Group in the foothills belt in southeastern Tennessee would have been deposited in a post-Taconic successor basin. According to Tull and others (1993) an unconformity occurs in the Murphy syncline below the Mineral Bluff Group in southwestern North Carolina, and in the Talladega slate belt in Alabama. This interpretation requires deformation and metamorphism to have occurred during the Acadian (Silurian) and the Alleghanian (Permian) orogenies. Their tectonic scenario also

permits the deposition of the middle Paleozoic fossil fragments reported by Unrug and Unrug (1990), and Unrug and others (1991). The pronounced lithologic change across the contact and the variable nature of the sediments beneath the Wilhite Formation could indicate, however, that an unconformity is present between the Walden Creek Group and the Great Smoky Group. Hurst (1955) reported the contact between the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group) and Nantahala Formation (Hiwassee River Group) in the Mineral Bluff quadrangle in northern Georgia appeared gradational and concordant. However, Hurst (1955) suggested the contact may be unconformable because of the pronounced lithologic change across the contact, and the changing character of the metasediments beneath the Nantahala Formation. The Wilhite Formation is regionally equivalent to the Nantahala Formation because the contact relationship between the Wilhite and Dean formations in southeastern Tennessee is similar to the contact relationship between the Nantahala and Dean formations in the Murphy syncline.

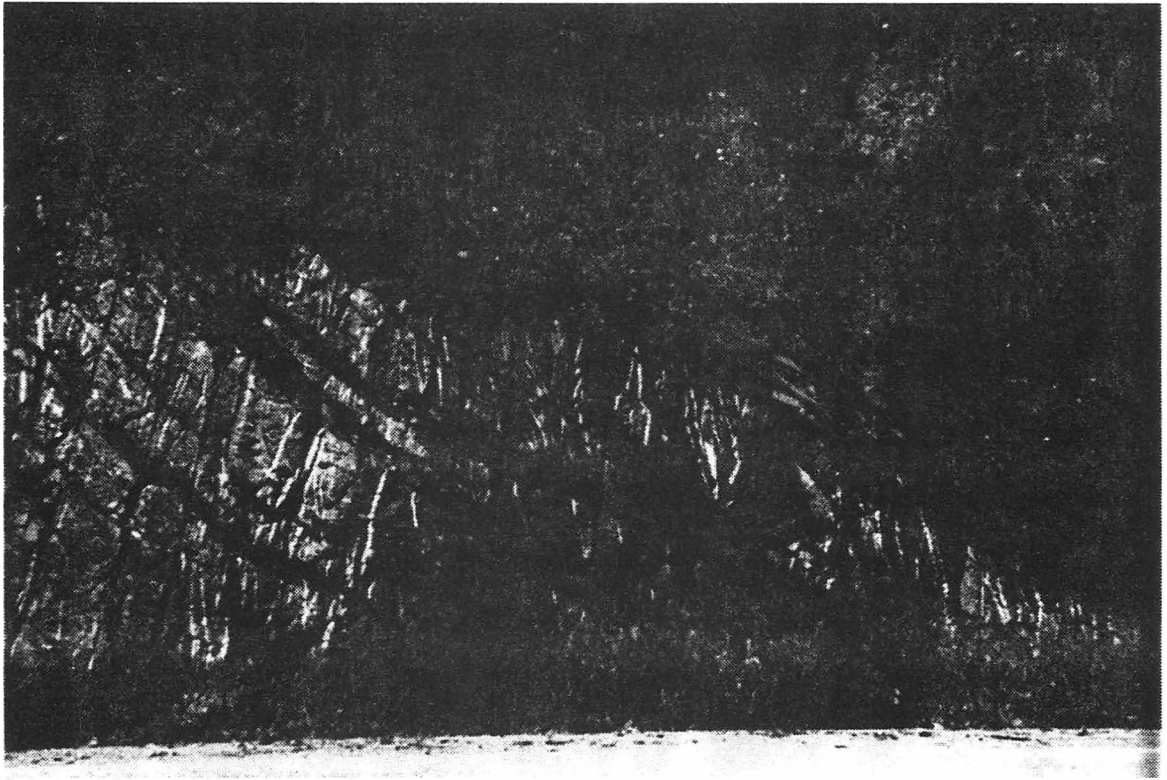
Field evidence suggests a conformable contact between the Walden Creek and Great Smoky Groups. A conformable stratigraphic relationship for the Walden Creek and Great Smoky Groups has been reported along the Ocoee, Hiwassee, and Tellico Rivers in southeastern Tennessee (Hale, 1974; Poppelreiter, 1980; Costello and Hatcher, 1986, 1991; Carter, 1994). The boundary between the two units is exposed along the northwest slope of Unicoi Mountain in southeastern Tennessee. Here, the contact between the two units is variably gradational, intertonguing, and sometimes very sharp. No evidence of faulting, such as truncation of map units, gouge, small faults, or slickenlines, was observed. Moreover, none of the units appeared to be erosionally truncated, nor were there any Dean Formation clasts exposed in the Walden Creek Group sediments.

A transition zone consisting of Wilhite metasiltstone interbedded with Dean Formation lithologies, described by Poppelreiter (1980) in the upper part of the Dean Formation, was also recognized in this study. The transition zone occurs in the

gradational conglomerate lithofacies and slate lenses in the Dean Formation, and consists of conglomeratic graywacke at the bottom of a sequence and greenish-gray banded metasiltstone and slate at the top. These metasiltstones occur in sequences of 1 to 3 m thick, and are distinguishable from the black laminated slate (~5 cm thick) at the top of most graded sequences in the Dean Formation. These metasiltstones are lithologically similar to those in the overlying Walden Creek Group and are also interbedded with dark slate of the conglomerate sequence. Additionally, the contact between the Walden Creek Group and the Great Smoky Group is complexly folded and overturned to the southeast (Carter and others, 1993a) (Plate I). Erosion has exposed many map-scale anticlines (whalebacks) cored by Great Smoky Group lithologies. In the study area, Great Smoky Group lithologies are exposed northwest of the main contact in the core of the Tellico Mountain anticlinorium (Plate I). The contact between the Walden Creek and Great Smoky Group here is relatively sharp (Figs. II-13A, II-13B). Other whalebacks occur southwest of the study area along the Ocoee (Hurst and Schlee, 1962) and Hiwassee (Carter, 1994) Rivers in southeastern Tennessee.

Modal analysis of coarse-grained lithologies from both groups reveals each group as being comprised essentially of the same constituents (Appendix B), but is texturally different. The coarse-grained lithologies of the sandstone units of the Wilhite Formation have smaller, better sorted, more rounded grains, and are less conglomeratic. This may represent a drastic change in the depositional environment such that the Wilhite and Dean Formations have similar sources, but the sandstones of the Wilhite Formation represent more distal sedimentation. Geddes (1995) suggested a map-scale gradation from older formations to younger formations between the uppermost fine-grained lithologies of the Dean Formation and the fine-grained lithologies of the Wilhite Formation. Rocks assigned to the lowermost Wilhite Formation are not as dark and sulfidic as the Dean Formation, yet are darker and more sulfidic than the fine-grained rocks higher in the

Figure II-13. Contact relationships between the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group) and the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group). Outcrop exposure located on top of Tellico Mountain on Tennessee State Highway 68. (A) Sharp contact between the thick-bedded, granule- to pebble-conglomerate of the Dean Formation and the thin-bedded, ankeritic, banded metasilstone of the Wilhite Formation. (B) Close-up of photo above showing the sharpness of the contact between the Dean Formation and the Wilhite Formation. Rock hammer is 32 cm in length.



(A)



(B)

Wilhite Formation sequence. I thus believe the relationships between the Walden Creek Group and the Great Smoky Group strongly suggest that the contact between the two group is conformable.

Based on the evidence presented above, the age of Walden Creek Group is Late Proterozoic to Early Cambrian. The soft-bodied metazoans and acritarchs are the oldest reported fossils in the western Blue Ridge, and thus, the base of the Cambrian as defined by King (1949) might include at least the middle member of the Sandsuck Formation from which the fossils were recovered (Carter, 1994). A conformable stratigraphic relationship with the underlying Great Smoky Group results in a probable Late Proterozoic age for the oldest Walden Creek Group metasediments.

Chapter III

Structure

Introduction

The Ocoee Supergroup of the western Blue Ridge has undergone at least two deformational events during the Taconic (Ordovician) and Alleghanian (Permian) orogenies. The Taconic orogeny is characterized by folding, faulting, cleavage development, and Barrovian metamorphism, while the Alleghanian orogeny is characterized by brittle faulting and folding (Hamilton, 1961; Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Butler, 1972; Hatcher, 1972; Dallmeyer, 1975; Hatcher, 1978, 1989; Hatcher and others, 1989a; Connelly and Dallmeyer, 1991; Kish, 1991; Woodward and others, 1991). Structures observed in the field area related to these two events include thrust faults, folds, foliations, and joints. Thrust faults include meso- and macro-scale brittle structures, some of which are possibly reactivated pre- to synmetamorphic structures (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Geddes, 1995). Several periods of deformation have produced folds ranging from centimeter- to kilometer-scale. Foliations include continuous (slaty) cleavage, pressure-solution cleavage, and crenulation cleavage. A chronology of previous structural studies in southeastern Tennessee is presented by Rodgers (1991) and Carter (1994).

Structures in the western Blue Ridge are the result of regional deformation. The amount of internal strain preserved in these rocks can be estimated using standard analytical and geometrical strain analysis techniques (R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods). The purpose of recent strain analyses of clastic rocks in the western Blue Ridge has been to quantify the amount of internal deformation (strain), and to relate this strain to regional structures and deformational history (Lewis, 1988; Walters, 1988; Connelly, 1993; Carter, 1994).

Faults

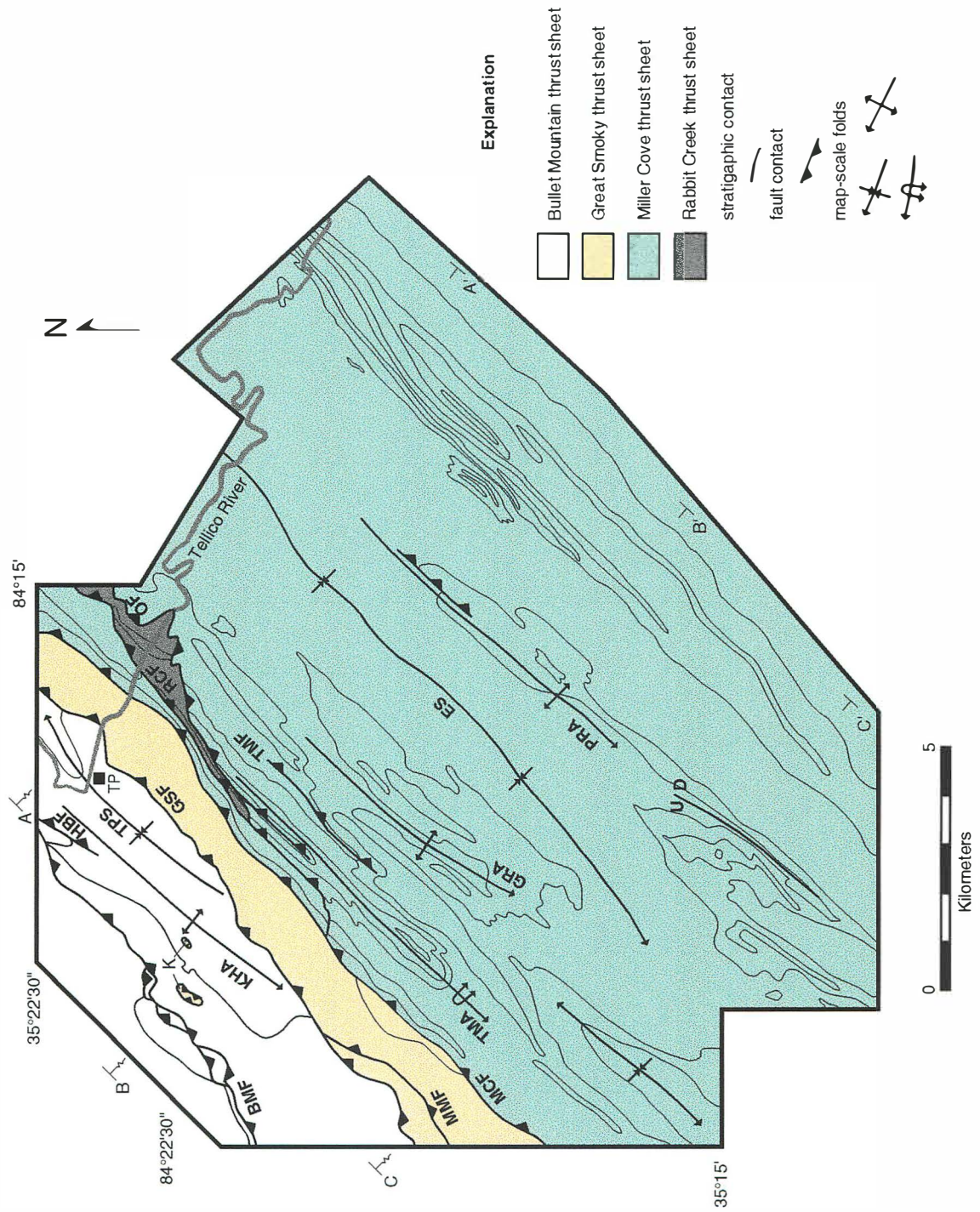
Six major faults are exposed in the study area: Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, Maggie's Mill, Miller Cove, Rabbit Creek, and Oconaluftee (Figs. II-2, III-1; Plate I). These faults juxtapose rocks of different age and metamorphic grade.

The northwesternmost fault exposed in the study area is the Bullet Mountain fault, which thrusts Lower Cambrian Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation strata onto younger Paleozoic Conasauga and Knox Groups (McKinney, 1964). McKinney (1964) interpreted the Bullet Mountain fault as an exposed slice of the frontal Blue Ridge fault system. The Bullet Mountain fault has also been interpreted as a floor thrust in a duplex beneath the Great Smoky fault (Carter, 1994). The Great Smoky fault is locally the frontal Blue Ridge fault, and thrust metamorphosed Lower Cambrian and Late Proterozoic rocks of the western Blue Ridge over unmetamorphosed Paleozoic rocks of the Valley and Ridge. The Maggie's Mill fault is related to the Great Smoky fault, and separates lower Sandsuck Formation from the upper units of the Sandsuck Formation and Chilhowee Group (Carter, 1994). The Miller Cove fault juxtaposes chlorite grade, cleaved Wilhite Formation onto lower grade (anchizone) and less cleaved Sandsuck Formation of the Walden Creek Group. Southeast of the Miller Cove fault is the Rabbit Creek fault, which consists entirely of Great Smoky Group strata in the hanging wall, and Walden Creek Group strata in the footwall. The Rabbit Creek fault was originally mapped by Neuman and Nelson (1965) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and traced southwestward to the study area by Wiener (unpub.) and Geddes (1995). The Rabbit Creek fault is interpreted as a reactivated syn- to premetamorphic structure (Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Geddes, 1995). The Oconaluftee fault consists of upper Great Smoky Group and lower Walden Creek Group hanging-wall strata which are penetratively cleaved and metamorphosed to chlorite and biotite grade. The footwall strata of the Oconaluftee fault consist of Great Smoky Group rocks that are present in the hanging wall of the Rabbit Creek fault, and

Figure III-1. Thrust sheets, bounding faults, and major folds in the study area. Refer to Fig. II-2 and Plate I for stratigraphic explanation. Cross-sections (Plates III, IIIa) located along lines A-A', B-B', and C-C'.

Geologic abbreviations: BMF-Bullet Mountain fault; ES-Epperson synclinorium; GRA-Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium; GSF-Great Smoky fault; HBF-Hunt Branch fault; KHA-Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; MCF-Miller Cove fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; PRA-Payne Ridge anticlinorium; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault; TMA-Tellico Mountain anticlinorium; TMF-Tellico Mountain fault; TPS-Tellico Plains synclinorium; U-upthown fault block; D-downthrown fault block; K-klippe.

Geographic abbreviation: TP-Tellico Plains.



have been interpreted to represent a distal facies change within upper Great Smoky Group lithologies (Geddes, 1995). The Greenbrier fault is a large thrust that is transected by metamorphic isograds, and is interpreted to emplace younger rocks over older rocks everywhere along its trace (King and others, 1958; Neuman and Nelson, 1965). Neuman and Nelson (1965) interpreted the Oconaluftee fault as a postmetamorphic dextral strike-slip fault that obliquely cuts the Greenbrier fault, but then swings into parallelism with it, and either truncates or occupies the same movement plane as the Greenbrier. The trace of the Oconaluftee was mapped northeast of the study area by Geddes (1995). Geddes (1995) interpreted the Oconaluftee as a reactivated syn- to premetamorphic structure because this fault truncates older structures.

Bullet Mountain fault

The Bullet Mountain fault thrust rocks of the Chilhowee Group, Shady Dolomite, and Rome Formation over Conasauga Group and Knox Group (Rodgers, 1953; McKinney, 1964; Hardeman, 1966). In the study area, the trace of the Bullet Mountain fault is located along the contact between the maroon siltstones of the Rome Formation, and the tan shales of the Conasauga Group and the Knox Group carbonates. Three fault-bounded slices of Knox Dolomite also occur along the fault. The Bullet Mountain fault is exposed 1.4 km (4,500 ft) north of Rural Vale school at the Mecca/Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle boundary, and was traced northeastward by McKinney (1964) north of Groundhog Mountain, to the intersection of Tennessee State highways 39 and 68. The Bullet Mountain fault was estimated by McKinney (1964) to dip approximately 30° to 40° to the southeast.

McKinney (1964) interpreted the Bullet Mountain fault as a large intermediate slice of footwall rocks associated with the Great Smoky fault system that was transported northwestward beneath the Great Smoky fault. McKinney (1964) suggested that because

structures within the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet closely coincide with structures associated with the emplacement of the klippe fault surface on Groundhog Mountain, the emplacement of the Bullet Mountain fault and klippe fault surface occurred during the same deformational event. Additionally, McKinney (1964) suggested the Bullet Mountain fault is a splay of the Great Smoky fault system because the Bullet Mountain fault is truncated by the Great Smoky fault along the northwestern side of the Conasauga reentrant. Carter (1994) suggested the Bullet Mountain fault may have been deformed into a duplex as it was transported beneath the Great Smoky fault, and that the Bullet Mountain fault is the floor thrust of a duplexed slice. Carter (1994) also interpreted the Bullet Mountain duplex as consisting of the Harrison Mill fault system in front of Bean Mountain south of the Hiwassee River.

In this study, the Bullet Mountain fault is interpreted as the floor thrust of the Bullet Mountain duplex, which has been transported northwestward beneath the Great Smoky fault (Plates III, IIIa). The roof thrust for this duplex is interpreted to be the Great Smoky fault. Lithologies in this duplex include the Rome Formation, Shady Dolomite, and Chilhowee Group. Chilhowee Group rocks are not exposed at the surface within the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet, but are interpreted to underlie the Shady Dolomite within the duplex. Klippes of Chilhowee Group rocks, probably related to the Great Smoky fault, are however, exposed above the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet throughout southeast Tennessee (Rodgers, 1953; Hardeman, 1966). It is suggested in this study that these klippes of Chilhowee Group rocks may possibly be derived from Chilhowee Group rocks in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet (Plates III, IIIa). Based on cross-section analysis, and because of the occurrence of Shady Dolomite and Chilhowee Group rocks in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet, a minimum displacement of 25 km (15.5 mi) on the Bullet Mountain fault is estimated (Plates III, IIIa).

Great Smoky fault

In the southern Appalachians, the frontal Blue Ridge fault system separates the rocks of the western Blue Ridge province from the rocks of the Valley and Ridge province. The Great Smoky fault is the frontal Blue Ridge fault in southeastern Tennessee and extends approximately 116 km (78 mi) from Chilhowee Mountain to Bean Mountain (Rodgers, 1953; Hardeman, 1966) (Fig. I-1). The Great Smoky fault thrust very low-grade metasedimentary (anchizone) rocks of the Sandsuck Formation and Chilhowee Group over unmetamorphosed rocks of the Shady Dolomite, Rome Formation, Conasauga Group, Knox Group, and Athens Shale (Rodgers, 1953; McKinney, 1964; Hardeman, 1966; Carter, 1994).

In the study area, the trace of the Great Smoky fault is located 0.6 km (2,000 ft) north of Webb Branch at the Mecca and Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle boundary, and extends northeastward along the northwest slope of Pine and Mocking Crow Mountains through the city of Tellico Plains (Fig. II-2; Plate I). The fault juxtaposes rocks of the Sandsuck Formation over rocks of the Shady Dolomite and Rome Formation. Throughout much of its length, the Great Smoky fault is mapped by the distribution of residuum because exposures of the fault are poor to nonexistent. The trace of the fault is easily mapped, however, because the lithologic contrasts between the maroon siltstones of the Rome Formation and the carbonate of the Shady Dolomite in the footwall are easily distinguished from the coarser-grained sandstones and weathered tan shales of the Sandsuck Formation in the hanging wall. The Great Smoky fault is a low-angle fault with an undulating surface with an average dip of approximately 15° southeast (McKinney, 1964; this study). Carter (1994) estimated the dip of the fault to range from 10°- 25° southeast.

The Great Smoky fault is not well exposed in the study area. McKinney (1964) observed a gouge zone about two feet wide along a road off Tennessee State Highway 68,

0.6 km (2,000 ft) southwest of the Tellico Plains city limits, and in an old iron pit 0.5 km (1,500 ft) northeast of Coppenger Cemetery. A good exposure of footwall Rome Formation just beneath the Great Smoky fault is exposed in a creek along the northwest slope of an unnamed mountain 0.6 km (2,000 ft) southwest of Conasauga Creek. Residual soils and colluvium cover the fault surface here, but offer good control of the fault trace with shales and sandstones of the Sandsuck formation exposed close by.

The Great Smoky fault is interpreted as a thin-skinned, postmetamorphic, brittle structure (Hamilton, 1961; Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Carter, 1994; this study). Several lines of evidence support these conclusions, including: (1) the low-angle nature of the fault, as indicated by the coves region in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the trace of the fault along the base of Starr Mountain, and seismic reflection data (Cook and others, 1983) along the Tellico River; (2) no basement rocks are exposed in the frontal Great Smoky thrust sheet; (3) metamorphic grade of rocks within the Great Smoky thrust sheet increases southeastward, and are thrust onto unmetamorphosed rocks in the footwall, indicating that faulting and transport of the Great Smoky thrust sheet occurred after the regional metamorphic event; and (4) only brittle deformation is present along the exposed fault trace.

The Great Smoky fault is interpreted in this study as the fault surface that emplaced the quartzite on Groundhog Mountain. Outcrop patterns of the Great Smoky fault in the study area and to the southwest along Starr Mountain provide evidence for the low-angle nature of the fault (Fig. I-2; Plates I, III, IIIa). McKinney interpreted the emplacement of the Chilhowee Group quartzite to be related to an intermediate fault slice beneath the main Great Smoky fault surface. This interpretation is abandoned because of the lack of evidence supporting an intermediate fault beneath the Great Smoky fault in the study area, and because of the low angle of the Great Smoky fault.

The Great Smoky fault may have used the shale beds in the Sandsuck Formation as flats, and ramped across stronger sandstone units as it propagated out of the Ocoee basin onto the carbonate platform on the continental margin (King, 1964; Hatcher and others, 1989a). Hatcher (1978, 1989), Hatcher and others (1989a), and Hatcher and Goldberg (1991) interpreted the Great Smoky fault to have a displacement of approximately 250 km (150 mi). In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a minimum displacement on the Great Smoky fault is estimated to be 10 km (6 mi) based on the distance from the back edge of the windows to the outcrop trace of the fault to the northwest (Hamilton, 1961; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965). Southwest of the study area, Carter (1994) estimated the amount of throw to be at least 5.4 km (3.4 mi). In the study area, the minimum displacement on the Great Smoky fault is estimated to be approximately 35 km (22 mi) based on cross section analysis (Plate III).

Structure beneath the Great Smoky thrust sheet

Structures beneath the Great Smoky thrust sheet are interpreted from cross-section construction, retrodeformation, and analysis (Plates III, IIIa; Appendix D). These structures include; the Foothills duplex, an unnamed duplex, a blind thrust fault, the Chestuee fault, and the Saltville fault (Plates III, IIIa). Evidence for these structures are made from geologic observations and interpretations in the study area, and from the down-plunge projection of structures northeast and southwest of the study area. COCORP seismic reflection data (Cook and others, 1983) reprocessed by Prof. J. K. Costain and Cahit Coruh at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI), and unpublished Arco Exploration Company seismic reflection data constrain some of the resolvable structures in the cross section(s).

Three cross-section lines extend from the Valley and Ridge Middle Ordovician syncline near Mount Vernon, TN, through the Foothills belt of southeastern Tennessee

and southwestern North Carolina (Plates I, III, IIIa). These cross sections extend approximately 24 km (15 mi) normal to regional strike, and are spaced approximately 10.5 km (6.5 mi) apart. The depth to basement is interpreted to be approximately 5 km (16,500 ft) as determined by seismic reflection data (Cook and others, 1983). The cross sections can be divided into strata above and below the Blue Ridge-Piedmont megathrust sheet. The hanging-wall structures of this megathrust sheet are discussed throughout this chapter. Footwall structures and evidence for the existence of these structures are discussed below as they occur from the southeast to the northwest in the cross section(s) (Plate III, IIIa).

The Foothills duplex is the southeasternmost footwall structure in the cross section(s), and formed subsequent to the emplacement of the Great Smoky thrust sheet. Evidence for the formation of the Foothills duplex is interpreted from windows exposed in the Great Smoky Mountains region (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965, Hatcher and others, 1989b), seismic reflection data along the Tellico River (Cook and others, 1983), and deflection and deformation of previously formed structures in the western Blue Ridge foothills of southeastern Tennessee (Carter, 1994; Geddes, 1995; this study). Moderately strong southeast-dipping reflectors extend from the top of the seismic section (sea level) to basement, and are interpreted to represent strata of the Foothills duplex. The Foothills duplex in the cross section(s) is located along strike with the windows in the Great Smoky Mountains region, and with the Foothills duplex in the cross sections of Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995). Lithologically, the Foothills duplex includes the Rome Formation, Conasauga Group, and Knox Group. The Chickamauga Group is interpreted to not be involved in the duplexing beneath the Great Smoky thrust sheet in the study area, because it is not exposed in the southernmost windows (Cades Cove and Calderwood). This indicates the Great Smoky fault has cut down section to the southwest (Geddes, 1995; this study). Exposures of Knox and Chickamauga Group rocks occur in

the northern windows in the Great Smoky Mountains region, suggesting the Great Smoky thrust sheet was arched upward during imbrication and duplexing of footwall units.

Northwest of the Foothills duplex is an unnamed duplex that also folds the Great Smoky thrust sheet. This unnamed duplex, like the Foothills duplex, contains rocks of the Rome Formation, Conasauga Group, and Knox Group. The floor thrust to this duplex juxtaposes early Paleozoic Valley and Ridge units, and has a small displacement that decreases to the southwest due to room (space) problems in cross section construction (Plate III, IIIa). It is tentatively hypothesized that the floor thrust of this unnamed duplex may be related to the Pulaski fault in northeastern Tennessee, which thrusts Knox Group and older strata onto Knox and Chickamauga Group rocks.

A thrust fault exposed at the surface northwest of Starr Mountain (Rodgers, 1953; Hardeman, 1966) is interpreted to be a blind thrust in the study area. At the surface, this thrust fault juxtaposes rocks of the Knox and Conasauga Groups against rocks of the Chickamauga and Knox Groups. Seismic reflection data (Cook and others, 1983) reveal weak southeast dipping reflectors in this area, possibly representing units related to the hanging wall of this blind thrust. This blind thrust and structures related to this fault are transected by the Great Smoky fault (Plates III, IIIa). It is interpreted that the blind thrust and associated hanging-wall anticline were decapitated as the Great Smoky thrust sheet was emplaced. This structure may have also acted as an abutment to impede continued movement of the Great Smoky thrust sheet.

The Chestuee fault is not exposed in the study area, but rocks of this thrust sheet are exposed in the northwesternmost portions of the study area. The Chestuee fault is interpreted as a flat in the cross section, and its location within the cross section is dependent on the amount of Chickamauga Group strata exposed in the Middle Ordovician syncline along the northwestern portions of the cross section (Plates III, IIIa). Assuming the Chickamauga Group is conformably underlain by the Knox Group,

Conasauga Group, and the Rome Formation, the Chestuee fault is placed at the base of the Rome Formation (Plates III, IIIa). Unpublished seismic reflection data by Arco Exploration Company across the Valley and Ridge in Monroe County in southeastern Tennessee reveal reflectors, interpreted as the Chestuee fault, at about the same elevation as the Chestuee fault in the cross sections. Location of the ramp between the Chestuee and Saltville faults is difficult to distinguish from seismic data. The positioning of this ramp is partially constrained by an assumed ramp angle of 20 degrees, which is determined from southeast-dipping reflectors from seismic data. Also constraining the position of the ramp is the location of structures above this ramp, such as the Foothills duplex.

The Saltville fault is the lowest structure in the cross sections, and separates Valley and Ridge strata from basement. The location of this fault is well constrained by seismic data (Cook and others, 1983). Formations in this thrust sheet are interpreted to include the Rome Formation, Conasauga Group, Knox Group, and parts of the Chickamauga Group. The thickness of the Chickamauga Group changes between cross sections because the Chestuee fault cuts down section to the northeast. This interpretation permits increased thickness of the Chickamauga Group in the Chestuee thrust sheet as the Middle Ordovician syncline that exposes the Chickamauga Group plunges to the northeast.

Interpretations from cross-section construction, retrodeformation, and analysis results in two possible hypotheses concerning the thrusting sequence beneath the Great Smoky thrust sheet: (1) the sequence of deformation is toward the foreland with emplacement of the blind thrust subsequent to duplexing of Valley and Ridge footwall strata, and before the final emplacement of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet; or (2) emplacement of the blind thrust was the first structure to form in the footwall strata and formed out-of-sequence. These interpretations are based on the crosscutting relationships

between the blind thrust and the Great Smoky fault interpreted from geologic maps by Rodgers (1953) and Hardeman (1966) (Plates III, IIIa).

The first interpretation concerning the sequence of thrusting results in foreland-directed (northwest) thrusting. The first structure to be emplaced is the Blue Ridge thrust sheet. Duplexing of Valley and Ridge footwall strata beneath the Great Smoky fault results in the formation of the Foothills duplex and the unnamed duplex, respectively. As the Great Smoky fault was folded by duplexing of the Valley and Ridge footwall units, movement along the Great Smoky fault continues, although it must be partially locked. The next structure to form was the blind thrust. Emplacement of the blind thrust resulted in the formation of a hanging-wall anticline, which was then decapitated during the final emplacement of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet. Emplacement of the Chestuee thrust sheet follows in the sequence with the Saltville thrust sheet being the last footwall structure to form in the cross sections.

The second interpretation concerning the sequence of thrusting involves emplacement of the blind thrust and formation of the hanging-wall anticline followed by the emplacement of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet, which decapitates the hanging-wall anticline. The Blue Ridge thrust sheet is then folded due to the formation of the Foothills duplex and unnamed duplex beneath this thrust sheet. The emplacement of the Chestuee and Saltville faults, respectively, follow in the thrusting sequence. Problems with this interpretation requires the blind thrust to be out-of-sequence, which may be kinematically unfeasible.

Maggies Mill fault

The Maggies Mill fault was mapped southwest of the study area by Carter (1994), who interpreted the fault as a brittle structure that juxtaposed rocks of the lower and middle members of the Sandsuck Formation. Previously, the Maggies Mill fault had been

mapped as the Sylco Creek fault (Rodgers, 1953), and the Miller Cove fault (Wiener and Merschat, 1992), but Carter (1994) recognized that the Miller Cove fault is southeast of this structure. Carter (1994) observed two important lithologic and structural characteristics of the Maggies Mill fault: (1) lithologic similarities between footwall and hanging wall strata; and (2) a lack of structural or metamorphic discontinuities across the fault. The trace of the fault is mapped on the basis of different footwall and hanging-wall stratigraphy. Carter (1994) estimated the dip of the Maggies Mill fault to range from 25° to 40° southeast.

The Maggies Mill fault is traceable from the southwest into the Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle along Webb Branch. The fault is traceable northeastward crossing Conasauga Creek at Conasauga Mill, and continuing along the northwest slope of Mocking Crow Mountain before being cut off by the Great Smoky fault near Kirkland Hollow (Fig. II-2; Plate I). Because the trace of the Maggies Mill fault in the study area is only 3.6 km, criterion used by Carter (1994) for mapping the fault was used in this study. Exposure of the fault in the study area is poor, but the fault was mapped based on the following evidence: (1) the abrupt juxtaposition of different stratigraphic sections of the Sandsuck Formation; and (2) geomorphic expression of the contact as the fault is traced along Webb Branch. The fault trace is characterized mostly by coarse-grained quartz sandstone and conglomerate in the hanging wall, and predominantly siltstone and shale in the footwall. The contact between these lithologies is abrupt, unlike the majority of contacts between different lithologies in the Sandsuck, which are dominantly gradational. Through much of its trace, the Maggies Mill fault parallels northeast-trending drainages, and may be the cause of topographic breaks (benches) along some slopes. The outcrop pattern of the Maggies Mill fault suggests the fault dips approximately 30° to 40° southeast.

Carter (1994) considered three possible interpretations for the formation of the

Maggies Mill fault and the amount of displacement associated with it: (1) The Maggies Mill fault may be an imbricate of the Miller Cove fault, (2) a slice of the Miller Cove fault, or (3) an imbricate of the Great Smoky fault. For the Maggies Mill fault to be an imbricate of the Miller Cove fault, lithologic similarities should exist between footwall and hanging-wall strata without much displacement (Carter, 1994). No similarities exist between the lithologies bounding the Miller Cove fault, because the hanging wall units are lithologically different, intensely cleaved, and more metamorphosed than the footwall units. If the Maggies Mill fault is a slice of the Miller Cove fault, the lithologies in the footwall would be laterally equivalent to the lithologies in the hanging wall, with horizontal displacement possibly as large as the displacement of the Miller Cove fault (Carter, 1994). Carter (1994) favored the Maggies Mill fault being an imbricate of the Great Smoky fault, because of similarities between lithology, cleavage morphology, cleavage intensity, and metamorphism between hanging wall and footwall strata.

Based on the limited exposure and extent of Maggies Mill fault in the study area, the Maggies Mill fault is interpreted to be an imbricate of the Great Smoky fault because of lithologic similarities between hanging wall and footwall strata (Plates III, IIIa). The hanging-wall strata of the Maggies Mill fault consist of a sequence of quartz sandstone gradationally overlain by shale that locally contains carbonate bodies, while footwall strata consist of a lithologically similar quartz sandstone and shale sequence. Carter (1994) recognized similar lithologic sequences in the hanging wall strata to the southwest. The quartz sandstone/shale sequence in both the footwall and hanging wall of the Maggies Mill fault suggest rocks in the footwall are lithologically similar to rocks in the hanging wall. Additionally, rocks in the hanging wall of the Maggies Mill fault have similar metamorphic grade (anchizone), cleavage morphology, and cleavage intensity with rocks in the footwall. Therefore, based on the evidence presented above and by Carter (1994), the Maggies Mill fault is interpreted to be an imbricate of the Great Smoky

fault with an estimated displacement of 1 km (.6 mi) (Plates III, IIIa). Displacement on the fault increases to the southwest into the area mapped by Carter (1994), where the hanging-wall strata of the Maggies Mill fault are interpreted to be thrust onto higher units of the Sandsuck Formation in the footwall.

Miller Cove fault

The Miller Cove fault is a major structure in the western Blue Ridge that thrusts penetratively cleaved chlorite and higher-grade metamorphic rocks of the Wilhite Formation onto less cleaved and less metamorphosed (anchizone) rocks of the Sandsuck Formation (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Carter, 1994). Because the Miller Cove fault juxtaposes structures that developed during different orogenic events, it is interpreted as a basement fault (Hatcher and others, 1989a), which decapitates regional synmetamorphic folds in cross section (Plates III, IIIa). The Miller Cove fault family extends discontinuously approximately 250 km (167 mi) from northwest of English Mountain to the Cartersville District in northwestern Georgia (Costello, 1984; Hatcher and others, 1989a) (Fig. I-1). In the vicinity of the study area, the Miller Cove fault was mapped as the northern continuation of Salisbury's (1961) Alaculsy Valley fault by Wiener and Merschat (1992).

From the southwest, the Miller Cove fault is exposed in the study area along the base of a prominent line of ridges along Steer Creek. The Miller Cove fault is traceable northeastward along Steer Creek, beneath Tennessee State Highway 68 to Tellico Lake, where the fault trace is located along Quarry Creek to the Tellico River. The fault then is located along a northeast-trending drainage of the Tellico River to Puncheon Hollow in the northeasternmost portion of the study area. The Miller Cove fault is easily mapped because of the distinct lithologic and structural differences between hanging wall and footwall strata, and the geomorphic expression of the fault in the topography. Rocks in

the hanging wall of the Miller Cove fault are metamorphosed to chlorite grade, and have a dominant S-surface (foliation) that is characterized by continuous (slaty) cleavage (S_1) in fine-grained lithologies. Locally, these cleaved, fine-grained rocks were later deformed by pressure solution (S_{1a}) and crenulations (S_2). Footwall rocks are metamorphosed to anchizone, and the dominant S-surface (foliation) is a weakly developed slaty cleavage (S_3) in fine-grained rocks. The topographic expression of the fault trace indicates the Miller Cove fault dips approximately 20° to 30° southeast.

The formation of the Miller Cove fault has been interpreted to be a major brittle structure related to the Great Smoky fault, because metamorphic discontinuities across the Miller Cove fault indicate that it is younger than premetamorphic faults, such as the Dunn Creek and Greenbrier faults, and older than the Great Smoky fault (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965). Wiener and Mersch (1978) suggested the Alaculsy Valley fault in southeastern Tennessee and northwestern Georgia is a premetamorphic fault related to the Dunn Creek and Line Springs faults in the Great Smoky Mountains region that juxtaposes Snowbird Group, which has now been shown by Costello and Hatcher (1991) to be Walden Creek Group, rocks onto Walden Creek Group rocks. Woodward and others (1991) interpreted the formation of axial-planar cleavage, folds, and minor ductile thrust faults as developing during early emplacement of the Miller Cove thrust sheet in the Great Smoky Mountains region, and related to ductile deformation associated with a moving thrust sheet (after Mitra and Elliott, 1980). They inferred that this early Miller Cove fault was reactivated or truncated by a later brittle Alleghanian structure. Thus, Woodward and others (1991) concluded that the Miller Cove thrust sheet is multiphase structure with both a ductile pre- to synmetamorphic and brittle post-metamorphic history of movement.

Southwest of the study area in the Mecca and McFarland 7.5-minute quadrangles, Carter (1994) interpreted the Miller Cove fault as a brittle structure because of structural

and metamorphic discontinuities across the fault, gouge zones, and discrete crenulations. Imbricates of the Miller Cove fault transect preexisting continuous (slaty) cleavage and contain slickenlines. Microstructurally, highly strained and partially recrystallized quartz occur within folded quartz veins and discrete and zonal crenulations are axial planar to the microfolds in the Miller Cove imbricate zone (Carter, 1994). Crosscutting relationships suggest that slaty cleavage developed prior to veining, microfolding, and development of axial-planar crenulations. Gouge zones crosscut all preexisting structures (Carter, 1994).

Evidence for the Miller Cove fault being a postmetamorphic brittle structure in the study area includes many of the structural and metamorphic features observed to the southwest by Carter (1994). Imbricates of the Miller Cove fault were observed west of Tellico Lake and along County Highway 2342 (Rafter Rd.), Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle (Plate I). These imbricates and related structures, such as fault gouge, crenulations, and slickenlines, transect the preexisting continuous (slaty) cleavage. The juxtaposition of penetratively cleaved rocks onto less cleaved rocks, and brittle fault fabrics associated with imbricates of the Miller Cove fault provide evidence for Alleghanian thrusting of the Miller Cove fault in my study area.

The amount of throw and horizontal displacement on the Miller Cove fault cannot be determined because of the lack of correlative lithologic markers across the fault. Because the Miller Cove fault juxtaposes slaty cleaved chlorite grade rocks onto less cleaved anchizone rocks, Carter (1994) suggested the vertical displacement to be at least 5 km and the horizontal displacement to be at least 10 km to account for the differences in metamorphic grade across the fault (Plates III, IIIa).

Rabbit Creek fault

The Rabbit Creek fault was originally mapped in the Great Smoky Mountains

National Park, and it thrust Great Smoky Group onto Walden Creek Group rocks (Neuman and Nelson, 1965). The Rabbit Creek fault is traceable for approximately 56 km (35 mi) from the vicinity of Cades Cove to the vicinity of Tellico Plains in southeastern Tennessee. The fault was mapped southwestward from the Little Tennessee River to the northeast boundary of this study area by Wiener (unpub.) and Geddes (1995). Criteria used for mapping this fault include a major lithologic contrast across the contact, fault fabrics observed at several locations along the contact, and many distinct topographic lineaments (Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Geddes, 1995).

In the study area, the Rabbit Creek fault is traced from the northeast along the northwest slope of Henson Mountain, and along Big Branch to the Tellico River. Along this portion of the fault trace, sulfidic and graphitic black slate of the Dean Formation have been thrust over green-banded ankeritic metasilstone of the Wilhite Formation. From the Tellico River southward, the fault trace is located near the top of Grave Mountain, and trends 0.6 km (2,000 ft) southwest of Tennessee State Highway 68 where it is cut off by the Oconaluftee fault. The hanging wall of the fault contains coarse-grained orthoquartzite, graywacke, granule conglomerate, and black slate of the Dean Formation, while rocks in the footwall consist of mostly overturned medium-grained arkosic sandstones of the Wilhite Formation in the footwall (Fig. III-2). The criteria used for mapping the Rabbit Creek fault northeast of the study area (Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Geddes, 1995) are used in this study. The strongest evidence for recognition of the Rabbit Creek fault in the study area is the prominent lithologic changes across the contact. Throughout its trace in the study area, the hanging-wall strata of the Rabbit Creek fault consist of lithologies typical of similar Great Smoky Group lithologies observed in the southeasternmost portions of this study area. The footwall strata contain green-banded metasilstone and ankeritic metasilstone, along with arkosic sandstone and conglomerate typical of the Walden Creek Group. The channel conglomerate in the

Figure III-2. Overturned Wilhite sandstone in the footwall of the Rabbit Creek fault along Tennessee State Highway 68 at Grave Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.



footwall is polymictic, and consists of quartz pebbles and slate chips that are lithologically similar to the underlying Great Smoky Group. Good exposures of footwall and hanging-wall strata of the Rabbit Creek fault in the study area are along Tennessee State Highway 68 at Grave Mountain (Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle). Here the main fault trace is covered and located in a drainage between the hanging wall and footwall exposures (Figs. II-2, III-1; Plate I). Small brittle faults and slickenlines were recognized in hanging-wall strata near the main trace of the fault. Topographic lineaments were also used to assist mapping the Rabbit Creek fault. The dip of the Rabbit Creek fault ranges from 30 to 60° southeast in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Neuman and Nelson, 1965), and from 30° southeast to almost vertical southwest of the park and northeast of the study area (Geddes, 1995). The dip of the Rabbit Creek fault in the study area is estimated from outcrop patterns to be dip 30 to 40° southeast.

Neuman and Nelson (1965) interpreted the Rabbit Creek fault as a predominantly premetamorphic structure that has been reactivated because the fault cuts or is cut by younger faults. Neuman and Nelson (1965) mapped the coarse-grained rocks in the hanging wall as Cades Sandstone unclassified (Great Smoky Group), and the fine-grained rocks in the footwall as Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group) and Metcalf Phyllite (Snowbird Group). In the Great Smoky Mountains region, the Cades Sandstone is isolated from the main body of the Great Smoky Group by the Oconaluftee fault. Rocks similar to Cades Sandstone occur in the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee fault, which cuts across footwall strata (Neuman and Nelson, 1965). If the Rabbit Creek fault is related to the Oconaluftee fault, Neuman and Nelson (1965) suggested rocks in the hanging wall would be equivalent to or younger than rocks in the footwall.

Geddes (1995) mapped the Rabbit Creek fault northeast of my study area, from the Tellico River northeastward to Citico Creek, in southeastern Tennessee (Fig. I-2).

Geddes (1995) interpreted the Rabbit Creek fault as a reactivated premetamorphic fault because of the presence of cataclasite, brittle deformation of slaty cleavage, and an increase in metamorphic grade from anchizone and lower chlorite grade to chlorite grade when crossing the structure from northwest to southeast. Geddes (1995) recognized the same lithologic similarities as Neuman and Nelson (1965) between Great Smoky Group rocks in the Rabbit Creek and Oconaluftee thrust sheets. Because of compositional and textural similarities to the Dean Formation in the Oconaluftee thrust sheet, Geddes (1995) correlated the rocks in the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet with the Dean, Ammons, Wehuty, and Copperhill Formations of the Great Smoky Group, and suggested abandoning the name "Cades Sandstone."

I also chose to interpret the Rabbit Creek fault in my study area as a reactivated postmetamorphic brittle fault, because the Rabbit Creek fault cuts earlier-formed structures, and the fault zone contains brittle fault fabrics. Compositional and textural similarities also exist between rocks in the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet and rocks in the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee fault in the study area, thus providing evidence to support the interpretations of Neuman and Nelson (1965) and Geddes (1995) concerning the equivalence of rocks in the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet with those in the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee fault. Footwall and hanging-wall strata of the Rabbit Creek fault are exposed on Tennessee Highway 68 at Graves Mountain (Figs. III-1, III-2). Here the footwall strata consist of folded sandstone of the Wilhite Formation. The Rabbit Creek fault may have propagated through fine-grained metasilstone and slate separating the two exposures, and is located in a drainage between them. The hanging-wall strata consist of a locally sulfidic orthoquartzite and slate, and is interpreted as belonging to the Great Smoky Group. Minor faults were observed in the hanging-wall strata, and are interpreted as splays of the Rabbit Creek fault. Most of the intense deformation from the Rabbit Creek fault in this area is localized in the folding of the footwall strata. Possible fault

breccia was observed in Big Branch, approximately 1250 m (4,000 ft) upstream from its confluence with the Tellico River, providing evidence for brittle deformation.

Displacement on the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet is interpreted to decrease to the southwest (Plates I, III, IIIa). Based on cross section analysis, the Rabbit Creek fault is estimated to have a displacement of approximately 2.3 km (1.4 mi) along cross section line A-A', and a estimated displacement of approximately 1.9 km (1.2 mi) along cross section line B-B'.

Oconaluftee fault

The Greenbrier fault is a major structure in the Great Smoky Mountains region that was first recognized by King and others (1958) and separates the Ocoee Supergroup into two major stratigraphic sequences (King, 1964). King and others (1958) originally interpreted the hanging-wall strata as consisting of Great Smoky Group rocks conformably overlying Snowbird Group, while footwall units consist of Snowbird Group conformably (?) overlain by unclassified Ocoee Supergroup formations and Walden Creek Group. Recent unpublished geologic mapping by C. Montes (pers. comm.) in the Dellwood 7.5-minute quadrangle (North Carolina) suggests the contact between the Snowbird and Great Smoky Groups, originally mapped as conformable by Hadley and Goldsmith (1963), is the continuation of the premetamorphic Greenbrier fault with reactivation and brittle deformation during the Alleghanian orogeny along portions of the fault. In the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Greenbrier fault thrust Great Smoky Group over Walden Creek Group, Snowbird Group, rocks of the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet, and Grenville crystalline basement rocks (King and others, 1958; Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965) (Fig. I-1). The Greenbrier fault is interpreted as a premetamorphic ductile structure associated with the Taconic orogeny because ductile fault fabrics are present, regional metamorphic isograds transect

the fault boundary, and the fault does not deform regional cleavage (Hadley and Goldsmith, 1963; King, 1964; Milton, 1983; Connelly and Dallmeyer, 1990; Woodward and others, 1991; Connelly and Woodward, 1992).

The Oconaluftee fault is both a high-angle dextral fault and a thrust fault in the central and western Great Smoky Mountains (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965). At its northern end, the Oconaluftee fault is a dextral strike-slip fault that obliquely cuts the Greenbrier fault (Fig. I-1). The trace of the Oconaluftee fault becomes parallel to the Greenbrier fault south of Wear and Tukaleechee Coves, and was interpreted by Neuman and Nelson (1965) as a low-angle thrust that truncates, overrides, or reactivates the preexisting Greenbrier fault plane. They named this segment of the fault the Oconaluftee-Greenbrier fault. In the southwestern portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Neuman and Nelson (1965) mapped the lowest formation of Great Smoky Group (Elkmont Sandstone) in the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee, and “Cades Sandstone” (Great Smoky Group) and Metcalf Phyllite (Snowbird Group) in the footwall.

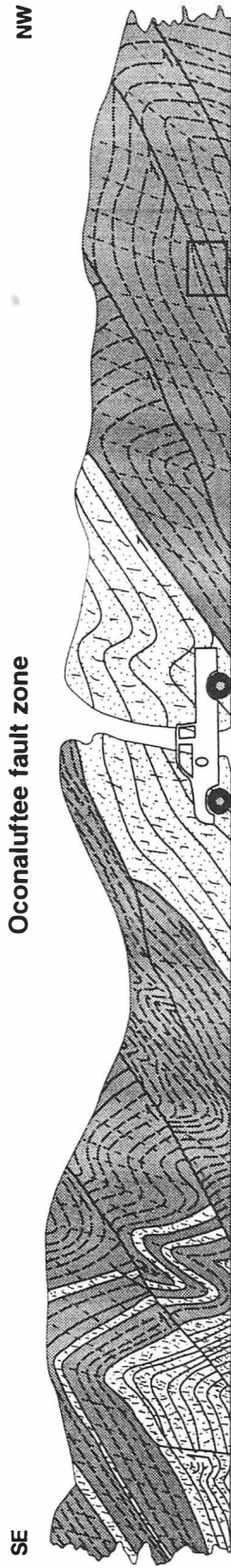
Geddes (1995) mapped the Oconaluftee fault northeast of the study area, and used as evidence the emplacement of Wilhite and Great Smoky Group units over rocks in the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet to map the Oconaluftee fault. Geddes (1995) presented evidence the Oconaluftee fault is a brittle Alleghanian fault because of the truncation of rock units in the Rabbit Creek fault, and the truncation of 1st- and 2nd-order folds. Geddes (1995) suggested the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee fault in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is composed of the two lowest Great Smoky Group formations (Elkmont and Thunderhead Sandstones), while to the southwest, between the Tellico River and Citico Creek, the two uppermost Great Smoky Group formations (Dean and Ammons) are also exposed in the hanging wall. This change is explained by regional structures. In the Great Smoky Mountains region, 1st-order anticlines bring up older

Great Smoky Group units, but between the Little Tennessee River and Tellico River, the southwest-plunging 1st-order Epperson synclinorium brings down younger Great Smoky Group units, as well as the overlying Wilhite Formation (Carter and others, 1995b). This also is evidence of the small displacement along the Oconaluftee and Rabbit Creek faults.









The Oconaluftee fault is traceable approximately 72 km (45 mi) from near Elkmont, Tennessee, in the Great Smoky Mountains to near Tellico Plains, southeastern Tennessee (Fig. I-1). In my study area, the Oconaluftee fault is located along the northwest slopes of Henson, Tellico, Grave, and Queens Mountains (Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle). This fault cuts the Rabbit Creek fault along the northwest slope of Grave Mountain, and is cut off by the Miller Cove fault along the northwest base of Queens Mountain (Fig. II-2; Plate I). Rocks in the hanging wall of the Oconaluftee fault consist of coarse-grained conglomerate and graywacke along with slate lenses correlated with the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group). Conformably overlying these Great Smoky Group lithologies are the metasilstones of the Walden Creek Group. Footwall lithologies consist mostly of fine-grained graphitic and sulfidic slate, with lenses of orthoquartzite and graywacke, and are interpreted to be correlative with the Dean Formation. The dip of the Oconaluftee fault in the study area ranges from approximately 30° southeast in the northeastern portion of the study area near the Tellico River to approximately 45° southeast southwestward along Tellico, Grave, and Queens Mountains.

In the study area, the Oconaluftee fault is exposed on Tennessee State Highway 165 along the Tellico River (Fig. III-3A), and on Tennessee State Highway 68 at Grave Mountain (Plate I). The main trace of the Oconaluftee fault is 180 m (600 ft) northwest of the bridge crossing the Tellico River on Tennessee State Highway 165 at the Tellico Plains-Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle boundary (Figs. II-2, III-1; Plate I). From this locale northward to the main fault, numerous thrust faults deform hanging-wall strata. These faults are characterized by brittle fault fabrics, such as fault gouge and

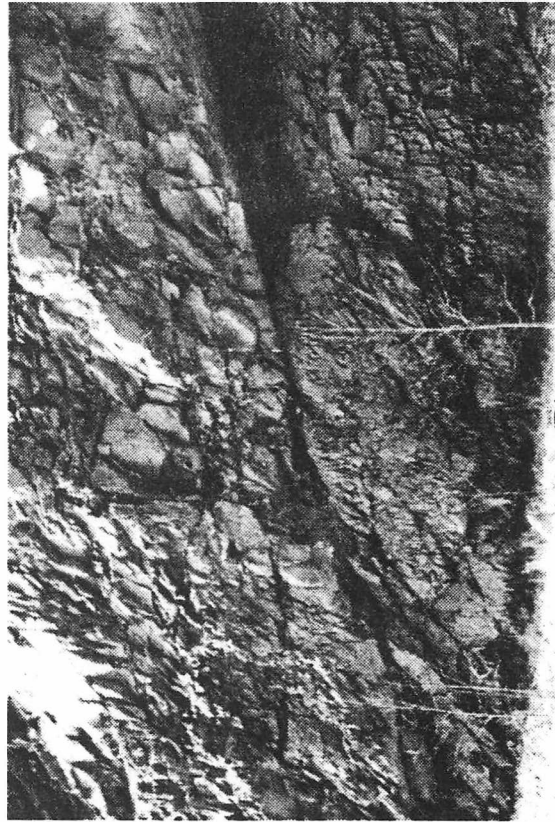
Figure III-3. The Oconaluftee fault zone. (A) Sketch of the Oconaluftee fault zone along the Tellico River, Tennessee State Highway 165, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (B) The Oconaluftee fault. Location of photograph is indicated by the boxed area in (A).



Explanation

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|---|------------------------|---|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
|  | graywacke |  | bedding |  | thrust faults |
|  | slate and metasilstone |  | slaty cleavage |  | joints |
| | |  | |  | quartz veins and small fractures |

(A)



(B)

slickenlines (Fig. III-3B). These faults also decapitate folds and transect the continuous (slaty) cleavage. Similar structural and lithologic relationships are present along the Oconaluftee fault on Tennessee State Highway 68 at Grave Mountain. Here, the hanging-wall strata are deformed by splays from the main Oconaluftee fault. A high-angle strike-slip fault also deforms hanging-wall strata. Dextral strike-slip faulting related to the Oconaluftee fault has been reported northeast of the study area in the Great Smoky Mountains region (Neuman and Nelson, 1965). Similar brittle structures related to the Oconaluftee fault observed along the Tellico River are also present along Tennessee State Highway 68. These structures include gouge, slickenlines, decapitation of folds, and transection of continuous (slaty) cleavage. Based on the evidence presented above, I interpret the Oconaluftee fault as a postmetamorphic structure that transects rocks of the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet (Plate I). Based on cross-section interpretations, a minimum displacement on the Oconaluftee fault is estimated to be approximately 1.4 km (0.9 mi) (Plates III, IIIa).

Minor faults

Minor map-scale faults that deform rocks within the study area include: the Hunt Branch fault, Tellico Mountain fault, a small thrust fault on Payne Ridge, and a normal fault near Coker Creek (Fig. II-2; Plate I). These faults appear to have small displacements, and are not traceable very far along strike. The significance of these faults in this study is that they are mappable structures that displace contacts.

Hunt Branch fault

The Hunt Branch fault was mapped by McKinney (1964), and is exposed on the eastern limb of an anticline in the northern portion of study area (Figs. II-2, III-1; Plate I). McKinney (1964) postulated this fault cut an adjacent syncline and thrust Shady

Dolomite over Rome Formation. The Hunt Branch fault probably dies out southward in the Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium, and apparently merges with the Bullet Mountain fault to the north (McKinney, 1964). McKinney (1964) interpreted the fault to dip 30° east.

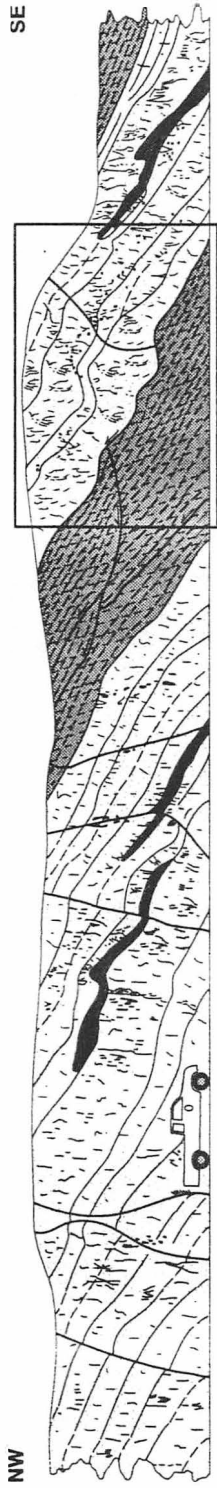
Tellico Mountain fault

The Tellico Mountain fault, originally recognized by Poppelreiter (1980), is exposed atop Tellico Mountain on Tennessee State Highway 68 (Figs. III-4A, III-4B). Here, hanging-wall lithologies consist of very coarse-grained granule to cobble conglomerate, and graywacke that is overlain to the southeast by green-banded ankeritic metasiltstone. Footwall units are similar to those in the hanging wall, and consist of coarse-grained granule conglomerate and graywacke overlain by banded metasiltstone. Cobble-size clasts are absent in the exposed footwall sequence. Approximately 90 m (300 ft) northwest of the Tellico Mountain fault the coarse-grained conglomerate and graywacke conformably overlie dark gray to black metasiltstone and slate. The trace of the Tellico Mountain fault extends approximately 3 km (2 mi) along the crest of Tellico Mountain, and dips approximately 35° southeast. In this study, the trace of the Tellico Mountain fault is based on the relationships observed on Tennessee State Highway 68. The fault is interpreted to terminate in an anticline to the southwest 1.7 km (1.1 mi) from the exposure on Tennessee State Highway 68 (Plate I). To the northeast, the fault is difficult to trace because the relationships observed on Tennessee State Highway 68 are not traceable. Therefore, the Tellico Mountain fault is extrapolated northeastward along the crest of Tellico Mountain. Beyond here, evidence for the Tellico Mountain fault diminishes. The stratigraphic throw of the Tellico Mountain fault is approximately 15 m (50 ft), with an estimated horizontal displacement of 25 to 30 m (75 to 100 ft).

Poppelreiter (1980) interpreted this fault as a late Paleozoic fault that thrust coarse-grained units of the Walden Creek Group over fine-grained units of the Walden

Figure III-4. Tellico Mountain fault zone. (A) Sketch of the Tellico Mountain fault zone along Tennessee State Highway 68 at Tellico Mountain, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. (B) The Tellico Mountain fault. Location of photograph is indicated by the outlined area in (A).

Tellico Mountain fault



Explanation

-  graywacke
-  banded metasilstone
-  slate and metasilstone
-  bedding
-  slaty cleavage
-  thrust faults
-  joints
-  quartz veins and small fractures

(A)



(B)

Creek Group. This thrust is interpreted to have originated in the basal décollement of the Great Smoky fault because of moderately low-angle thrusting on bedding planes and early low-angle extension perpendicular to bedding (Poppelreiter, 1980). Poppelreiter (1980) also suggested intense shear strain concentrated along the bounding zones of competent layers was responsible for the thickening and thinning of the interbedded slate and metasilstone. These layers differentially flow into the overlying strata during compression and upward transport.

In this study, the Tellico Mountain fault is interpreted to repeat a sequence of Dean Formation conglomerate and graywacke overlain by Wilhite Formation metasilstone. The coarse-grained conglomerate and graywacke in both hanging-wall and footwall sequences are correlated with the Dean Formation of the Great Smoky Group because of similar graywacke and conglomerate composition with other Great Smoky Group units in southeastern Tennessee (Fig. II-5). The metasilstone in both hanging-wall and footwall sequences is correlated with the Wilhite Formation of the Walden Creek Group because of ankerite-bearing metasilstones approximately 60 m (200 ft) southeast of the fault. Additionally, the hanging-wall and footwall metasilstones are lithologically similar. Ankeritic metasilstones are present just above the Great Smoky Group/Walden Creek Group contact in the southeastern portion of this study area. Thus, the Tellico Mountain fault is interpreted to repeat the Great Smoky Group/Walden Creek Group contact in this portion of the study area.

The Tellico Mountain fault is interpreted as a brittle fault that formed as a result of continued tightening of the Tellico Plains anticlinorium during Alleghanian deformation. Evidence for the brittle nature of this fault include gouge, slickenlines, and truncation of bedding (Fig. III-4B). Some bedding planes of the conglomerate and graywacke in both the hanging wall and footwall contain lenses of slate and metasilstone that are tectonically thickened in the hinges of folds. Many bedding plane surfaces also contain

slickenlines, providing evidence for both flexural flow and flexural slip folding. Additionally, quartz veins are truncated abruptly at the slate contacts and feather out in the finer portions of the graded graywacke beds, representing an early period of west-northwest extension during folding (Poppelreiter, 1980; Carter and others, 1995a).

Other faults

Two small faults were originally mapped within the Wilhite Formation in the study area by Hale (1974). Hale (1974) inferred a thrust fault on Payne Ridge and a normal fault in the Coker Creek area because of the offset of outcrop patterns of sandstone units, bedding orientations, and repetition of sandstone units. Geologic mapping for this study confirms the outcrop patterns of the Wilhite sandstone units as mapped by Hale (1974).

A small thrust fault deformed Wilhite Formation sandstone on Payne Ridge. This fault is located between Payne Ridge and an unnamed ridge to the southeast and is inferred to extend to Sixmile Creek to the northeast. The extent of the fault is uncertain because of the difficulty tracing faults in this area where there are no lithologic contrasts on either side of the contact. Evidence for faulting of this sandstone unit include the offset of the outcrop pattern in the sandstone units, the intensely folded zones of metasilstone north of the sandstone unit near the fault zone (Hale, 1974), and the narrow linear drainage between Payne Ridge and the unnamed ridge (Plate I). The fault is not exposed, but there are no confirming structures present to account for the abrupt termination of the sandstone. The origin of this fault is possibly related to continued folding of the Payne Ridge anticlinorium during Alleghanian deformation.

In the southern portion of the study area, mostly in the Farner 7.5-minute quadrangle, Hale (1974) mapped a normal fault between Wilhite sandstone units. This normal fault is interpreted to have developed along a small fold on the east limb of a

small syncline (Hale, 1974). The trace of this fault extends from southeast of Cataska School northeastward to the Farner/Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle boundary, while the northeastward extent of the fault into the Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle is unconfirmed. The northeastern portion of the Farner 7.5-minute quadrangle is included to provide continuity with previously mapped areas within and surrounding the study area. Geologic mapping for this portion of the study area primarily included field checking Hale's (1974) data. The outcrop patterns of the Wilhite sandstone mapped by Hale (1974) were confirmed here. Along the fault, bedding is locally overturned in the footwall where sandstone beds are repeated, but are upright to the northeast where they form the east limb of a small anticline (Hale, 1974). The fault is not exposed. Map patterns, however, along with bedding orientation provide evidence for the fault, and include: (1) sandstone units exposed in the upthrown block contain mappable metasiltstone between sandstone units that are not exposed in the sandstone of downthrown block; (2) repetition of sandstone units across the fault; and (3) intense folding in this area. This normal fault probably formed during folding of the sandstone. Instead of a normal fault here, the sandstone units could alternately be repeated by intense folding. This requires upright southeast-dipping beds northwest of the beds that are overturned to the southeast. Instead of upright and dipping to the southeast, these beds dip northwest, so I believe that mapping a fault here is the best solution to this outcrop pattern.

Folds

Soft-sediment folds (F_0) and evidence for four tectonic folding events (F_{1-4}) are present in the study area. Tectonic folds in the study area are divisible into 1st- order to 6th-order structures, while syndepositional folds are only 5th- to 6th-order structures (Table III-1). The chronology of the folding events is determined from the relationship between folds to the regional axial-planar slaty cleavage, and to later faulting events. F_0

Table III-1. Size order of folds.

	Order	Amplitude range	Wavelength range	examples
Regional structures	1 st	> 500 m	> 5 km	Murphy synclinorium (F ₁) Ducktown anticlinorium (F ₁) Epperson synclinorium (F ₁)
Map scale (quadrangle) structures	2 nd	500 m - 50 m	5 km - 1 km	Payne Ridge anticlinorium (F ₁) Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium (F ₁) Tellico Mountain anticlinorium (F ₁) Tellico Plains synclinorium (F ₃) Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium (F ₃)
	3 rd	50 m - 15 m	1 km - 50 m	"Whaleback" anticlines (F ₁)
Mesoscale structures	4 th	15 m - 1 m	50 m - 1 m	
	5 th	1 m - 10 cm	1 m - 10 cm	
	6 th	< 10 cm	< 10 cm	

folds are present throughout the study area and occur within bedding, indicating their syn depositional formation. F_1 folds are 1st- and higher-order structures characterized by penetrative axial-planar slaty cleavage, implying a synmetamorphic origin for the formation of these folds. Deformation of slaty cleavage by 5th- and higher-order folds in the Miller Cove thrust sheet defines the F_2 folds. Second- and higher-order F_3 folds occur in the Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, and Maggies Mill thrust sheets. These folds are interpreted to have formed during post-metamorphic faulting, because fold hinges are oriented subparallel to regional post-metamorphic faults. F_4 folds appear as 2nd-order structures that deform the entire Blue Ridge thrust sheet, and are evident by the occurrence of windows in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region.

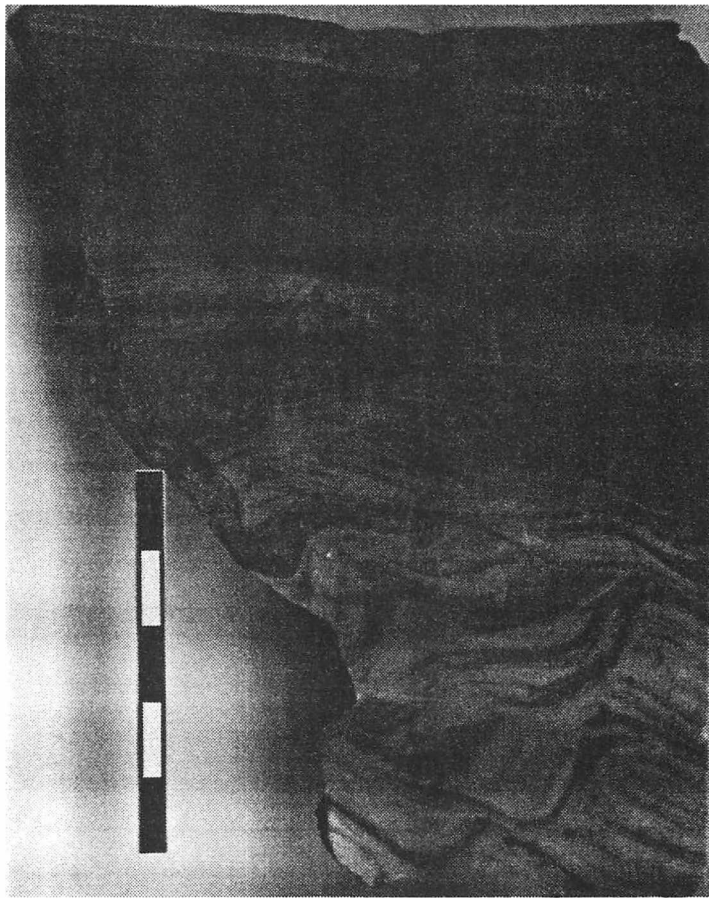
F_0 folds

Soft-sediment F_0 folds are preserved in the study area in the fine-grained rocks of the Sandsuck, Wilhite, and Dean Formations (Fig. III-5). These F_0 folds are 5th- and higher-order open to isoclinal structures, and have fold hinges that generally plunge gently to the northeast and southwest with axial surfaces moderately inclined to nearly recumbent. F_0 folds are recognized by the transection by regional slaty cleavage and intralayer geometry, wherein soft-sediment folds are bounded above and below by bedding surfaces. Most soft-sediment folds have been modified by later folding and faulting events. F_0 folds probably formed by downslope movement of water-saturated sand, silt, and clay in response to gravitational and overburden forces.

F_1 folds

The Miller Cove thrust sheet is dominated by F_1 folds. These folds occur at all scales, from the 1st-order Epperson synclinorium (Laajoki, 1993) and the 2nd-order Payne Ridge anticlinorium to 4th- and higher-order parasitic folds to these regional

Figure III-5. F_0 folds in fine-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation. 6th-order soft-sediment fold from the Farner 7.5-minute quadrangle. Centimeter scale. Sample courtesy of Mark Carter.

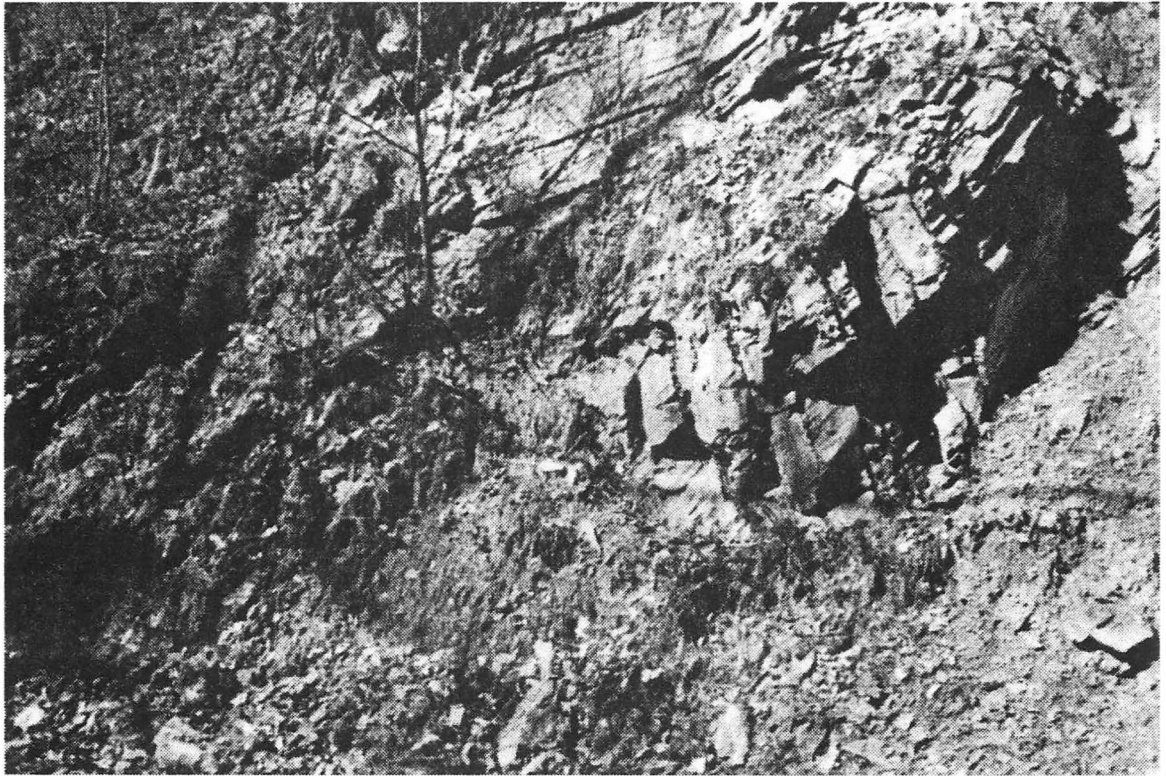


structures (Table III-1). F_1 folds are recognized and distinguished from other fold generations by the axial-planar relationship of these folds to regional slaty cleavage (S_1) (Fig. III-6A).

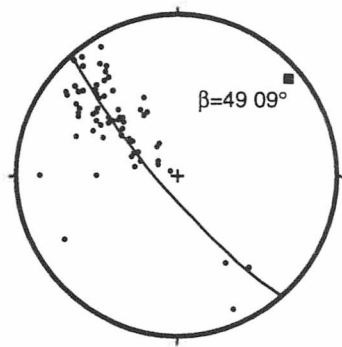
F_1 fold geometry is scale dependent. Most 1st- and 2nd-order F_1 folds (anticlines) are open to closed structures that are doubly plunging gently to northeast and southwest, and have axial surfaces that are moderately inclined to the southeast. Most 3rd- and higher-order F_1 folds (anticlines) generally are overturned, or steeply inclined to the northwest, with axial surfaces dipping gently to steeply northwest, and hinges doubly plunging gently to the northeast and southwest (Figs. III-6A, III-6B). These folds have a great circle orientation of 139.81° W, and a corresponding β pole of 49.09° . All F_1 folds verge toward the northwest. Slaty cleavage (S_1) in the Miller Cove thrust sheet is axial-planar to F_1 folds (compare Figs. III-6B, III-10B), and the intersection lineation (L_{1x0}) between bedding (S_0) and slaty cleavage (S_1) is subparallel to F_1 fold hinge (Figs. III-6C, III-6D), indicating this folding event and regional metamorphism were coeval.

F_1 folds in the study area are predominantly similar folds. These folds exhibit flexural slip and flexural flow folding that, according to Donath and Parker (1964), depend on the rheology of the layering and on the metamorphic temperatures and pressures to produce variations in ductility between layers. Observed F_1 folds that deform predominantly coarse-grained lithologies produce constant bedding-thickness folds with slickenlines on bedding surfaces. Interbedded coarse- and fine-grained lithologies, however, contain a ductility contrast between layers, and yield by thickening of hinges and thinning of the limbs of the less competent fine-grained lithologies in response to folding. These changes of thickness in the hinges and limbs provide evidence that flexural flow is also present as a folding mechanism in the study area.

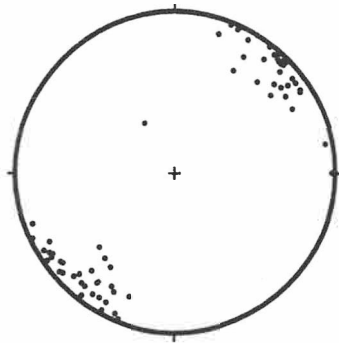
Figure III-6. Characteristics of F_1 folds in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) 5th-order F_1 fold near Barnum Creek, station TP-1107, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Rock hammer (approximately 32 cm long) is located in the hinge of the fold, and is inclined to the southeast parallel to the axial surface. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 66 F_1 poles to axial surfaces. (C) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 66 F_1 fold hinges. (D) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 23 bedding (S_0)-slaty cleavage (S_1) intersection lineations. Note relationship between the intersection lineation ($L_{1 \times 0}$) between bedding (S_0) and slaty cleavage (S_1), and F_1 fold axes. Also note the relationship between poles to F_1 axial surface measurements and poles to S_1 cleavage (see Fig. III-10B).



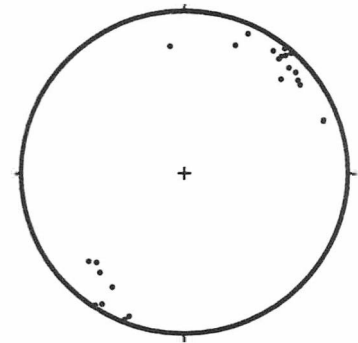
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F₂ folds

Locally slaty cleavage (S_1) within the Miller Cove thrust sheet is deformed by open 5th- and higher-order F_2 folds (Fig. III-7A). These folds plunge gently to the northeast and southwest, with axial surfaces that dip moderately to steeply to the northwest and moderately to the southeast (Figs. III-7B, III-7C). These F_2 folds are classified as kink or chevron folds. F_2 folds are oriented subparallel to hinges of crenulation cleavage (S_2) observed locally in fine-grained rocks within the Miller Cove thrust sheet (compare Figs. III-7C and III-13C). The relationship between these F_2 folds and crenulation cleavage (S_2) is uncertain. The similarities between the orientation of axial surfaces of F_2 folds and crenulation cleavage (S_2), however, suggest they may be related.

Carter (1994) recognized a close spatial relationship between folds similar to these F_2 folds and brittle faults. Discrete zones of chevron-like kink folds occur along the Tellico River road (Tennessee State Highway 165) near the boundary between the Tellico Plains and Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle (Fig. III-7A). These zones are in close proximity to the Oconaluftee fault and related hanging-wall splays, suggesting these folds maybe related to late Paleozoic faulting.

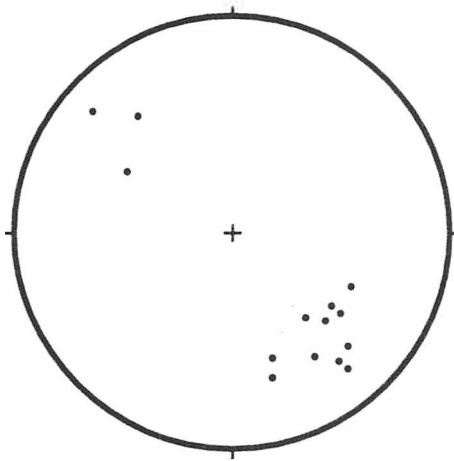
F₃ folds

F_3 folds are 3rd- and higher-order folds west of the Miller Cove thrust sheet in the Great Smoky and Bullet Mountain thrust sheets. Other F_3 folds include 4th- and higher-order parasitic folds to these structures. F_3 folds in the Great Smoky thrust sheet are gentle to open with tight folds present locally. These folds plunge gently to the northeast and southwest, and have axial surfaces that dip moderately to the southeast (Figs. III-8A, III-8B). F_3 axial surfaces are oriented subparallel to the poorly developed slaty cleavage (S_3) in the Great Smoky thrust sheet, and probably formed coevally (compare Figs. III-

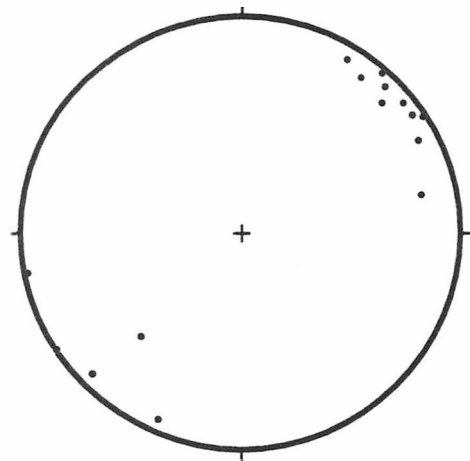
Figure III-7. Characteristics of F₂ folds in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) Near-similar F₂ chevron folds in the Wilhite Formation along the Tellico River, near station BRF-840, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. (B) Lower hemisphere equal-area projection of poles to 15 F₂ axial surfaces. (C) Lower hemisphere equal-area projection of 15 F₂ fold hinges.



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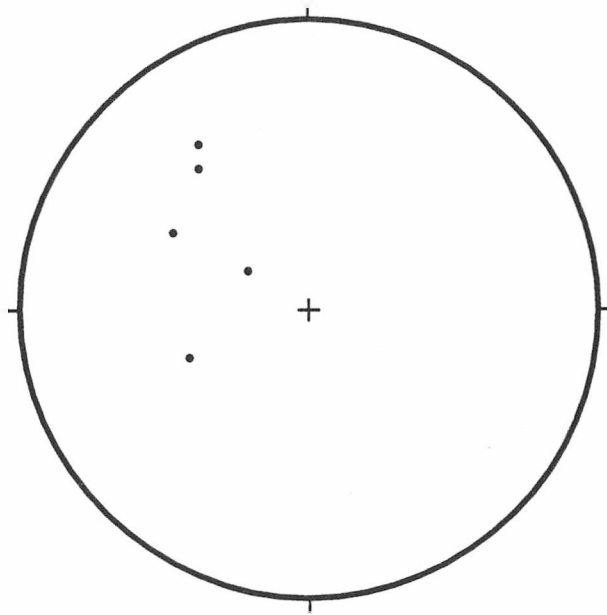


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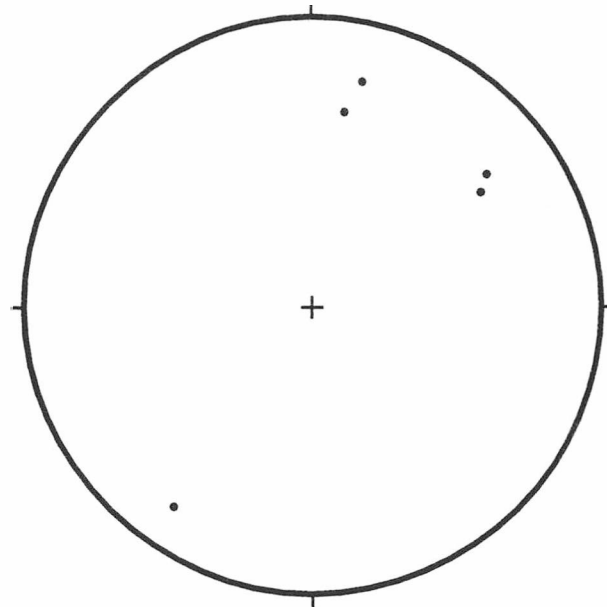


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Figure III-8. Characteristics of F_3 folds in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. (A) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of poles to 5 F_3 axial surfaces. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 5 F_3 fold hinges.



(A)



(B)

8A and III-14). F₃ folds are predominantly parallel folds with bedding-parallel slickenlines on fold limbs suggesting flexural slip folding. Detailed mapping southwest of the study area (Carter, 1994) and within the study area by myself revealed locally overturned footwall synclines in the footwall of the Miller Cove and Maggies Mill faults (Plate I). Formation of these folds beneath these faults suggests that folds in the Maggies Mill and Great Smoky thrust sheets may be related to faulting (Carter, 1994; this study).

Fourth- and higher-order F₃ folds also occur in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet, and include the Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium and the Tellico Plains synclinorium. These folds and parasitic folds to these structures have fold axes oriented parallel to the Bullet Mountain fault (McKinney, 1964). Because the folds in the Great Smoky and Bullet Mountain thrust sheet appear to be related to postmetamorphic faulting rather than synmetamorphic S₁ cleavage development, they are interpreted as F₃ folds.

F₄ folds

F₄ folds in the Blue Ridge thrust sheet have been described to the southwest (Carter, 1994) and northeast (Geddes, 1995) of the study area, and are interpreted to have formed during ramping and duplexing of Paleozoic Valley and Ridge footwall strata (Plates III, IIIa). Footwall deformation has been documented beneath the frontal western Blue Ridge thrust sheets north of the study in the vicinity of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Neuman, 1951; King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Hatcher and others, 1989a, 1989b). Here windows expose anticlinal imbricated footwall rocks that provide evidence that duplexing of the footwall arched the Blue Ridge thrust sheet after emplacement.

F₄ folds are interpreted as 3rd- and 2nd-order folds by Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995) to the southwest and northeast of the study area, respectively. Although they did not observe mesoscale folds associated with this folding event, Carter (1994) and Geddes

(1995) provided evidence for this event based on map-scale structures. Carter (1994) suggested these folds deformed the Maggie's Mill fault, along with map-scale folds in the hanging wall of the Maggie's Mill and Miller Cove faults. Geddes (1995) interpreted that footwall duplexing of early Paleozoic strata produced F₄ folds in the hanging wall of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet. Geddes (1995) provided evidence of this interpretation from observations of the surface geology, which included deflection of the biotite isograd, fold-interference patterns, deflection of bedding and cleavage, and topographic expressions. Geddes (1995) suggested that the Foothills duplex is generally a doubly plunging antiform with doubly plunging culminations at various locations on its surface. The overall dip of the roof of the Foothills duplex has been calculated, using structure contour maps drawn on the base of the Great Smoky thrust sheet, to be 0.6° to the southwest within and between each of the windows in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region (King, 1964; Neuman and Nelson, 1965; Hatcher and others, 1989b).

Mesoscopic F₄ folds, or foliations related to the F₄ folding event, were not recognized in this study. However, possible surface evidence for this folding event is interpreted from map patterns of earlier formed structures. Structures, such as the Tellico Mountain anticlinorium and Payne Ridge anticlinorium are interpreted to have continued to have tightened as the Great Smoky thrust sheet was folded by duplexing of the Valley and Ridge footwall strata. The retrodeformation of Alleghanian deformation of western Blue Ridge hanging-wall strata shows the opening of some previously formed folds (Plate III; Appendix D). It is also suggested that the thrust fault on Payne Ridge and the normal fault in Coker Creek may have formed due to this folding event. Although surface evidence for the F₄ folding event is inconclusive in the study area, evidence for folding of the Great Smoky thrust sheet is best observed in the windows near the Great Smoky Mountains region. For this reason, the Great Smoky thrust sheet is interpreted to be folded by duplexing of Valley and Ridge footwall strata representing the F₄ folding event.

S-surfaces (foliations)

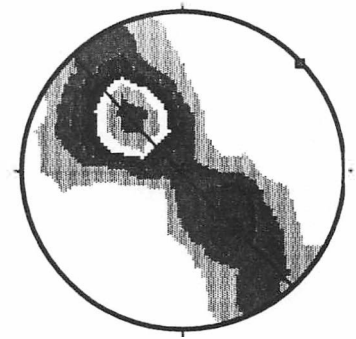
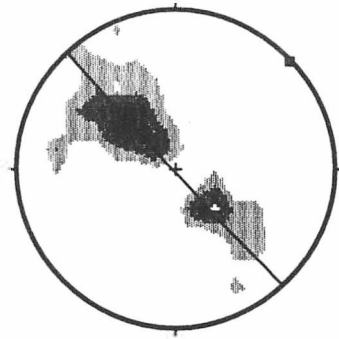
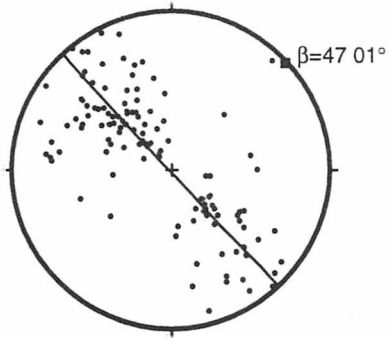
One depositional S-surface and four tectonic foliations were recognized in the study area. These foliations include bedding (S_0), continuous (slaty) cleavage (S_1), pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}), crenulation cleavage (S_2), and discontinuous (slaty) cleavage (S_3). Bedding (S_0) is present throughout the study area and, depending on lithology, influences the development of other S-surfaces. Continuous (slaty) cleavage (S_1) is the most pervasive tectonic S-surface in the Miller Cove thrust sheet and is best developed in fine-grained metasilstones and slates. Pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}) and crenulation cleavage (S_2) are locally developed in fine-grained lithologies within the Miller Cove thrust sheet. A weakly developed discontinuous (slaty) cleavage (S_3) is locally present in fine-grained rocks in the Great Smoky thrust sheet.

S_0 (bedding)

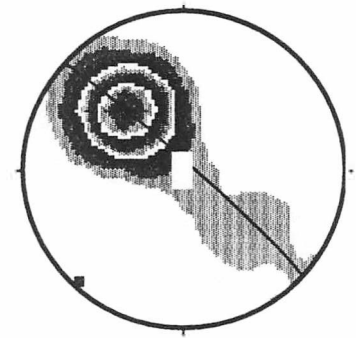
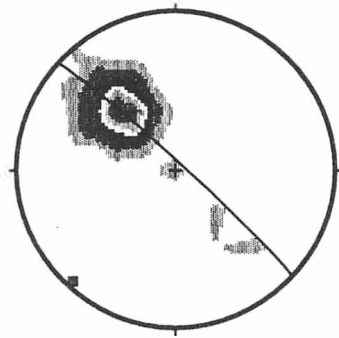
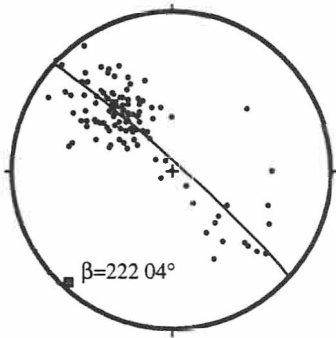
Bedding in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet, compiled from McKinney (1964), is deformed by the 3rd-order Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium and Tellico Plains synclinorium, higher-order parasitic folds, and the Hunt Branch fault. Bedding in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet dips both gently to moderately southeast, and moderately northwest (Fig. III-9A). Poles to bedding in the Bullet Mountain thrust sheet defines a great circle with orientation $137\ 89^\circ$ W, and β pole with orientation $47\ 01^\circ$. In the Great Smoky thrust sheet, bedding dips moderately to the southeast, with poles to bedding defining a great circle with orientation $312\ 86^\circ$ N, and β pole orientation of $222\ 04^\circ$ (Fig. III-9B).

In the Miller Cove thrust sheet, bedding is deformed by the Rabbit Creek and Oconaluftee faults, the Epperson synclinorium, the Payne Ridge, Grindstone Ridge, and Tellico Mountain anticlinoriums, higher-order parasitic folds, and many meso- and

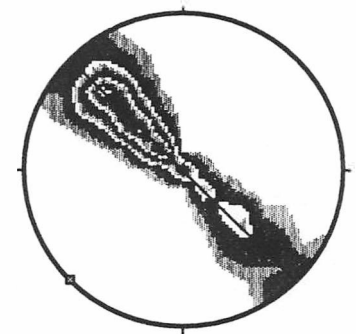
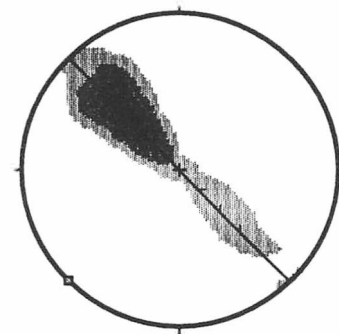
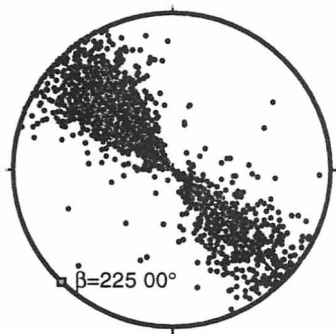
Figure III-9. Lower-hemisphere equal-area projections of S_0 (bedding) data in the Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, and Miller Cove thrust sheets. Stereoplots include scatter, contoured at 2% per 1% area, and Kamb contoured with a 3.0σ base value using a 2.0σ contour interval. (A) 123 poles to bedding in Bullet Mountain thrust sheet. Using Kamb contour, area counted equals 6.8%. (B) 118 poles to bedding in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. Using Kamb contour, area counted equals 7.1%. (C) 1934 poles to bedding in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. Using Kamb contour, area counted equals 0.5%.



(A)



(B)



(C)

smaller-scale faults. Generally, bedding in the Miller Cove thrust sheet dips moderately to the southeast, but gentle and steeply southeast- and northwest-dipping beds frequently occur. Poles to bedding in the Miller Cove thrust sheet define a great circle orientation of $315\ 90^\circ\ \text{N}$, and β pole orientation of $225\ 00^\circ$ (Fig. III-9C). Comparison of the stereoplots in the Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, and Miller Cove thrust sheets reveal similar great circles and corresponding β poles.

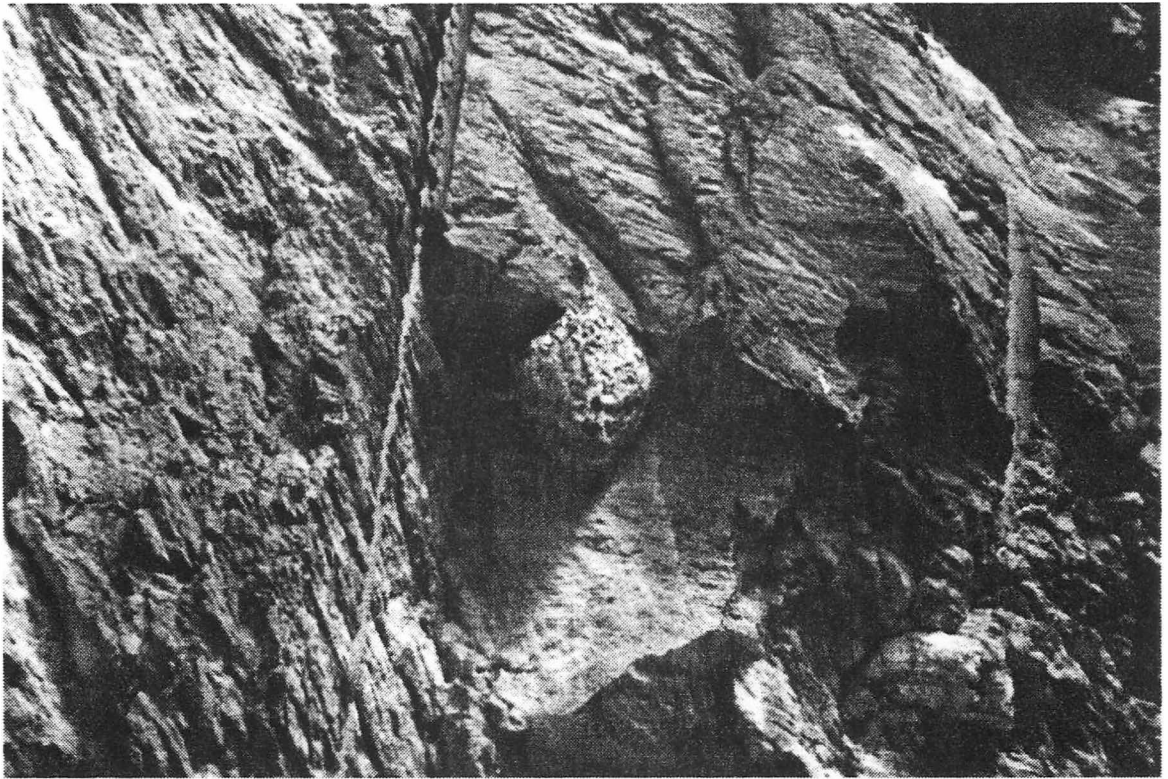
S₁ (slaty cleavage)

S₁ is the dominant tectonic foliation in the Miller Cove thrust sheet, and is best developed in banded metasilstone and slate (Fig. III-10A). S₁ is axial-planar to F₁ folds, and dips predominantly to the southeast (Fig. III-10B). Poles to S₁ (slaty cleavage) in the Miller Cove thrust sheet show a great circle with an orientation of $132\ 89^\circ\ \text{S}$, and β pole orientation of $42\ 1^\circ$ (Fig. III-10B). Refraction of slaty cleavage across layers of different grain size occurs throughout the study area. Upon weathering, cleaved rocks tend to part preferentially along cleavage (S₁) planes rather than bedding (S₀) planes, as well as along the intersection between cleavage and bedding (Fig. III-10A).

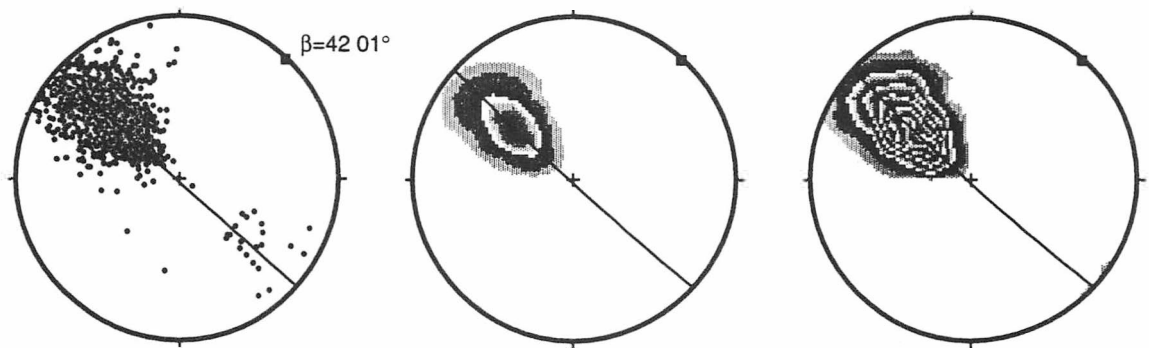
S₁ is more intensely developed from northwest to southeast across the study area in the direction of increasing metamorphic grade. S₁ is characterized by smooth disjunctive (Powell, 1979) moderately to closely spaced slaty cleavage in fine-grained rocks, and anastomosing to rough disjunctive widely spaced cleavage in coarse-grained rocks. In the northwestern portion of the Miller Cove thrust sheet, S₁ formed both by pressure-solution and the alignment of clay minerals recrystallized to chlorite and muscovite (sericite) (Fig. III-11A). Cleavage selvages generally range from 0.05 mm- to 0.5 mm-thick, and separate poorly- to moderately-developed microlithons that are 0.02 mm- to 0.3 mm-thick (Fig. III-11A).

In the southeastern portion of the Miller Cove thrust sheet, cleavage intensity

Figure III-10. Characteristics of S_1 (slaty cleavage) in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) Slaty cleavage (S_1) in banded metasilstone of the Wilhite Formation. Bedding (S_0) dips gently to the southeast, while slaty cleavage dips steeply to the southeast (see Fig III-6D for L_{0x1} orientations). Bee hive (scale) is attached to a bedding surface. Near station BRF-850, Tellico River, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projections of 1273 poles to S_1 (slaty cleavage) in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. Stereoplots include scatter, contoured at 2% per 1% area, and Kamb contoured with a 3.0 σ base value using a 2.0 σ contour interval and 0.7% of the area counted.

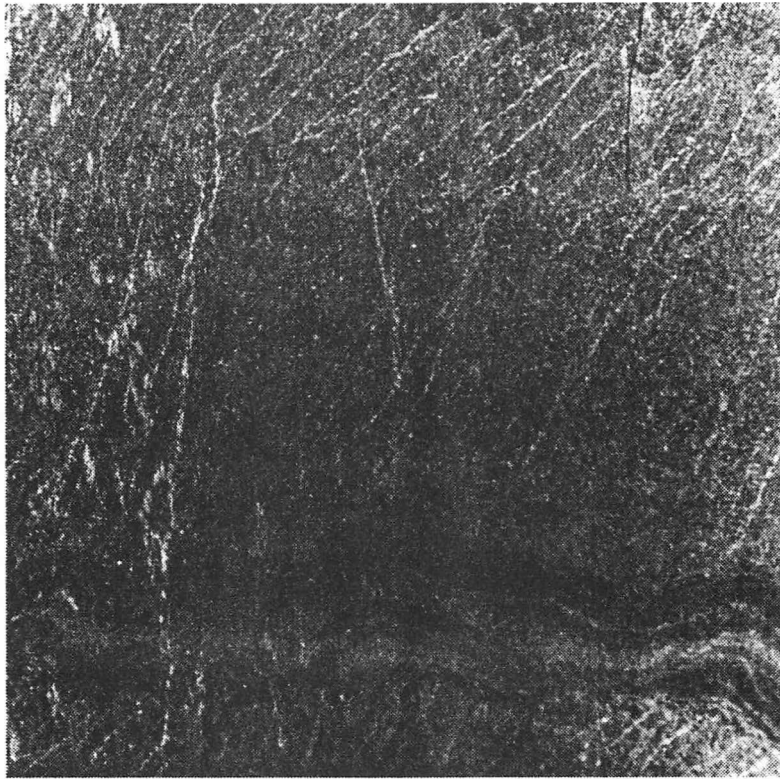


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Figure III-11. Increased development of slaty cleavage (S_1) from northwest to southeast across the study area. (A) Enlarged negative image (from thin section) of bedding, pressure-solution, and slaty cleavage relationship in banded metasiltstone in the northwestern portion of Miller Cove thrust sheet. Station TP-146, approximately 600 m (2,000 ft) north of Epperson Church, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm. (B) Enlarged negative image (from thin section) of bedding and slaty cleavage relationship in the banded metasiltstone of the Wilhite Formation in the southeastern portion of Miller Cove thrust sheet. Station BRF-259, Tellico River, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm.



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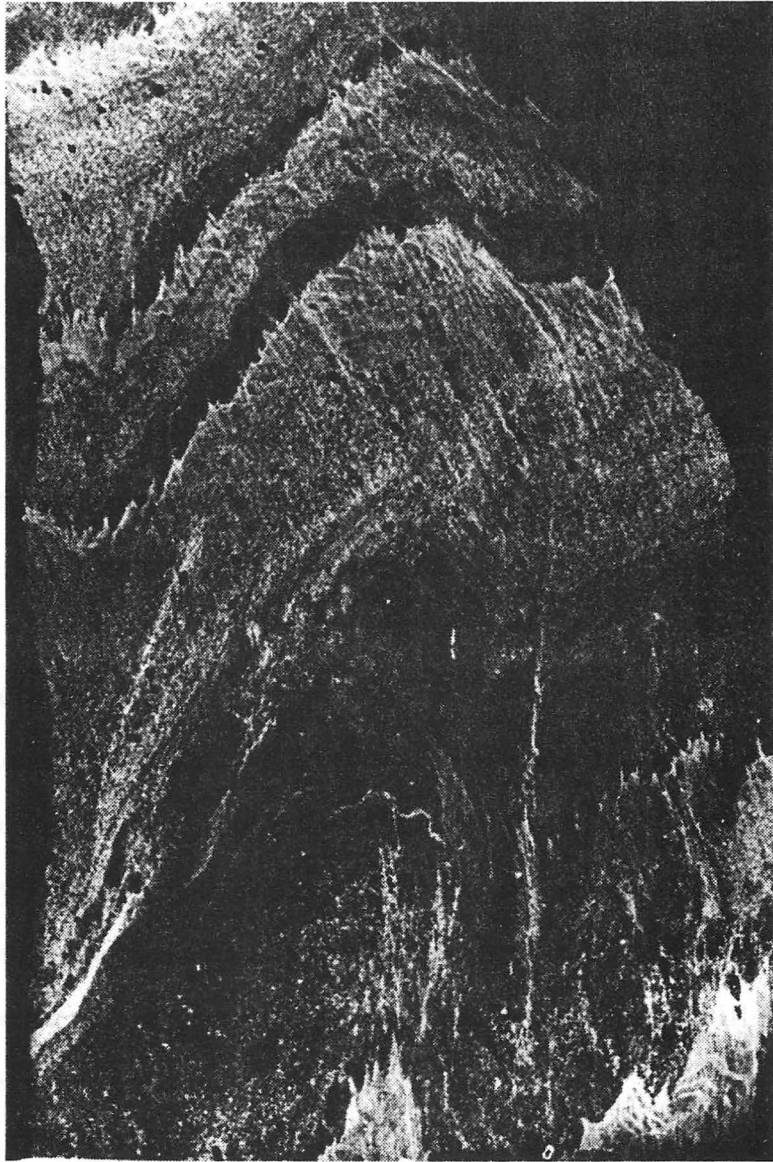
increases and becomes nearly continuous. Cleavage selvages range from 0.02 mm to 0.5 mm thick, and consist of strongly aligned chlorite, biotite, and muscovite with evidence of pressure solution along these selvages (Fig. III-11B). The recrystallized clays are so strongly oriented that microlithon boundaries are usually obliterated. It appears the importance of pressure-solution diminishes as a cleavage-forming mechanism in this region of the study area.

Coarse-grained rocks in the Miller Cove thrust sheet locally exhibit an anastomosing to rough disjunctive narrowly-to broad-spaced cleavage (Powell, 1979), probably related to S_1 . This cleavage is better developed in clay-rich sandstone and conglomerate, and appears as thin clay-rich seams that anastomose around large quartz and feldspar grains. In the easternmost portion of the study area, quartz pebbles have been flattened and rotated toward the plane of cleavage. The common orientation of S_1 in both fine- and coarse-grained lithologies, along with the refraction of S_1 between the different lithologies, indicate the spaced cleavage in coarse-grained rocks in the Miller Cove thrust sheet is related to S_1 that has developed in finer-grained lithologies.

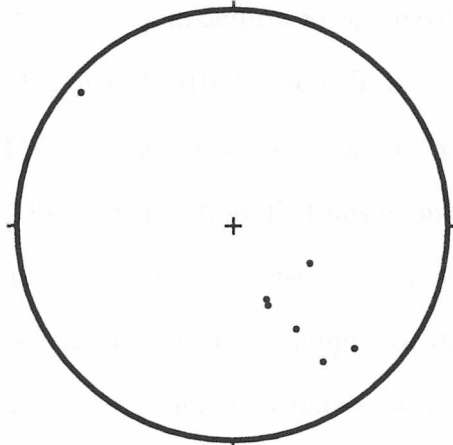
S_{1a} (pressure-solution cleavage)

Fine-grained rocks in the Miller Cove thrust sheet locally exhibit a secondary stylolitic disjunctive spaced cleavage (S_{1a}) (Powell, 1979) formed by pressure solution. This S_{1a} cleavage appears as thin dark bands (< 0.5 mm) that are spaced 0.1 cm to 1.0 cm apart (Fig. III-12A), and was recognized nearby to the southwest by Carter (1994). This pressure-solution cleavage is best observed microscopically. When observed mesoscopically, these surfaces generally dip moderately to the northwest (Fig. III-12B). To the southwest and northeast of the study area, Carter (1994) and Geddes (1995) observed pressure-solution cleavage dipping moderately to steeply to the northwest and southeast. This pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}) is moderately coherent, and rocks

Figure III-12. Characteristics of S_{1a} (pressure solution) cleavage in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) Enlarged negative image (from thin section) of pressure-solution (S_{1a}) cleavage in banded metasiltstone in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. Pressure-solution (S_{1a}) cleavage is defined by the white lines suborthogonal to bedding (S_0) and at acute angles to slaty (S_1) cleavage. Station BRF-590, Tobe Creek, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 7 cm. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 7 poles to S_{1a} (pressure solution) cleavage.



(A)



(B)

usually do not part along this surface. Opaque and other insoluble minerals accumulated along these S_{1a} surfaces, suggesting that S_{1a} cleavage formed by a pressure-solution mechanism. This pressure-solution cleavage is distinguished from bedding, and cleavage-parallel pressure-solution selvages by cross-cutting relationships (Fig. III-12A). S_{1a} is predominantly oriented suborthogonal to S_0 in fold hinges, and usually overprints S_1 . The relationship between S_{1a} and S_1 is not totally clear. Normally, S_{1a} overprints and deforms S_1 , but occasionally S_1 deforms S_{1a} . Carter (1994) observed reorientation of recrystallized clay minerals into parallelism with S_{1a} , suggesting that the S_{1a} formed coevally with S_1 and possibly continued afterwards.

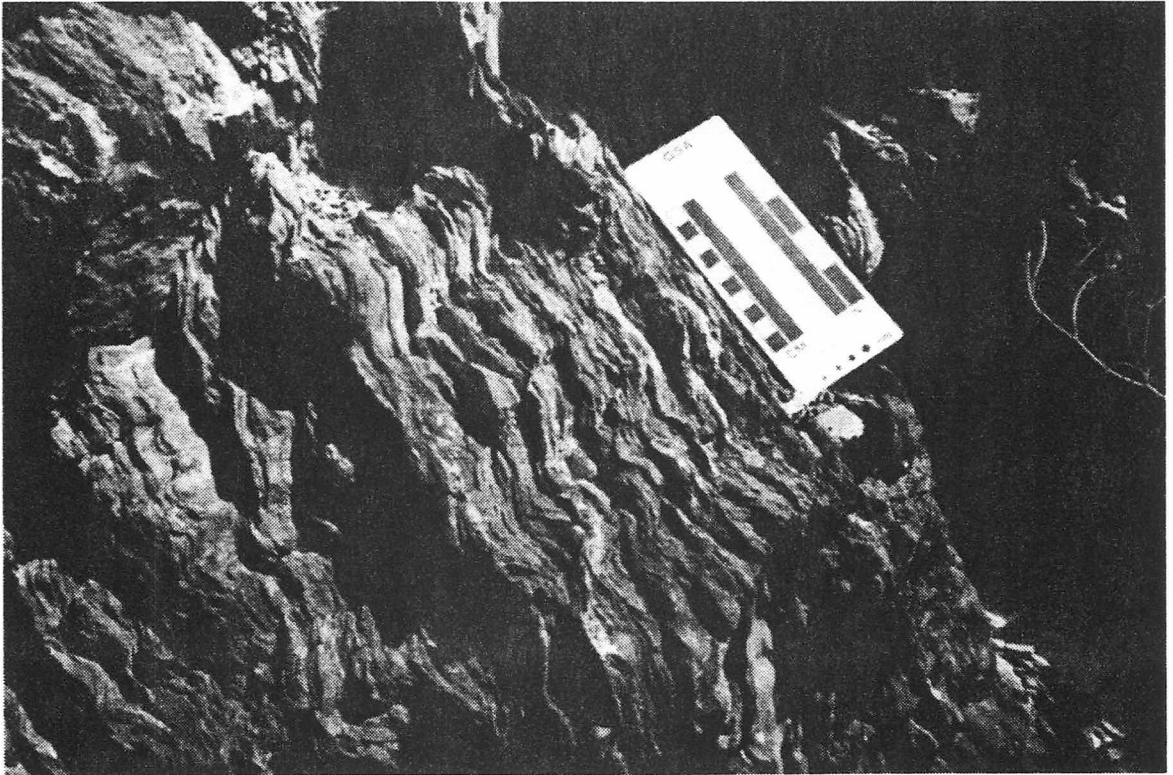
S_2 (crenulation cleavage)

S_2 is a zonal crenulation cleavage (Powell, 1979) that deforms S_1 and is developed in the fine-grained rocks of the Miller Cove thrust sheet. This cleavage is characterized by 0.1 to 1.0 cm-thick bands that deform S_1 surfaces (Fig. III-13A). The axial surfaces of these crenulations dip both to the southeast and northwest (Fig. III-13B), and have hinges that plunge gently to the northeast and southwest (Fig. III-13C). These crenulations are interpreted to have formed by buckling.

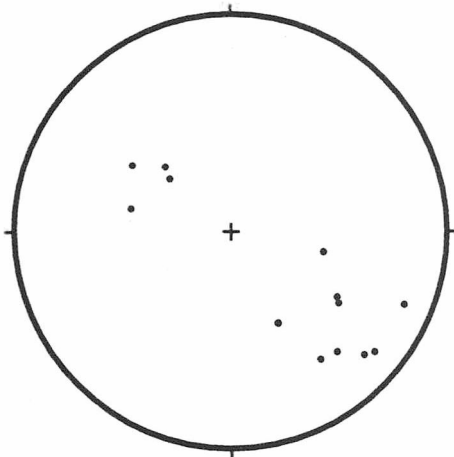
The relationship between crenulation cleavage (S_2) and F_2 is not clear. They are interpreted to be related because they both deform S_1 and have similar axial plane and hinge orientations (compare Figs III-7B, III-7C, III-13B, III-13C). S_2 and F_2 also occur near each other in deformed Wilhite metasiltsstones near the Oconaluftee fault.

Crenulation cleavage (S_2) is distinguished from F_2 folds by morphology (compare Figs. III-7A, III-13A). F_2 folds are more kinked and chevron-like, whereas S_2 surfaces are more subtle, with longer wavelengths and smaller amplitude than F_2 folds. Cohesion across the crenulated surfaces is strong until after intense weathering, when the rocks preferentially part along these surfaces. Since S_2 cleavage is interpreted to be related to

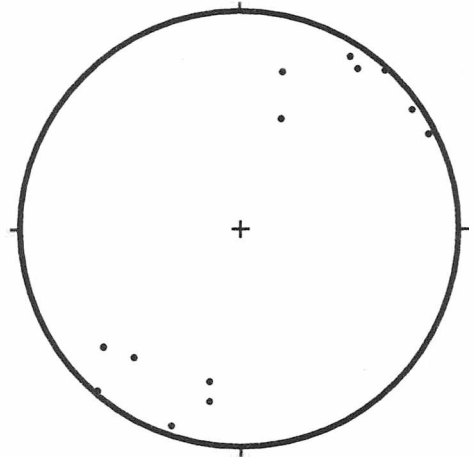
Figure III-13. Characteristics of S_2 (crenulation) cleavage in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) Crenulation (S_2) cleavage in banded metasiltstone of the Wilhite Formation near the Oconaluftee fault. Station BRF-840, Tellico River, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 13 S_2 poles to axial surfaces. (C) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 13 S_2 axes.



(A)



(B)



(C)

F₂ folds, by analogy it is inferred that S₂ postdates S_{1a}.

S₃ (slaty cleavage)

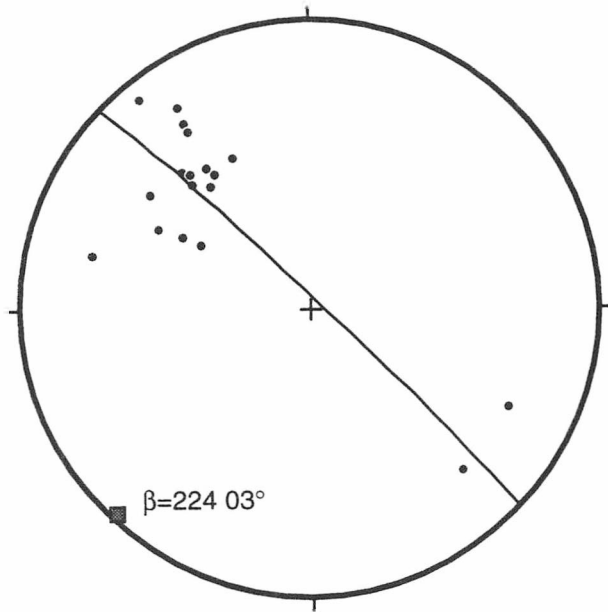
A S₃ cleavage is locally developed in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. This cleavage formed in fine-grained siltstone and shale of the Sandsuck Formation, and generally dips moderately to the southeast with a great circle orientation of 314 87°N and corresponding β pole with an orientation of 224 3°(Fig. III-14). S₃ cleavage is axial-planar to F₃ folds in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. A moderate to strong spaced cleavage is also locally developed in the fine-grained rocks of the Great Smoky thrust sheet. To the southwest of this study area, Carter (1994) observed pencil structures related to a spaced cleavage higher in the stratigraphic sections of the Sandsuck Formation. These pencil structures were not observed in the lower stratigraphic sections of the Sandsuck Formation in this study.

Slaty cleavage (S₃) in the Great Smoky thrust sheet is similar to slaty cleavage (S₁) in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. S₃ in the Great Smoky thrust sheet has similar orientation (compare Figs. III-10B and III-14), weathering characteristics, and cleavage-forming mechanisms. Cohesion is weak along weathered S₃ surfaces resulting in flat chips of siltstone and shale similar to those in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. Spaced pressure-solution selvages occur along S₃ and contain iron oxide residues and weakly aligned clay minerals. The primary mechanism of cleavage formation appears to be related to pressure solution (Carter, 1994; this study).

Joints and veins

Joints and veins occur throughout the study area. These structures transect bedding and all other structures except for late-stage brittle faults, which deform veins in many instances. Joints and veins are prominent in the fine-grained metasilstone and slate

Figure III-14. Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 18 poles to S_3 (slaty cleavage) in Great Smoky thrust sheet.



lithologies, and are very common in the coarse-grained sandstone and conglomerate (see Chapter IV, joint section, for discussion of joint orientation). Drainage is frequently joint controlled. Portions of a strongly incised drainage can flow tens of meters along a single joint surface. Spacing between joints and veins are variable. On the average, spacing between joint and vein sets range from 0.5 to 1.5 m. The aperture of joints and thickness of vein sets are also variable. Spacing ranges from less than 1.0 mm for most joints, and averages approximately 0.5 m for veins. Veins are mostly filled with quartz and minor amounts of carbonate. Gold-bearing quartz veins occur in the metasiltstone in the southeastern portion of study area near Coker Creek (Hale, 1974).

Structural chronology of the western Blue Ridge in southeastern Tennessee

Rocks of the Ocoee Supergroup that were deposited along the Laurentian margin were initially deformed by the Ordovician Taconic orogeny (Fig. III-15). Early in this event, the rocks of the western Blue Ridge were deformed by the Rabbit Creek, Line Springs, Dunn Creek, and Greenbrier faults, and by folds related to the emplacement of these structures. During the metamorphic event accompanying this orogeny, western Blue Ridge rocks were synchronously metamorphosed and regionally folded. The resulting Barrovian metamorphism increases from chlorite-grade in the western Blue Ridge to sillimanite-grade to the east in the central Blue Ridge. In the western Blue Ridge Foothills belt in southeastern Tennessee, the Taconic metamorphic event (up to biotite grade) initiated the development of open to closed 1st- and higher-order F_1 folds, axial-planar slaty cleavage (S_1), and pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}) (Fig III-15). The pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}) may have developed coevally with the formation of F_1 folds and slaty cleavage (S_1) during the waning stages of this event. Taconian metamorphism and related structures account for most of the deformation preserved in the rocks of the western Blue Ridge Foothills in southeastern Tennessee.

Figure III-15. Chronology of orogenic events and related structures of the western Blue Ridge in southeastern Tennessee (modified from Carter, 1994).

Time	Event	Metamorphism	Structures
Permian 286 Ma	Alleghanian orogeny		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">faulting</div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">F₄</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">F₃</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">F₂</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S₃</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S₂</div> </div> </div>
Pennsylvanian 320 Ma			
Mississippian 360 Ma			
Devonian 408 Ma	Acadian orogeny	restricted to the eastern Blue Ridge and Piedmont	
Silurian 438 Ma			
Ordovician 505 Ma	Taconic orogeny	Barrovian metamorphism up to sillimanite grade	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">F₁</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S₁</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S_{1a}</div> </div>
Cambrian 570 Ma			
Late Proterozoic	Rifting		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S₀</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">F₀</div> </div>

The second orogenic event to deform the rocks of the western Blue Ridge was the late Paleozoic Alleghanian orogeny. Structures related to this orogeny exhibit brittle deformation attributed to the emplacement of the Blue Ridge megathrust sheet, which accounts for the extensive foreland fold-thrust belt in the central and southern Appalachians. Evidence for this orogeny includes development of the Blue Ridge fault system along the entire length of the Laurentian margin, westward movement of the Blue Ridge-Piedmont megathrust sheet onto the Laurentian platform, and faulted Mississippian rocks in the footwall of the Great Smoky fault. In southeastern Tennessee, emplacement of these brittle faults initiated the development of F_2 kink folds and a local crenulation cleavage (S_2). These structures are interpreted to be Alleghanian because they deform regional slaty cleavage (S_1) (Fig. III-15). Alleghanian brittle faults include the Rabbit Creek (reactivated premetamorphic fault), Oconaluftee, Miller Cove, Maggies Mill, and Great Smoky faults. These structures clearly transect and deform the older pervasive Taconian structures. The emplacement of the Maggies Mill and Great Smoky faults is interpreted to have resulted in the formation of F_3 folds and a local slaty cleavage (S_3) that is axial planar to these folds. Alternatively, it is possible F_3 folds and related axial planar slaty cleavage (S_3) formed during the Taconian orogeny, because of the similar orientations between F_1 folds and S_1 (slaty) cleavage in the Miller Cove thrust sheet and F_3 folds and S_3 (slaty) cleavage in the Great Smoky thrust sheet (compare Figs. III-6, III-8, III-10, III-14). Additionally, finite-strain measurements in sandstones near these brittle structures record relatively high strains. During the final emplacement of the frontal Blue Ridge thrust sheets, Valley and Ridge footwall strata beneath the Blue Ridge megathrust sheet were thrust into duplexes, and western Blue Ridge hanging wall rocks were gently folded into F_4 folds.

Strain analysis

Recent studies that have attempted to quantify western Blue Ridge strain in eastern Tennessee were conducted by Lewis (1988) and Walters (1988), using the R_f / ϕ method (Ramsay, 1967; Dunnet, 1969; Dunnet and Siddans, 1971; Lisle, 1977; Lisle, 1985). Lewis (1988) used quartz grains as strain markers from 17 samples of the Thunderhead Sandstone (Great Smoky Group) in the Greenbrier thrust sheet near Wear Cove (Table III-2). He reported R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values between 1.11 and 3.44 with means and standard deviations of 1.62 ± 0.34 , 2.32 ± 0.54 , and 1.44 ± 0.26 , respectively. Lewis (1988), using quartz grains as strain markers, recognized that some strain ellipsoids associated with these strain values were oriented subparallel to the Greenbrier fault, and concluded these are related to the emplacement of the Greenbrier fault. Other ellipsoids are possibly related to later thrusting and deformation of the Greenbrier fault. Lewis (1988) concluded that the ellipsoids recorded superimposed strain from the initial emplacement and later deformation of the Greenbrier fault. Walters (1988) studied the relationships between the Greenbrier, Rabbit Creek, and Great Smoky faults near Cades Cove. He used quartz grains as strain markers, and analyzed eight samples of "Cades" and Elkmont Sandstones (Great Smoky Group). Walters (1988) reported R_{xz} and R_{yz} values between 1.20 and 4.60 with means and standard deviations of 2.56 ± 1.09 and 2.24 ± 0.82 , respectively (Table III-2). A R_{xy} value of 1.05 was obtained from one sample. Walters (1988) reported comparatively low strains in the Elkmont Sandstone (R_{xz} of 1.57 ± 0.13) relative to the "Cades" Sandstone (R_{xz} of 2.94 ± 1.16), and concluded that the Elkmont Sandstone is the upright anticlinal backlimb of a fold nappe that exposes "Cades Sandstone" on the overturned forelimb. Walters (1988) interpreted that an overturned nappe developed in the hanging wall of the Rabbit Creek fault after the emplacement of the Greenbrier fault. Walters (1988) also concluded that the measured finite strains are the final product of superimposed incremental strains associated with the complex

Table III-2. Western Blue Ridge strain analysis.

Rock unit	Thrust sheet	R_{xy}	R_{xz}	R_{yz}	Method	Reference
Thunderhead Sandstone	Greenbrier	1.62	2.32	1.44	R _r /φ	Lewis, 1988
Elkmont Sandstone	Greenbrier	1.05	2.56	2.24	R _r /φ	Walters, 1988
"Cades" Sandstone	Rabbit Creek					
Thunderhead Sandstone and rocks of Webb Mountain	Greenbrier	1.14	1.33	1.17	R _r /φ	Connelly, 1993
Roaring Fork Sandstone	Dunn Creek	1.25	1.53	1.23	normalized Fry	
Shields, Wilhite, and Sandsuck Formations	Miller Cove	1.12	1.22	1.37	R _r /φ	Carter, 1994
Sandsuck Formation	Great Smoky and Maggies Mill					
Wilhite and Dean Formations	Miller Cove	1.23	1.24	1.52	normalized Fry	
Sandsuck Formation	Great Smoky	1.33	1.71	1.30	R _r /φ	This study
Wilhite and Dean Formations	Miller Cove	1.61	2.27	1.43	normalized Fry	
Dean Formation	Rabbit Creek					

structural history of the Cades Cove region.

In the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region, Connelly (1993) analyzed 69 sandstone samples from various Ocoee Supergroup units within three premetamorphic thrust sheets south of English Mountain. He employed both R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods (Fry, 1979; Erslev, 1988). Using the R_f/ϕ method, Connelly (1993) recorded R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values between 1.01 and 1.79 with means and standard deviations of 1.14 ± 0.11 , 1.33 ± 0.16 , and 1.17 ± 0.08 , respectively (Table III-2). The normalized Fry method yielded R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values between 1.03 and 3.24 with means and standard deviations of 1.25 ± 0.24 , 1.53 ± 0.28 , and 1.23 ± 0.11 , respectively (Table III-2). Both methods reveal an increase in strain values toward the southeast into the hinterland, with strain values for the Fry method typically 5 to 20 percent greater than those determined by the R_f/ϕ method. The large strain values of the normalized Fry method suggest at least some strain was inhomogeneously concentrated in the matrix (Connelly, 1993), or samples were collected near faults. Using a strain factorization technique (Ramsay and Huber, 1983; Kligfield and others, 1984) that has been proven as a viable modeling technique in the Appalachian foreland (Couzens and others, 1993), Connelly (1993) attempted to model kinematically the deformation along the hanging wall flat-and-ramp portions of the thrust sheets. Unfortunately, the strain factorization technique failed to predict consistently the observed finite strains in these western Blue Ridge thrust sheets.

Southwest of the study area, Carter (1994) analyzed nine coarse-grained sandstone and granule conglomerate samples from the Great Smoky, Maggie's Mill, and Miller Cove thrust sheets, using both R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods (Dunnet, 1969; Fry, 1979; Peach and Lisle, 1979; Erslev, 1988). Carter (1994) also measured the long, intermediate, and short axes of pebbles from an exposure, and plotted them on a Flinn diagram (Flinn, 1962). R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values from the R_f/ϕ method range between 1.05 and 1.63 with means and standard deviations of 1.12 ± 0.05 , 1.22 ± 0.14 , and $1.37 \pm$

0.18, respectively (Carter, 1994) (Table III-2). Using the normalized Fry method, Carter (1994) reported R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values between 1.03 and 1.78, with means and standard deviations of 1.23 ± 0.13 , 1.24 ± 0.12 , and 1.52 ± 0.17 , respectively (Table III-2). Measured quartz pebbles from conglomerates yielded R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} values of 1.57 ± 0.31 , 1.75 ± 0.45 , and 2.71 ± 0.8 , respectively. Strain values from the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods and measured pebbles fall within the field of apparent flattening on the Flinn diagram (Carter, 1994). Carter's (1994) data and conclusions are consistent with strain measurements from previous studies north of the Little Tennessee River (Lewis, 1988; Walters, 1988; Connelly, 1993). Carter (1994) concluded that strain increases towards the southeast with no correspondence of the X/Y plane to regional slaty cleavage, because of non-coaxial incremental strains produced during the F_2 event, or from a strain event that developed prior to regional F_2 deformation. Carter (1994) suggested that, because strain magnitudes and orientations are similar to those in the Great Smoky Mountains, the strain history may be the result of one period of pre- to synmetamorphic deformation rather than a superposition of polyphase strain events.

The purpose of this strain analysis study is to determine the amount of internal strain in coarse-grained sandstone and conglomerate of the Walden Creek and Great Smoky Groups in southeastern Tennessee using both the R_f/ϕ (Dunnet, 1969; Peach and Lisle, 1979) and normalized Fry (Fry, 1979; Erslev, 1988) methods. The importance of this study is the contribution of strain data to the existing set of strain data for the western Blue Ridge in southeastern and eastern Tennessee. The results of this study are compared with strain studies to the northeast in the Great Smoky Mountains where major premetamorphic faults are abundant, and to the southwest where predominantly synmetamorphic folds are exposed. Additional strain analysis of samples within reactivated premetamorphic structures, such as the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet, may provide insight into the polyphase deformational history of the western Blue Ridge.

Methodology

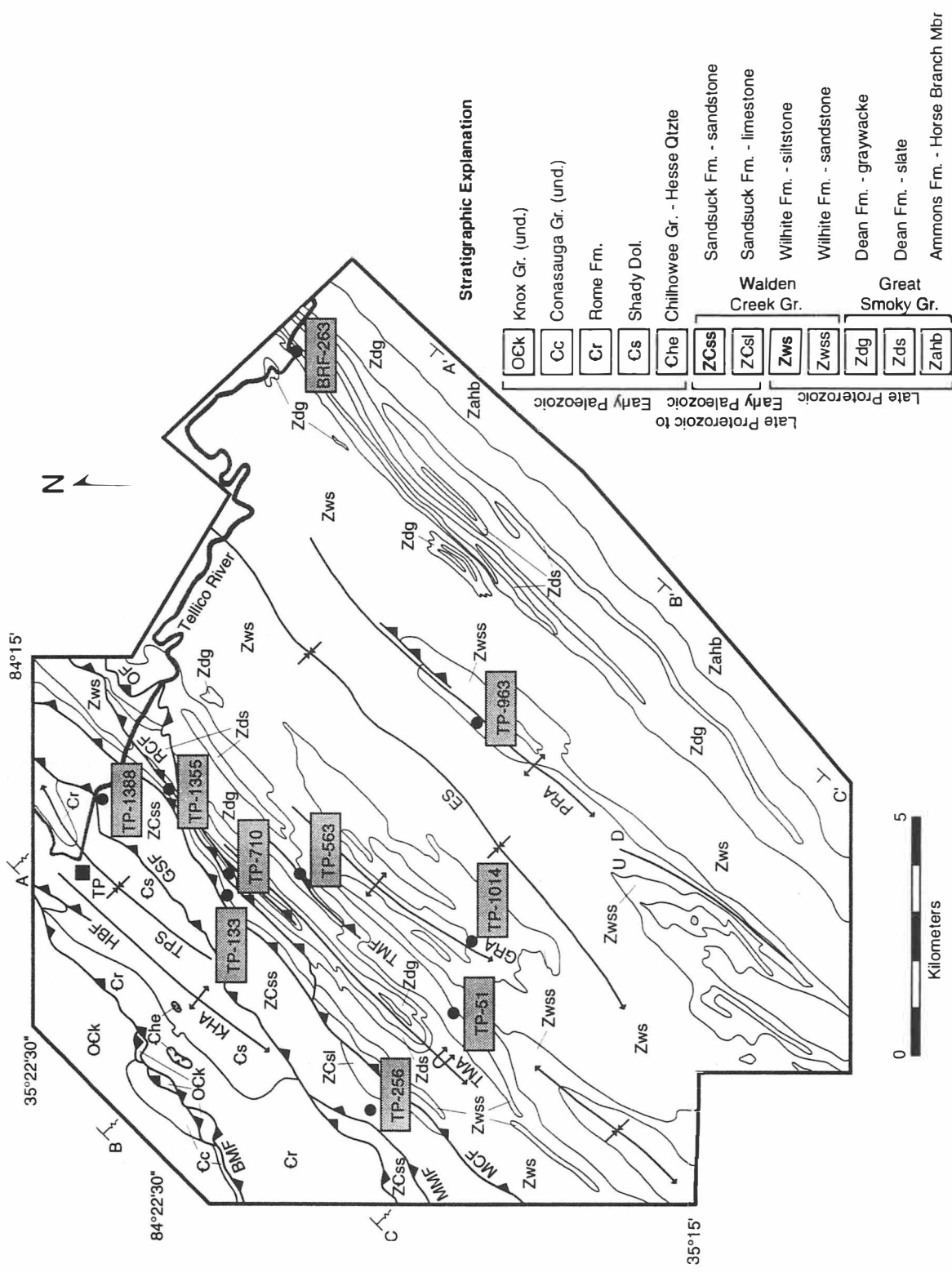
Ten oriented samples of coarse-grained Wilhite sandstone and Dean graywacke from the Great Smoky and Miller Cove thrust sheets were collected for strain analysis (Fig. III-16). These samples were oriented in the field with respect to bedding with three mutually perpendicular thin sections (parallel to bedding, perpendicular to bedding, and perpendicular to strike) cut from each sample. Modal analyses were performed to estimate the amount of quartz, feldspar, and matrix in the samples (Appendix B). Thin sections placed in a Beseler 45MX enlarger produced large negative photographs for measurements. Approximately 200 quartz grain boundaries in these photographs were digitized using a Kurta Model 12X17 digitizing tablet and associated Penworks software for the Apple Macintosh computer, and input into strain software developed by Adolph Yonkee (Weber State) for the Macintosh computer. R_f/ϕ plots using methods developed by Dunnet (1969) and Peach and Lisle (1979), and normalized Fry plots using methods developed by Fry (1979) and Erslev (1988) were also generated with Yonkee's programs. The orientation and magnitude of the strain ellipse for each thin section (three per sample) were determined for both the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry data sets. For each method, the three ellipses for each sample were used to calculate the orientation and magnitude of the strain ellipsoid for each sample using a method described by Owens (1984).

Additionally, 75 quartz pebbles from an exposure of Dean Formation conglomerate along Forest Service Trail 126A to Basin Gap (station BRF-575, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle) were collected and measured for plotting on a Flinn diagram. These pebbles were oriented with their long and intermediate axes rotated from the bedding plane toward the cleavage plane, suggesting that the observed shapes of the pebbles were the result of tectonic strain modifying original depositional shape. The

Figure III-16. Location of samples used for strain analysis.

Geologic abbreviations: BMF-Bullet Mountain fault; ES-Epperson synclinorium; GRA-Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium; GSF-Great Smoky fault; HBF-Hunt Branch fault; KHA-Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; MCF-Miller Cove fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; PRA-Payne Ridge anticlinorium; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault; TMA-Tellico Mountain anticlinorium; TMF-Tellico Mountain fault; TPS-Tellico Plains synclinorium; U-upthrown fault block; D-downthrown fault block.

Geographic abbreviation: TP-Tellico Plains.



three principal axes of each pebble were measured, and the ratios of the principal axes were calculated to determine Flinn's (1962) k . These ratios were then plotted on a Flinn diagram for graphical analysis.

Results of study

The strain analysis of coarse-grained rocks in the study area is consistent with previous strain analyses of coarse-grained lithologies in the Ocoee Supergroup northeast and southwest of the study area. R_f/ϕ method results in R_{xy} , R_{xz} , R_{yz} ratios ($X>Y>Z$) between 1.05 and 2.30 with means and standard deviations of 1.33 ± 0.19 , 1.71 ± 0.26 , and 1.30 ± 0.16 , respectively (Table III-2; Appendix C). R_f/ϕ values generally increase in magnitude to the southeast in the direction of increasing metamorphic grade, and near postmetamorphic brittle faults (Fig. III-17; Plate III). The orientations of the principal strain axes are variable, but general trends are recognized: X axes generally parallel strike, Y axes are normal to strike and parallel to transport direction, and Z axes generally plunge moderately northwest (Fig. III-18A). The orientation of the Y axes is highly variable. Seven of the ten R/ϕ values fall within the field of apparent constriction on a Flinn diagram (Fig. III-19A). Half of the R_f/ϕ values reveal minimal constriction and flattening.

Strain ratios (R_{xy} , R_{xz} , R_{yz}) determined by the normalized Fry method range between 1.11 and 3.20 with means and standard deviations of 1.61 ± 0.26 , 2.27 ± 0.35 , and 1.43 ± 0.08 , respectively (Table III-2; Appendix C). Because of the amount of matrix material and the lack of consistent packing of quartz grains, only seven of the ten samples were analyzed. Strain ratios from the normalized Fry method also increase to the southeast and near fault zones (Fig. III-20). Orientation of the principal axes from the normalized Fry method, although variable, is similar to the orientations obtained from the R_f/ϕ method. The X and Z axes are generally parallel and normal to regional strike,

Figure III-17. X/Y axial ratios as determined by the R_f/ϕ method. Trend of the X axis is indicated for each ellipse. Interpretive Flinn diagram shows progressive deformation to the southeast.

Geologic abbreviations: BMF-Bullet Mountain fault; ES-Epperson synclinorium; GRA-Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium; GSF-Great Smoky fault; HBF-Hunt Branch fault; KHA-Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; MCF-Miller Cove fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; PRA-Payne Ridge anticlinorium; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault; TMA-Tellico Mountain anticlinorium; TMF-Tellico Mountain fault; TPS-Tellico Plains synclinorium; U-upthown fault block; D-downthrown fault block.

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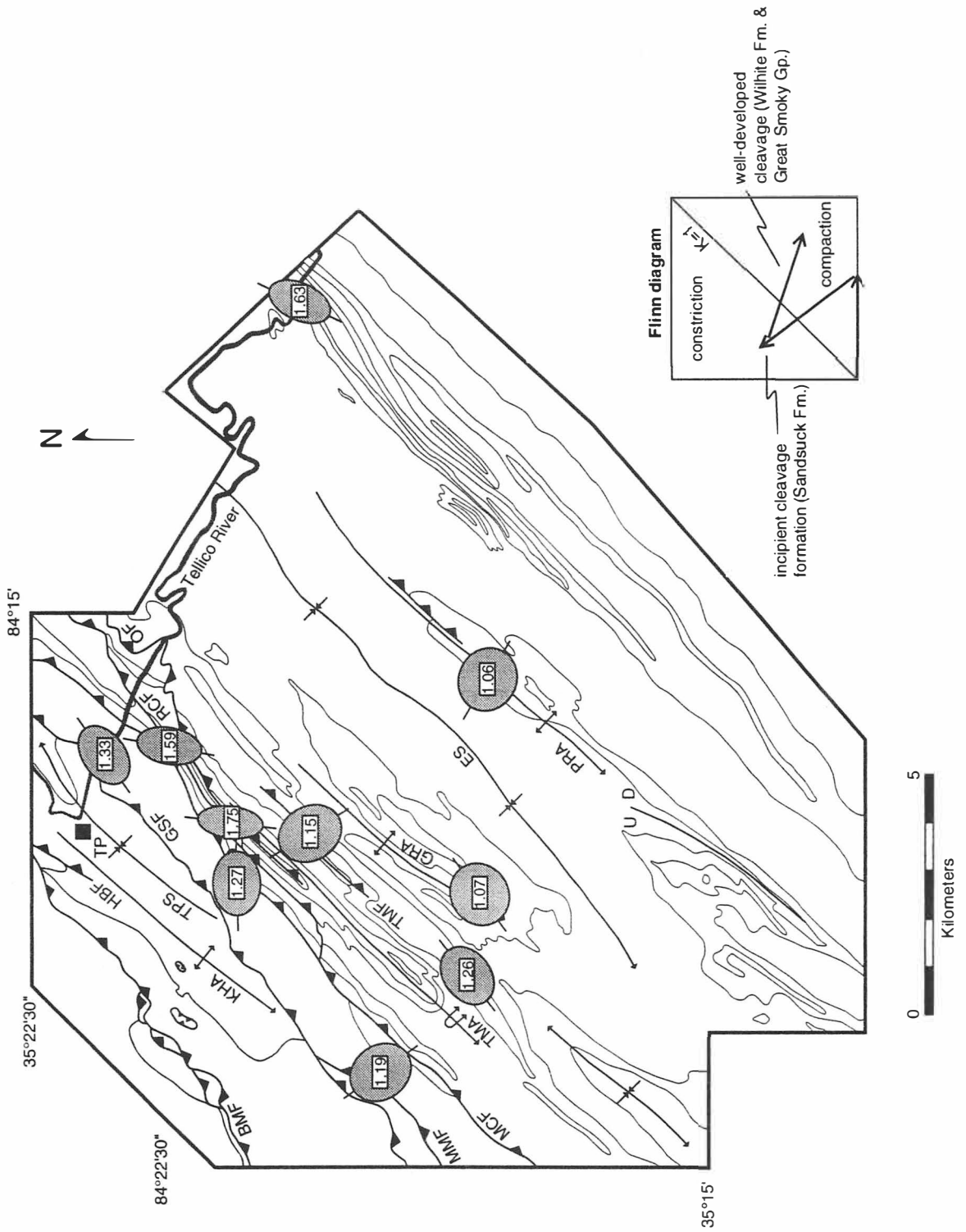
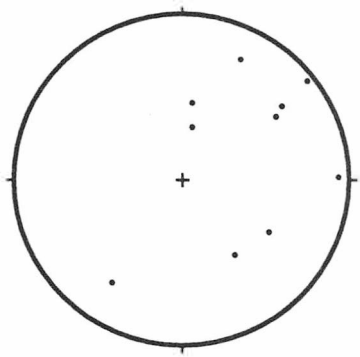
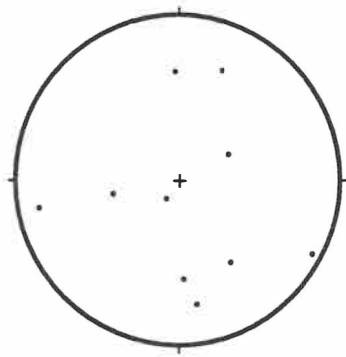


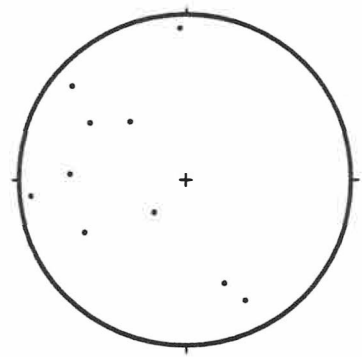
Figure III-18. Lower-hemisphere equal-area projections of strain ellipsoid axes. See Appendix C for axes data. (A) R_f/ϕ method. (B) normalized Fry method.



X axes

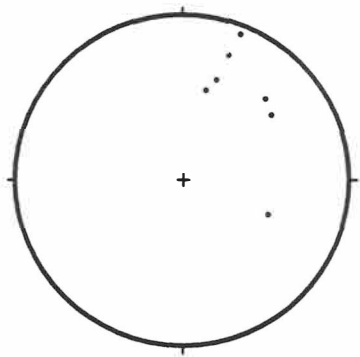


Y axes

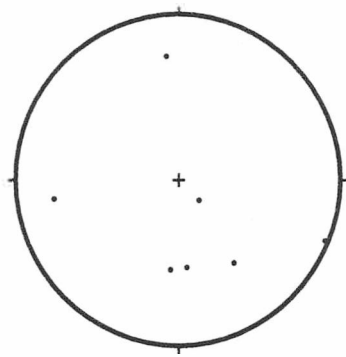


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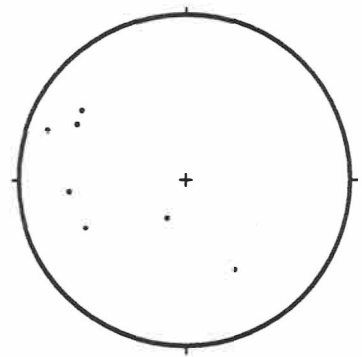
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X axes



Y axes

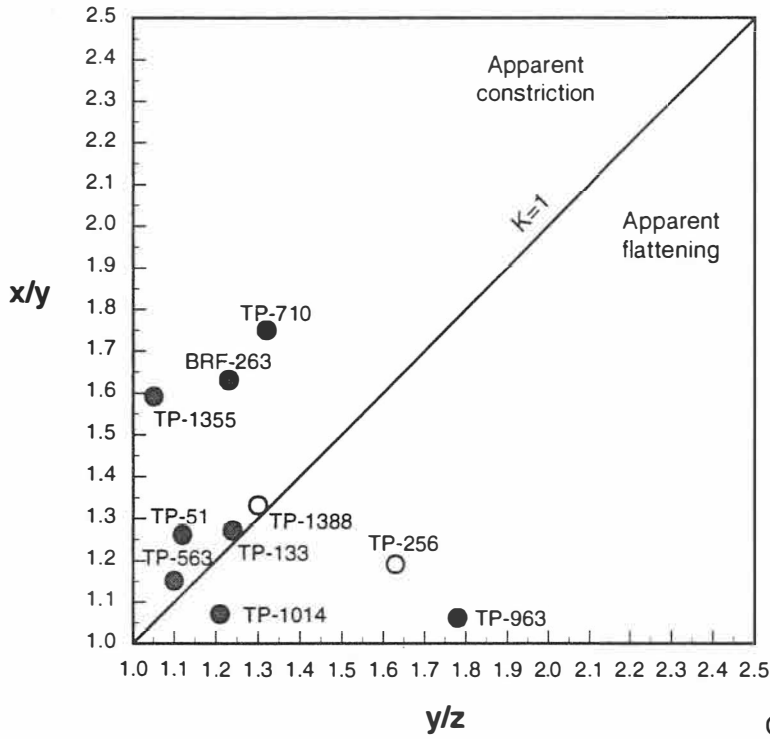


Z axes

(B)

Figure III-19. Flinn diagram of R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry strain values in each thrust sheet. (A) R_f/ϕ values. (B) normalized Fry values.

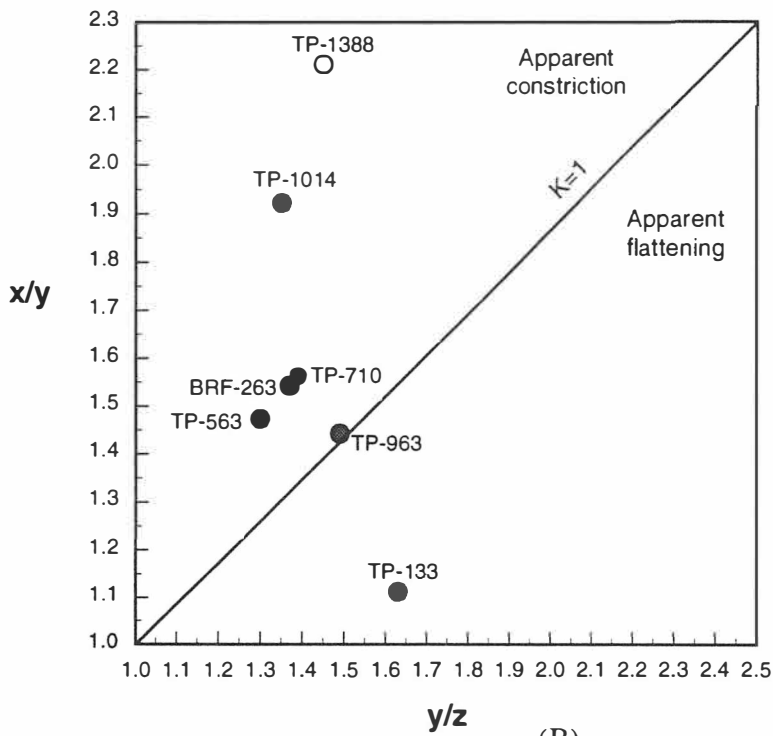
R_f/φ values



(A)

- Great Smoky thrust sheet
- Miller Cove thrust sheet
- Rabbit Creek thrust sheet

Normalized Fry values

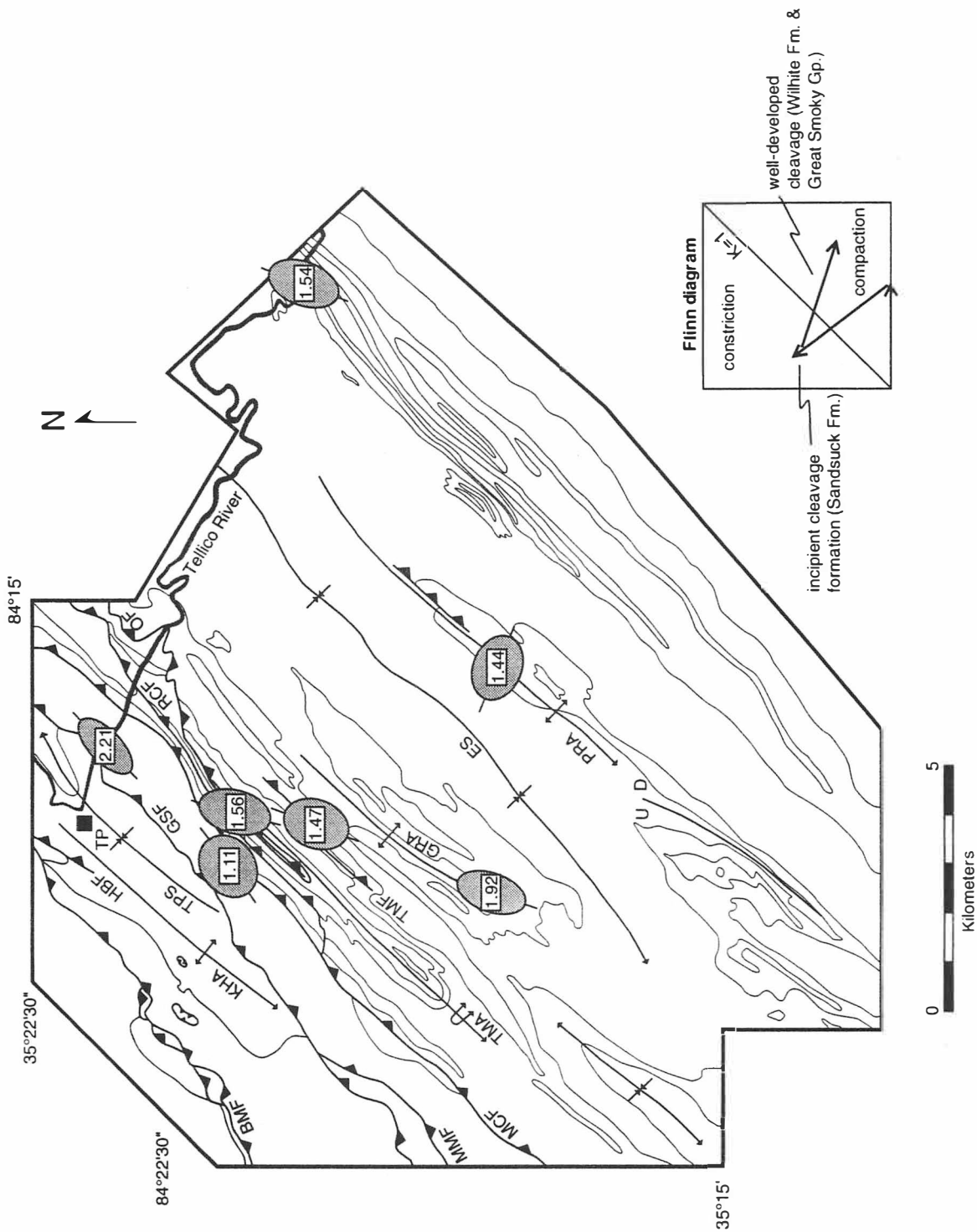


(B)

Figure III-20. X/Y axial ratios as determined by the normalized Fry method. Trend of the X axis is indicated for each ellipse. Interpretive Flinn diagram shows progressive deformation to the southeast.

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respectively. Orientation of the Y axes is generally parallel to transport direction (Fig. III-18B). Six of the seven normalized Fry values fall in the field of apparent flattening on a Flinn diagram with one of those values revealing minimal constriction (Fig. III-19B).

Two assumptions are required for the measurement of pebbles to yield simple finite strain ratios. These assumptions include: original sphericity of the pebble before deformation, and minimal loss of the pebble volume due to pressure solution. Nearly spherical pebbles are rare but have been observed in Wilhite sandstone. Additionally, the majority of quartz pebbles observed were rotated from the bedding plane and toward the plane of cleavage. The effects of pressure solution on most pebbles are negligible.

The principal axes of 75 quartz pebbles oriented parallel to regional slaty cleavage record mean R_{xy} , R_{xz} , and R_{yz} ($X > Z > Y$) values of 1.32 ± 0.18 , 2.22 ± 0.39 , and 1.70 ± 0.29 , respectively (Appendix C). When plotted on a Flinn diagram, 88 percent of quartz pebbles fall within the field of apparent flattening (Fig. III-21).

Discussion of results

Two values of strain for (seven out of ten samples) each sample(s) were generated from the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods. The R_f/ϕ method describes strain based on axial ratios and orientation of grains (grain shape), while the normalized Fry method creates a graphical estimate of strain based on the distribution of grain centers. The normalized Fry method was used for only seven of the ten samples, because of the large amount of matrix material and subsequent lack of closely packed quartz grains in the three unused samples. To determine which method yielded the best results, fabric elements and microstructures of each sample in each thrust sheet were analyzed (Table III-3). Fabrics observed in the samples include a depositional fabric, a tectonic fabric, or a combination of both. Other important considerations for determining the fabric of the sample was the packing of quartz grains, and amount of matrix material present in the

Figure III-21. Flinn diagram of 75 flattened quartz pebbles from Basin Gap, station BRF-575, Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Quartz pebbles

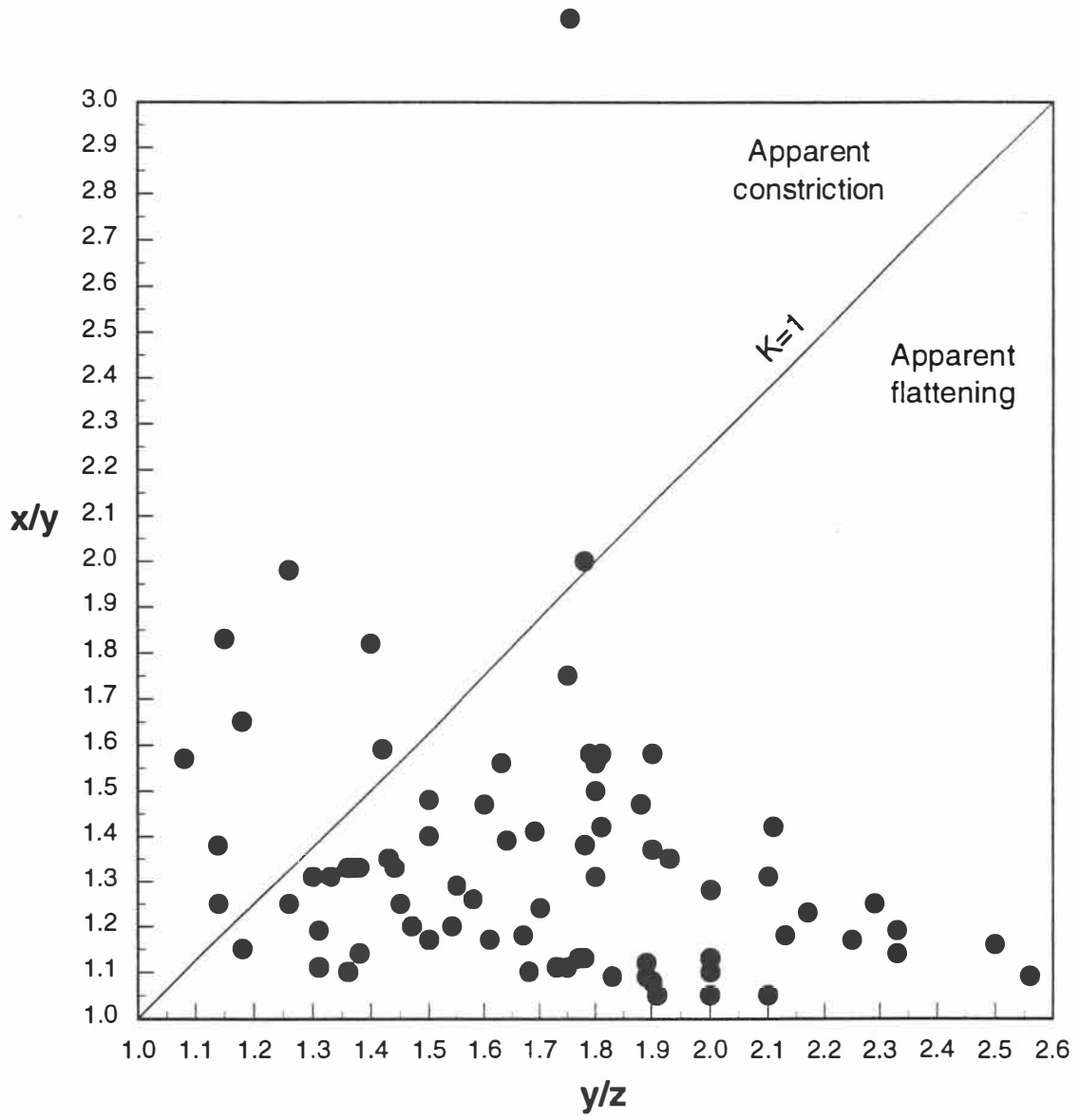


Table III-3. Microstructural analysis of strain samples.

thrust sheet	stratigraphic unit	sample	fabrics	microstructures	comments*
Great Smoky	Sandsuck fm.	TP-256	Matrix supported with a predominant depositional fabric.	Undulatory extinction, fluid inclusion planes, and sutured grain boundaries.	R ρ ϕ method only. Ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.
	Sandsuck fm.	TP-1388	Tectonic and depositional fabrics with closely packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, fluid inclusion planes, and sutured grain boundaries.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods. Fry ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.
	Wilhite fm.	TP-51	Matrix supported with a predominant depositional fabric.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ method only. Deformation focused in the matrix.
Miller Cove	Wilhite fm.	TP-133	Prominent tectonic fabric with closely packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, deformation laminae, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods.
	Wilhite fm.	TP-963	Tectonic and depositional fabrics with moderately packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods. R ρ ϕ ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.
	Wilhite fm.	TP-1014	Tectonic and depositional fabrics with moderately packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods. Fry ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.
	Wilhite fm.	TP-1355	Matrix supported with a predominant depositional fabric.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ method only. Ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.
	Dean fm.	TP-563	Matrix supported with a predominant depositional fabric and minor tectonic fabric.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods.
	Dean fm.	BRF-263	Tectonic and depositional fabrics with moderately packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods.
Rabbit Creek	Dean fm.	TP-710	Prominent tectonic fabric with closely packed quartz grains.	Undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, deformation laminae, and pressure solution.	R ρ ϕ and normalized Fry methods. Fry ellipses not consistent with ellipsoid.

* The lack of consistency between ellipses and ellipsoid occurs when Owen's (1984) method for calculating the ellipsoid fails to achieve similarity of results between the six calculation attempts.

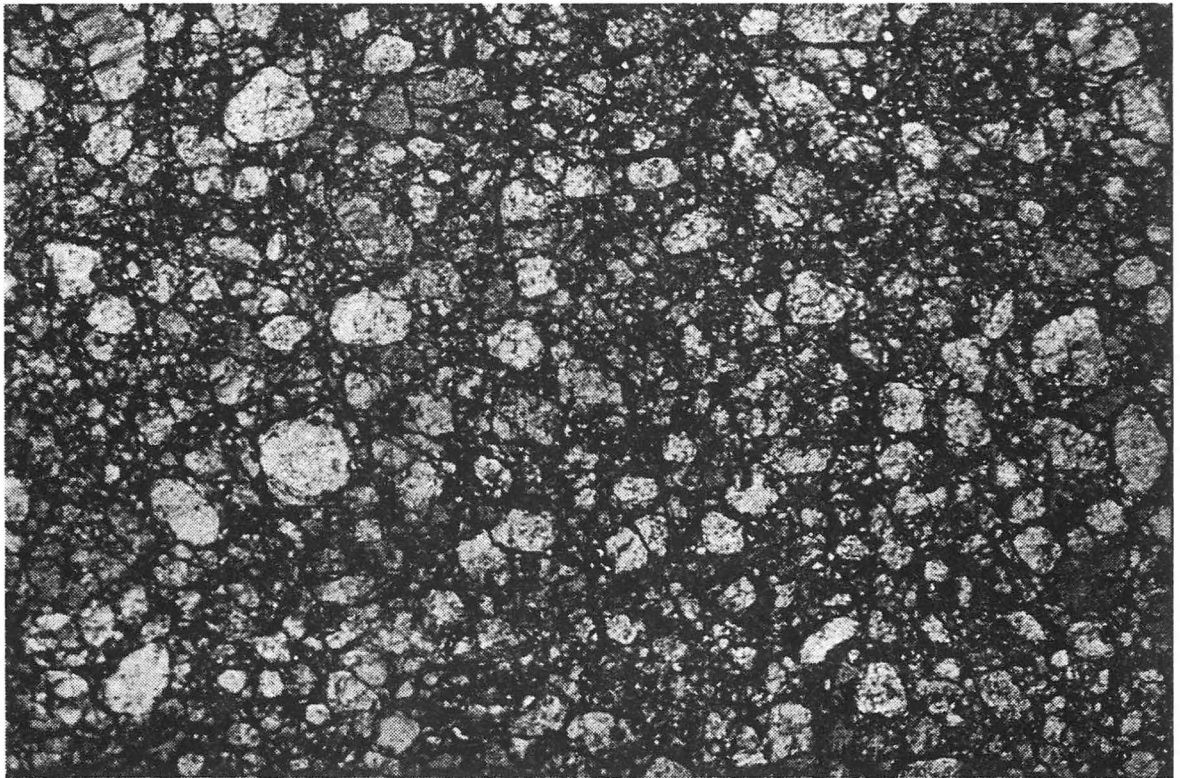
samples. If the sample was grain supported, it was considered to have closely packed quartz grains, where grain boundaries were in contact with each other. The determination of whether deformation was partitioned in the matrix or in the quartz grains was also an important factor in determining which strain method was more reliable. If deformation was concentrated in the quartz grains, the sample was considered to have a prominent tectonic fabric. These samples contained deformed quartz grains. Matrix-supported samples with relatively unstrained quartz grains were interpreted as lacking a tectonic fabric. These samples were considered to have a predominantly depositional fabric. Tectonic microstructures observed in quartz in coarse-grained lithologies included sweeping and patchy undulatory extinction, fluid inclusion planes, deformation lamellae, sutured and serrated grain boundaries, intragranular fractures, and transgranular stylolites. These microstructures are characteristic of low-grade metamorphic rocks (Groshong, 1988; Knipe, 1989; Lloyd and Knipe, 1992; Onasch and Dunne, 1993), and were produced by deformation mechanisms including dislocation glide, dislocation creep, pressure-solution, and microfracturing. The strain ratios of the three ellipses generated by the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry method for each sample may not be consistent with the strain ratios of the principal axes of the strain ellipsoid as calculated using Owens (1984) method. The lack of consistency between ellipses and ellipsoid occurs when Owen's (1984) method for calculating the ellipsoid fails to achieve similarity of results between the six calculation attempts. In these situations the strain ratios of the three ellipses are important because of their consistency with the fabrics present in the thin-section photographs from which the ellipses were calculated. Samples that have strain ellipse values inconsistent with the principal axes of the strain ellipsoid are denoted in Appendix C by an asterisk.

R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry strain values are relatively low in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. The two samples (TP-256 and TP-1388) analyzed from this thrust sheet exhibit

both depositional and tectonic fabric components. Sample TP-1388 is located in the quartz-rich coarse-grained lithologies in the lower portions of the Sandsuck Formation, and in close proximity to the Great Smoky fault. Sample TP-256 is located higher in the stratigraphic sequence where lithologies are finer grained and often interbedded with shale. Sample TP-256 exhibits a better depositional fabric than TP-1388; TP-1388, however, contains a more pronounced tectonic fabric and has closely packed quartz grains (Table III-3). Because of the amount of matrix material and the predominantly depositional fabric in TP-256, the normalized Fry method was not used for this strain analysis. In both samples, the R_f/ϕ method provides the most reliable results because of this method's dependency on grain shape. Microstructures observed in both samples include sweeping undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, fluid-inclusion planes, and intragranular fractures (Fig. III-22A, III-22B). Of the two samples analyzed in this thrust sheet, only one set of ellipses (TP-1388; R_f/ϕ) show any consistency with the strain ellipsoid. This sample (TP-1388) has a pronounced tectonic fabric and closely packed quartz grains. Sample TP-1388 has higher strain values than sample TP-256, and is probably due to sample TP-1388's closer proximity to the Great Smoky fault (Fig III-16, Appendix C). Much of the strain in sample TP-256 is probably concentrated in the matrix. The parallel orientation of the X axes to regional strike may also suggest a component of diagenetic compaction (Fig. III-18; Appendix C).

Strain values in the Miller Cove thrust sheet were obtained from seven samples collected on the upright backlimb of anticlines throughout this thrust sheet (Fig. III-16). Five of these samples were collected from the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group) and two from the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group). Fabrics present in the Wilhite Formation generally exhibit a prominent depositional fabric along with a locally prominent tectonic fabric. Generally, these samples are matrix supported and lack closely packed grains, making them unsuitable for normalized Fry analysis (Table III-3).

Figure III-22. Microstructures in the Great Smoky thrust sheet. (A) Enlarged inverted negative image (from thin section) of microstructures from sample TP-256, Conasauga Creek, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm. (B) Enlarged inverted negative image (from thin section) of microstructures from sample TP-1388, Tellico River, Tellico River 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm.



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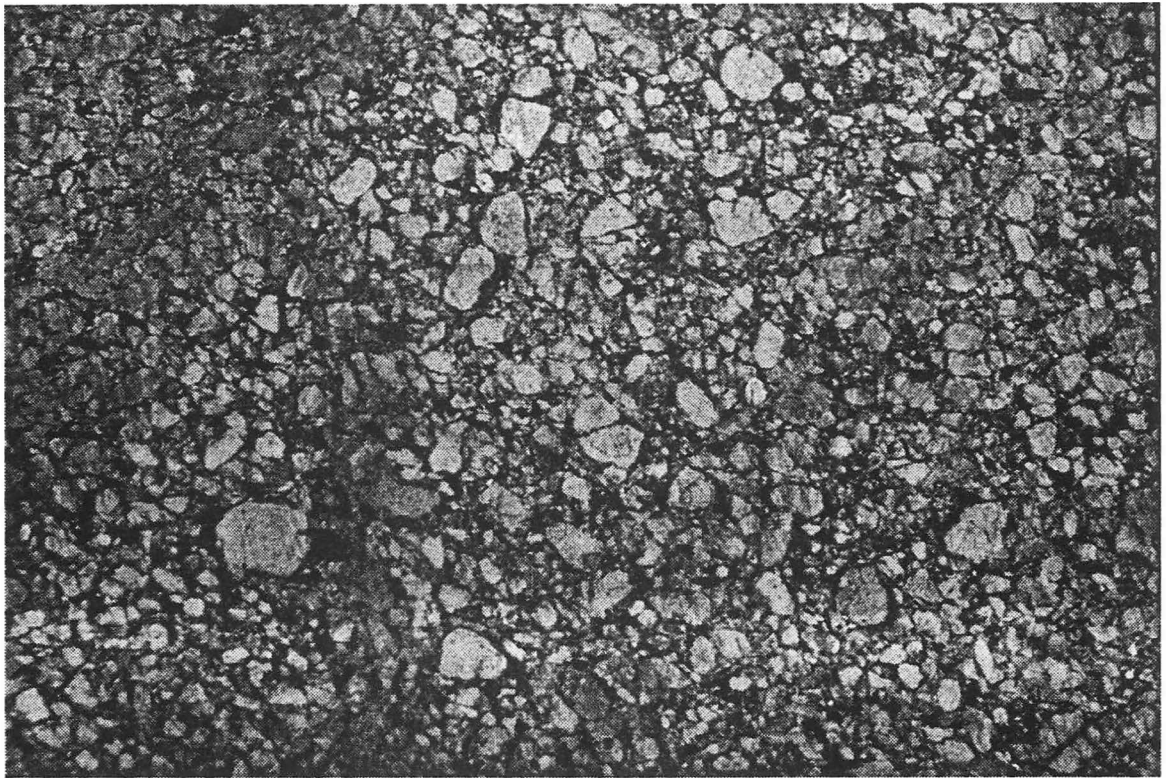


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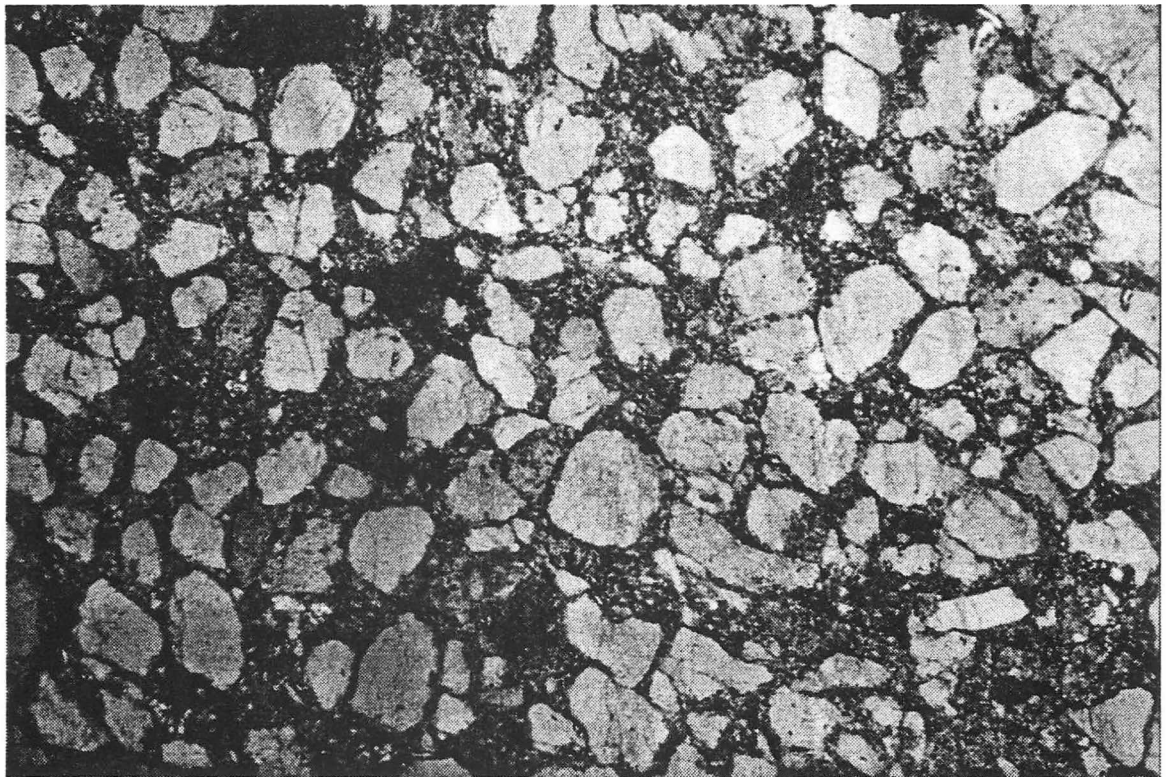
Samples from the Dean Formation also reveal a depositional and local tectonic fabric, but are more poorly sorted and packed than the Wilhite samples (Fig. III-23A, III-23B). Microstructures in the Miller Cove thrust sheet include patchy and sweeping undulatory extinction, sutured and serrated grain boundaries, subgrains, deformation laminae, intragranular fractures, and pressure solution (Fig. III-23A, III-23B). Here, as in the Great Smoky thrust sheet, normalized Fry analysis yields strain values higher than values obtained from the R_f/ϕ method. Both R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry analyses result in strain values that increase to the southeast, with some relatively large strains near faults (Figs. III-17, III-20; Appendix C; Plate III). The R_f/ϕ method is interpreted to be a more reliable method for determining strain in this thrust sheet, because strain values generated from this method better reflect grain shape and apparent strains observed in the thin section photos. The large strain values associated with the normalized Fry method may be related to deformation partitioned in the matrix. Because of the high amount of matrix material and the lack of packed grains, two samples (TP-51 and TP-1355) were not analyzed by the normalized Fry method. Of the samples analyzed in the Miller Cove thrust sheet, the ellipses of samples TP-963, TP-1355 (R_f/ϕ), and TP-1014 (normalized Fry) are not consistent with the strain ellipsoid. For these samples, the ellipses generated from the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry method should be also considered along with the strain ellipsoid, because the strain ellipses more closely resemble the apparent strain observed in the thin-section photographs.

Strain values from the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet are analyzed from one sample from the Dean Formation. (Fig. III-16). This sample exhibits a pronounced tectonic fabric and closely packed quartz grains. Microstructures include sweeping undulatory extinction, sutured grain boundaries, and deformation laminae (Fig. III-24). Strain values for both the R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods are high (Figs. III-17, III-20; Appendix C). The high strain values for this sample are probably the result of the emplacement of the

Figure III-23. Microstructures in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. (A) Enlarged inverted negative image (from thin section) of microstructures from sample TP-133, Tennessee State Highway 68, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm. (B) Enlarged inverted negative image (from thin section) of microstructures from sample TP-563, Tennessee State Highway 68, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm.



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Figure III-24. Microstructures in the Rabbit Creek thrust sheet. Enlarged inverted negative image (from thin section) of microstructures from sample TP-710, Tennessee State Highway 68, Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle. Field of view is approximately 2 cm.



Rabbit Creek and Oconaluftee faults. Strain ellipses generated by the R_f/ϕ method are more consistent with the strain ellipsoid than the strain ellipses generated by the normalized Fry method. For this reason, the R_f/ϕ method is interpreted to be a more reliable measure of the finite strain in this sample.

Strain analysis conclusions

1) Mean strain ratios determined by the R_f/ϕ method are 1.33, 1.71, and 1.30, respectively. Strain ratios determined by the normalized Fry method are 10 to 25 percent higher. These ratios are consistent with previous studies in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region, and in the western Blue Ridge foothills to the southwest of the study area.

2) Strain increases to the southeast in the direction of increasing metamorphic grade, and near late Paleozoic brittle faults. Observed microstructures such as undulatory extinction, deformation lamellae, sutured grain boundaries, stylolites, intragranular fractures, and fluid-inclusion planes are indicative of low-grade metamorphic deformation mechanisms such as dislocation creep, pressure solution, and brittle fracturing.

3) The principal strain axes of the strain ellipsoid are oriented so that X axes are strike parallel, Y axes are parallel to transport direction, and Z axes plunge moderately to the northwest. The R_f/ϕ method yields more reliable results because of the consistent orientations of the strain ellipsoid, and consistent fits of the strain ellipses with the three-dimensional strain ellipsoid.

4) Strain analysis (R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry) suggest that rocks of the western Blue Ridge Foothills in the study area were deformed by at least one strain event.

Chapter IV

Environmental Assessment of the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch Watersheds, Northwest Slope of Waucheesi Mountain

Introduction

The purpose of this chapter is to apply some of the geologic data and information gathered during this study from two watersheds to a hypothetical site environmental assessment for possible residential development (Fig. IV-1; Plate IV). This assessment uses geologic information to distinguish among possible alternative locations for residential development. Geologic variables such as mechanical discontinuities in bedrock, lithologic type, geomorphic features (surficial deposits, slopes, soils), and ground and surface water are considered in this assessment. This area was assessed according to these geologic factors and the potential impact on the local environment related to residential development, such as increased runoff, degradation of water quality, and habitat destruction. Residential development of this area would include the construction of residences, roads, and public utilities (electricity, sewer, water). Several small tracts within the assessment watershed have already been developed, and are located in the northwestern portion of the watersheds.

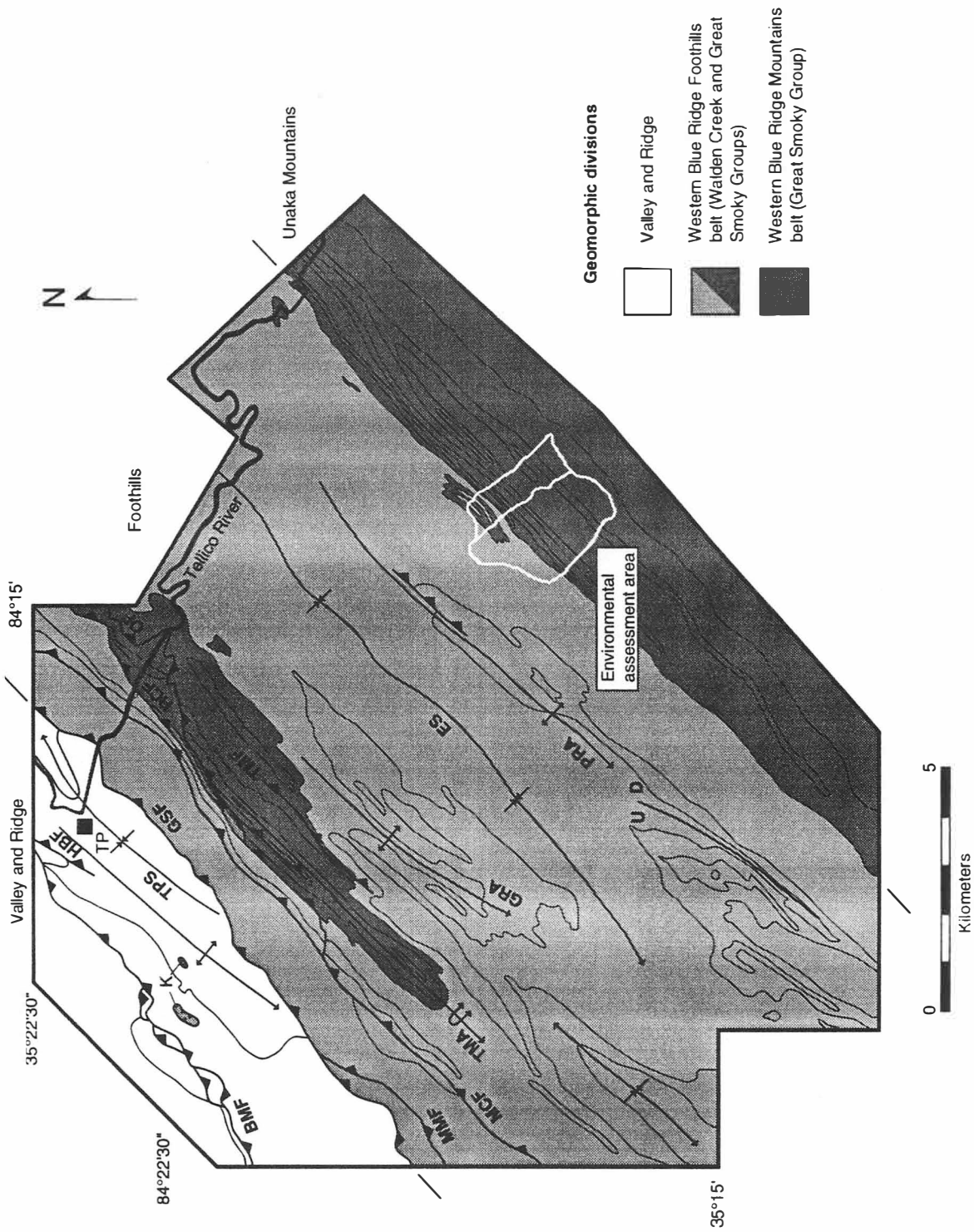
Methodology

A 5.2 km² (2.1 mi²) tract of land was selected along the northwest slope of Waucheesi Mountain between Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch drainages for evaluation for potential residential development in this portion of southeastern Tennessee (Fig. IV-1; Plate IV). This area was chosen because it is typical in terms of land being developed in this area for both second homes and permanent residences. The geologic mapping portion of this study included description and measurement of lithologic and structural

Figure IV-1. Physiographic units of study area showing location of environmental assessment area. Assessment area is outlined in the southeastern portion of the map. Refer to Figs. II-2, III-1, and Plate I for stratigraphic and structural explanations.

Geologic abbreviations: BMF-Bullet Mountain fault; ES-Epperson synclinorium; GRA-Grindstone Ridge anticlinorium; GSF-Great Smoky fault; HBF-Hunt Branch fault; KHA-Kirkland Hollow anticlinorium; MCF-Miller Cove fault; MMF-Maggies Mill fault; OF-Oconaluftee fault; PRA-Payne Ridge anticlinorium; RCF-Rabbit Creek fault; TMA-Tellico Mountain anticlinorium; TPS-Tellico Plains synclinorium; U-upthrown fault block; D-downthrown fault block; K-klippe.

Geographic abbreviation: TP-Tellico Plains.



discontinuities (bedding, contacts, cleavage, joints, and faults) between the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch drainages (Fig. IV-1; Plate I). The aerial extent of surficial deposits and sulfide-bearing map units are also identified. Slope gradients and stream density are geomorphic factors considered in this assessment.

Bedrock Geology

The environmental assessment site is located in the southeastern portion of the study area along the northwest slope of Waucheesi Mountain (Fig. IV-1; Plate IV). Here the rocks consist of the Great Smoky and Walden Creek Groups, as described in Chapters II and III (Fig. IV-1; Plate I). Lithologic units within the assessment area include graywacke and slate of the Dean Formation (Great Smoky Group), conformably overlain by the metasilstone of the Wilhite Formation (Walden Creek Group) (Fig. IV-1; Plate I). Approximately 75 percent of the area consists of a graded sequence of granule- to pebble-size conglomerate, graywacke, and slate of the Dean Formation. Numerous mappable slate lenses within the Dean Formation are also exposed in the watersheds. The remaining portions of the assessment area are underlain by Wilhite Formation metasilstone located in the northwestern portion of the tract.

The regional structure in this portion of southeastern Tennessee is a southeast-dipping, southwest-plunging, overturned forelimb related to the first-order Ducktown anticlinorium. Parasitic folds to this larger structure were also indicated by the presence of upright northwest- and southeast-dipping beds. All contacts within this area are interpreted as conformable. Map-scale faults were not observed, and minor faults are difficult or impossible to observe without excavation. Bedding (S_0) is easily recognized in the graded, coarse-grained lithologies of the Dean Formation. Bedding in the mappable slate lenses is difficult to recognize because of the pervasive slaty cleavage, but is very prominent in the banded metasilstones of the Wilhite Formation. All of the units are

deformed by regional slaty cleavage (S_1)—best developed in the fine-grained lithologies— but also is present in the coarse-grained lithologies. Joints are common in both fine- and coarse-grained lithologies in the assessment area. These joints are either unfilled, or filled with quartz and calcite.

The fine-grained rocks of the Dean Formation, especially the mappable slate lenses, are the most sulfidic lithologies in the assessment area. The coarse-grained graywacke of the Dean Formation contains considerably lesser amounts of pyrite. The Wilhite Formation metasilstone and slate also contain small to moderate amounts of locally abundant pyrite.

Rock discontinuities

Discontinuities are any planar structure or surface in a rock mass along which the rock mass may break or separate. Discontinuities are also the primary controlling factor of mass strength and deformability in a rock mass (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988). Bedding planes, lithologic contacts, cleavage, joints, and faults are discontinuities present in the assessment area. Discontinuities can be characterized by orientation, spacing, continuity, separation of discontinuity surface, and thickness and, if present, nature of joint fillings (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988). Strengths of rock masses imparted to a large degree by shear strengths of discontinuity surfaces typically depend on one or more of these characteristics, and are summarized by Bieniawski (1973) and Cording and others (1975) (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988).

The influence of discontinuity orientation on rock mass strength is evident in the slope failures along one or more discontinuities (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988). Hazardous mass-wasting processes may occur as a result of discontinuity or intersection of discontinuities providing a glide plane for the rock mass to move. Spacing of discontinuities also affects the overall rock mass strength (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988).

Close spacing and extent of discontinuities reduce total strength of the rock mass (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988). The spacing and orientation of discontinuities may also cause wedge failures. Surface characteristics of discontinuities involve three factors: (1) waviness or undulation of the surface, which results in variations in orientation or attitude along a given discontinuity; (2) asperities on the surface of the discontinuity; and (3) physical properties of the material that may fill the space between two bounding surfaces of a discontinuity (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988; Pollard and Aydin, 1988). All these factors contribute to the strength of the rock mass. Where slope stability is involved, the undulatory nature of the surface has a greater influence on a rock mass strength than the asperities on a discontinuity, because asperities are sheared off by movement, resulting in a smoother surface (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988). The amount of separation between joint surfaces and the presence of filling material also have a profound influence on the strength of a jointed rock mass (Johnson and DeGraff, 1988).

The influence of these mechanical discontinuities, combined with topography, vegetation, and climate, is important when considering landslide potential (Varnes, 1984). Landslides are classified as either falls, topples, slides, lateral spreads, or flows (Varnes, 1978). Falls, slides, and flows are the most common landslides. Landslides tilt, shear, and pull apart rock and soil, resulting in destruction of man-made structures, economic losses, and sometimes human casualties. Landslides are caused either by the decreased ability of a slope to resist gravitational forces, an increased effectiveness of gravity acting on a slope, or a combination of these two factors (Varnes, 1958). These causes are important factors in determining slope stability, which represents the balance between driving forces (shear stress) and resisting forces (shear strength). This relationship is expressed as a ratio where slope stability equals shear strength divided by shear stress. Ratios greater than 1 denote slope stability. Ratios of 1 or less theoretically exceed geomorphic thresholds, and slope failures occur (Ritter and others, 1995). Factors that

increase shear stress include: removal of lateral support, addition of mass, earthquakes, regional tilting, removal of underlying support, and lateral pressure. Factors that decrease shear stress include weathering, pore water, and structural features (discontinuities) (Varnes, 1958).

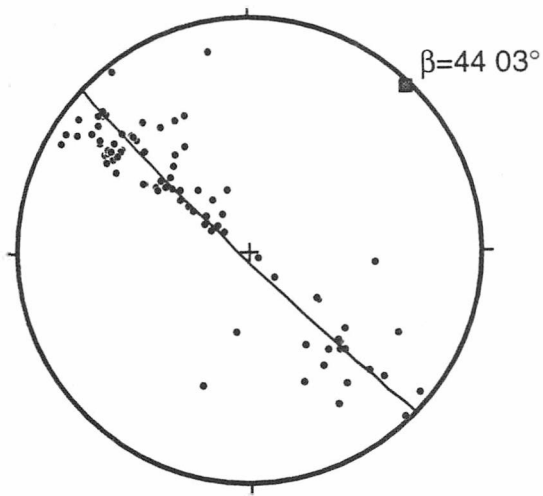
Lithologic discontinuities

In this environmental site assessment, lithologic discontinuities include bedding planes and lithologic contacts. Bedding in Wilhite metasilstone is recognizable and generally does not form a mechanical discontinuity, even in weathered rock. Bedding in Dean Formation graywacke and slate is coherent where fresh, but where weathered, forms mechanical discontinuities. Lithologic contacts between different rock types also form mechanical discontinuities. These discontinuity may influence the shear strength of the rock mass to a greater extent than some bedding planes, because of the different physical properties associated with the different rock types.

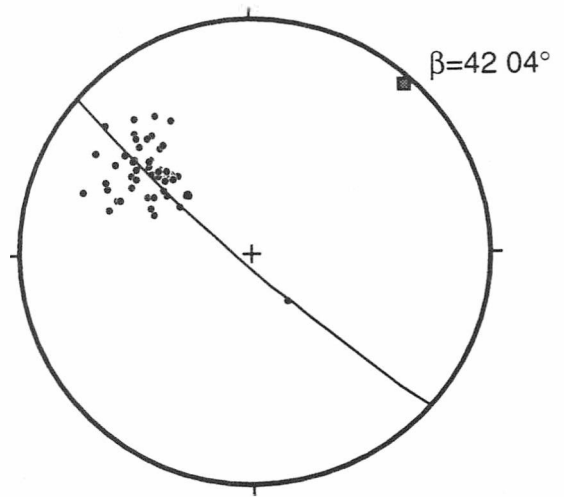
Bedding

Bedding orientations are consistent in the assessment area and dip gently to steeply southeast and northwest with a great circle orientation of $134\ 87^\circ\ S$ and corresponding β of $44\ 03^\circ$ (Fig. IV-2A; also see Fig. III-9). In the fine-grained lithologies of the Wilhite Formation, bedding is generally coherent and the likelihood of slope instability related to bedding is low. In the turbiditic Dean Formation, bedding in the coarse- and fine-grained lithologies more readily forms mechanical discontinuities (bedding-parallel fractures) than the more homogeneous fine-grained rocks of the Wilhite Formation. Additionally, in the coarse-grained units, beds are thick, possibly resulting in slope failures that involve blocks of substantial size. Since bedding dips generally to the southeast and the topographic slope dips northwest, landslides in this area are probably

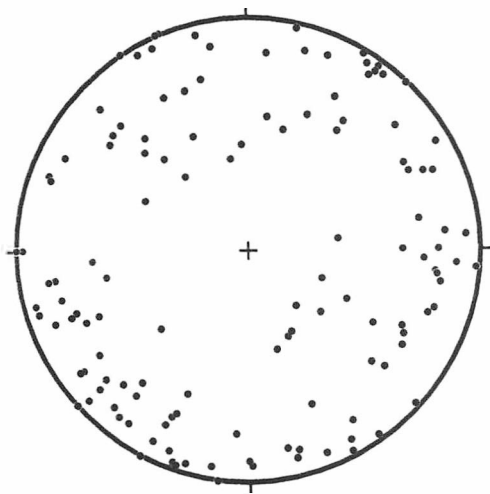
Figure IV-2. Orientation of mesoscopic structures within the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds. (A) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 87 poles to bedding. (B) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 49 poles to slaty cleavage. (C) Lower-hemisphere equal-area projection of 130 poles to joints. Stereoplots include scatter and contoured at 2% per 1% area.



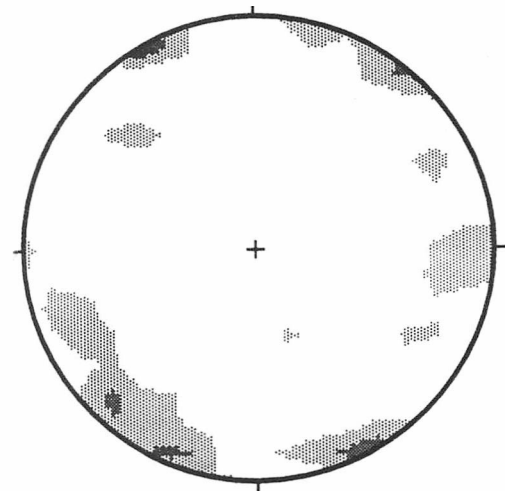
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not directly related to bedding, but more commonly to slope-parallel joints. The intersection and combination of bedding and other discontinuities, such as a northwest-dipping joint set, probably influenced slope failure in the watersheds.

Contacts

Lithologic contacts in the watershed are oriented parallel to bedding and are not very coherent when weathered (Fig. IV-1; Plate I). The major lithologic contact in the area is the contact between the overlying Wilhite Formation metasiltstone and the underlying Dean Formation conglomerate and graywacke. Other lithologic contacts in this area are between the conglomerate and graywacke units, and the mappable slate lenses in the Dean Formation. Lithologic changes are frequent in the watersheds, and the different physical properties associated with each rock type vary across the contact. Weathering of these heterogeneous materials may potentially cause slope instability, especially in combination with slope steepness and heavy rainfall.

Tectonic discontinuities

Structural discontinuities observed in the watershed include cleavage, joints, and faults. The dominant discontinuity in the fine-grained lithologies is slaty cleavage (S_1). Joints are common in all lithologies, but are more prevalent in the fine-grained rocks. No major faults were observed in the assessment area.

Cleavage

Slaty cleavage (S_1) is a major discontinuity in the watershed, and is best developed in the fine-grained lithologies. This discontinuity is consistent in orientation with moderate dip to the southeast with a great circle orientation of 132.86° S and a corresponding β of 42.04° (Fig. IV-2B). Cleavage surfaces weather readily to form excellent

release surfaces, and are involved in both planar and wedge instabilities.

Joints

Joints are common discontinuities in the watersheds in both the metasilstone lithologies of the Wilhite Formation, and the Dean Formation granule- to pebble-size conglomerate and graywacke. Some of the joints are filled with quartz that welds the walls of fractures together making them very coherent. Gold-bearing quartz veins have been reported in the metasilstone units, while similar quartz veins (Unaka veins) in the conglomerate and graywacke lack gold (Rove, 1929; Hale, 1974). The quartz veins in the coarse-grained Great Smoky Group lithologies along the northwest slope of the Unicoi Mountains are referred to as the Unaka veins, and were once thought to be gold-bearing (Ashley, 1911).

The most prominent set of joints and quartz veins strike northwest and dip steeply to the northeast and southwest (Fig. IV-2C; Appendix A). Less prominent joint sets and quartz veins are also recognized. One set strikes northeast (parallel to regional strike) and dips steeply to the southeast and northwest, while another set strikes almost east-west and dips steeply to the north and south (Fig. IV-2C; Appendix A). The orientation of joint sets varies, but are generally suborthogonal and subparallel to larger F_1 fold axes (compare Figs. IV-2C and III-6C). This suborthogonal and subparallel relationship between joints and veins and fold axes indicates the formation of these structures probably occurred coevally. Similar relationships between joints, veins, and axial surfaces were observed to the northeast of the study area by Geddes (1995). The intersection of the different joint and vein sets, combined with the orientation of bedding and cleavage, provide potential surfaces for possible wedge failures and landslides. Additionally, the steepness of topography increases slope instability along these discontinuities.

Faults

No major faults were observed in the assessment area. Small-scale faults and associated fractures may be revealed upon excavation, but should not cause slope stability problems. Small-scale faults within the assessment area have small displacements, and are generally characterized by poorly developed discontinuous fault planes.

Sulfidic zones

Varying sulfide mineral concentrations were observed throughout the assessment area (Appendix B). Generally, the greater concentration of visible pyrite is observed in the black slate lenses in the Dean Formation (Fig. IV-1; Plate I). Microscopic analysis of the coarser-grained graywackes reveals that they also contain pyrite, but the concentrations are less and the pyrite crystals are smaller. Disseminated sulfides are also more common in the fine-grained lithologies. This is important because the smaller disseminated crystals have more surface area and are more readily decomposed to produce acid runoff (Reed and others, 1995). Hale (1974) reported sulfide minerals in host rock and in the vein systems at the Sixmile Creek adit in the assessment area. Excavation and exposure of bedrock that contains as little as 0.5 percent sulfide mineral content, such as pyrite, have the potential to acidify surface water runoff and become hazardous to downstream environments (Byerly and Middleton, 1981; Winchester, 1981; Byerly, 1990; Reed and others, 1995). In order for the development of this area to have a low environmental impact during construction, the handling, treatment, and placement of the sulfidic material must be considered.

Geomorphology

This environmental assessment of the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds lies within the Foothill Belt (Chilhowee Mountain-Walden Creek district) and High

Western Blue Ridge (Unaka Mountains district) geomorphic subsection of the Western Blue Ridge section in southeastern Tennessee (Hack, 1982; Carter and others, 1996). Geomorphic subdivisions are identified and mapped based on similarities or differences in geologic structure, lithology, topography, and geologic history (Thornbury, 1965). Approximately 75 percent of the assessment area lies within the Unaka Mountains district and is underlain by the Dean Formation. The remaining portion of the assessment area lies within the Chilhowee Mountain-Walden Creek district and is underlain by the Wilhite Formation. These districts have similar geologic structure and history, but are differentiated from each other by lithology and the influence of the regional structure on topography.

The terrain within the Unaka Mountains district is rugged and very steep, while the terrain in the Walden Creek district is less rugged and not as steep. The assessment area has a relief of about 2,000 ft (650 m) with the lowest elevation of 1,560 ft (480 m) near the confluence of Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch. The highest elevation is 3,692 ft (1,180 m) on Waucheesi Mountain (Plate V). Natural slopes in this region commonly approach 35 degrees with slope increasing to almost 60 degrees near the top of Waucheesi Mountain. Drainage patterns are dendritic and are interpreted to be partly controlled by the trends of joints, cleavage, and bedding.

Surficial deposits

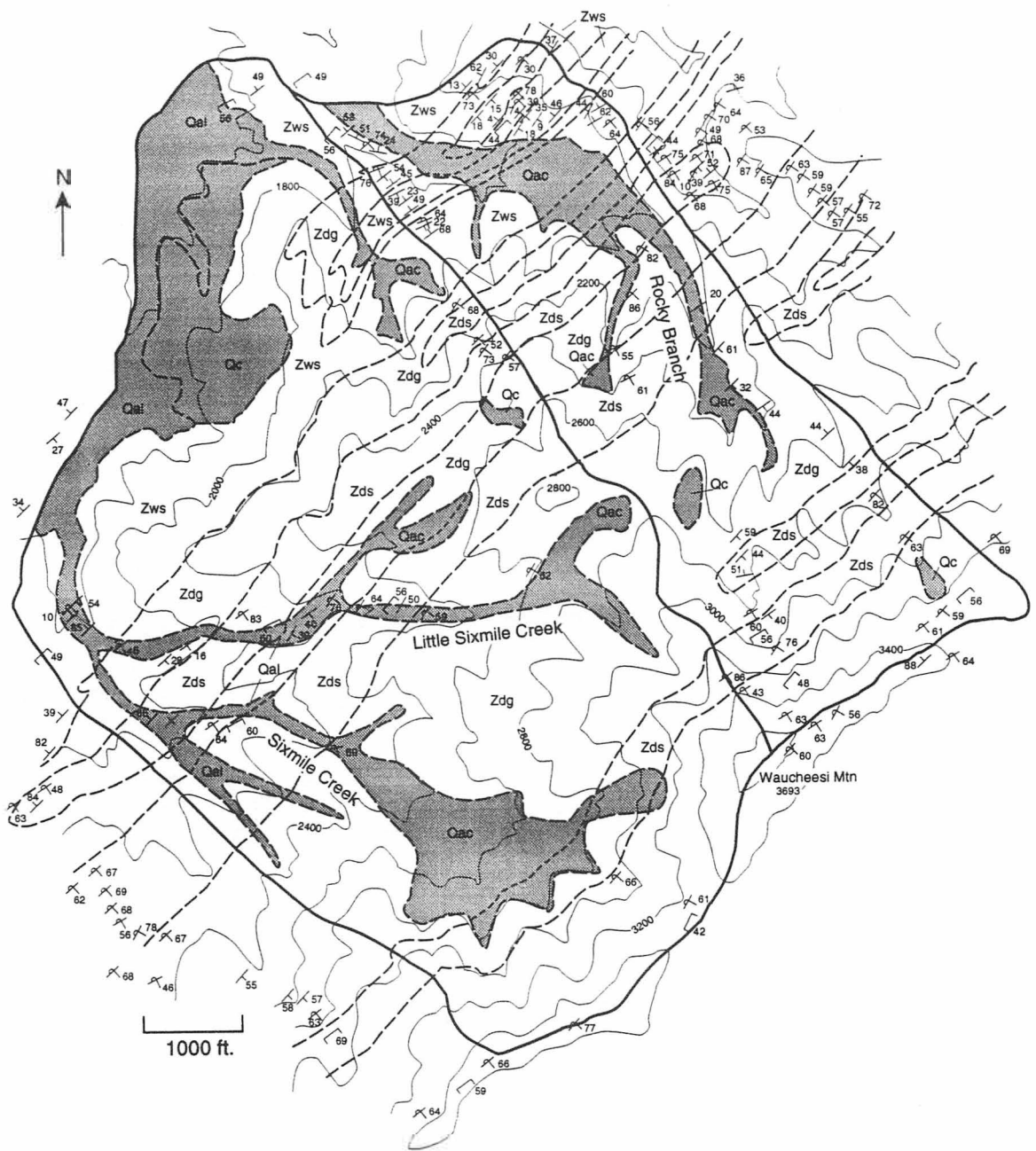
Surficial deposits are important geomorphic features within the watershed that will directly affect residential development include surficial deposits. Surficial deposits include nontransported residual soils, and transported unconsolidated materials. Transported unconsolidated material include alluvium, colluvium, and landslide deposits. Residual soils are ubiquitous within the watersheds and vary in thickness. Mapping these soils was not included in this assessment. Alluvium, colluvium, and landslide deposits

are unconsolidated transported material mapped in the assessment area (Fig. IV-3; Plate IV). Alluvial deposits are more prominent and thicker in the larger drainages in the northwestern portion of the watershed, but are common in smaller drainages throughout the watersheds. Generally, alluvial deposits consist of clay- to cobble-size materials. Colluvial deposits are mostly concentrated at the base of slopes, and consist of clay- to gravel-size material.

Landslide deposits and landslide potential are important features and processes that most characterize the geomorphology within the watersheds. Two large areas within the watersheds consist of transported material by previous landslides, and are located near the headwaters of the Sixmile Creek and Rock Branch drainages. Using the classification of Varnes (1978), the landslides here would be debris slides and debris flows. Debris slides are rapid mass movements initiating along one or more regular to irregular, discrete movement surfaces. They involve primarily soil, vegetation, water, entrapped air, and upper bedrock layers (Varnes, 1978). Debris flows are rapid mass movements with continuous internal deformation (Varnes, 1978). Debris slides and flows have been investigated throughout the southern Blue Ridge and were suggested to be triggered by heavy rains (Clark, 1987). Clark (1987) stated that these slides and flows occur in existing hillslope depressions and move downslope with the common movement interface along the bedrock-soil contact. The slide surface is locally identifiable in the upper portions of the valley here as a northwest-dipping joint surface. Slippage and flowage are also common in deep soils. Neary and Swift (1987) presented evidence for rainfall thresholds of more than 125 mm over 3 days triggering landslides in the southern Appalachians. Neary and Swift (1987) also concluded that heavy rainfall, saturated soils, steep slopes, and shallow soils were major factors influencing debris avalanches in western North Carolina. The dangers and consequences of rapid debris slides and flows within the watersheds would create serious hazards to residential development of this area. The

Figure IV-3. Geologic map of the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds. Boundaries of the watersheds and assessment area are indicated by heavy black line. Quaternary deposits are shaded. Contour interval equals 200 feet. See Fig. II-2 and Plate I for stratigraphic explanation.

Geologic abbreviations: Qac-alluvium and colluvium undifferentiated; Qal-alluvium; Qc-colluvium; Zws-Wilhite Formation metasilstone; Zdg-Dean Formation graywacke and conglomerate; Zds-Dean Formation slate.



possible cause of landsliding within the watersheds is multivariant: steep slopes, combined with orientation of discontinuities, shallow soils, and heavy rainfall events are important factors that influence landsliding in this area.

Conclusions and recommendations

Mechanical discontinuities present in bedrock within the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds include joints, cleavage, bedding, lithologic contacts, and small-scale faults. The intersection of the most prominent discontinuities (joints, cleavage, and bedding) provide potential surfaces for wedge failures and landslides. These mechanical discontinuities decrease the shear strength of the rock mass, which directly affects slope stability. Other factors influencing slope stability include topography, vegetation, and extremely high precipitation events. Evidence for at least two mass movement events are located within the watersheds. Potential for future landslides exist in the same areas as the previous landslides. Steep slopes near the headwaters of Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch drainages probably represent the areas that may be susceptible to future landslides. The landslides within the watersheds are classified as debris slides and debris flows. Previous investigations in the southern Appalachians suggest that landslides are triggered by constant high rainfall events (Clark, 1987; Neary and Swift, 1987).

From a geological perspective, residential development within the watersheds should be restricted to the lower elevations, but not in hollows or on debris fans. These areas should be underlain by the relatively homogenous Wilhite metasilstone. Residences should be constructed on the spurs of ridges, and not in hollows or sides of ridges. Additionally, water and sewer lines should not be located in alluvial or landslide debris. During heavy rainfall events, flash floods are common, and landslide potential increases. Inevitably, any roads constructed in these watersheds will be damaged due to flooding

and/or mass movement of unconsolidated materials. Therefore, repeated repairs of these roads becomes a long-term economic issue. Residential development within the watersheds will also inevitably negatively impact the water quality due to possible acidic drainage and sedimentation.

Chapter V

Conclusions

1) Sedimentary and metasedimentary rocks exposed in the study area belong to the Great Smoky and Walden Creek Groups of the Upper Proterozoic Ocoee Supergroup in southeastern Tennessee. Great Smoky Group lithologies are correlated with the Horse Branch Member (oldest) of the Ammons Formation and the Dean Formation, whereas the overlying Walden Creek Group lithologies are correlated with the Wilhite Formation and the Sandsuck Formation (youngest). In addition to these units, unmetamorphosed Paleozoic rocks of the Valley and Ridge are exposed beneath the western Blue Ridge thrust sheet in the study area.

2) The contact between the predominantly coarser-grained Great Smoky Group (Dean Formation) and the predominantly finer-grained Walden Creek Group (Wilhite Formation) is conformable. This contact had been interpreted to be the southern continuation of the Greenbrier fault south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Great Smoky Group lithologies consist of granule- to pebble-conglomerate, graywacke, sandstone, and slate, whereas Walden Creek Group lithologies consist of metasilstone, sandstone, and carbonate.

3) Six major brittle thrust faults, four generations of folds, and four S-surfaces deform the rocks in the study area. The faults include the Bullet Mountain, Great Smoky, Maggies Mill, Miller Cove, Rabbit Creek, and Oconaluftee faults, and divide the area into four thrust sheets. The Bullet Mountain fault represents the floor thrust of a duplex containing Paleozoic rocks beneath the western Blue Ridge thrust sheet. The Great Smoky fault is the roof thrust that transported metamorphosed western Blue Ridge rocks

onto unmetamorphosed rocks of the Valley and Ridge, and emplaced Hesse Quartzite (Chilhowee Group) on Groundhog Mountain. The Miller Cove fault thrust chlorite-grade, cleaved rocks of the Wilhite Formation onto lower-grade, less-cleaved rocks of the Sandsuck Formation. The Rabbit Creek fault is a reactivated syn- to premetamorphic fault that thrust Great Smoky Group rocks onto Walden Creek Group rocks. The Oconaluftee fault also is a reactivated syn- to premetamorphic fault that juxtaposes rocks of the Dean Formation. The Maggies Mill and Oconaluftee faults are major structures in the Great Smoky and Miller Cove thrust sheets, respectively, and may be out-of-sequence.

4) Rocks in the Miller Cove and Rabbit Creek thrust sheets are deformed by axial-planar F_1 folds, chevron-like (kink) F_2 folds, slaty cleavage (S_1), pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}), and a crenulation cleavage (S_2). Axial-planar F_1 folds along with slaty cleavage (S_1) and pressure-solution cleavage (S_{1a}) developed as a result of the metamorphic event during the Taconic orogeny, while chevron-like (kink) F_2 folds and crenulation cleavage (S_2) developed as a result of faulting during the Alleghanian orogeny. Rocks in the Great Smoky thrust sheet were deformed by F_3 folds and by slaty cleavage (S_3), which formed during the Alleghanian orogeny. Alternatively, F_3 folds and S_3 (slaty) cleavage may have formed during the Taconian orogeny because of similarity in orientation with F_1 folds and S_1 (slaty) cleavage in the Miller Cove thrust sheet. The F_4 folding event represents gentle folding of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet due to duplexing of Valley and Ridge footwall units.

5) Cross-section construction and line- and area-balanced retrodeformation reveals the following sequence of deformational events for the western Blue Ridge Foothills in southeastern Tennessee: (1) emplacement of the Blue Ridge thrust sheet; (2) formation of

the Foothills duplex; (3) formation of the unnamed duplex; (4) emplacement of the blind thrust; (5) continued displacement along the Great Smoky fault due to duplexing, which resulted in the decapitation of the hanging-wall anticline related to the blind thrust; and (6) emplacement of the Chestuee and Saltville faults, respectively.

6) Strain analysis (R_f/ϕ and normalized Fry methods) suggests that rocks of the western Blue Ridge in the study area were deformed by at least one strain event during the Taconic orogeny. Strain values throughout the study area are relatively low, increasing toward the southeast in the direction of increasing deformation and metamorphic grade, and near late Paleozoic brittle faults.

7) Application of geologic data to an environmental assessment for a hypothetical residential development suggest that slope instabilities exist within the Sixmile Creek and Rocky Branch watersheds. Evidence for slope instabilities includes the recognition of previous landslides, combined with mechanical discontinuity characteristics, topography, vegetation, and climate. Previous landslides are classified as debris slides and debris flows. Development within these watersheds should be concentrated on ridge spurs in the relatively homogenous Wilhite Formation metasiltsstones.

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Appendices

Appendix A
Structural data

APPENDIX A — Structural Data

Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element					
*Stat	Bedding	S ₁	S ₂	S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold	S ₂ S ₁ Intersection Lineation	*Stat	Bedding	S ₁	S ₂	S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold	S ₂ S ₁ Intersection Lineation
1	N42E, 68SE	N30E, 88SE			N27E, 63NW			TP 14	N30E, 55SE	N65E, 40SE			N69E, 63SE		
2	N25E, 50SE				N63W, 81NE			15	NS0E, 75SE				N27E, 77SE		
3	N35E, 73SE	N35E, 73SE			N32E, 67NW			16					N67W, 57NE		
4	N54E, 21SE				N73W, 78SW			17	N38E, 45SE				223, 14	N49E, 79SE	
5	N54E, 84SE				NS2W, 80SE			18	N60E, 80SE	N50E, 14SE			209, 19	N34E, 51SE	
6	N42E, 40SE				N68E, 61NW			19	N60E, 64SE				219, 11	N32E, 62SE	
7	N53E, 67SE				N23W, 76SW			20	NS9E, 55SE						
8	NS0E, 85SE							21	N46E, 36SE						
9	N40E, 38NW							22		N30E, 12SE					
10	N43E, 22NW	N47E, 56SE			N09W, 73NE			23	N43E, 26SE						
11	N06E, 54SE				N21E, 81SE			24	N31E, 85SE						
12	N73E, 40SE				N04W, 83SW			25	N43E, 62SE						
13					N49E, 26NW			26	N38E, 62SE						
					N41E, 34NW			27		N38E, 79SE					
					N24W, 72SW			28	N31E, 65SE						
					N65E, 35NW			29	N40E, 68SE						
					N53W, 54SW			30	NS5E, 17SE	N37E, 61SE					
								31		N44E, 64SE					
					N77E, 81NW			32	N46E, 33SE	N50E, 60SE					
					N63E, 87NW			33		N46E, 70SE					
					N43E, 61NW			34	N30E, 35SE	N30E, 77SE					
					N11W, 52NE			35	N34E, 18SE	N14E, 41SE					
					N24W, 66NE			36	N39E, 19SE	N36E, 40SE					
					N76E, 78NW										

*Station numbers correspond to stations on Plate II.
 Stations with a TP prefix are located on the Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 Stations with a BRP prefix are located on the Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 Stations with an F prefix are located on the Fanner 7.5-minute quadrangle.
 Stations TP-14, 20 to TP-1575 compiled from McKinney (1964).
 Stations F-75 to F-169 compiled from Little (1974).
 Fracture measurements followed by (f) denote fractures that are filled.
 Stations are listed in the order in which they were visited, along successive traverses.

Fabric Element									
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold		S, S, Intersection Lineation	*Star
		S,	S,,			Hinge	Axial Surface		
IP 37	N55E, 33SE	N29E, 88SE			N21W, 70NE				IP 78
38	N34E, 49SE	N43E, 52SE							79
39		N42E, 26SE			N70W, 86NE				80
40		N47E, 83SE							81
41	N43E, 36NW	N35E, 66SE							82
42	N34E, 44SE	N34E, 60SE			N75E, 65SE				83
43		N25E, 52SE							84
44	N50E, 27SE	N26E, 63SE			N59E, 75NW				85
45		N29E, 51SE							86
46	N20E, 07SE	N20E, 70SE							87
47	N41E, 27SE	N40E, 46SE							88
48	N33E, 60SE				N61E, 86SE				89
49		N1 6E, 54SE							90
50	N70E, 54SE								91
51	N49E, 29SE								92
52	N25E, 52SE								93
53	N55E, 75SE	N40E, 82SE			N86W, 68NE				94
54	N50E, 75SE	N43E, 85SE							95
55	N53E, 42SE								96
56	N56E, 38NW								97
57	N43E, 60NW	N38E, 58SE			N54W, 87SW				98
58	N40E, 11SE	N21E, 64SE							99
59	N46E, 20SE								100
60	N44E, 51SE				N68W, 82NE				101
61	N34E, 47SE				N31E, 52NW				102
62	N39E, 27SE				N22E, 28NW				103
63					N44E, 77SE0				104
64	N47E, 43SE								105
65	N34E, 29SE	N21E, 75SE							106
66	N41E, 45SE	N42E, 66SE							107
67	N35E, 29SE								108
68	N34E, 67SE								109
69		N34E, 83SE							110
70	N45E, 59SE	N45E, 75SE			N10W, 64SW				111
71		N35E, 76SE							112
72		N43E, 78SE							113
73	N35E, 30SE	N20E, 74SE							114
74		N40E, 74SE							115
75	N41E, 17SE	N33E, 75SE							116
76		N42E, 75SE							117
77		N30E, 55SE			N05W, 74SW				118
									119
									120

Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element			
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	SxSx Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	SxSx Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂						S ₁	S ₂			
TP 206	N49E, 41SE	N16E, 24SE					TP 249	N53E, 46SE					
207	N39E, 34SE						250	N30E, 42SE					
208	N51E, 35SE						251	N29E, 55SE					
209							252	N41E, 62SE					
210	N16E, 25SE						253	N54E, 50SE					
211	N38E, 26SE						254	N40E, 26SE					
212	N35E, 72SE						255	N34W, 07NE					
213							256	N55E, 47SE					
214	N40E, 35SE						257	N40W, 90					
215	N54E, 32SE						258	N67E, 40SE					
216	N49E, 90						259	N55E, 85SE					
217	N40E, 63NW						260	N44E, 85SE					
218							261	N73E, 50SE					
219							262						
220	N38E, 28SE						263	N49E, 57SE					
221	N34E, 42SE						264	N65E, 55SE					
222							265	N40E, 38SE					
223	N50E, 30SE						266	N45E, 66SE					
224							267	N55E, 84NW					
225	N51E, 45SE						268	N53E, 66SE					
226	N19E, 56SE						269	N35E, 85SE					
227	N51E, 52SE						270	N35E, 85SE					
228	N30E, 48SE						271	HORIZONTAL					
229	N31E, 48SE						272	N17E, 55NW					
230	N38E, 40SE						273	N03W, 40SW					
231							274	N55E, 83NW					
232	N49E, 52SE						275	N47E, 51SE					
233							276	N61E, 67SE					
234	N29E, 90						277	N36E, 78SE					
235	N35E, 38NW						278	N32E, 31NW					
236							279	N24E, 05NW					
237							280	N59E, 69SE					
238	N31E, 10NW						281	N41E, 69SE					
239	N26E, 82SE						282	N90E, 28S					
240	N21E, 76SE						283	N30E, 30NW					
241	N45E, 80SE						284	N34W, 66SW					
242	N32E, 63SE						285	N46W, 38NE					
243	N51E, 42SE						286	N49E, 29NW					
244	N68E, 35SE						287	N45E, 24NW					
245	N50E, 28SE						288	N46E, 12SE					
246	N59E, 35SE						289	N40E, 19SE					
247	N54E, 34SE						290	N42E, 45SE					
248	N57E, 27SE						291	N46E, 19SE					
							292	N58E, 39SE					

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*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Cleavage		Fracture	Cleavage		Folde	Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂		S ₁	S ₂		S ₁	S ₂		
381	N49E, 28SE										
382	N46E, 58SE										
383	N47E, 59SE										
384	N40E, 16SE										
385											
386											
387	N58E, 48SE										
388	N45E, 45SE										
389	N35E, 20NW										
390	HORIZONTAL										
391	N57E, 50SE										
392	N36E, 52SE										
393	N45E, 41SE										
394	N37E, 61SE										
395											
396	N44E, 55SE										
397	N49E, 39SE										
398	N41E, 80SE										
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401	N49E, 21SE										
402	N37E, 25SE										
403	N55E, 25SE										
404	N44E, 51SE										
405	N51E, 11SE										
406	N53E, 18SE										
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408	N35E, 70SE										
409	N45E, 37SE										
410	N42E, 67SE										
411	N45E, 46SE										
412	N31E, 27SE										
413	N51E, 69SE										
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418	N44E, 24SE										
419	N49E, 40SE										
420	N55E, 44SE										
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423	N45E, 41SE										
424	N48E, 39SE										

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		S ₁	S ₂	S ₃		Hingje	Axial Surface	S ₁				S ₂	S ₃	Hingje		Axial Surface				
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470	N35E, 40SE																			
471	N23E, 31SE																			
472	N30E, 42SE																			
473	N31E, 39SE																			
474		N07W, 13NE																		
475		N49E, 47SE																		
476		N24E, 50SE																		
477	N35E, 44NW	N29E, 55SE																		
478	N35E, 08NW	N35E, 39SE																		
479	N35E, 77SE																			
480	N34E, 33SE																			
481	N50E, 24SE																			
482	N53E, 29SE																			
483		N30E, 76SE																		
484	N17E, 41SE																			
485	N36E, 40SE																			
486	N42E, 31SE																			
487	N37E, 42SE																			
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492		N33E, 46SE																		
493	N46E, 50SE																			
494	N45E, 56SE																			
495		N46E, 46SE																		
496		N51E, 34SE																		
497	N54E, 25NW	N65E, 61SE																		
498		N54E, 76SE																		
499	N46E, 42SE																			
500	N51E, 44SE																			
501		N49E, 52SE																		
502	N49E, 39SE																			
503		N56E, 66SE																		
504	N49E, 35SE																			
505		N56E, 63SE																		
506	N45E, 68SE																			
507		N37E, 68SE																		
508		N37E, 71SE																		
509		N22E, 82SE																		
510	N31E, 68SE																			
511	N43E, 68SE																			

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*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Folij	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Folij	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
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BRF 72	N49E, 52SE						BRF 114	N33E, 47SE	N07E, 46SE				
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74	N49E, 54SE						116	N50E, 55SE					
75	N30E, 55SE	N39E, 42SE					117	N41E, 51SE					
76	N47E, 50SE						118	N36E, 71SE					
77	N53E, 48SE						119	N49E, 73SE					
78	N45E, 49SE						120	N57E, 56SE					
79		N47E, 52SE					121	N45E, 55SE					
80	N44E, 54SE						122	N56E, 57SE					
81	N49E, 60SE						123	N57E, 52SE					
82	N24E, 24SE						133	N23E, 19SE					
83	N29E, 56SE						134	N25E, 11SE					
84	N49E, 64SE						135	N37E, 70NW					
85	N51E, 85SE						136	N49E, 69SE					
86	N57E, 75SE	N57E, 51SE					137	N54E, 56NW	N55E, 61NW 55, 5				
87	N48E, 51NW						138						
88	N51E, 55NW	N48E, 27SE					139	N06E, 32NW					
89	N44E, 85NW	N51E, 29SE					140	N70W, 06NE					
90	N36E, 52NW	N43E, 30SE					141	N05E, 15SE					
91		N42E, 29SE					142	N44E, 26SE					
92	N42E, 59NW	N42E, 13SE					143	N0E, 15E					
93	N39E, 71NW	N39E, 34SE					144	N24W, 10NE					
94	N37E, 63NW	N37E, 26SE					145	HORIZONTAL					
95		N39E, 27SE					146	N39E, 43NW					
96	N55E, 18NW	N55E, 30SE					147	N50E, 15NW					
97		N51E, 49SE					148	N33E, 71NW					
98		N35E, 27SE					149	N35E, 08SE					
99	N44E, 42NW	N44E, 29SE					150	N20E, 24SE					
100		N36E, 20SE					151	N35E, 11NW					
101	N35E, 37NW	N35E, 30SE					152						
102		N44E, 36SE					153	N35E, 22NW					
103		N39E, 46SE					154	N37E, 22NW					
104		N52E, 36SE					155	N36E, 33NW					
105	N41E, 90	N41E, 25SE					156	N37E, 32SE					
106	N45E, 61SE	N45E, 42SE					157	HORIZONTAL					
107	N40E, 87SE	N40E, 36SE					158	N36E, 39NW					
108		N23E, 90					159	N27E, 21SE					
109	N47E, 62NW	N30E, 44SE					160	N40E, 21NW					
110	N44E, 62SE	N44E, 24SE					161	N32E, 06SE					
IP 576	N31E, 79SE						162	N34E, 50NW					
577	N79E, 34SE						163	N27E, 82SE					
BRF 111	N43E, 47NW	N27E, 31SE					164	N11E, 90					
112	N17E, 14SE												
113	N48E, 57SE												

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*Staf	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	Intersection Lineation	S _X S _Y
		S ₁	S ₂				
BRF165	N21E, 30NW	S ₁	S ₂		Hinge	Axial Surface	S _X S _Y
166	N37E, 33SE	N37E, 33SE	N37E, 90				
167	N32E, 30SE	N32E, 30SE	N32E, 30SE				
168	N19E, 19NW	N20E, 29SE	N20E, 29SE				
169					200, 18	N31E, 11SE	
170		N32E, 24SE	N32E, 24SE				
171		N31E, 41SE	N31E, 41SE				
172	N57E, 43NW	N45E, 19SE	N45E, 19SE				
173		N46E, 20SE	N46E, 20SE				
174		N32E, 36SE	N32E, 36SE				
175		N30E, 31SE	N30E, 31SE				
176	N49E, 78NW	N1SE, 43SE	N1SE, 43SE				
177	N38E, 64NW	N44E, 38SE	N44E, 38SE				
178	N49E, 54NW	N29E, 43SE	N29E, 43SE				
179	N44E, 34NW	N44E, 38SE	N44E, 38SE				
180	N42E, 82SE	N42E, 40SE	N42E, 40SE				
181	N70E, 39NW	N70E, 19SE	N70E, 19SE				
182	N55E, 25NW	N45E, 35SE	N45E, 35SE				
196		N40E, 34SE	N40E, 34SE				
197	N55E, 60NW	N19E, 40SE	N19E, 40SE				
198	N47E, 86NW	N35E, 40SE	N35E, 40SE				
199	N45E, 40NW	N44E, 30SE	N44E, 30SE				
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205	N46E, 65SE	N46E, 22SE	N46E, 22SE				
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207		N41E, 21SE	N41E, 21SE				
208	N65E, 80SE	N25E, 47SE	N25E, 47SE				
209	N47E, 69SE	N30E, 42SE	N30E, 42SE				
210	N34E, 72SE	N32E, 32SE	N32E, 32SE				
211	N32E, 64SE	N32E, 26SE	N32E, 26SE				
212	N51E, 74SE	N51E, 26SE	N51E, 26SE				
213	N47E, 51SE	N47E, 34SE	N47E, 34SE				
214	N55E, 90	N45E, 37SE	N45E, 37SE				
215	N44E, 88NW	N45E, 39SE	N45E, 39SE				
216	N47E, 31NW	N41E, 35SE	N41E, 35SE				
217	N49E, 86NW	N49E, 34SE	N49E, 34SE				
218	N41E, 82NW	N33E, 42SE	N33E, 42SE				
219	N49E, 54SE	N49E, 21SE	N49E, 21SE				
220	N54E, 44NW	N54E, 36SE	N54E, 36SE				
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		S ₁	S ₂							S ₁	S ₂				
BRF 283	N50E, 60SE							BRF 336	N45E, 53NW						
284	N42E, 78SE	N42E, 36SE						337	N45E, 70SE						
285	N36E, 55SE	N14E, 34SE						338	N43E, 77NW						
286	N37E, 68SE							339	N49E, 54SE						
287	N32E, 60SE							340	N55E, 52SE						
288	N33E, 80NW							341	N48E, 82NW						
300	N40E, 67SE	N40E, 41SE					40, 5	342	N60E, 41SE						
301	N39E, 68SE	N39E, 12SE					39, 10	343	N30E, 40SE						
302	N50E, 80SE	N30E, 39SE						344	N30E, 30SE						
303	N38E, 86NW	N38E, 20SE						345	N52E, 31NW						
304	N45E, 40NW	N15E, 39SE						346	N62E, 22NW						
305	N39E, 86NW	N53E, 29SE						347	N49E, 86NW						
306	N41E, 79NW	N34E, 46SE						348	N56E, 71NW						
307	N35E, 54SE	N35E, 26SE						349	N46E, 49NW						
308	N49E, 65SE	N44E, 14SE						350	N67E, 22NW						
309	N45E, 52SE	N40E, 34SE						351	N37E, 41NW						
310	N48E, 51SE	N48E, 20SE						352	N20E, 36NW						
311	N40E, 38SE	N40E, 10SE						353	N36E, 40NW						
312	N49E, 76SE	N56E, 28SE					52, 12	354	N46E, 17NW			43, 3	N16E, 35SE		
313	N47E, 88NW	N47E, 38SE						355	HORIZONTAL						
314	N50E, 79NW	N50E, 22SE						356	N35E, 28SE						
315	N46E, 60NW	N46E, 42SE						357	N52E, 21SE						
316	N46E, 56NW	N46E, 32SE						358	N54E, 34NW						
317	N48E, 62NW	N42E, 34SE						359	N66E, 44NW						
318	N36E, 60NW	N36E, 32SE						360	N55E, 11SE						
319	N41E, 85NW	N41E, 28SE						361	N72E, 13SE						
320	N60E, 65NW	N47E, 38SE						362	N69E, 79SE						
321	N65E, 54SE	N53E, 21NW						363	N29E, 83NW						
322		N43E, 44SE						364	N55E, 67NW						
323	N35E, 18SE	N59E, 61SE						365	N49E, 82NW						
324	N32E, 04NW	N33E, 51SE						366	N26W, 16SW						
325	N38E, 09SE	N41E, 44SE						367	N60E, 56NW						
326		N43E, 49SE						368	N45E, 24NW						
327		N45E, 49SE						369	N37E, 63SE						
328	N50E, 53NW	N52E, 39SE						370							
329	N50E, 64NW	N40E, 39SE						371	N51E, 29NW						
330	N49E, 78SE	N48E, 35SE						372	N11E, 11NW						
331	N45E, 62SE	N46E, 25SE						373	N03E, 42NW						
332	N52E, 74SE	N52E, 36SE						374	N11E, 26NW						
333	N50E, 62SE	N39E, 25SE						375	N40E, 73SE						
334	N34E, 51SE	N42E, 28SE						376	N41E, 20NW						
335	N41E, 77SE	N43E, 35NW						377	N49E, 15SE						
								378	N55E, 38NW						

Fabric Element									
*Star	Bedding	Clearance		Fracture	Height	Fold		SxS ₁ Intersection Lineation	SxS ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂			S ₁ Axial Surface	S ₂ Axial Surface		
BRF 379	N49E, 68SE	N47L, 41SE							
380	N57E, 56SE	N42L, 34SE			42, 5	N40E, 44SE			
381	N59E, 54SE	N63E, 12SE			56, 7	N48E, 46SE			
382	N53E, 55SE	N29E, 37SE							
383	N49E, 55SE	N43E, 22SE							
384	N39E, 58SE	N51E, 21SE							
385	N50E, 57SE	N26E, 36SE							
386	N49E, 61SE	N26E, 37SE							
387	N54E, 67SE	N53E, 24SE							
388	N55E, 57SE								
389	N62E, 53SE								
390	N52E, 63SE	N52L, 31SE							
391	N60E, 62SE								
392	N65E, 68SE	N46E, 42SE							
394	N72E, 69SE	N44C, 53SE							
395	N62E, 76SE	N62E, 58SE							
396	N57E, 60SE	N57L, 52SE							
397	N55E, 64SE	N55E, 51SE							
398	N60E, 64SE	N32E, 50SE							
399	N53E, 54SE	N48E, 42SE							
400	N52E, 61SE	N57L, 33SE							
401	N52E, 69SE	N40E, 53SE							
402	N45E, 69SE	N45L, 16SE							
403	N58L, 58N								
404	N61E, 62SE								
405	N56E, 68SE	N56E, 46SE							
406	N64E, 74NW	N44E, 42SE							
407	N62E, 57NW	N32E, 44SE							
408	N61E, 60SE	N37E, 46SE							
409	N47E, 76SE								
410	N65E, 74NW								
411	N61E, 82SE	N20L, 50SE							
412	N82E, 30NW	N56E, 41SE							
413	N75E, 68SE	N50E, 34SE							
414	N62E, 53SE	N20L, 40SE							
415	N62E, 54SE	N39E, 39SE							
416		N67E, 50SE							
417	N72E, 56SE								
418	N39E, 52SE	N48L, 61SE							
419	N42E, 60SE	N14E, 45SE			248, 9	N28L, 50SE			
420	N45E, 57SE	N39E, 30SE							
421	N38E, 82SE	N32L, 35SE							
422	N53E, 80SE	N32L, 31SE							

		Fabric Element					Fabric Element								
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Folig	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Folig	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂							S ₁	S ₂				
BRF 472	N49E, 30NW	N62E, 72SE							N40E, 28SE						
473	N55E, 38NW	N40E, 49SE						516	N22E, 35SE						
474		N41E, 69SE						517	N39E, 40NW						
475	N30E, 38NW	N27E, 42SE						518	N36E, 34NW						
476	N45E, 33NW	N25E, 38SE						519	N05E, 25SE						
477		N55E, 46SE						520	N52E, 47NW						
478								521	N39E, 39NW						
479	N62E, 42NW	N34E, 48SE						522	N36E, 49SE						
480	N44E, 90	N51E, 42SE					50, 11	523	N49E, 43NW						
481	N31E, 57SE							524	N22E, 25SE						
482	N43E, 51NW	N51E, 67SE						525	N49E, 52NW						
483	N50E, 62NW	N51E, 68SE						526	N24E, 46SE						
484	N38E, 09SE	N23E, 28SE						527	N41E, 85SE						
485	N47E, 16SE	N45E, 44SE						528	N34E, 90						
486	N36E, 04SE	N60E, 34SE						529							
487	N31E, 37SE							530	N43E, 55SE						
488	N28E, 25SE							531	N66E, 60NW						
489	N24E, 42SE	N42E, 57SE						532	N52E, 85SE						
490	N45E, 70NW	N43E, 32SE						533	N45E, 70SE						
491	N59E, 85NW	N74E, 16SE						534	N43E, 75SE						
492	N55E, 75SE	N65E, 27SE						536	N51E, 56SE						
493	N41E, 36NW	N37E, 37SE						537	N40E, 60SE						
494	N45E, 37NW	N45E, 51SE						538	N47E, 58SE						
495	N57E, 45NW	N59E, 52SE						539	N48E, 62SE						
496	N43E, 49NW	N24E, 40SE						540	N32E, 48SE						
497	N62E, 63NW	N24E, 43SE						541	N33E, 54SE						
498	N31E, 71NW	N22E, 27SE						542	N31E, 52SE						
499	N55E, 50SE	N25E, 22SE						543	N30E, 62SE						
500	N79E, 62NW	N20E, 35SE						544	N39E, 55SE						
501	N55E, 78SE	N33E, 15SE						545	N37E, 62SE						
502	N36E, 56SE	N30E, 29SE						546	N31E, 45SE						
503	N41E, 66SE	N51E, 47SE						547	N45E, 64SE						
504	N63E, 80NW	N63E, 52SE						548	N45E, 42NW						
505	N42E, 60SE	N53E, 42SE						549	N53E, 17NW						
506	N50E, 90	N56E, 48SE						550	HORIZONTAL						
507	N39E, 69SE	N32E, 42SE						551	N25E, 64NW						
508	N52E, 81NW	N49E, 56SE						552	N31E, 69NW						
509	N61E, 26SE	N41E, 50SE						553	N30E, 88SE						
510	N40E, 59SE	N21E, 27SE						554	N36E, 62SE						
511								555	N33E, 65SE						
512	N37E, 46NW	N37E, 55SE						556	N42E, 57SE						
513	N28E, 20SE	N40E, 44SE						557	N52E, 58SE						
514	N30E, 44SE							558	N49E, 59SE						
								559	N45E, 54SE						

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*Star#	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold		Sx,Sy Intersection Limitation	*Star#	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold		Sx,Sy Intersection Limitation				
		S ₁	S ₂		hinge	axial surface				S ₁	S ₂		hinge	axial surface					
BRF 560	N39E, 59SE	N39E, 39SE						BRF 604	N45E, 62NW	N45E, 40SE									
561	N44E, 57SE						605	N54E, 60NW	N44E, 40SE										
562	N46E, 24SE						606	N39E, 44NW	N39E, 41SE										
563	N44E, 20SE						607	N38L, 30SE											
564	N36E, 58NW						608	N40E, 35SE	N41E, 72SE										
565	N41E, 85SE	N41E, 70SE					609	N35E, 18SE	N22E, 52SE										
566	N48E, 64SE						610	N45E, 46NW	N43E, 41SE										
567	N38E, 60SE						611	N43E, 74SE											
568	N39E, 59SE						612	N34E, 78SE											
569	N37E, 76SE						613	N30E, 15SE	N20E, 66SE										
570	N40E, 59SE						614	N37E, 73SE											
571	N29E, 64SE						615	N45E, 13NW											
572	N27E, 59SE						616	N29E, 62NW	N29E, 38SE										
573	N31E, 69SE						617	N35E, 30NW	N35E, 36SE										
574	N31E, 68SE						618	N38E, 30SE	N38E, 49SE										
575	N31E, 57SE	N31E, 39SE					619	N38E, 37SE	N43E, 10SE										
576	N30E, 55SE						620		N41E, 52SE										
577	N35E, 57SE	N35E, 44SE					621	N57E, 34SE	N48E, 55SE										
578	N41E, 57SE	N41E, 30SE					622		N47E, 46SE										
579	N44E, 59SE						623	N46E, 16SE	N55E, 42SE										
580	N32E, 59SE	N32E, 38SE					624	N46E, 16SE	N55E, 42SE										
581	N31E, 63SE	N31E, 44SE					625	N30E, 44SE	N22E, 67SE										
582	N27E, 65SE	N27E, 27SE					626	N51E, 61NW	N16E, 46SE										
583	N29E, 87SE						627	N56E, 71NW	N30E, 33SE										
584	N43E, 53SE						628	N64E, 38NW	N29E, 33SE										
585	N23E, 67SE	N23E, 18SE					629	N75E, 52SE	N75E, 52SE										
586	N25E, 62SE	N25E, 30SE					630		N75E, 52SE										
587	N23E, 63SE	N23E, 43SE					631	N35E, 44NW	N67E, 32SE										
588	N51E, 56SE						632	N40E, 17NW	N39E, 12SE										
589	N40E, 52NW	N47E, 49SE					633	N51E, 85SE	N78E, 29SE										
591							634	N58E, 55NW	N63E, 27SE										
592	N41E, 71SE	N41E, 51SE					635		N30E, 29SE										
593	N40E, 49SE						636		N37E, 42SE										
594	N35E, 68SE	N35E, 24SE					637	N44E, 42NW	N37E, 42SE										
595	N36E, 70SE	N36E, 20SE					638	N34E, 62SE	N50E, 35SE										
596	N36E, 64SE						639	N67E, 86NW	N52E, 32SE										
597	N60E, 36NW	N44E, 44SE					640	N31E, 37NW	N55E, 38SE										
598	N77E, 68SE	N59E, 19SE					641	N45E, 59NW	N30E, 27SE										
599	N65E, 84SE	N65E, 38SE					642	N44E, 66NW	N47E, 44SE										
600	N53E, 75SE	N53E, 21SE					643	N33E, 28SE	N18E, 12SE										
601	N55E, 90	N65E, 57SE					644	N57E, 64NW	N48E, 65SE										
602		N19E, 44SE					645		N39E, 54SE										
603	N34E, 64SE	N34E, 30SE					646	N47E, 40NW	N24E, 57SE										
							647	N71W, 51NE	N52E, 88NW										
							648	N44E, 74SE	N17E, 54SE										

*Staz		Fabric Element				Fabric Element				S _{ax} , Intersection Lineation				
		Cleavage		Fracture		Cleavage		Fracture						
Bedding		S ₁	S ₂	S ₃ , Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Fold	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃ , Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Fold	S _{ax} , Intersection Lineation
BRF 649	N81W, 29NE	N22E, 37SE												
650	N79E, 76SE													
651	N61E, 54SE													
652	N51E, 45NW	N49E, 50SE												
653	N71E, 23SE													
654	N59E, 39NW	N29E, 42SE			N87E, 38SE									
655	N46E, 49NW	N24E, 39SE			N87E, 38SE									
656														
657	N39E, 59NW	N39E, 38SE				217, -1								
658														
659	N48E, 82NW	N46E, 53SE				207, 17								
660	N51E, 39NW	N48E, 59SE												
661	N52E, 36NW	N39E, 44SE												
662	N55E, 57NW	N45E, 39SE												
663		N35E, 46SE												
664	N39E, 57NW	N39E, 46SE												
665	N41E, 62NW	N41E, 34SE												
666	N57E, 64SE	N35E, 38SE												
667	N60E, 90	N57E, 41SE												
668	N43E, 51SE													
669	N39E, 69SE	N43E, 27SE												
670	N39E, 80NW	N42E, 56SE												
671	N43E, 82SE	N23E, 51SE												
672	N48E, 62SE													
673	N42E, 58SE													
674	N51E, 48SE													
675	N47E, 62SE													
676	N36E, 40SE	N36E, 40SE												
677	N32E, 40SE	N81W, 49SW												
678	N36E, 55SE	N32E, 29SE												
679	N33E, 45SE													
680	N43E, 43SE	N43E, 32SE												
681	N41E, 58SE													
682	N58E, 81SE	N48E, 49SE												
683	N47E, 69SE													
684	N49E, 37NW													
685	N37E, 42NW	N31E, 62SE												
694	N56E, 42NW	N35E, 59SE												
695	N59E, 64SE	N48E, 39SE												
696	N57E, 90	N41E, 38SE												
697	N65E, 77SE	N45E, 29SE												
698	N56E, 59SE	N41E, 19SE												
699	N54E, 90	N50E, 37SE												
700	N57E, 49NW	N36E, 51SE												

		Fabric Element				Fabric Element				Fabric Element							
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Fold	S,S,S _i Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Fold	S,S,S _i Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂								S ₁	S ₂					
BRF 729	N42E, 52NW	N49E, 53SE			N51W, 62NE(1)				BRF 769	N52E, 50SE				N15W, 84NE			
730	N58E, 47SE								770	N57E, 60SE							
731	N53E, 48SE								771	N55E, 56SE							
732	N43E, 69SE	N43E, 35SE							772	N30E, 54SE							
733	N44E, 69SE	N44E, 32SE							773	N57E, 56SE							
734	N51E, 54SE	N51E, 38SE							774	N61E, 60SE	N57E, 56SE						
735	N52E, 62SE	N52E, 27SE							775	N55E, 38SE	N61E, 60SE						
736	N53E, 67SE	N53E, 24SE							776	N67E, 72SE	N55E, 38SE						
737	N48E, 69SE	N48E, 55SE							777	N62E, 67SE	N67E, 72SE						
738	N40E, 68SE								778	N46E, 60SE	N62E, 67SE						
739	N63E, 56SE	N63E, 39SE							779	N46E, 60SE	N46E, 60SE						
740	N25E, 78SE	N25E, 46SE							TP 594	N32E, 18NW	N67E, 72SE						
741	N45E, 57SE								595	N47E, 36SE	N32E, 48SE						
742	N56E, 46SE								596	N35E, 24SE	N57E, 72SE						
743	N40E, 68SE								597	N31E, 32SE	N57E, 72SE						
744	N49E, 71SE	N49E, 46SE							598	N36E, 25SE	N33E, 47SE						
745	N63E, 30SE	N63E, 18SE							599	N28E, 20SE	N36E, 25SE						
746									600		N89E, 82NW						
747	N40E, 85NW	N22E, 51SE							601	N22E, 62NW							
748	N33E, 45SE								602	N39E, 44SE							
									603	N37E, 52SE							
									604	N42E, 70NW							
									605	N37E, 45SE							
749	N51E, 28SE	N44E, 42SE							606	N61E, 60SE							
750	N5E, 16SE	N41E, 61SE							607								
751	N33E, 83SE	N33E, 49SE							(48)	HORIZ(1)N1A1							
752		N51E, 50SE							609	N32E, 54SE							
753	N34E, 39SE								610	N46E, 41SE							
754	N39E, 40SE								611	N54E, 47SE							
755	N42E, 76SE	N42E, 49SE							612	N18E, 27SE							
756	N36E, 64SE	N36E, 38SE							613	N42E, 26NW							
757		N48E, 56SE							614	N32E, 69NW							
758	N45E, 59SE	N45E, 59SE							615	N31E, 85NW							
759	N39E, 59SE								616	N35E, 80SE							
									617	N27E, 68NW							
									618								
760	N36E, 62SE								619	N20E, 74NW							
761	N52E, 64SE								620	N48E, 56SE							
762	N56E, 75NW								621	N54E, 22SE							
763	N52E, 59SE	N52E, 18NE							622	N53E, 35SE							
764	N54E, 68SE								623	N55E, 27SE							
765	N51E, 54SE								624	N41E, 32SE							
766	N56E, 54SE								625								
767	N50E, 41SE	N50E, 22SE							626								
768	N59E, 48SE																

		Fabric Element						Fabric Element										
*Stat	Bedding	Cleavage			Fracture	Fold			*Stat	Bedding	Cleavage			Fracture	Fold			
		S ₁	S ₂	S ₃		Hinge	Axis Surface	S ₁			S ₂	S ₃	Hinge		Axis Surface	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃
TP 627	N57E, 46SE				N45E, 66SE(0)				627	N47E, 51SE								
628	N33E, 73SE								622	N43E, 11SE								
629	N40E, 42SE								623	N31E, 09NW	N43E, 5(0)S							
630	N48E, 22SE								674	N21E, 90	N31E, 47SE							
631	N33E, 45SE								675	N21E, 80NW	N31E, 5(0)S							
632	N43E, 45SE								676	N31E, 64NW								
633	N39E, 43SE								677		N39E, 6(0)SE							
634	N39E, 34SE								678									
635	N35E, 39SE								679	N41E, 48SE								
636	N32E, 17NW								680	N43E, 36SE								
637									681	N54E, 50SE								
638	N36L, 48NW								BRF 780	N47E, 5(0)SE								
639	N37E, 12NW								781		N39E, 12NE							
640	N23E, 25SE								782	N49E, 45SE								
641	HORIZONTAL								783	N42E, 52SE								
642	N47E, 34SE								784	N34E, 26NW								
643	HORIZONTAL								785	N65E, 46NW								
644	N59E, 19NW								786		N40E, 64SE							
645	N39E, 64SE								787		N49E, 55NE							
646	N66E, 69SE								788		N56E, 4(0)SE							
647	N39E, 29SE								789		N47E, 51SE							
648	N33E, 52NW								790	N37E, 54SE								
649	N41E, 49NW								791	N54E, 57SE								
650	N27E, 28NW								IP 682	N61E, 11NW								
651	N30E, 43NW								683		N61E, 16SE							
652	N45E, 29SE								684	HORIZONTAL	N37E, 2(0)SE							
653	N69E, 29SE								685	HORIZONTAL	N47L, 33SE							
654	N53E, 51SE								686	N25E, 11SE	N25E, 5(0)SE							
655	N44E, 45SE								687	HORIZONTAL	N64E, 32SE							
656	N31E, 32SE								688	N58E, 05SE	N64E, 1(0)SE							
657	N5(0)E, 14SE								689	N58E, 24SE	N56E, 1(0)SE							
658									690		N27E, 2(0)SE							
659	N33E, 48SE								691		N51E, 12SE							
660	N23E, 43SE								692	N49E, 17SE	N45E, 36SE							
661	N34E, 47SE								693	N27E, 13SE	N50E, 7(0)SE							
662	N47E, 35SE								694		N27E, 46SE							
663	N39E, 38SE								695		N35E, 5(0)SE							
664	N16E, 55SE										N31E, 1(0)SE							
665	N71E, 59SE																	
666																		
667	N81E, 41SE																	
668	N58E, 59SE								BRF 792	N35E, 30SE								
669	N58E, 31SE								793	N45E, 48NW	N45E, 56SE							
670	N52E, 44SE								TP 698	N53E, 11NW	N45E, 27SE							
										N34E, 07NW	N34E, 1(0)SE							
										N41E, 70NW								
										N39E, 30NW	N39E, 41SE							
										N49E, 26NW	N49E, 4(0)SE							

Fabric Element				Fabric Element			
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold		S.x.S. Intersection Location
		S ₁	S ₂		Fringe	Axial Surface	
1P 701	N50E, 20SE						
702	N61E, 59SE	N61E, 59SE					
703	N41E, 31SE	N41E, 50SE					
704	N65E, 38SE		N41E, 65SE(f)				
705	N48E, 46SE						
706	N40E, 41SE	N40E, 56SE					
707	N41E, 45SE						
708	N30E, 30SE						
709	N50E, 58SE						
710	N54E, 31SE		N65E, 85SE				
711	N66E, 32SE						
712	N53E, 11SE		N71W, 87NE				
713	N32E, 17NW	N33E, 30SE					
714	N49E, 22NW						
715	N39E, 38SE						
716	N61E, 52SE						
717		N40E, 27SE					
BRF 714	N64E, 68SE	N34E, 22SE					
715	N44E, 72NW	N44E, 12SE					
716	N63E, 45NW	N51E, 41SE					
717	N68E, 41NW	N52E, 40SE					
718	N55E, 59NW	N35E, 52SE					
719	N64E, 50NW						
800	N58E, 63SE	N49E, 19SE					
801	N37E, 37NW	N26E, 55SE					
802	N49E, 49SE						
803	N41E, 29SE						
804	N36E, 56SE						
805	N37E, 64SE						
806	N55E, 11NW	N52E, 43SE					
807	N62E, 48NW	N48E, 50SE					
808							
809	N44E, 24NW	N44E, 45SE					
810	N51E, 68SE	N51E, 44SE					
811	N61E, 64SE	N61E, 64SE					
812	N53E, 46SE		N49W, 78NE				
813	N51E, 36SE						
814	N54E, 36SE						
815	N40E, 51SE						
816	N55E, 49SE						
817	N61E, 63SE						
818	N65E, 52SE						
819	N61E, 62SE						
820	N61E, 50SE						
BRF 821	N44E, 53SE						
822	N64E, 69SE						
823	N59E, 56SE	N57E, 11SE					
824	N47E, 79SE						
825	N41E, 73SE						
826	N53E, 66SE						
827	N59E, 74SE						
828	N27E, 46SE						
829	N38E, 58SE						
830	N44E, 58SE						
IP 718	N59E, 58NW						
719	N27E, 31SE						
720		N25E, 41SE					
721	N34E, 29NW	N34E, 67SE					
722							
723	N61E, 12NW						
724	N40E, 27SE						
725	HORIZONTAL	N15E, 80SE					
726	N17E, 57NW	N36E, 50SE					
727	N40E, 69NW	N25E, 17SE					
728	N54E, 31NW	N31E, 19SE					
729	HORIZONTAL	N44E, 21SE					
730	N30E, 11NW	N30E, 21SE					
731	N44E, 31NW	N30E, 41SE					
732	N68E, 34NW	N49E, 14SE					
733	N49E, 64SE	N57E, 41SE					
734	N57E, 88SE	N52E, 25SE					
735	N52E, 39NW	N44E, 46SE					
736	N53E, 47NW	N54E, 26SE					
737	N69E, 53NW	N50E, 19SE					
738	N50E, 39NW	N45E, 15SE					
739	N60E, 51NW	N41E, 37SE					
740	N41E, 68NW	N37E, 48SE					
741	N57E, 12NW	N49E, 55SE					
742	N51E, 11NW	N29E, 63SE					
743	N25E, 43SE	N39E, 52SE					
744	N61E, 42NW	N40E, 71SE					
745		N33E, 72SE					
746	N47E, 38SE	N42E, 68SE					
747	N63E, 45SE						
748	N33E, 29NW						
749	N47E, 45SE						
750	N41E, 44SE						
751		N11E, 19NE					

		Fabric Element						Fabric Element							
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂		Hinge	Axial Surface				S ₁	S ₂		Hinge	Axial Surface	
IP 752	N12W, 32NE	N12W, 32NE						FP 794	N74W, 48NE						
753	N45E, 22NW	N29E, 48SE						795	N49E, 62SE						
754	N33E, 22NW	N33E, 17SE						796	N65E, 44SE						
755	N39E, 21NW	N24E, 44SE						797	N44E, 46SE						
756	N69E, 58NW	N24E, 29SE						798	N45E, 53SE						
757	N51E, 90							799	N49E, 82NW						
758	N49E, 58NW	N49E, 38SE						800	N21E, 57NW						
759	N43E, 59NW							801	N27E, 44SE						
760	N29E, 17NW	N29E, 50SE						802	N60E, 44SE						
761	N59E, 69NW							803	N40E, 50SE						
762		N19E, 48SE						804	N58E, 35SE						
763		N55E, 62SE						805	N75W, 35SW						
764		N59E, 53SE						806	N65E, 32SE						
765		N31E, 34SE						807	N88E, 71SE						
766		N59E, 56SE						808	N83E, 34SE						
767	N44E, 58SE							809	N60E, 30SE						
768	N51E, 59SE	N51E, 63SE						810	N31E, 72NW						
769	N57E, 61SE							811	N28E, 7NW						
770	N41E, 36SE							812	N41E, 41SE						
771	N46E, 31SE							813							
772	N59E, 59SE							814	N38E, 05SE						
773	N64E, 39SE							815	N32E, 19NW						
774		N37E, 54SE						816							
775	N23E, 46SE							817							
776	N38E, 41SE	N22E, 74SE						818							
777	N58E, 45SE							819	N48E, 31NW						
778								820							
779	N53E, 49SE							821	N47E, 49SE						
780	N39E, 45SE							822	N47E, 72SE						
781								823	N47E, 49SE						
782	N51E, 43SE							824	N47E, 72SE						
783								825	N47E, 72SE						
784	N41E, 42NW							826	N47E, 72SE						
785	N48E, 70NW							827	N47E, 72SE						
786	N53E, 58NW							828	N47E, 72SE						
787	N34E, 47NW							829	N47E, 72SE						
788	N28E, 50NW							830	N47E, 72SE						
789	N53E, 33SE							831	N47E, 72SE						
790	N34E, 45SE							832	N47E, 72SE						
792	N60E, 30SE							833	N47E, 72SE						
793	N63E, 33SE							834	N47E, 72SE						
								835	N47E, 72SE						
								836	N47E, 72SE						
								837	N47E, 72SE						

Fabric Element		Cleanage		Fracture		Fold		Intersection Lineation		Fabric Element		Cleanage		Fracture		Fold		Intersection Lineation					
*Star	Bedding	S _v	S _v	S _v	Fracture	Fold	Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	S _v	S _v	S _v	Fracture	Fold	Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	S _v	S _v	Fracture	Fold	Intersection Lineation	
IP 838	N74E, 395E	N76E, 54E						IP 881	N64E, 435E								IP 881	N64E, 435E					
839	N64E, 485E							882	N62E, 31NW								882	N62E, 31NW					
840	N53E, 355E	N63E, 825E						883	N47E, 17NW								883	N47E, 17NW					
841	N57E, 475E	N57E, 475E						884		N47E, 84E							884		N47E, 84E				
842	N53E, 385E	N53E, 645E						885	N52E, 375E								885	N52E, 375E					
843	N49E, 515E	N49E, 685E						886	N41E, 615E								886	N41E, 615E					
844	N48E, 415E	N45E, 725E						887	N49E, 415E								887	N49E, 415E					
845	N37E, 70NW	N46E, 465E						888	HORIZONTAL								888	HORIZONTAL					
846	N85E, 38NW	N52E, 485E						889	N37E, 405E								889	N37E, 405E					
847	N74E, 315E							890									890						
848		N65E, 415E						891	N45E, 575E								891	N45E, 575E					
849	N55E, 725E	N55E, 725E						892	N32E, 57NW								892	N32E, 57NW					
850	N35E, 84NW	N35E, 485E						893	N59E, 375E								893	N59E, 375E					
851	N39E, 375E							894	N46E, 635E								894	N46E, 635E					
852	N36E, 315E	N36E, 795E						F 18	N41E, 235E								F 18	N41E, 235E					
853	N05E, 45NW							19	N49E, 825E								19	N49E, 825E					
854	N35E, 29NW							20	N39E, 685E								20	N39E, 685E					
855	N37E, 695E							21	N39E, 655E								21	N39E, 655E					
F 12								22	N22E, 325E								22	N22E, 325E					
17	N43E, 44NW	N53E, 435E						23	N51E, 82NW								23	N51E, 82NW					
TP 856	N37E, 265E							24	N63E, 885E								24	N63E, 885E					
857	N36E, 245E							25	N50E, 845E								25	N50E, 845E					
858	N40E, 195E	N40E, 405E						26	N31E, 28NW								26	N31E, 28NW					
859	N32E, 185E	N26E, 595E						27	N39E, 515E								27	N39E, 515E					
860	N39E, 115E							28	N54E, 645E								28	N54E, 645E					
861	N39E, 145E							29	N41E, 635E								29	N41E, 635E					
862	N33E, 485E							30	N49E, 23NW								30	N49E, 23NW					
863	N52E, 725E							31	N36E, 595E								31	N36E, 595E					
864	N39E, 545E							32	N38E, 645E								32	N38E, 645E					
865	N37E, 585E	N37E, 585E						33	N52E, 535E								33	N52E, 535E					
866	N43E, 475E							34	N63E, 665E								34	N63E, 665E					
867	N53E, 40NW	N45E, 485E						35	N59E, 665E								35	N59E, 665E					
868	N43E, 20NW	N20E, 245E						36	N46E, 685E								36	N46E, 685E					
869								37	N61E, 605E								37	N61E, 605E					
870	N55E, 225E							38	N58E, 745E								38	N58E, 745E					
871	N51E, 375E							39	N33E, 645E								39	N33E, 645E					
872	N49E, 375E							40	N47E, 645E								40	N47E, 645E					
873	N39E, 645E							41	N42E, 535E								41	N42E, 535E					
874	N46E, 295E							42	N41E, 51NW								42	N41E, 51NW					
875	N33E, 725E	N46E, 515E						43	N35E, 44NW								43	N35E, 44NW					
876	N43E, 565E	N43E, 815E						44	N43E, 55NW								44	N43E, 55NW					
877		N33E, 825E						45	N36E, 90								45	N36E, 90					
879	N64E, 51NW	N67E, 255E						46	N44E, 90								46	N44E, 90					
880	N51E, 57NW	N47E, 275E						47	N51E, 47NW								47	N51E, 47NW					

		Fabric Element					Fabric Element												
*Stat#	Bedding	Cleavage			S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Folli	S, S, S, Intersection Lineation	*Stat#	Bedding	Cleavage			S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Folli	S, S, S, Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂	S ₃								S ₁	S ₂	S ₃					
F 48	N45E, 17NW	N42E, 67SE							TP	922	N46E, 31SE								
49	N49E, 31NW	N49E, 53SE							923	N31E, 29SE									
50		N40E, 54SE							924	N53E, 43SE									
51	N45E, 62NW								925	N43E, 48SE									
52	N45E, 36NW								926	N29E, 18SE	N35E, 72SE								
53	N39E, 48NW								927	N26E, 61SE	N33E, 11SE								
54									928	N28E, 24SE									
55	N35E, 12SE								929	N52E, 32SE									
56	N41E, 24NW								930	N29E, 56SE									
57	N34E, 17SE								931	N56E, 63SE									
58	N43E, 17NW	N36E, 28SE							932	N55E, 21SE	N47E, 49SE				56, 30	N56E, 58SE			
59	N57E, 15NW								933										
TP 895	N35E, 23NW								934	N47E, 47SE									
896	N33E, 17NW	N31E, 41SE							935	N63E, 63SE									
897	N19E, 16NW	N19E, 31SE							936	N67E, 46SE									
F 60	N37E, 15SE	N37E, 63SE							937	N61E, 37NW									
61	N37E, 32SE	N30E, 74SE							938	N61E, 49SE									
62	N42E, 23SE								939	N31W, 90									
63	N41E, 19SE								940	N34E, 45SE									
64	N29E, 51SE								941	N34E, 49SE									
TP 898	N50E, 46SE								942	N57E, 24SE									
899	N37E, 23SE								943	N27E, 26SE									
900	N72E, 90								944		N55E, 47SE								
901	N56E, 31SE								945	N43E, 38SE									
902	N45E, 56SE								946	N54E, 26SE									
903	N14E, 56SE								947	N39E, 43SE	N58E, 65NW			N04E, 79NW N20E, 71NW					
904	N49E, 51SE								948	N31E, 52SE									
905	N44E, 90								949	N49E, 71SE									
906	N29E, 59NW								950	HORIZONTAL									
907									951										
908	N40W, 52SW								952	N65E, 52NW									
909	N45E, 55NW								953	N31E, 61SE	N31E, 36SE								
910	N34E, 56SE								954	N45W, 90									
911	N56E, 66SE								955	N37E, 72SE									
912	N49E, 56SE								BRF 831	N54E, 30SE	N30E, 44SE								
913	N61E, 35SE								832	N57E, 31SE	N57E, 54SE								
914	N44E, 46SE								833										
915	N49E, 55SE								834	N49E, 33SE	N55E, 65SE								
916	N49E, 29SE								835	N57E, 24SE	N57E, 57SE								
917	N23E, 35SE								836	N49E, 35SE									
918	N56E, 47SE								837	N59E, 46SE									
919	N44E, 63NW								838	N59E, 79NW									
920	N0E, 53W								839	N50E, 25SE	N46E, 61SE								
*21	N53E, 52SE																		

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*Staf	Bedding	Cleavage			Fracture	Folli	S, S, Intersection Lineation	*Staf	Bedding	Cleavage			Fracture	Folli	S, S, Intersection Lineation				
		S,	S,	S,						S,	S,	S,				S,			
BRF 840							TP 970	N35E, 16NW	N35E, 53SE										
841	N41E, 41SE	N41E, 64SE					971	N28E, 21SE	N36E, 41SE										
844	N42E, 42SE	N71E, 66NW					972	N62E, 18SE	N17E, 69SE										
845	N43E, 44SE	N76E, 53NW					973	N36E, 82NW	N32E, 15SE										
846	N44E, 56SE						974	N48E, 60NW	N26E, 41SE										
847	N40E, 63NW						975	N37E, 62NW											
848	N53E, 61NW						976	N6E, 74NW	N55E, 55SE										
849	N47E, 48SE						977	N31E, 71SE	N38E, 39SE										
850	HORIZONTAL	N49E, 61SE					978	N21E, 22NW	N39E, 32SE										
851	N57E, 68SE	N57E, 68SE					980	N29E, 26NW	N29E, 31SE										
852	N46E, 41SE						981	N0E, 09W	N28E, 21SE										
TP 956	N44E, 73SE						982	N21E, 06NW	N13E, 21SE										
957							983	N27E, 03NW	N27E, 17SE										
958	N39E, 51NW	N35E, 30SE					984	N18E, 39NW	N27E, 22SE										
959	N41E, 84NW						985	N29E, 28NW	N21E, 26SE										
960	N11W, 31SW						986	HORIZONTAL	N49E, 51SE										
961	N22E, 43SE						987	N30E, 59NW	N34E, 40SE										
962	N36E, 43SE						988	N20E, 52NW	N30E, 11SE										
963	N54E, 58SE						989	N18E, 10NW	N35E, 45SE										
964	N38E, 30SE						990	N02E, 82NW	N26E, 35SE										
965	N35E, 31SE						991	N48E, 55NW	N48E, 21SE										
966	N42E, 42NW	N39E, 79SE					992		N35E, 52SE										
967	N36E, 40NW	N32E, 42SE					993		N48E, 42SE										
968	N43E, 56SE						994	N28E, 11SE	N34E, 21SE										
969	N61E, 30NW	N55E, 63SE					995	N40E, 14SE	N48E, 41SE										
BRF 853	N34E, 65NW						996	N24E, 24SE											
854	N46E, 90	N56E, 40SE					997	N21E, 28SE											
855	N49E, 64SE						998	N48E, 17SE											
856		N53E, 60SE					999	N44E, 24SE	N44E, 61SE										
857	N57E, 69SE						1000		N31E, 11SE										
858	N54E, 66SE						1001		N21E, 24SE										
859	N15E, 61SE						1002	N64E, 55NW	N66E, 12SE										
860		N24E, 42SE					1003	N78E, 66NW	N32E, 25SE										
861	N44E, 77SE						1004	N52E, 18SE	N56E, 46SE										
862	N37E, 66SE	N58E, 47NW					1005	N58E, 90											
863	N48E, 64SE	N49E, 59SE					1006	N26E, 59NW	N23E, 56SE										
864		N49E, 61SE					1007	N57E, 60SE											
865		N59E, 61SE					1008		N51E, 50SE										
866	N45E, 63SE						1009	N59E, 45SE											
867	N38E, 57SE						1010	N49E, 72SE											
868	N53E, 58SE						1011	N48E, 43NW											
869	N43E, 51SE						1012	N79E, 61SE											
							1013		N44E, 17SE										

Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element				
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Folde	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Folde	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	
		S ₁	S ₂						S ₁	S ₂				Actual Surface
TP 1014	N44E, 40SE			N15W, 72NE			BRF 875	N59E, 85SE			N38E, 64SE(0)	4+1, 6	N44E, 58SE	
1015	N37E, 38SE			N57E, 90			876							
1016	N24E, 64SE						TP 1052	N54E, 47SE						
1017	N44E, 40SE						1053	N44E, 34SE						
1018	N67E, 50SE						1054	N28E, 65SE						
1019	N37E, 62SE						1055	N40E, 59SE						
1020	N36E, 68SE						1056							
1021	N71E, 35NW						1057	N63E, 64SE	N29E, 49SE					
1022	N75E, 51NW		N22E, 47SE				1058	N38E, 30NW	N27E, 24SE					
1023	N22E, 62NW						1059	N37E, 26NW	N32E, 51SE					
1024	N39E, 44SE						1060	N21E, 12NW	N34E, 41SE					
1025	N19E, 79SE						1061	N21E, 41SE	N21E, 52SE					
1026	N29E, 72NW						1062	N32E, 24SE	N21E, 41SE					
1027	N46E, 16SE		N46E, 31SE				1063	N44E, 21NW	N41E, 14SE					
1028	N50E, 03NW		N50E, 77SE				1064	N69E, 15NW	N24E, 41SE					
1029	HORIZONTAL						1065	N78E, 24NW	N47E, 48SE					
1030	N26E, 20SE			N36W, 79NE			1066	N72E, 24NW	N41E, 38SE					
1031	N21E, 13SE						1067	N42E, 58NW	N59E, 44SE					
1032			N32E, 52SE				1068	N58E, 36NW	N37E, 26SE					
1033	N28E, 38NW						1069		N54E, 40SE					
1034	N75E, 28SE						1070	N49E, 50NW	N45E, 16SE					
1035	N32E, 52SE			N69E, 83NW(0)			1071	N56E, 04NW	N47E, 34SE					
1036	N27E, 36SE			N21W, 71NE			1072	N41E, 08NW	N56E, 56SE					
1037	N29E, 56NW						1073	N57E, 19NW	N31E, 61SE					
1038	N35E, 48SE						1074	N41E, 62NW	N44E, 36SE					
1039	N55E, 60SE		N39E, 39SE				1075	N49E, 59NW	N41E, 49SE					
1040	N65E, 34SE						1076	N45E, 24SE	N39E, 49SE					
1041	N54E, 34SE						1077	N41E, 16SE	N35E, 38SE					
1042	N53E, 36SE						1078	N36E, 14SE	N36E, 49SE					
1043	N24E, 55NW						1079	N55E, 14SE	N38E, 48SE					
1044	N21E, 70NW						1080	N47E, 06NW	N40E, 41SE					
1045	N57E, 19SE						1081	N56E, 03NW	N32E, 44SE					
1046	N16E, 88SE		N35E, 45SE				1082	N59E, 26SE						
1047	N51E, 74NW						1083	N60E, 18NW	N43E, 14SE					
1048	N75W, 24SW						1084	N35E, 32NW	N42E, 45SE					
1049	N34E, 41NW						1085	N48E, 15SE						
1050	N38E, 40NW						1086	N24E, 21NW						
1051	N63E, 44SE						1087	N39E, 06SE						
BRF 870	N68E, 33SE						1088		N41E, 46SE					
871	N62E, 24SE			N48E, 14SE			1089	N53E, 20SE	N55E, 56SE					
872	N51E, 62NW						1090	N41E, 19SE						
873							1091	N36E, 90						
874	N47E, 50SE						1092	N11E, 61SE						

Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element			
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂						S ₁	S ₂			
TP 1181	N30E, 35SE	N56E, 70SE					TP 1225	N26E, 12SE	N26E, 42SE				
1182	N71E, 40SE						1226	N23E, 16SE	N56E, 48SE				
1183	N52E, 63SE	N52E, 46SE					1227	N61E, 18SE					
1184	N47E, 60SE						BRF 877	N49E, 42SE	N35E, 70SE				
1185	N51E, 59SE	N51E, 31SE					878	N65E, 42SE	N60E, 58SE				
1186	N46E, 62SE						879	N68E, 18NW	N44E, 50SE				
1187	N55E, 59SE	N48E, 31SE					880	N54E, 70SE	N54E, 42SE				
1188	N52E, 57SE						881	N51E, 69SE					
1189	N41E, 55SE						882	N54E, 30SE					
1190	N54E, 58SE	N54E, 58SE					883	N34E, 52SE					
1191	N48E, 59SE	N49E, 31SE					884	N54E, 69SE					
1192	N44E, 56SE						885	N40E, 60SE	N45E, 50SE				
1193	N47E, 42SE						886	N42E, 52SE					
1194	N57E, 42SE	N52E, 27SE					887	N44E, 42SE					
1195	N62E, 40SE						888	N56E, 90	N61E, 40SE				
1196	N41E, 69SE	N46E, 36SE					889	N56E, 45SE					
1197	N59E, 82SE	N49E, 48SE					890	N56E, 28SE					
1198	N45E, 20NW	N46E, 54SE					891	N58E, 72SE					
1199	N45E, 47SE						892	N54E, 56SE					
1200	N55E, 53SE						893	N54E, 56SE					
1201	N56E, 50SE						894	N43E, 89SE					
1202	N49E, 12SE						TP 1228	N35E, 28SE	N43E, 68SE				
1203	N40E, 12SE						1229	N43E, 48SE					
1204		N49E, 60SE					1230	N31E, 12SE					
1205	N41E, 35NW	N37E, 38SE					1231	N50E, 11SE					
1206	N47E, 34NW	N27E, 43SE					1232	N34E, 16NW	N44E, 48SE				
1207	N21E, 36NW	N37E, 18SE					1233	N46E, 11SE	N46E, 52SE				
1208	HORIZONTAL						1234	N30E, 28NW	N30E, 50SE				
1209	N21E, 14NW						1235	N29E, 36NW					
1210	HORIZONTAL						1236	HORIZONTAL	N31E, 42SE				
1211	HORIZONTAL						1237	N19E, 04NW	N47E, 45SE				
1212	N1E, 14E						1238	N55E, 04SE	N59E, 50SE				
1213		N47E, 22SE					1239	N59E, 39NW	N22E, 24SE				
1214	HORIZONTAL	N21E, 36SE					1240	N04W, 12NE					
1215	N21E, 26SE	N21E, 46SE					1241		N66E, 36SE				
1216	N44E, 59SE						1242		N66E, 32SE				
1217	N22E, 39NW	N32E, 14SE					1243	N39E, 08SE	N59E, 32SE				
1218	N20E, 03NW	N11E, 39SE					1244	HORIZONTAL					
1219	HORIZONTAL						1245	N42E, 04SE					
1220	N20E, 16NW	N29E, 35SE					1246	N39E, 14SE					
1221		N35E, 20SE					1247	N38E, 10SE	N35E, 40SE				
1222	N22E, 12NW	N27E, 25SE					1248	N32E, 11SE	N34E, 50SE				
1223	N27E, 16SE	N27E, 30SE					1249	N31E, 19SE					
1224	N33E, 03SE	N33E, 10SE					1250	HORIZONTAL	N61E, 29SE				

*Stat		Fabric Element			Fabric Element			Fabric Element			Fabric Element		
		Bedding	S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Axial Surface	S, S _v	Cleavage	S, S _v	S, Axial Surface	Fracture	Hinge	Axial Surface
TP	1251	HORIZONTAL											S, S _v Intersection Lineation
	1252	N35E, 29SE											
	1253	HORIZONTAL											
	1254	N42E, 88NW											
	1255	N42E, 28NW											
	1256	N37E, 19NW											
	1257	N48E, 56NW											
	1258	N56E, 80SE											
	1259	N29E, 38SE											
	1260	N46E, 33SE											
	1261	N26E, 44NW											
	1262	N37E, 18NW											
	1263	N30E, 14SE											
	1264	N40E, 10NW											
	1265	N75E, 12NW											
	1266	N41E, 31SE											
	1267	N32E, 29SE											
	1268												
	1269	N32E, 12SE											
	1270	HORIZONTAL											
	1271	N30E, 26SE											
	1272	N59E, 15SE											
	1273	N59E, 40SE											
	1274	N46E, 18SE											
	1275	N56E, 18SE											
	1276	N39E, 24SE											
	1277	N47E, 38SE											
	1278	N51E, 44SE											
	1279	N62E, 44SE											
	1280	N43E, 28SE											
	1281	N53E, 66SE											
	1282	N33E, 33SE											
	1283	N38E, 29SE											
	1284	N37E, 09SE											
	1285	N52E, 36SE											
	1286	N47E, 11NW											
	1287	N41E, 42SE											
	1288	N33E, 34NW											
	1289	N45E, 57NW											
	1290	N42E, 68NW											
	1291	N45E, 34NW											
	1292	N57E, 20NW											
	1293												
	1294	N48E, 49SE											

		Fabric Element				Fabric Element						
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	Intersection Lineation	SxSx	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	SxSx Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂					S ₁	S ₂			
TP 1336	N65E, 22NW	N47E, 68E										
1337	N45E, 50NW											
1338	N39E, 50E											
1339	N40E, 37SE	N39E, 66SE										
1340	N30E, 35SE											
1341	N56E, 80NW	N51E, 56SE										
1342	N45E, 21NW	N37E, 71SE										
1343		N41E, 58SE										
1344	N54E, 49SE	N49E, 76SE										
1345					228, 6							
1346												
BRF 898	N63E, 67SE	N27E, 31SE										
899	N48E, 46NW											
900	N36E, 25NW	N46E, 40SE										
901	N53E, 06NW											
902	N69E, 13NW	N50E, 37SE										
TP 1347	N39E, 14SE	N33E, 49SE										
1348	N19E, 13SE											
1349												
1350	N34E, 69NW											
1351	N31E, 12SE	N66E, 36SE										
1352		N21E, 45SE										
1353	N65E, 65SE	N53E, 40SE										
1354	N42E, 44NW	N68E, 61SE										
1355	N45E, 38SE											
1356	N39E, 41SE											
1357	N39E, 54SE	N31E, 71SE										
1358	N66E, 66SE	N39E, 76SE										
1359	N67E, 31NW											
1360	N58E, 90											
1361	N45E, 60SE											
1362	N78E, 59SE											
1363	N57E, 55SE											
1364	N67E, 28SE	N60E, 30SE										
1365	N85E, 59SE											
1366	N69E, 70SE	N85E, 59SE										
1367	N59E, 20SE											
1368	N51E, 20SE											
1369	N3E, 31SE	N42E, 82SE										
1370	N3E, 71SE											
1371	N61E, 20NW	N45E, 65SE										
1372	N2E, 52SE	N47E, 64SE										
1373		N39E, 82SE										
1374		N57E, 32SE										

Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element		Fabric Element							
*Staff	Bedding	Cleavage		S: Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Limitation	*Staff	Bedding	Cleavage		S: Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Limitation
		S ₁	S ₂			Hinge	Axial Surface				S ₁	S ₂			Hinge	Axial Surface	
BRF 917	N45E, 44NW								IP 1429	N37E, 56SE							
918	N44E, 38SE				N55W, 81SW				1430	N59E, 35SE							
919	N38E, 82SE				N55W, 81SW				1431	N10W, 42SE							
920	N39E, 62SE								1432	N22E, 155E							
F 65	N53E, 68SE								1433	N79E, 49SE							
66	N45E, 67SE								1434	N70E, 32SE							
67	N49E, 43NW								1435	N48E, 63SE							
68	N43E, 65SE								1436	N51E, 88SE							
69	N47E, 67NW								1437	N75E, 52NW							
70	N54E, 43SE								1438	N63E, 86SE							
71	N43E, 65NW								1439	N52E, 24SE							
72	N42E, 19NW		N31E, 50SE						1440	N45E, 19SE							
73	N60E, 52NW								1441	N52E, 37SE							
74	N42E, 75NW								1442	N85E, 40SE							
BRF 921	N52E, 67SE								1443	N68E, 54SE							
922	N48E, 64SE								1444	N52E, 37SE							
923	N59E, 79SE								1445	N62E, 57SE							
924	N45E, 60SE								1446	N39E, 27NW							
925	N45E, 42SE								1447	N70E, 38SE							
TP 1404									1448	N43E, 68NW							
1405	N36E, 36SE								1449	N48E, 63SE							
1406	N36E, 26SE								1450	N70E, 65SE							
1407	N53E, 48SE								1451	N76E, 78SE							
1408									1452	N17E, 38SE							
1409	N30E, 22SE								1453	N86E, 52NW							
1410	N19E, 19SE								1454	N80E, 32NW							
1411									1455	N73E, 57NW							
1412	N45E, 12SE								1456	N62E, 35SE							
1413									1457	N38E, 47SE							
1414	N43E, 34SE								1458	N88E, 80NW							
1415	N47E, 45SE								1459	N71E, 22SE							
1416	N67E, 51NW								1460	N73E, 50SE							
1417	N37E, 40SE								1461	N28E, 57SE							
1418	N16E, 38SE								1462	N09E, 60SE							
1419									1463	N55E, 80SE							
1420	N67E, 65SE								1464	N75E, 60SE							
1421	N83E, 15SE								1465	N27E, 52SE							
1422	N55E, 42SE								1466	N52E, 17SE							
1423	N20E, 76SE								1467	N69E, 81SE							
1424	N53E, 30NW								1468	N42E, 44SE							
1425	N38E, 60SE								1469	N34E, 24NW							
1426	N38E, 61SE								1470	N52E, 10SE							
1427	N23E, 34SE								1471	N63E, 65NW							
1428	N39E, 38SE								1472	N43E, 17SE							

		Fabric Element				Fabric Element											
*Strat	Bedding	Cleavage		S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Strat	Bedding	Cleavage		S ₁ Axial Surface	Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂			Hinge	Axial Surface				S ₁	S ₂			Hinge	Axial Surface	
TP 1473	N60E, 275E								TP 1519	N25E, 365E							
1474	N57E, 80NW								1520	N46W, 40SW							
1475	N67E, 29NW								1521	N71E, 59SE							
1476	N64E, 68NW								1522	N47E, 09SE							
1477	N47E, 25NW								1523	N49E, 87NW							
1478	N50E, 27NW								1524	N49E, 71SE							
1479	N36E, 24NW								1525	N59E, 52NW							
1480	N45E, 81NW								1526	N47E, 70SE							
1481	N47W, 83SW								1527	N52E, 36NW							
1482	N41E, 46SE								1528	N56E, 36SE							
1483	N50E, 52SE								1529	N36E, 33SE							
1484	N64E, 62SE								1530	N49E, 61NW							
1485	N62E, 36NW								1531	N39E, 53SE							
1486	N40E, 24NW								1532	N52E, 56NW							
1487	N55E, 67SE								1533	N42E, 28NW							
1488	N27E, 63SE								1534	N13E, 66SE							
1489	N42E, 33SE								1535	N39E, 49NW							
1490	N66E, 30SE								1536	N15E, 35SE							
1491	N65E, 30SE								1537	N40E, 80NW							
1492	N60E, 45SE								1538	N25E, 52SE							
1493	N22E, 80SE								1539	N39E, 60NW							
1494	N61E, 85SE								1540	N09E, 20NW							
1495	N18E, 47SE								1541	N10E, 18NW							
1496	N45E, 40SE								1542	N34E, 84SE							
1497	N80E, 64NW								1543	N57E, 68SE							
1498	N15E, 68SE								1544	N83E, 30NW							
1499	N31E, 65NW								1545	N07E, 68SE							
1500	N35E, 42NW								1546	N25E, 27SE							
1501	N81E, 25SE								1547	N59E, 11SE							
1502	N86E, 35NW								1548	N05W, 30NE							
1503	N39E, 21SE								1549	N04E, 64SE							
1504	N71E, 22SE								1550	N38W, 40NE							
1505	N32E, 43SE								1551	N58E, 32SE							
1506	N18W, 50NE								1552	N36E, 40SE							
1507	N06E, 65SE								1553	N53E, 82SE							
1508	N50E, 68SE								1554	N47E, 28SE							
1509	N54E, 52SE								1555	N40E, 34SE							
1510	N27E, 66NW								1556	N61E, 48SE							
1511	N27E, 28SE								1557	N64E, 40SE							
1514	N46E, 57SE								1558	N42E, 41SE							
1515	N46E, 33SE								1559	N08E, 45W							
1516	N45E, 21SE								1560	N43E, 22NW							
1517	N45E, 36SE								1561	N43E, 30NW							
1518	N53E, 27NW								1562	N51E, 27NW							

		Fabric Element					Fabric Element						
*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Location	*Star	Bedding	Cleavage		Fracture	Fold	S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Location
		S ₁	S ₂						S ₁	S ₂			
TP 1563	N40E, 50SE						F 106	N59E, 46NW					
1564	N30E, 44NW						107	N45E, 88SE					
1565	N45E, 34NW						108	N50E, 46NW					
1566	N47E, 57NW						109	N43E, 43NW					
1567	N33E, 52SE						110	N37E, 59SE					
1568	N51E, 56SE						111	N51E, 20SE					
1569	N32E, 42NW						112	HORIZONTAL					
1570	N57E, 72NW						113	N45E, 45NW					
1571	N53E, 60SE						114	N22E, 35NW					
1572	N75E, 81NW						115	N59E, 52NW					
1573	N67E, 65SE						116	N45E, 28SE					
1574	N37E, 45NW						117	N46E, 23SE					
1575	N45E, 22NW						118	N0E, 0SE					
F 75	N61E, 90						119	N13W, 115W					
76	N56E, 88SE						120	N52E, 17SE					
77	N60E, 82NW						121	N05E, 07SE					
78	N50E, 73SE						122	HORIZONTAL					
79	N51E, 83SE						123	N42E, 63NW					
80	N47E, 62SE						124	N10E, 16NW					
81	N45E, 69SE						125	N70E, 25SE					
82	N34E, 40SE						126	N23W, 29SW					
83	N50E, 56SE						127	N25E, 11NW					
84	N57E, 71SE						128	N57E, 15NW					
85	N46E, 83NW						129	N08W, 26SW					
86	N31E, 60NW						130	N08W, 11SW					
87	N46E, 81NW						131	HORIZONTAL					
88	N17E, 81SE						132	N45E, 05SE					
89	N63E, 44NW						133	N31E, 52NW					
90	N53E, 90						134	N51E, 24NW					
91	N42E, 71NW						135	N28E, 66NW					
92	N42E, 55SE						136	HORIZONTAL					
93	N40E, 50SE						137	N02W, 18NE					
94	N22E, 32SE						138	N11E, 45SE					
95	N53E, 85SE						139	N04E, 44SE					
96	N49W, 37NE						140	N01E, 18SE					
97	N05E, 37SE						141	N55W, 15NE					
98	N36E, 77NW						142	N11E, 35SE					
99	N22E, 74SE						143	N43E, 26SE					
100	N53E, 77NW						144	N50E, 38SE					
101	N43E, 80NW						145	N21E, 26SE					
102	N46E, 76NW						146	N31E, 26SE					
103	N45E, 80SE						147	N69E, 13SE					
104	N27E, 70SE						148	N08W, 25NE					
105	N41E, 76NW						149	N37E, 54SE					

*Sta#	Bedding	Fabric Element			Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation	*Sta#	Bedding	Fabric Element			Fracture	Fold		S ₁ S ₂ Intersection Lineation
		S ₁	S ₂	S ₃ Axial Surface		Fringe	Axial Surface				S ₁	S ₂	S ₃ Axial Surface		Fringe	Axial Surface	
F 150	N47E, 36SE																
151	N04E, 19SE																
152	N07E, 23SE																
153	N52E, 12NW																
154	N10E, 12SE																
155	N25E, 33SE																
156	N58E, 34NW																
157	HORIZONTAL																
158	N50W, 11SW																
159	N45E, 50SE																
160	N10E, 11SE																
161	N30E, 38NW																
162	N35E, 55SE																
163	N15E, 07SE																
164	N09E, 14SE																
165	N20E, 10NW																
166	N30E, 25SE																
167	N55E, 33NW																
168	N58E, 24NW																
169	N16E, 14SE																

Appendix B
Modal analysis

Modal analyses of coarse-grained clastic rocks from the study area.

Stratigraphic unit	Hesse Quartzite	Sandsuck Formation	Wilhite Formation							
			TP-51v	TP-133	TP-289	TP-722	TP-928	TP-963v		
Sample no.	GH 2	TP-1388v								
Quartz	91.7	71.6	50.0	60.5	53.8	50.9	58.2	87.3		
Plagioclase (comp.)		0.7	14.6 (An35)	9.5 (An35)	9.5 (An36)	17.7 (An36)	12.5 (An34)	2.8		
Microcline		11.6		0.7	1.6	1.0	1.0			
Perthite			1.5	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.3			
Clay/ Sericite		11.8	12.8	10.2	8.1	11.8	9.7	0.9		
Chlorite			10.7	7.4	5.3	9.2	7.4	3.9		
Muscovite	0.1	0.5	5.2	2.9	3.2	4.7	2.7	0.8		
Biotite			Tr	Tr	Tr	0.3	0.1			
Hematite	7.1	2.8	1.4	1.0	6.7	0.6	2.1	3.3		
Pyrite						1.1	0.9			
Magnetite/ Ilmenite	0.4		0.1	0.2	0.2		1.3			
Carbonate			2.1	5.3	9.1		3.2			
Ankerite										
Tourmaline	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.5		
Zircon		Tr	0.1	0.2		0.2	0.2			
Apatite			Tr							
Lithic fragments	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.5		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
No. of pts. counted	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		

*Plagioclase compositions determined using the Michel-Lévy (1877) method.

Modal analyses of coarse-grained clastic rocks from the study area (continued).

Stratigraphic unit	Wilhite Formation	Dean Formation													
		TP-563	TP-710	BRF-391	BRF-459	BRF-481	BRF-846								
Sample no.	TP-998														
Quartz	77.0	53.8	78.1	57.0	65.2	54.7	50.2								
Plagioclase (comp.)	1.5 (An ₃₆)	12.2 (An ₃₃)	1.6	9.7 (An ₃₅)	14.0 (An ₃₅)	14.0 (An ₃₄)	9.9 (An ₃₅)								
Microcline	0.2		0.9	1.4											
Perthite		Tr		1.0	0.3	0.8	0.5								
Clay/Sericite	1.9	21.5	0.4	4.9	0.6		11.8								
Chlorite	2.6	10.9	12.8	20.6	15.8	22.0	23.3								
Muscovite	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.1									
Biotite	Tr			Tr	1.5	6.3									
Hematite	1.1	1.1	2.0	2.1	0.8	2.1	3.8								
Pyrite	0.1		3.0	0.2	0.5										
Magnetite/Ilmenite	0.1			0.5	0.7		0.1								
Carbonate	14.3	Tr													
Ankerite															
Tourmaline	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.2	Tr	0.4								
Zircon	0.4		0.1	Tr	Tr										
Apatite	0.1			0.2											
Lithic fragments				Tr			Tr								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0								
No. of pts. counted	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000								

*Plagioclase compositions determined using the Michel-Lévy (1877) method.

Modal analysis of ankeritic metasilstone from the study area.

Stratigraphic unit	Wilhite Formation
Sample no.	TP-343
Quartz	28.7
Plagioclase (comp.)	0.2
Microcline	
Perthite	
Clay/ Sericite	3.3
Chlorite	51.0
Muscovite	5.2
Biotite	
Hematite	3.3
Pyrite	
Magnetite/ Ilmenite	
Carbonate	
Ankerite	8.1
Tourmaline	0.2
Zircon	Tr
Apatite	
Lithic fragments	
Total	100.0
No. of pts. counted	1000

Modal analysis of carbonate lithology from the study area.

Stratigraphic unit	Sandsuck Formation
Sample no.	TP-534
Micritic calcite	60.3
Sparry calcite	34.0
Intraclasts	
Onkolites	
Quartz	4.6
Plagioclase (comp.)	0.4
Magnetite	0.1
Hematite	0.5
Clay/ Sericite	
Biotite	
Chlorite	0.1
Muscovite	
Total	100.0
No. of pts. counted	1000

Appendix C
Strain data

Three-dimensional finite strain analysis (R_f/ϕ)

INPUT DATA

OWENS' OUTPUT DATA

Sample	Orientation	Plane	Strike	Dip	Rake	Ratio	Axis	Stretch	Axis Trend	Axis Plunge	x/y	x/z	y/z	Solution	
*TP-256	N55E, 47SE	b	055	47 S	62	1.12	z	0.68	272.7	32.2	1.19	1.94	1.63	q33	
		p	055	43 N	168	1.12	y	1.11	22.7	28.5	1.11				
		v	145	90	44	1.20	x	1.32	144.7	44.4	1.33				
TP-1388	N70E, 32SE	b	070	32 S	138	1.06	z	0.76	300.6	33.5	1.33	1.74	1.30	q22	
		p	070	58 N	30	1.21	y	0.99	177.4	39.6	0.99				
		v	160	90	60	1.22	x	1.32	55.6	32.5	1.26				
TP-51	N49E, 29SE	b	049	29 S	4	1.19	z	0.86	315.6	49.6	1.26	1.41	1.12	q11	
		p	049	61 N	5	1.35	y	0.96	146.1	39.9	1.21				
		v	139	90	47	1.12	x	1.21	51.7	5.2	1.27				
TP-133	N79E, 49SE	b	079	49 S	41	1.23	z	0.80	357.7	9.1	1.27	1.58	1.24	q11	
		p	079	41 N	1	1.51	y	0.99	213.9	78.8	1.06				
		v	169	90	86	1.19	x	1.26	88.8	6.5	1.06				
*TP-963	N30E, 39SE	b	030	39 S	79	1.29	z	0.67	241.8	32.5	1.06	1.88	1.78	q22	
		p	030	51 N	39	1.47	y	1.19	357.9	34.6	1.07				
		v	120	90	67	1.07	x	1.26	121.3	38.6	1.07				
TP-1014	N44E, 40SE	b	044	40 S	17	1.29	z	0.86	154.0	19.8	1.07	1.29	1.21	q33	
		p	044	50 N	30	1.21	y	1.04	275.7	55.6	1.07				
		v	134	90	110	1.19	x	1.11	53.5	26.9	1.59				
*TP-1355	N45E, 38SE	b	045	38 S	50	1.06	z	0.83	264.3	7.9	1.59	1.66	1.05	q11	
		p	045	52 N	64	1.16	y	0.87	170.7	24.5	1.15				
		v	135	90	104	1.46	x	1.38	10.8	64.1	1.15				
TP-563	N57E, 28SE	b	057	28 S	136	1.19	z	0.89	310.2	13.1	1.15	1.27	1.10	q11	
		p	057	62 N	160	1.18	y	0.98	64.9	60.8	1.15				
		v	147	90	75	1.14	x	1.13	213.8	25.6	1.15				
HRF-263	N55E, 39SE	b	055	39 S	5	1.38	z	0.74	23.7	67.9	1.63	2.00	1.23	q22	
		p	055	51 N	12	1.43	y	0.91	118.3	6.2	1.63				
		v	145	90	165	1.28	x	1.48	25.9	21.1	1.63				
TP-710	N54E, 31SE	b	054	31 S	8	1.46	z	0.69	159.6	34.4	1.75	2.30	1.32	q11	
		p	054	59 N	30	1.36	y	0.91	259.2	13.7	1.75				
		v	144	90	125	1.93	x	1.59	7.5	52.3	1.75				

MEAN 1.33 1.71 1.30
 STD DEV ±0.19 ±0.26 ±0.16

* Strain ratio of ellipses not consistent with principal axes of strain ellipsoid.

Three-dimensional finite strain analysis (normalized Fry)

INPUT DATA

OWENS' OUTPUT DATA

Sample	Orientation	Plane	Strike	Dip	Rake	Ratio	Axis	Stretch	Axis Trend	Axis Plunge	x/y	x/z	y/z	Solution	
*TP-1388	N70E, 32SE	b	070	32 S	131	1.26	z	0.60	297.1	27.7	2.21	3.20	1.45	q11	
		p	070	58 N	30	1.26	y	0.87	174.4	45.8					
		v	160	90	70	1.24	x	1.92	45.7	31.3					
TP-133	N79E, 49SE	b	079	49 S	45	1.24	z	0.70	304.2	26.4	1.11	1.80	1.63	q33	
		p	079	41 N	174	1.40	y	1.14	184.9	44.6					
		v	169	90	84	1.41	x	1.26	53.6	33.8					
TP-963	N30E, 39SE	b	030	39 S	120	1.38	z	0.68	243.9	34.4	1.44	2.13	1.49	q22	
		p	030	51 N	39	1.44	y	1.01	353.6	26.2					
		v	120	90	17	1.38	x	1.45	112.2	44.2					
*TP-1014	N44E, 40SE	b	044	40 S	6	1.33	z	0.66	263.6	30.6	1.92	2.59	1.35	q33	
		p	044	50 N	45	1.35	y	0.89	144.9	39.1					
		v	134	90	100	1.21	x	1.71	19.0	35.9					
TP-563	N57E, 28SE	b	057	28 S	131	1.60	z	0.74	290.2	14.2	1.47	1.91	1.30	q33	
		p	057	62 N	162	1.28	y	0.96	134.3	74.5					
		v	147	90	75	1.21	x	1.41	21.7	6.1					
BRF-263	N55E, 39SE	b	055	39 S	176	1.86	z	0.70	206.0	68.6	1.54	2.11	1.37	q11	
		p	055	51 N	3	1.73	y	0.96	111.7	1.7					
		v	145	90	155	1.47	x	1.48	21.1	21.3					
*TP-710	N54E, 31SE	b	054	31 S	1	1.54	z	0.69	151.0	37.7	1.56	2.17	1.39	q11	
		p	054	59 N	36	1.30	y	0.96	261.0	23.9					
		v	144	90	126	1.94	x	1.50	15.3	42.9					

MEAN 1.61 2.27 1.43
STD DEV ±0.26 ±0.35 ±0.08

Samples TP-256, TP-51, and TP-1355 not used for normalized Fry method.

* Strain ratio of ellipses not consistent with principal axes of strain ellipsoid.

Measurements of quartz pebble principal axes and axial ratios

n	x	y	z	x/y	y/z	x/z	n	x	y	z	x/y	y/z	x/z
1	29.0	25.0	10.0	1.16	2.50	2.90	39	22.0	20.0	10.0	1.10	2.00	2.20
2	42.5	21.5	17.0	1.98	1.26	2.50	40	21.0	18.0	12.0	1.17	1.50	1.75
3	26.5	22.0	15.0	1.20	1.47	1.77	41	21.0	20.0	10.0	1.05	2.00	2.10
4	27.0	17.0	12.0	1.59	1.42	2.25	42	23.5	16.0	10.0	1.47	1.60	2.35
5	16.5	15.0	11.0	1.10	1.36	1.50	43	19.0	17.0	9.0	1.12	1.89	2.11
6	23.5	20.0	12.0	1.18	1.67	1.96	44	20.0	16.0	7.0	1.25	2.29	2.86
7	31.0	21.0	14.0	1.48	1.50	2.21	45	24.0	21.0	9.0	1.14	2.33	2.67
8	36.5	27.0	14.0	1.35	1.93	2.61	46	21.0	11.5	10.0	1.83	1.15	2.10
9	19.5	17.5	10.0	1.11	1.75	1.95	47	27.0	20.0	14.0	1.35	1.43	1.93
10	25.0	21.0	9.0	1.19	2.33	2.78	48	28.0	18.0	10.0	1.56	1.80	2.80
11	22.0	14.0	13.0	1.57	1.08	1.69	49	34.0	21.5	12.0	1.58	1.79	2.83
12	21.0	17.0	10.0	1.24	1.70	2.10	50	24.0	19.0	12.0	1.26	1.58	2.00
13	30.0	19.0	10.5	1.58	1.81	2.86	51	21.0	19.0	14.5	1.11	1.31	1.45
14	21.0	16.0	12.0	1.31	1.33	1.75	52	24.0	18.0	12.5	1.33	1.44	1.92
15	25.0	21.0	16.0	1.19	1.31	1.56	53	20.0	15.5	10.0	1.29	1.55	2.00
16	20.0	15.0	11.0	1.33	1.36	1.82	54	30.5	19.5	12.0	1.56	1.63	2.54
17	27.0	18.0	10.0	1.50	1.80	2.70	55	25.0	23.0	9.0	1.09	2.56	2.78
18	25.0	18.0	11.0	1.39	1.64	2.72	56	18.5	17.0	9.0	1.09	1.89	2.06
19	25.5	14.0	10.0	1.82	1.40	2.55	57	20.0	17.0	8.0	1.18	2.13	2.50
20	27.0	19.0	10.5	1.42	1.81	2.57	58	17.0	14.5	9.0	1.17	1.61	1.89
21	21.0	15.0	10.0	1.40	1.50	2.10	59	21.0	18.0	8.0	1.17	2.25	2.63
22	32.0	16.0	9.0	2.00	1.78	3.56	60	22.0	16.0	9.0	1.38	1.78	2.45
23	22.0	19.5	11.0	1.13	1.77	2.00	61	22.0	21.0	10.0	1.05	2.10	2.20
24	21.0	19.0	11.0	1.11	1.73	1.91	62	15.0	13.0	11.0	1.15	1.18	1.36
25	31.0	22.0	13.0	1.41	1.69	2.38	63	21.0	15.0	10.0	1.40	1.50	2.10
26	27.5	21.0	10.0	1.31	2.10	2.75	64	18.0	16.5	9.0	1.09	1.83	2.00
27	24.0	20.0	13.0	1.20	1.54	1.85	65	22.0	21.0	11.0	1.05	1.91	2.00
28	20.5	19.0	10.0	1.08	1.90	2.05	66	21.5	13.0	11.0	1.65	1.18	1.95
29	30.0	19.0	10.0	1.58	1.90	3.00	67	17.0	13.0	10.0	1.31	1.30	1.70
30	20.5	19.0	10.0	1.08	1.90	2.05	68	12.5	11.0	8.0	1.14	1.38	1.56
31	23.0	21.0	12.5	1.10	1.68	1.84	69	22.0	16.5	12.0	1.33	1.38	1.83
32	22.0	15.0	8.0	1.47	1.88	2.75	70	15.0	12.0	9.5	1.25	1.26	1.58
33	23.5	18.0	10.0	1.31	1.80	2.35	71	24.5	14.0	8.0	1.75	1.75	3.06
34	27.0	19.0	9.0	1.42	2.11	3.00	72	16.0	13.0	6.0	1.23	2.17	2.67
35	22.0	16.0	14.0	1.38	1.14	1.57	73	20.0	16.0	11.0	1.25	1.45	1.82
36	25.0	20.0	17.5	1.25	1.14	1.43	74	23.0	18.0	9.0	1.28	2.00	2.56
37	26.0	19.0	10.0	1.37	1.90	2.60	75	18.0	16.0	9.0	1.13	1.78	2.00
38	18.0	16.0	8.0	1.13	2.00	2.25							

MEAN 1.32 1.70 2.22
 STD DEV ±0.18 ±0.29 ±0.39

Measurements of principal axes in mm.

Appendix D
Procedures for cross section construction and retrodeformation using
Adobe Illustrator™

Procedures for cross section construction and retrodeformation using Adobe Illustrator™

The following procedures apply to the construction of cross sections and retrodeformed cross sections in Plate III using Adobe Illustrator software for the Macintosh computer.

Cross sections

Step 1-Scanning. Scan cross section as line art using Ofoto software, and save as pict file. Be sure to also scan in the scale along with your cross section.

Step 2-Transferring to Adobe Illustrator™. Open Adobe Illustrator™ 6.0 and open the scanned pict as a template.

Step 3-Tracing template. Trace, using the pen tool, the topographic profile and cross section boundaries (sides and bottom of cross section) as one object (polygon). The rest of the cross section is traced as separate lines. Each stratigraphic unit or structure (fault) has its own line, therefore some lines will overlap. For example, a stratigraphic unit bounded by a fault will have a line representing the stratigraphic unit, and a line representing the fault. Use different stroke weights for lines representing different types of contacts. Stratigraphic contacts are best converted to 0.5-point lines, while fault contacts are left as 1.0-point lines (the default line weight is 1.0-point).

Step 4-Preserving line art and template. Open a new file in Adobe Illustrator™ 6.0 and import the line art from the template. This file is used to edit your cross section and to make revisions. Keep the original file containing the line art and template as a backup.

Step 5-*Rotate to horizontal.* In the new file just created, select all (command A) and rotate the base of the cross section to the horizontal. To ensure the base of the cross section is completely horizontal increase magnification to 800% (using the zoom tool) and rotate section until it is horizontal. Next, make the vertical lines representing the sides of the cross section completely vertical using the direct-selection tool (the open arrow tool). Do not select all here, just select the node(s) you wish to move in order to make the sides of the cross section vertical.

Step 6-*Constructing reference lines (“sticks”).* These lines are constructed to represent the thickness of individual units (using the scale scanned in with the cross section), the top of basement, and the ramp angles. These reference lines ensure each stratigraphic unit has constant thickness, and are “installed” precisely normal to bedding. Other reference lines and/or objects may be used at your discretion to ensure constant thickness of stratigraphic units. Make copies of the reference lines representing the thickness of each stratigraphic unit and distribute them throughout the cross section. Reference lines representing the top of basement ensure that each supracrustal unit will have the same dip as basement. Reference lines oriented parallel to ramps ensure stratigraphic units will have the same dip as the ramp. Increase magnification to 800% and make the necessary adjustments to ensure stratigraphic units have constant thickness by first adjusting the “sticks” normal to bedding and then correcting the thickness. It is best to begin with the least deformed part of the section (near basement and, here, westernmost units).

Step 7-*Coloring the cross section using Pantone™ colors.* Copy the lines representing the area you wish to color, removing them as a unit without changing their shape, then connect those lines using either the pen tool or the open arrow tool and command join to

make a polygon. Fill each polygon with the color you want, make the line “none”, and move the polygon back to the section. Pantone colors are located in the custom colors section of Adobe Illustrator™.

Retrodeformed cross sections

Step 8-Line-balancing of Valley and Ridge footwall units. Line-balancing Valley and Ridge footwall units can be accomplished using two techniques. The first technique requires measuring each line (using the measure tool-ruler) of the cross section. Draw a line equal to the length of the line measured in the cross section. Do this for each line to be retrodeformed. The second technique involves copying the line to be retrodeformed and rotating that line to the horizontal. For folded strata, select the entire line and rotate (using rotate tool) the line around the end of the line till the adjacent node is horizontal. Unselect the first node which the line was originally rotated around, and rotate the line around the adjacent node that was just rotate to the horizontal. Repeat this procedure until the entire folded/curved line is horizontal.

Step 9-Line- and area-balancing of western Blue Ridge hanging-wall units. Parts of this portion of the cross section is retrodeformed using line- and area-balancing techniques. Units or thrust sheets in the hanging wall that have undergone at least one period of deformation can be line-balanced using the procedure in Step 8. Line-balanced portions of the hanging-wall units include the strata in the Great Smoky and Bullet Mountain thrust sheets. Area-balancing is required for retrodeforming strata that has undergone at least two episodes of deformation. First, copy and isolate the hanging wall strata. Second, copy and isolate individual thrust sheets that comprise the hanging-wall units. Group each thrust sheet after the individual thrust sheets have been isolated. Next, establish a horizontal reference line representing an original flat fault surface (Great

Smoky fault). Each thrust sheet will be rotated to parallel along this horizontal line. Select all of the thrust sheets to be retrodeformed, and rotate each thrust sheet so that the leading edge of the fault is aligned with the horizontal reference line. Rotate the object till the next node is parallel to the horizontal reference line. Continue to rotate the object to the horizontal reference line until the next node is parallel to this line. Select only the nodes of the object that need to be rotated. Unselected nodes will not move. Once you have rotated the object, unselect the nodes of the object that do not need to be rotated. Continue this procedure until the entire thrust sheet is retrodeformed.

Step-10-Coloring. Color retrodeformed sections as needed in the same manner as in Step 7.

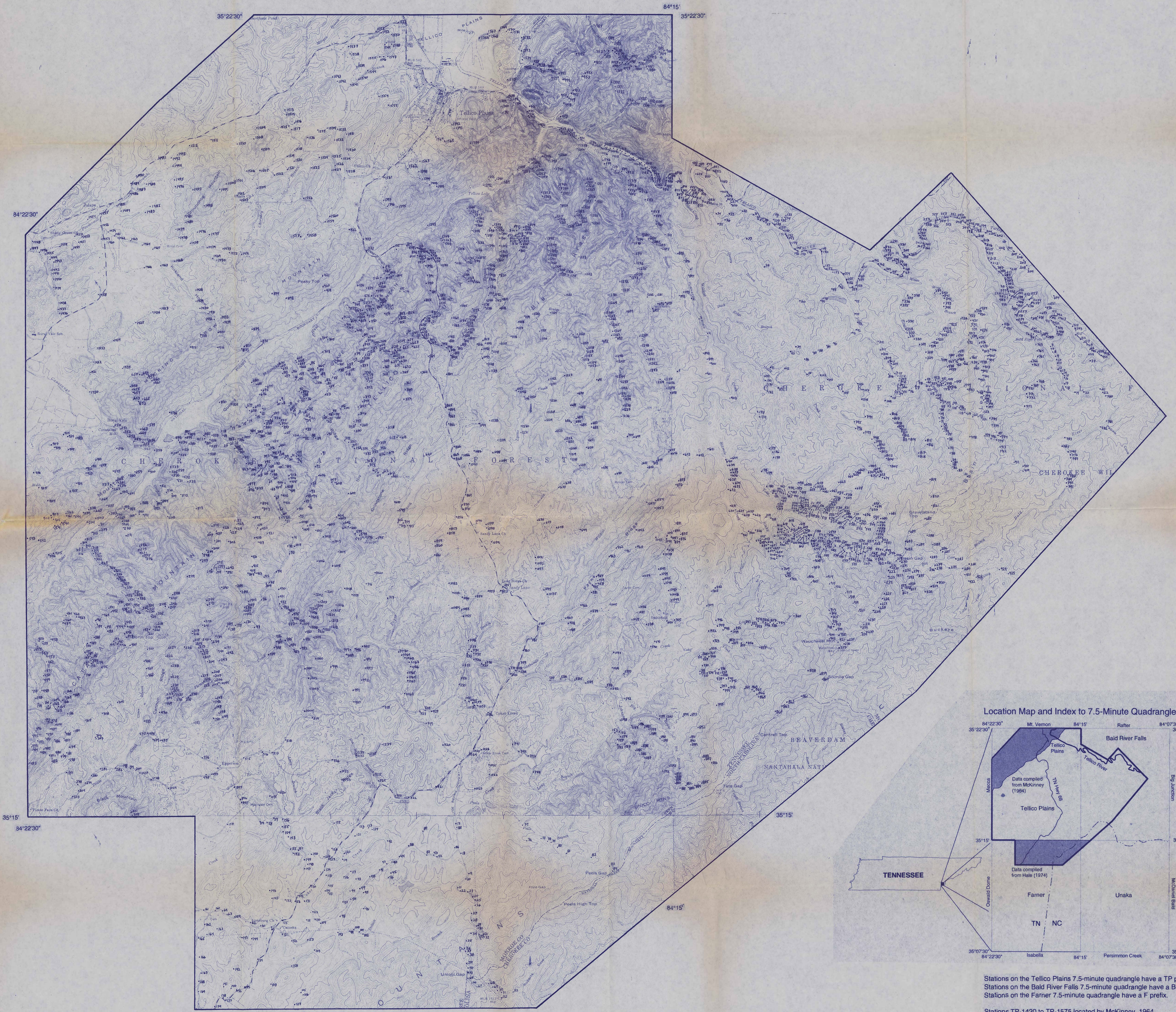
Vita

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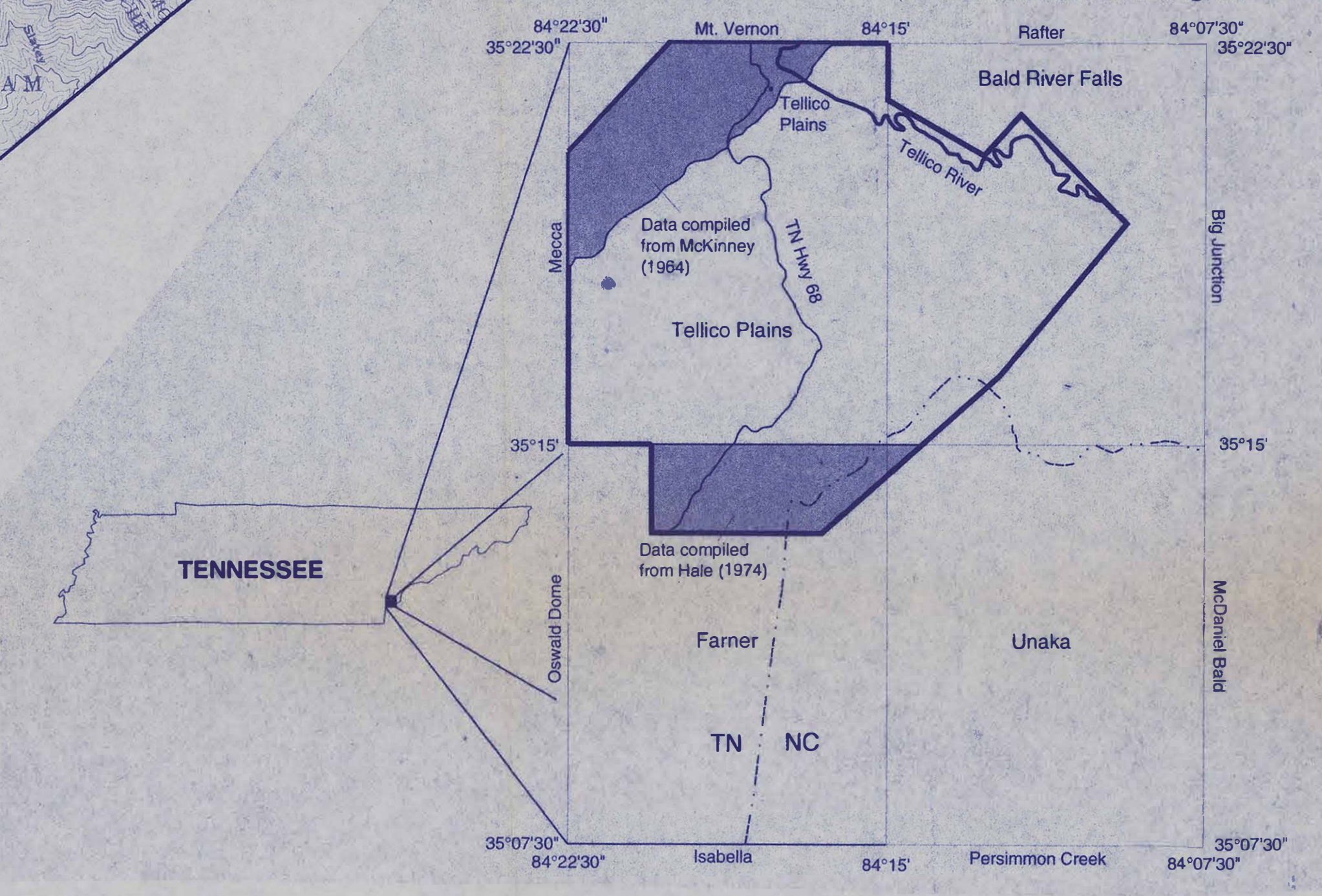
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PLATE II Station Map

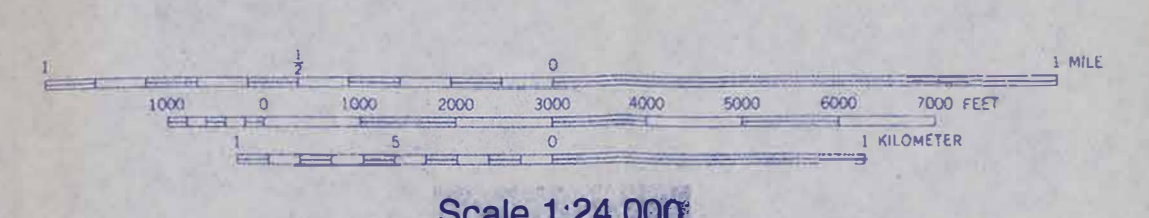


Location Map and Index to 7.5-Minute Quadrangles



Stations on the Tellico Plains 7.5-minute quadrangle have a TP prefix.
 Stations on the Bald River Falls 7.5-minute quadrangle have a BRP prefix.
 Stations on the Farner 7.5-minute quadrangle have a F prefix.

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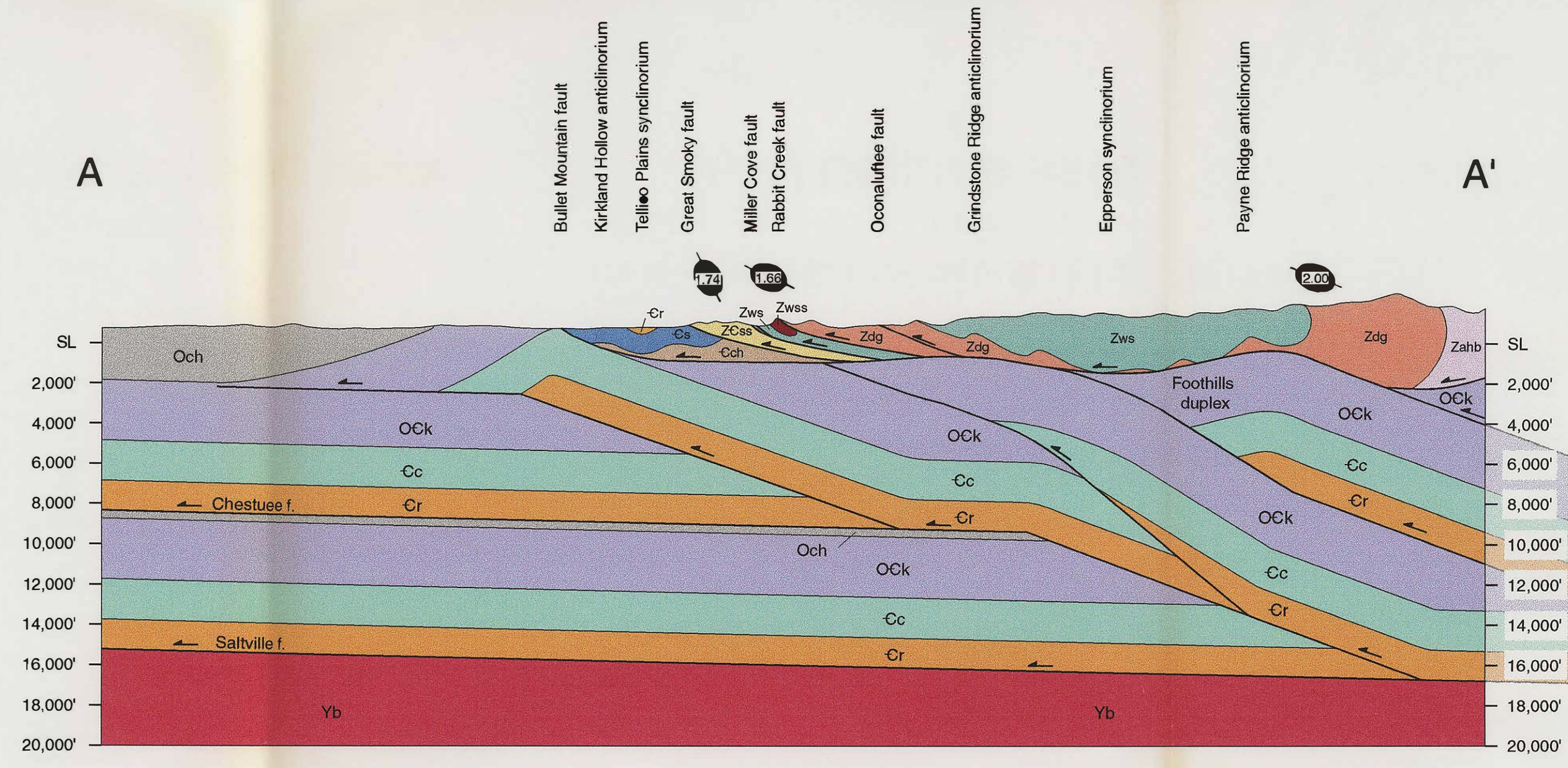


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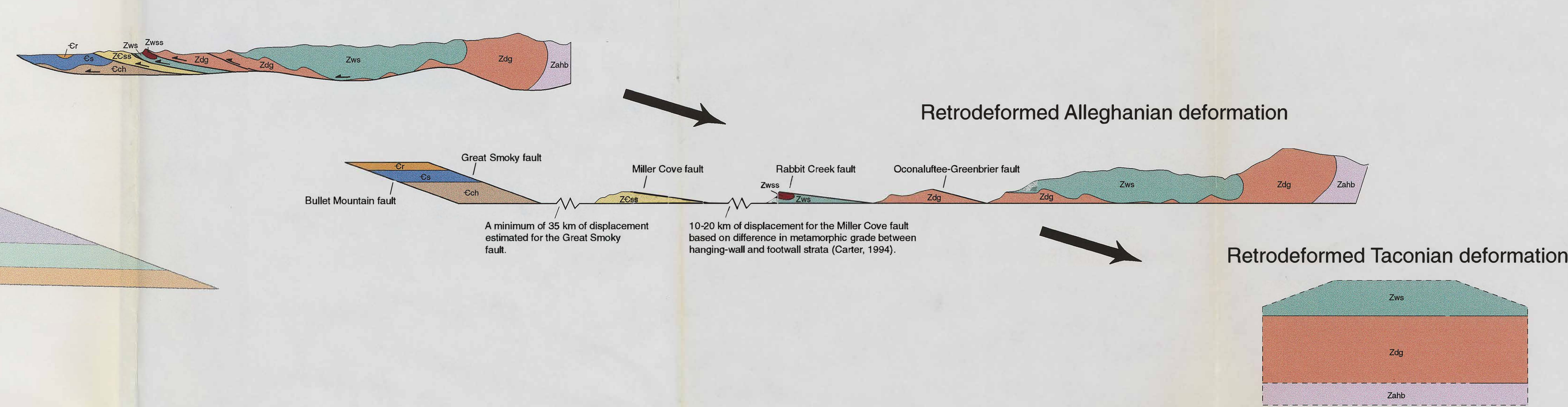
Plate III

Cross sections and retrodeformed sections of the western Blue Ridge Foothills near Tellico Plains, southeastern Tennessee and southwestern North Carolina

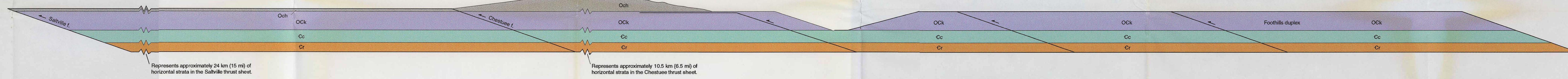
Cross section A-A'
Line-balanced Valley and Ridge footwall strata, and line- and area-retrodeformed western Blue Ridge hanging-wall strata. X/Z strain ratios as determined by the R/ϕ method.



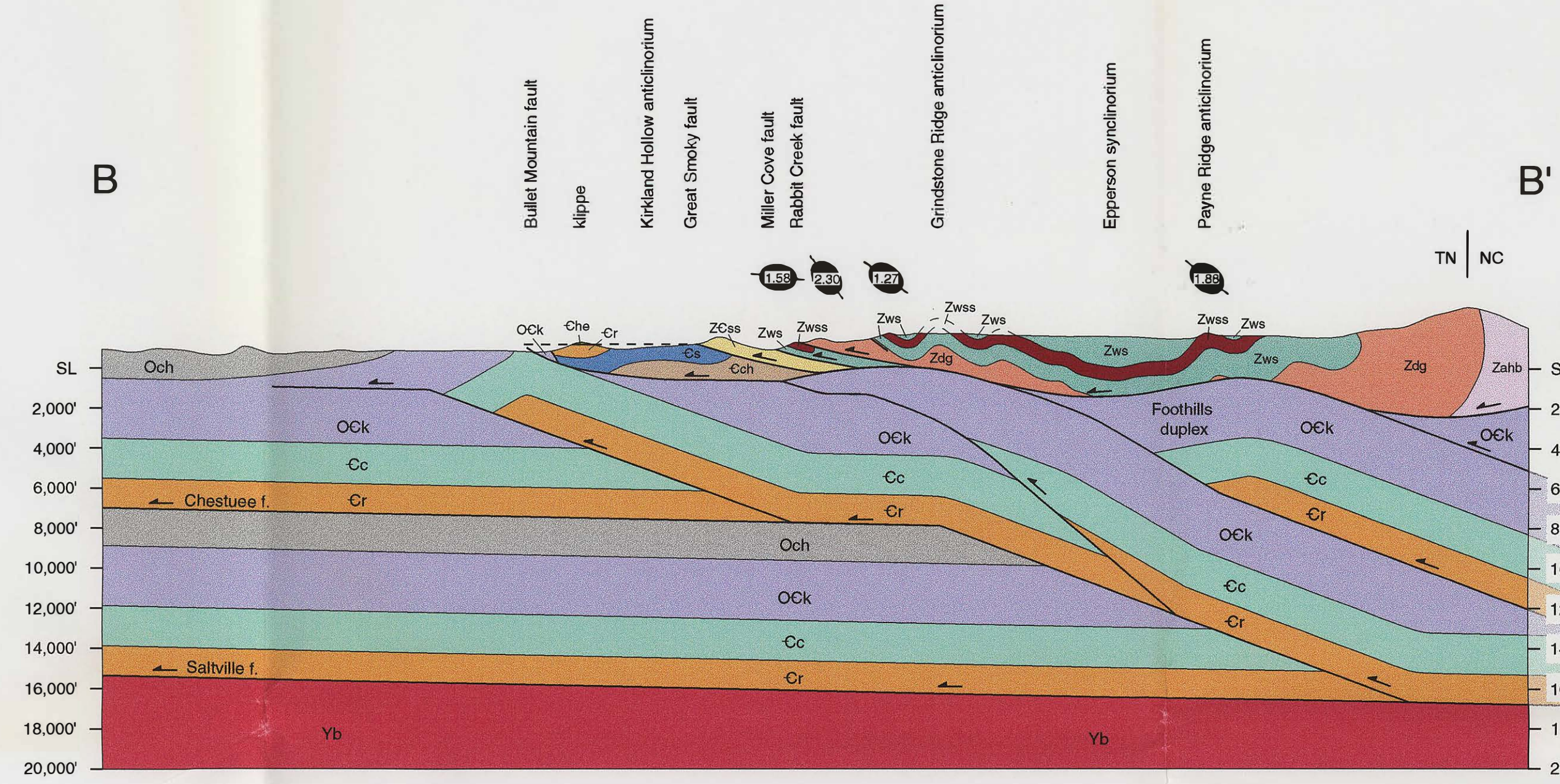
Western Blue Ridge hanging-wall strata, A-A'



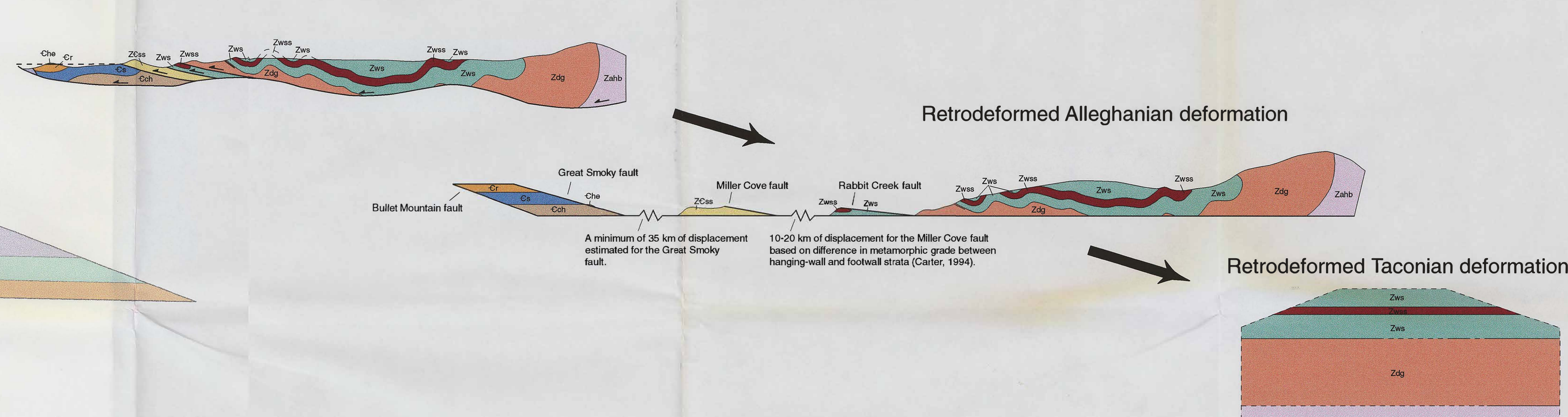
Retrodeformed Valley and Ridge footwall strata, A-A'



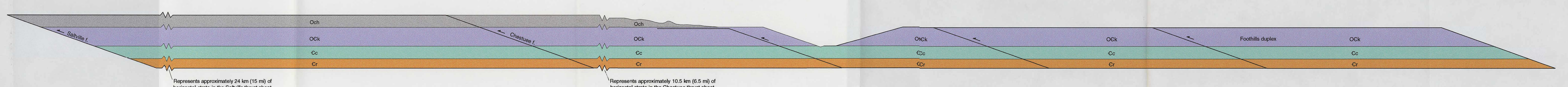
Cross section B-B'
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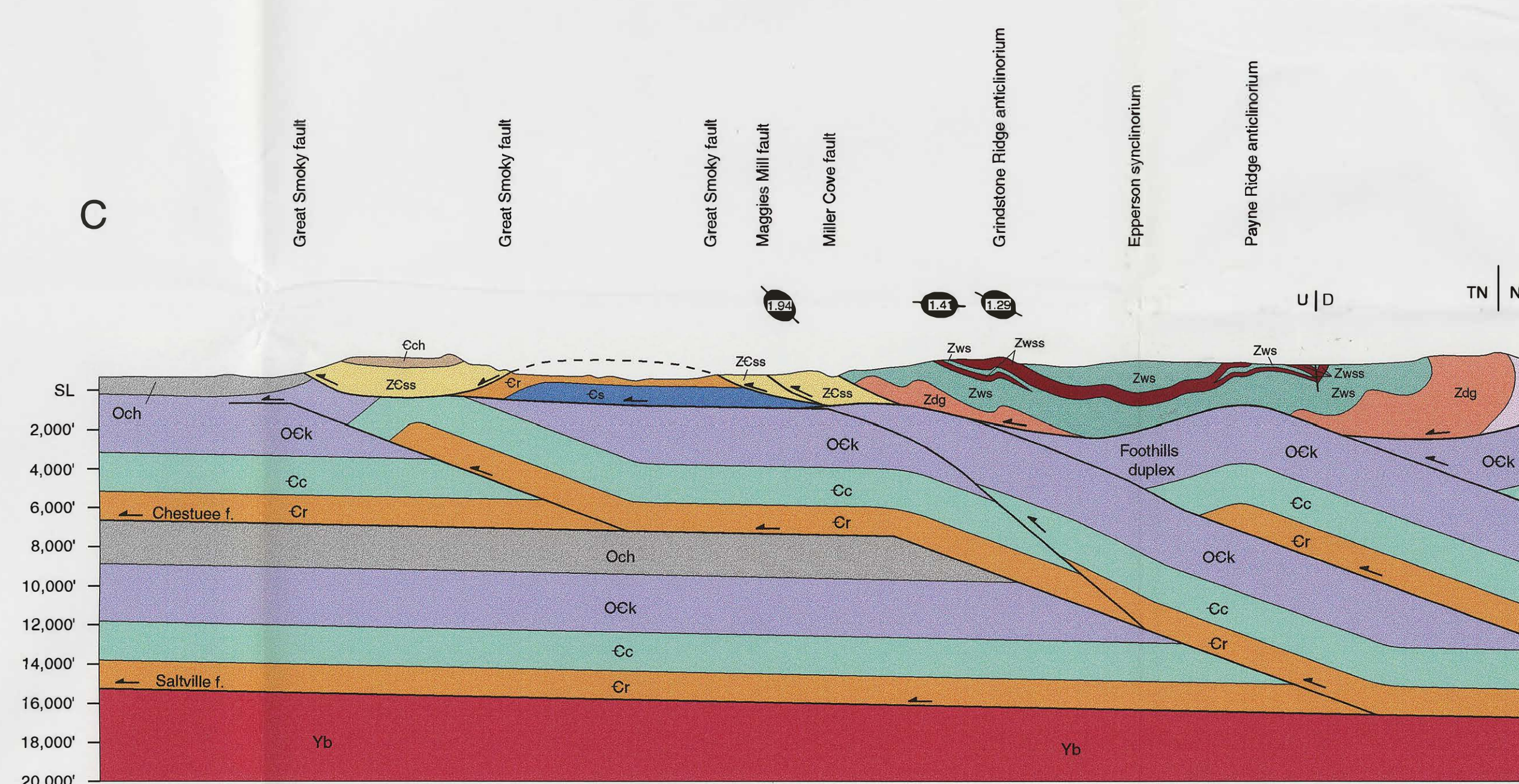
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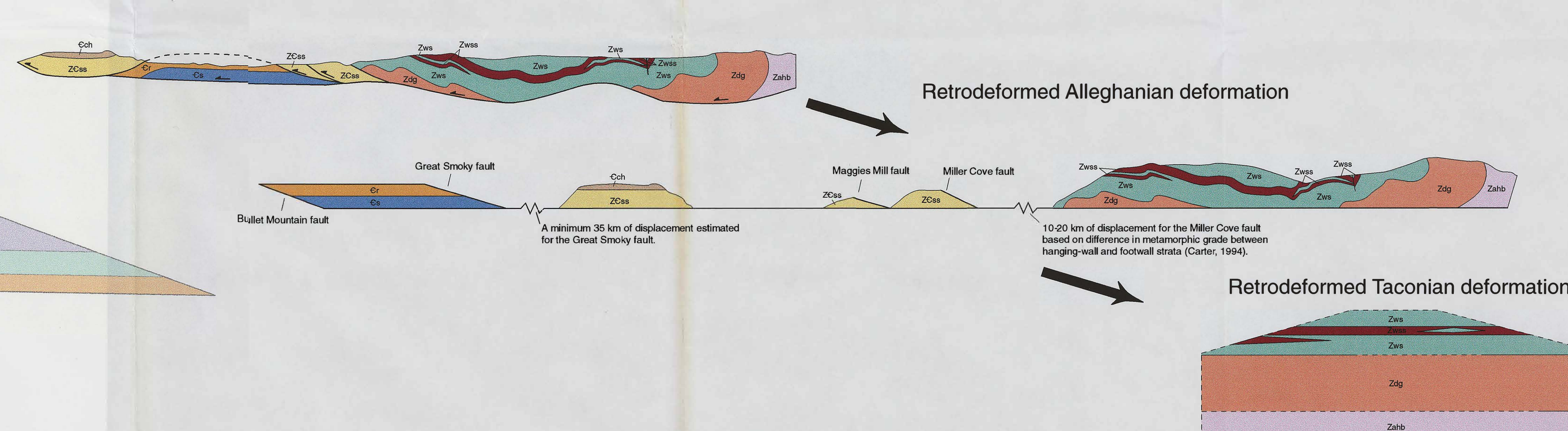
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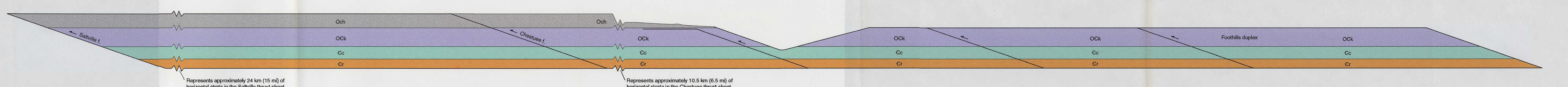
Cross section C-C'
Line-balanced Valley and Ridge footwall strata, and line- and area-retrodeformed western Blue Ridge hanging-wall strata. X/Z strain ratios as determined by the R/ϕ method.



Western Blue Ridge hanging-wall strata, C-C'



Retrodeformed Valley and Ridge footwall strata, C-C'



Explanation

Ordovician	Och	Chickamauga Group
	Ock	Knox Group
	Cc	Conasauga Group
Cambrian	Cr	Rome Formation
	Shady Dolomite	
Late Proterozoic	Che	Hesse Quartzite
	Coh	Chilhowee Group
	ZCsa	Sandsuck Formation - sandstone lithofacies
Zws	White Formation - sandstone lithofacies	
Zms	White Formation - metasilstone lithofacies	
Zdp	Dean Formation	
Zahb	Ammons Formation - Horse Branch member	

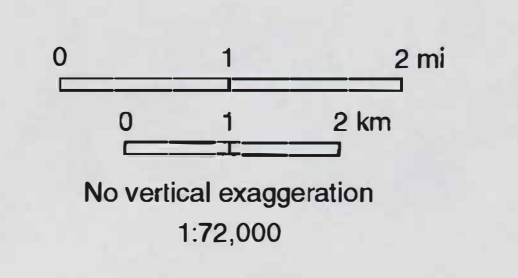
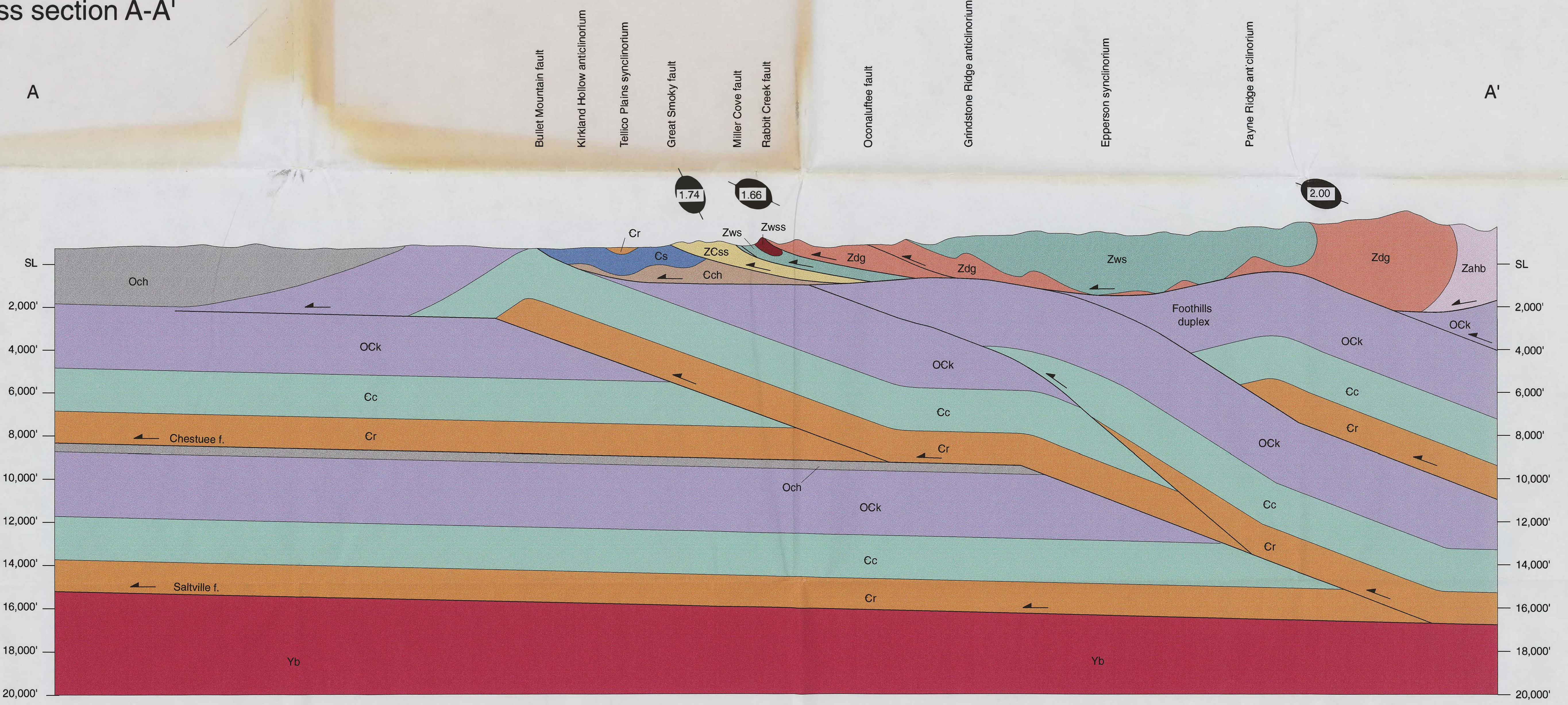
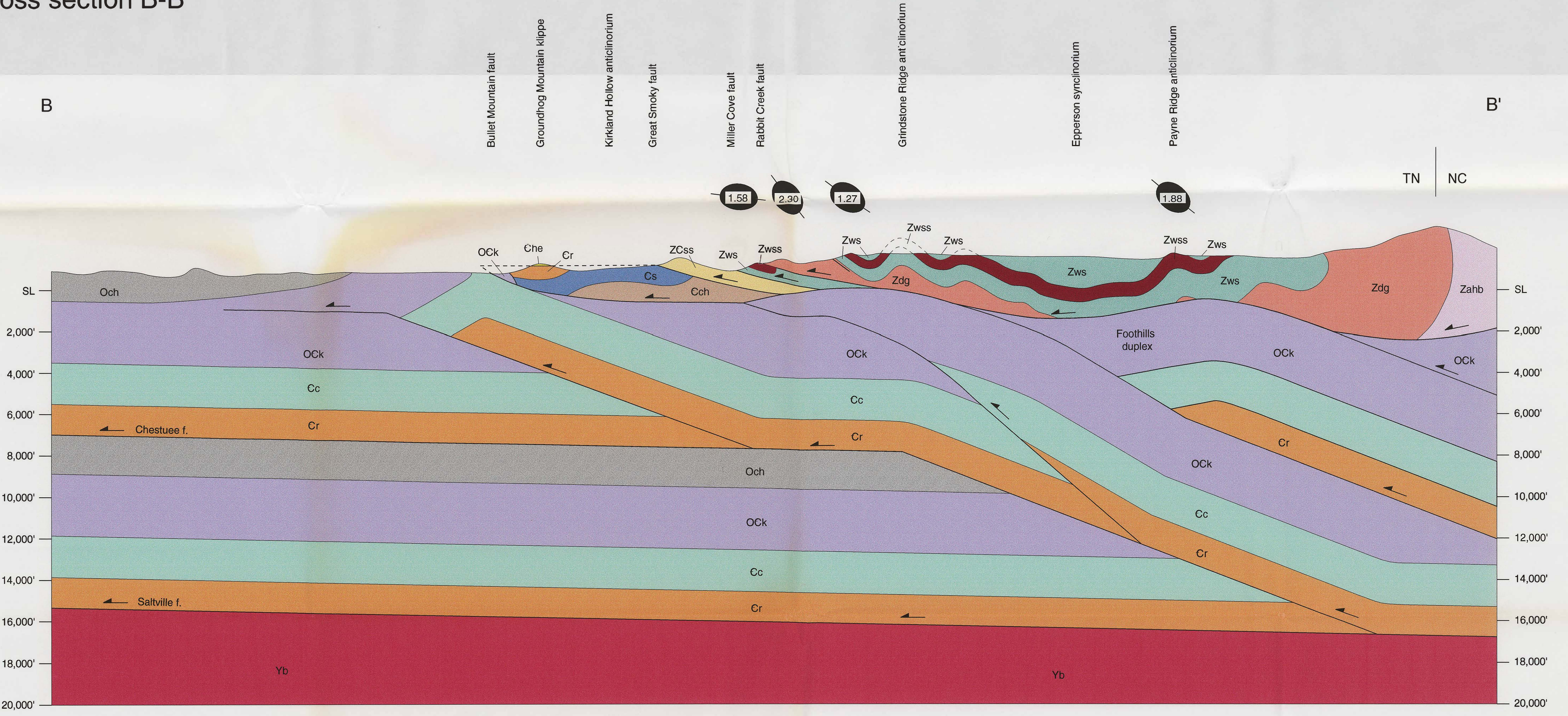


Plate IIIa
Cross sections

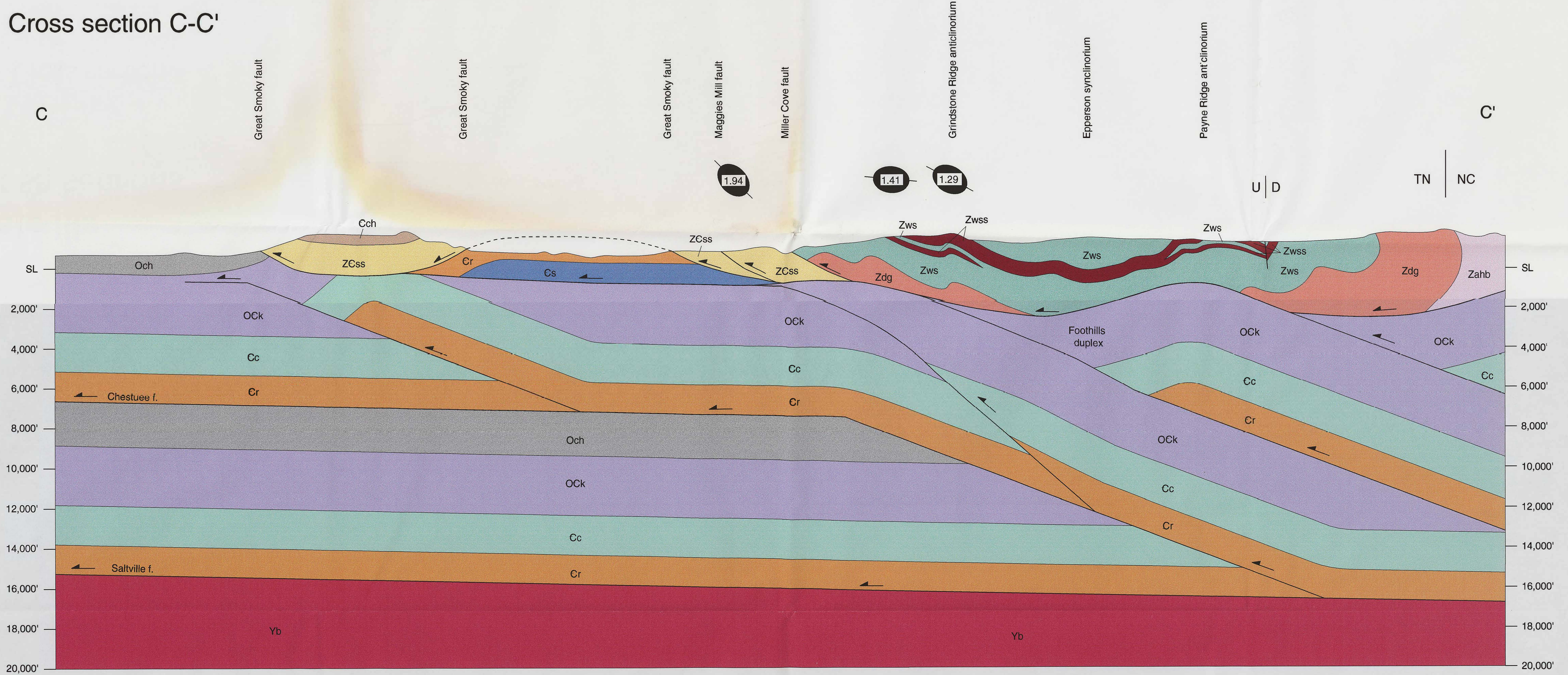
Cross section A-A'



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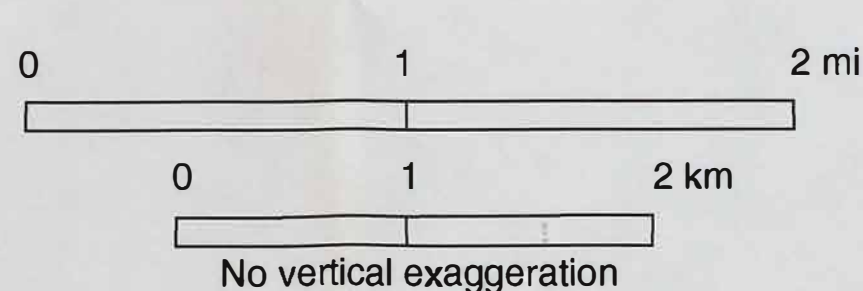


Cross section C-C'



Explanation

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| Ordovician | | Chickamauga Group | Late Proterozoic | | Sandsuck Formation - sandstone lithofacies |
| | | Knox Group | | | White Formation - sandstone lithofacies |
| | | Conasauga Group | | | White Formation - metasilstone lithofacies |
| | | Rome Formation | | | Dean Formation |
| | | Shady Dolomite | | | Ammons Formation - Horse Branch Member |
| | | Hesse Quartzite | | | |
| Cambrian | | Chilhowee Group | | | |



Note: These cross sections are reduced slightly to 1:31,680 from the 1:24,000 map scale.

PLATE IV

Surficial deposits

Explanation

- Quaternary
- Qal alluvium - unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders in stream valleys.
 - Qc colluvium - unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders on hill slopes.
 - Qac alluvium and colluvium undifferentiated - unconsolidated clay, silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders in stream valleys and on hill slopes.

Quaternary deposit contact: inferred

Fault contact: exact, approximate, inferred, concealed
Barbs on upper plate

* Fault contacts included for reference only. See Plate I for bedrock geology.



Location Map and Index to 7.5-Minute Quadrangles

