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Sedimentary Characteristics of Pleistocene Deposits, Neosho River Valley, Southeastern Kansas

ABSTRACT

Clay mineralogy, sedimentary parameters, and heavy mineral content of Pleistocene alluvial terrace (Illinoisan) and flood-plain (Wisconsinan) deposits of the Neosho River valley in southeastern Kansas were investigated. The clay mineral assemblage of the alluvial deposits consists of montmorillonite, a 14Å mixed-layer mineral, illite, and kaolinite. Montmorillonite is the dominant clay mineral in alluvial terrace deposits; illite and kaolinite are variable in proportion. Flood-plain deposits contain montmorillonite, illite, and kaolinite in decreasing order of relative abundance. The diffraction-intensity ratio, derived from X-ray diffraction intensities of illite and kaolinite, is significantly different for alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits. Relative abundances of clay minerals in each deposit are evaluated in terms of (1) contribution of the source_area, (2) weathering, (3) time, (4) topography, and (5) drainage.

Grain-size analyses of alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits did not reveal a significant difference in parameters such as phi-median and phi-sorting. Alluvial terrace deposits, however, showed greater variation in sorting than the flood-plain deposits. Variation in sorting is not sufficiently marked to be used as a criterion to differentiate terrace deposits from flood-plain deposits.

The heavy mineral assemblage of terrace and floodplain deposits consists of zircon, tourmaline, staurolite, carnet, topaz, and magnetite. Flood-plain deposits contain minor amounts of epidote and kyanite, which are rare or absent in terrace deposits.

INTRODUCTION

The Neosho River valley in southeastern Kansas (Labette and Cherokee counties) is characterized by topographically high undulating terraces, which locally are adjacent to nearly flatlying alluvial flood plains. The terraces have been attributed to alluvial deposition during the Illinoisan Stage, whereas adjacent flood plains were formed by alluviation during the Wisconsinan Stage. Detritus composed of gravel, sand,

Manuscript received June 6, 1967. Accepted for publication November 17, 1967. silt, and clay was derived from Permian and Pennsylvanian deposits into which the Neosho River is entrenched. In the area studied, Wisconsinan-Illinoisan deposits overlie the Cabaniss Formation (Cherokee Group, Middle Pennsylvanian) and range in thickness from 9 to 34 feet. Alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits in Kansas have been discussed by Frye and Leonard (1952); alluvial deposits of the Neosho River valley have not been investigated previously in detail

The objective of this report is to differentiate alluvial terrace deposits (Illinoisan) from deposits underlying the flood plain (Wisconsinan) on the basis of their sedimentary characteristics. Characteristics compared are clay mineralogy, grain-size parameters, and heavy mineral content.

The area studied is shown in Figure 1, and a generalized cross section of the Neosho River valley is shown in Figure 2.

FIELD WORK AND METHODS OF STUDY

In 1964, samples were obtained by drilling test holes in the Neosho River valley in Cherokee and Labette counties (Fig. 1, Table 1).

Identification of clay minerals was based primarily on X-ray diffraction of oriented $\langle 2 \mu \rangle$ clay particles sedimented onto glass slides. A Phillips Norelco X-ray unit was used with nickel-filtered copper radiation. Each sample was X-rayed under the following conditions: (1) air dried, (2) glycerated, (3) heated to 450°C, and (4) heated to 575°C for 30 minutes. Diffraction intensity (counts per second) of (001) basal reflections above the background was used as an approximation of the relative abundances of

montmorillonite, 14Å mixed-layer clay mineral, illite, and kaolinite.

The diffraction-intensity (D.I.) ratio, derived by dividing the X-ray diffraction intensity (counts per second) of the 10Å spacing for illite by the intensity of the 7Å spacing of kaolinite was found to be useful. The D.I. ratio was used previously in a similar study by Frye, et al. (1962).

X-ray data were supplemented by differential thermal analysis using the differential thermal apparatus in the Ceramics Division of the Kansas Geological Survey. The rate of heating was 10°C per minute.

Particle-size distribution of 25 samples (12 flood-plain and 13 alluvial terrace deposits) was determined by mechanical sieving and pipette methods. Calgon was used as a dispersing agent.

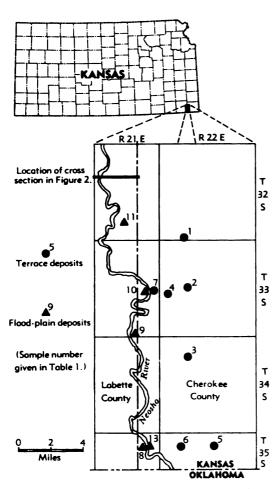


FIGURE 1.—Map of Labette and Cherokee counties showing locations of sampling. (Sample no. 12, not shown on figure, is located in NE NE sec. 16, T 31 S, R 21 E.)

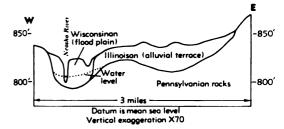


FIGURE 2.—Generalized cross section of the Neosho River valley.

Heavy mineral separations for the silt fraction of 10 samples (five flood-plain and five terrace-deposit) were made using commercial bromoform as the heavy liquid. Heavy mineral assemblages were identified by comparison with known standard heavy minerals mounted on glass slides, using binocular and petrographic microscopes.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SEDIMENTS

The Illinoisan terrace deposits, generally cream-colored and partially indurated, are composed of clay, silt, sand, and gravel. The gravel, mostly composed of chert pebbles, is in a layer directly overlying shale of the Cabaniss Formation. At the localities sampled the deposits range in thickness from 16 to 34 feet. Finely divided mica and iron oxide are disseminated through the silt and sand fractions of the deposits.

The Wisconsinan flood-plain deposits, generally brownish-gray, are unconsolidated and friable enough to be disaggregated by moderate shaking in water. The deposits are composed of clay, silt, sand, and gravel. The gravel, composed of chert pebbles, occurs at the bottom of the unconsolidated sediments and directly overlies the Cabaniss Formation. Iron-oxide staining of sand and silt particles, disseminated mica, and presence of organic material are common. The thickness of the deposits ranges from 19 to 34 feet.

CLAY MINERALOGY

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Clay minerals in the fraction finer than 2 μ , as shown by X-ray diffraction patterns, are montmorillonite, illite, kaolinite, and a 14Å mixed-layer mineral. Nature of the 14Å mixed-layer mineral could not be determined from the diffractometer patterns. The 14.7, 10, and 7Å basal

TABLE 1.-List of sample locations.

	Alluvial terrace deposits	•		Flood-plain deposits	
Sample no.	Location	Depth, feet	Sample no.	Location	Depth, feet
la	SE SW sec. 32, T 32 S, R 22 E	0-4	8a	SW SW sec. 1, T 35 S, R 21 E	0-2
1b	do	6-8	8b	do	8-10
2a	SE SE sec. 17, T 33 S, R 22 E	0-2	8c	do	12-14
2b	do	6-8	8d	do	16-18
2 c	do	18-20	9a	SW SE sec. 35, T 33 S, R 21 E	0-2
3 a	NE NE sec. 8, T 34 S, R 22 E	2-4	9b	do	6-8
3b	do	6-8	10a	NW NW sec. 24, T 33 S, R 21 E	0-2
3c	do	14-18			
			10b	do	6-8
4a	NE NW sec. 19, T 33 S, R 22 E	0-2	10 c	do	18-20
4c	do	18-20	11a	SE SE sec. 27, T 32 S, R 21 E	0-2
5a	SE SW sec. 3, T 35 S, R 22 E	0-2	11b	do	12-14
5b	do	6-8	11c	do	18-20
5c	do	13-14	12a	NE NE sec. 16, T 31 S, R 21 E	0-2
5d	do	18-20			
			12b	do	12-14
5e	do	26-27			
6a	SE SW sec. 5, T 35 S, R 22 E	0-2	13	SE SW sec. 1, T 35 S, R 21 E	0-21
6b	do	6-8			
7	NE NE sec. 24, T 33 S, R 21 E	0-29			

reflections are sharp and well defined. Treatment with glycerine causes a shift in the 14.7Å (001) reflection to 18Å, accompanied by the appearance of (002) reflection at 9Å, whereas 10, 7, 4.9, 3.5, and 3.3Å reflections remain unaffected, except for a slight modification in peak intensities. With the exception of the 14.7Å peak, all other peaks are not modified by heating the sample to 450°C; however, heating to 575°C for 30 minutes resulted in destruction of all but the 10Å reflections.

X-ray diffractometer patterns for the alluvial terrace deposits and for the flood-plain deposits show differences in relative peak intensities of illite and kaolinite (Fig. 3). The diffraction intensities (counts per second) of montmorillonite

and 14Å mixed-layer mineral, illite, and kaolinite, and the numerical value of D.I. ratios of illite and kaolinite for both deposits are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

A plot of the D.I. ratio for illite to kaolinite versus depth for the alluvial terrace and flood-plain samples is shown in Figure 4. No systematic variation of the D.I. illite/kaolinite ratio occurs with depth. D.I. illite/kaolinite ratios for the samples from flood-plain deposits, however, are generally higher than those for the alluvial terrace deposits. The observed difference in the mean ratio of the D.I. illite/kaolinite of terrace and flood-plain samples is significant at the 0.01 significance level, using a *t*-test with 20 degrees of freedom.

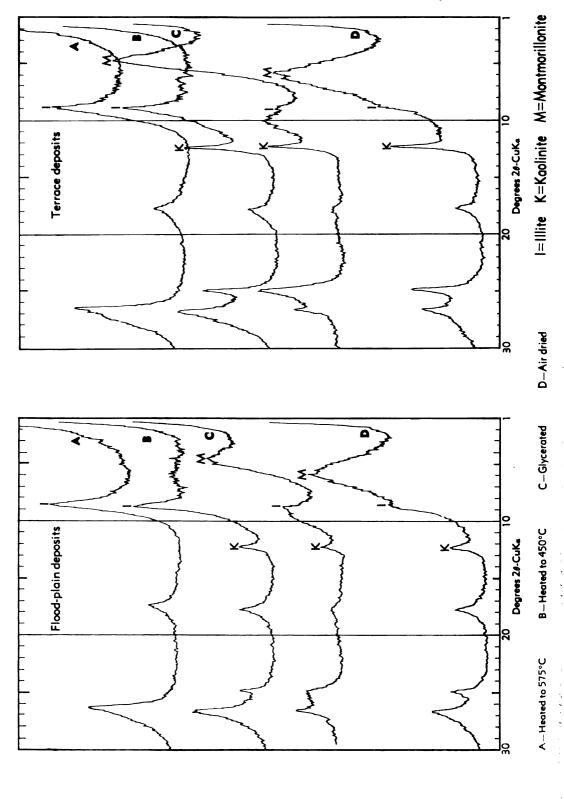


TABLE 2.—X-ray analysis of clay minerals in alluvial terrace deposits.

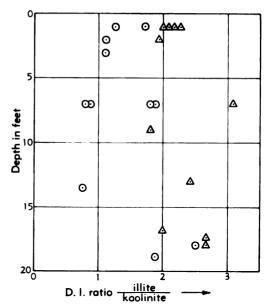
	Diffraction (counts p	D.I.				
Sample no.	Montmorillonite and mixed-layer mineral	Illite	Kaolin- ite	Illite/ kaolinite	Depth, fect	
la	133	73	66	1.10	0-4	
16	172	72	88	0.81	6-8	
2a	128	64	52	1.23	0-2	
2Ь	440	112	60	1.86	6-8	
3a	188	98	88	1.09	2-4	
4a	144	68	40	1.70	0-2	
4c	232	100	40	2.5	18-20	
5b	228	96	120	0.80	6-8	
5c	264	92	120	0.76	13-14	
5d	148	68	36	1.89	18-20	
6b	256	64	36	1.80	6-8	

TABLE 3.—X-ray analysis of clay minerals in flood-plain deposits.

	Diffrac (count	D.I.				
Sample no.	Montmorillonite Illite and mixed-layer mineral		Kaolin- ite	Illite/ kaolinite	Depth, feet	
8a	216	108	48	2.25	0-2	
8b	316	130	72	1.80	8-10	
8d	344	104	52	2.0	16-18	
9a	280	116	60	1.92	0-4	
10a	60	48	24	2.0	0-2	
10b	320	136	44	3.09	6-8	
10c	352	128	48	2.68	18-20	
Ha	268	120	58	2.06	0-2	
11c	292	107	40	2.67	18-20	
12a	240	112	52	2.16	0-2	
12b	213	116	48	2.42	12-14	

DIFFERENTIAL THERMAL ANALYSIS

Purpose of differential thermal analysis (D.T.A.) was to substantiate information on the clay minerals. Four samples, two each from the terrace and flood-plain deposits, were analyzed by D.T.A. D.T.A. curves for the two types of deposits are shown in Figure 5. Endothermic peaks of montmorillonite, illite, and kaolinite are well defined. The kaolinite endothermic peak (500°-600°C) is subdued in the D.T.A. curve of the flood-plain deposits. In contrast, the kaolinite endothermic peak (500°-600°C) for the terrace deposits is relatively sharp. Irregularities in the D.T.A. curve for the flood-plain deposits, between the initial illite-montmorillinite endothermic peak (100°-250°C) and the 500°-600°C endothermic peak, are due to exothermic reactions of organic material. The same portion of



O Alluvial terrace deposits (Illinoisan)

△ Deposits underlying flood plain (Wisconsinan)

FIGURE 4.—Variation of D.I. ratio illite/kaolinite with depth (flood-plain and terrace deposits).

the D.T.A. curve of the terrace deposits is relatively smooth.

D.T.A. did not reveal the nature of the 14Å mixed-layer mineral.

Discussion

Montmorillonite is dominant in the alluvial terrace deposits, illite and kaolinite being variable in proportion. The alluvial terrace deposits show a greater abundance of kaolinite as compared to its abundance in flood-plain deposits. Illite, however, is more abundant, relative to kaolinite in the flood-plain deposits. The flood-plain deposits have the following clay-mineral composition in order of relative basal diffraction intensities: Montmorillonite, illite, and kaolinite.

Although there is disagreement regarding factors that influence clay-mineral assemblages, the following are considered important: (1) source area, (2) weathering, (3) time, (4) topography, and (5) drainage.

Montmorillonite in both types of alluvial deposits probably was contributed by the erosion of Permian and Pennsylvanian rocks. The abundance of montmorillonite in alluvial deposits has

FIGURE 3.—X-ray diffractometer patterns characteristic of terrace and flood-plain clay minerals.

been attributed to the sedimentation processes by Jackson (1957).

The terrace deposits (Illinoisan) perhaps do not differ much in genesis from the flood-plain deposits (Wisconsinan). Both seem to have been formed by similar processes, within similarly positioned drainage basins, at different times. Therefore, it seems doubtful that the difference in the relative abundance of kaolinite and illite is inherent, because the source area for both deposits probably was the same. Contribution from the source area may have varied to some extent. however, because during the Wisconsinan glaciation, in contrast to Illinoisan glaciation, the valley was incised to a lower level, exposing older Permian and Pennsylvanian rocks that were then contributed to the alluvial fill by weathering processes. The greater proportion of illite in the flood-plain deposits probably is due to the weathering of the Pennsylvanian and Permian shales.

A reasonable explanation for the differences between the illite-kaolinite abundance perhaps could be found in the post-depositional history of these deposits. Factors such as weathering, time, topography, and drainage are considered important post-depositional modifiers of the claymineral assemblages.

It is suggested that the higher proportion of kaolinite in the terrace deposits (Illinoisan) is due to more intense weathering, resulting from better drainage in post-Illinoisan time. Kaolinite is a stable product of weathering in clay. Floodplain deposits (Wisconsinan), being younger, probably have not been weathered to the same extent as terrace deposits. The flood plain has

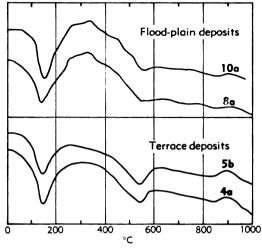


FIGURE 5.—Differential thermal curves characteristic of terrace and flood-plain deposits,

been repeatedly flooded, while the topographically higher terraces have been dissected and weathered, promoting better leaching conditions.

Harrison and Murray (1957) have reported that under conditions of acidic weathering illite is converted into a mixed-layer mineral, thus decreasing its relative abundance. Potassium percentages have been observed by them to decrease with increase in weathering due to the replacement of potassium ion by hydronium ion (H₃O)⁺. Thus, a possibility for a relative decrease in the abundance of illite in the alluvial terraces should be considered.

It is difficult to explain the difference between illite-kaolinite abundance on the basis of a single factor. The difference is attributed to a cumulative effect of the following factors: (1) weathering, (2) time, (3) topography, (4) drainage, and (5) possibly contribution of material from the source area.

GRAIN-SIZE ANALYSIS

RESULTS

Complete grain-size analysis by mechanical sieving and pipette method was used to plot cumulative curves. Distribution curves for 13 samples of alluvial terrace and 12 samples of flood-plain deposits are shown in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. Statistical parameters such as phimedian, sorting index, and the percentage of gravel, sand, silt, and clay for each sample are shown in Tables 4 and 5.

Graphic standard deviation $(\phi 84-\phi 16)/2$ is used as a measure of the degree of sorting (Inman, 1952). Folk and Ward (1957) have proposed a more satisfactory sorting measure using 95th and 5th percentiles, in addition to 84th and 16th percentiles. The sediments described in this report, however, are generally fine grained, and it is impractical to measure the 95th percentile. Friedman (1962) has suggested use of Inman's sorting index for such sediments.

Grain-size analysis shows that silt and clay constitute 86 percent and 84 percent of the floodplain and alluvial terrace deposits respectively.

The degree of sorting of the sediments is determined on the basis of the following sorting scale proposed by Folk and Ward (1957):

under 0.35ϕ , very well-sorted;

 $0.35 - 0.50\phi$, well-sorted;

0.50 - 1.00φ, moderately sorted;

1.00 - 2.00φ, poorly sorted;

2.00 - 4.00φ, very poorly sorted; and

 $>4.00\phi$, extremely poorly sorted.



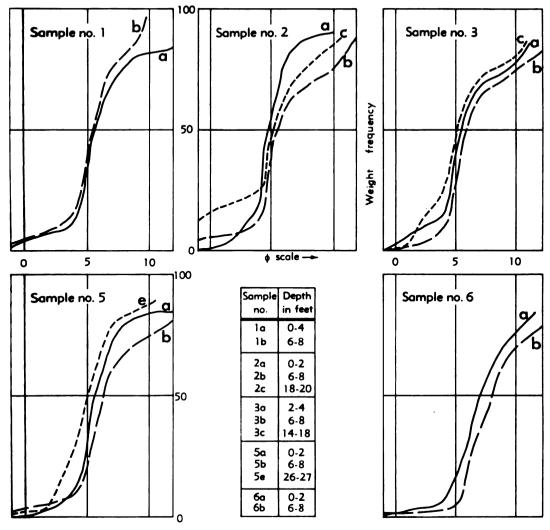


FIGURE 6.—Size-distribution curves for terrace deposits.

TABLE 4.—Sedimentary parameters of alluvial terrace deposits.

Sample no.	Depth, feet	φ-median	Sorting index	Percent gravel	Percent sand	Percent silt and clay
la	0-4	5.3φ	4φ		13.79	86.21
1b	6-8	5.3ø	2.3ø	*******	15.36	84.64
2a	0-2	4.40	$1.7\dot{m{\phi}}$		19.70	80.30
2b	6-8	6.25ø	3.5¢		12.39	87.61
2c	18-20	5.3ø	5φ΄	10.84	22.06	67.10
3a	2-4	5.25ø	3.3 ø		13.79	86.28
3b	6-8	6.1 o	4φ΄		7.725	92.27
	14-18	5.3¢	3.9 ¢		24.05	75.95
3c 5a	0-2	5.25ø	3.1¢	•••••	11.89	88.11
5b	6-8	6.2 ø	4.2ø	•••••	10.13	89.87
5e	26-27	5.1ϕ	2.8¢		30.77	69.23
6a	0-2	7 φ	3.3 ø		6.151	93.48
6 <u>b</u>	6-8	8.1ø	3.8ø		3.10	96.90

TABLE 5.—Sedimentary parameters of flood-plain deposits.

Sample no.	Depth, feet	φ-median	Sorting index	Percent gravel	Percent sand	Percent silt and clay
8a	0-2	5φ	2.2φ		6.80	93.20
8c	12-14	5.3ø	3.4¢	******	10.27	89.73
9a	0-2	5.3¢	3.4ø		8.33	91.67
9Ь	6-8	7 o	3φ΄	******	20.68	79.32
10a	0-2	6.1ø	1.8ø	******	6.0	94
10b	6-8	4.3ø	4.2¢	*******	3.40	96.60
10c	18-20	5.3¢	3.9¢	******	10.27	89.73
lla	0-2	6.20	3.6¢	******	15.35	84.65
11b	12-14	5.3ø	1.8 ø	******	11.68	88.32
llc	18-20	5.4ø	3φ	3.39	12.81	83.80
12a	0-2	5.3¢	2ϕ	2.63	11.77	85.60
12b	12-14	5.2ø	$\overline{2.8}\phi$	*******	18.87	81.13

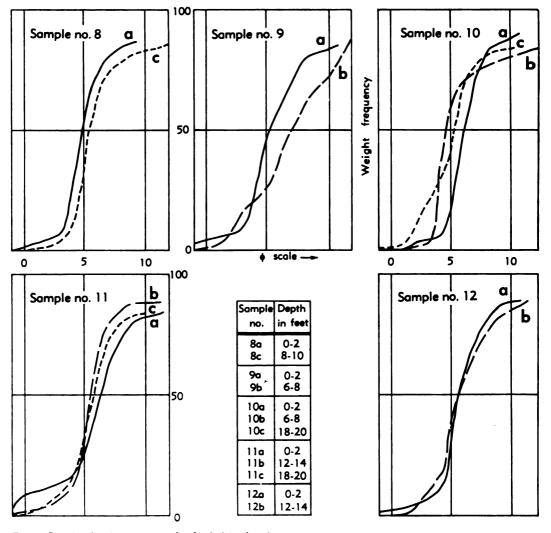


FIGURE 7.—Size-distribution curves for flood-plain deposits.

Both types of deposits are poorly to very poorly sorted and show no systematic variation of phi-median and sorting either with depth or with the distance of transportation. The terrace deposits show a greater variation in sorting than the flood-plain deposits. Comparison of the sedimentary parameters of alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits is shown in Table 6.

DISCUSSION

Similarity of the grain-size parameters of the alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits is probably due to the similarity in sedimentary processes which formed them.

The terrace deposits, considered Illinoisan in age, are relict flood plains topographically higher and locally adjacent to the younger flood-plain deposits of Wisconsinan age. Similarity of drainage basin location and depositional history should preclude the possibility of any significant differences in grain-size parameters, assuming that the source area was not significantly altered from Illinoisan to Wisconsinan time.

During the Illinoisan Stage, continental glaciers were remote from Kansas. In contrast, Wisconsinan continental glaciers, failing to reach Kansas by several hundreds of miles, repeatedly invaded the Missouri Valley to the north of Kansas (Frye and Leonard, 1952). Although glacial outwash did not reach the Neosho River valley, climatic effects were pronounced in the area.

Climatic changes associated with the Illinoisan and Wisconsinan glaciations indirectly resulted in a period of down-cutting, which increased the ratio of sediment load to water volume, followed by aggradation of streams. This situation probably caused a poorer sorting of the sediments.

Minor differences in the degree of sorting of terrace and flood-plain sediments are difficult to explain. Variation in the degree of sorting between terrace and flood-plain deposits is probably due to the extent each type of deposit was reworked.

It is not possible to draw any definite conclusions about the nature of deposition from sorting index alone because this may be a function of independent variables. Doeglas (1946) and Van Andel and Postma (1954) have observed that in

rivers and currents acting as rivers, loads of coarse and fine sediments are largely independent of each other. This important property of sediment transport indicates that a parameter that measures the total attribute of a sediment, such as the sorting index, may obscure the character of deposition.

The variation in the degree of sorting of terrace and flood-plain deposits is not significant; therefore, it could not be used as a criterion for differentiation.

HEAVY MINERAL ANALYSIS

Heavy mineral suites of five flood-plain and five terrace samples were separated from the silt fraction using bromoform. The separated heavy mineral fractions were mounted on glass slides for identification. Minerals were identified by comparison with known standard heavy minerals mounted on glass slides, using binocular and petrographic microscopes.

Heavy mineral suites of terrace and floodplain deposits are listed in Table 7. Comparison of the heavy mineral assemblages of the terrace and flood-plain deposits did not reveal any marked differences. Almost all heavy minerals found in the flood-plain deposits were also identified in the alluvial terrace deposits, with the exception of a few minerals such as epidote and kyanite, which are rare or absent from older alluvial terrace deposits.

A detailed quantitative determination of heavy minerals might help evaluate the differences, if any, in the heavy mineral suites of the flood-plain and terrace deposits.

CONCLUSIONS

Clay mineralogy, grain-size analyses, and heavy mineral analyses of the alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits of the Neosho River valley yielded the following results:

(1) Both alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits contain abundant montmorillonite. Flood-plain deposits have a greater abundance of illite than do alluvial terrace deposits. Alluvial terraces have a greater abundance of kaolinite than flood-plain deposits. The difference in

TABLE 6.—Comparison of sedimentary parameters of flood-plain and alluvial terrace deposits.

Type of deposit	Average ϕ -median	Average ϕ -sorting	Degree of sorting	Percent silt and clay
Flood-plain (Wisconsinan)	5.6φ	3φ	Poorly to very poorly sorted	86.6
Terrace (Illinoisan)	$5.8\dot{m{\phi}}$	3.45 ø	Poorly to extremely poorly sorte	ed 84.4



TABLE 7.—Comparison of heavy-mineral distribution in alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits.

Sample location* and depth	Zircon	Tourmaline	Staurolite	Garnet	Topaz	Magnetite	Epidote	Kyanite
Terrace deposits								
32-22-32cd								
0- 6 ft	x	x	x	x	x	x		Rarc
8-12 ft	x	x	x		x	x		
12-16 ft	x	x	x	x	x	••••		••••
35-22-3cd								
8-12 ft	x	x	x	x	x	x		
20-25 ft	x	x	x	x	x		••••	
Flood-plain deposits								
31-21-16aa								
2- 6 ft	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
12-16 ft	x	x	x	x		x	x	
35-21-1cc								
0- 2 ft,	x	x	x	x	x		x	
12-16 ft	x	x	x	x		x	x	
18-20 ft	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

^{* 32-22-32}cd is sample no. 1a, 35-22-3cd is sample no. 5a, 31-21-16aa is sample no. 12a, and 35-21-1cc is sample no. 8a (Table 1).

illite-kaolinite abundance is evaluated in terms of possible post-depositional modification of clay minerals in response to duration and intensity of weathering, topography, and drainage conditions of the alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits. Variation in illite-kaolinite abundance in these deposits could not be explained entirely on the basis of contribution of materials from the source area.

- (2) Grain-size analysis indicates that the silt and clay fraction constitute 84 percent and 86 percent of the terrace and floodplain deposits, respectively. Statistical parameters such as phi-median and sorting index indicate no variation with depth or distance. The alluvial terrace deposits have a greater variation in sorting than the flood-plain deposits. The difference in sorting, however, is insignificant and could not be used to differentiate the alluvial terrace and floodplain deposits.
- (3) The heavy mineral assemblages for the alluvial terrace and flood-plain deposits did not reveal any marked differences. Practically all heavy minerals of the flood-plain deposits are present in the alluvial terrace deposits, except epidote and kyanite, which are either rare or absent from the terrace deposits.
- (4) There were few significant differences between the flood-plain deposits and the alluvial terrace deposits for this section of the Neosho River valley revealed by the analyses performed in this study.

LOGS OF TEST HOLES REPRESENTING FLOOD-PLAIN AND TERRACE DEPOSITS

Given below are the typical sample logs of terrace and flood-plain deposits along the Neosho River valley.

Sample No. 7.——Sample log of test hole in NE NE sec. 24, T 33 S, R 21 E, on southwest corner of intersection, 20 feet west of north-south road. Augered June 6, 1963. Depth to water, 15.2 feet; altitude of land surface. 823 feet.

QUATERNARY SYSTEM

PLEISTOCENE SERIES		
	Thickness,	Depth feet
Illinoisan terrace deposits	,	,
Silt, brownish-gray, clayey	. 3	3
Silt, yellowish-brown, orange and	i	
gray clay stringers	. 5	8
Silt, yellowish-brown, clayey	. 5	13
Clay, yellowish-brown	. 5	18
Clay, yellowish-brown, medium	•	
sized chert pebbles	. 5	23
Clay, yellowish-brown, silty, med		
ium-sized sand and medium		••
sized pebbles	. 5	28
Pennsylvanian System		
DESMOINESIAN STAGE		
Cabaniss Formation		
Shale, black	. 1	29
Limestone		29
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Sample No. 13.——Sample log of test hole in SE SW sec. 1, T 35 S, R 21 E; on west shoulder of road opposite abandoned barn. Augered June 18, 1963. Depth to water, 14.5 feet; altitude of land surface, 790 feet.

QUATERNARY SYSTEM

PLEISTOCENE SERIES		
	Thickness,	
Wisconsinan and Recent alluvium		
Silt, reddish-brown, clayey	. 14	14
Silt, light-brown, sandy chert peb	-	
bles	. 5	19
Pebbles, dark-brown silt	. 2	21
Pennsylvanian System		
DESMOINESIAN STAGE		
Cabaniss Formation		

Shale

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