Bones Found By Amite River Possibly Indian

Bones apparently from a human skeleton were removed from a shallow grave by the Amite River near Whitehall, it was reported here Monday.

Sheriff Taft Faust of Livingston Parish said he was trying to get in touch with a Southeastern Louisiana College professor who asked that he be permitted to look at the bones in an effort to discover how long they had been in the riverside grave. The bones appeared to be very old.

They were dug up Sunday by several men who were looking at camp sites. The men included Charles Young of Baton Rouge and Lacy Loupe of Whitehall.

There was speculation the bones may be those of an Indian.

Faust said there had been no missing person reported in the area, and there was no reason to suspect the skeleton was that of someone recently dead.

Deputies said the skeleton appeared to be an average-sized adult.