

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES OF THE COUNTIES

and hemlock, other kinds of vegetation were scarce. The rivers were too swift and lakes too pebbly for much growth of wild rice, and the fish were limited in kinds and size; this was a very different condition from the one existing in the Saginaw and Grand River valleys.

SITES IDENTIFIED			
Mound		1	
TOWNSHIPS			
1. Greenwood	4. Comins		
2. Elmer	5. Big Creek		
3. Clinton	6. Mentor		

OTSEGO COUNTY (Map 14)

The numerous lakes of the county were probably all frequented by Indians, but a careful field survey of several days was practically negative except in the vicinity of Otsego Lake. There were three mounds upon the west side of the lake, near the end, and four at different points upon the east side south of the middle. A trail led from two miles south of the north end of Otsego Lake, west side, to the mouth of Manistee River, a distance of eighty-five miles.

Acknowledgment is made of assistance rendered by Mr. Louis F. Smith of Trout Lake, who located some of the mounds upon Otsego Lake and traced important trails for the map of Chippewa County.

SITES IDENTIFIED			
Mounds		7	
Village		1	
TOWNSHIPS			
1. Corwith	6. Bagley		
2. Elmira	7. Otsego Lake		
3. Livingston	8. Chester		
4. Dover	9. Charlton		
5. Hayes			

OTTAWA COUNTY (Map 7)

Except for a burying ground in the southwestern corner of the county, at Holland, the archaeological remains so far located are along or near the Grand River and its tributaries. There were a group of three mounds on the north side of the Grand River opposite Grand Haven, and a village, a mound and a burying ground at Battle Point six miles up the stream from its mouth, and a group of three mounds and a village at the mouth of Crockery Creek. Three mound sites have been identified in Tallmadge Township, a village upon the river at the edge of the county, and two villages upon Crockery Lake in Chester Township.

See notes upon Kent, Ionia, and Clinton counties. For description of trail and waterway from the mouth of Grand River to the Detroit River and Lake Erie, see notes upon "Waterways and Portages" and "Trails."

SITES IDENTIFIED			
Villages		5	
Burying grounds ..		3	
Mounds		9	
TOWNSHIPS			
1. Chester	10. Olive		
2. Spring Lake	11. Blendon		
3. Crockery	12. Georgetown		
4. Polkton	13. Park		
5. Wright	14. Holland		
6. Grand Haven	15. Zeeland		
7. Robinson	16. Jamestown		
8. Allendale	17. Port Sheldon		
9. Tallmadge			

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY (Map 14)

A mound of unusual proportions was situated at the mouth of Ocqueoc River. Two extensive burying grounds have been explored in the vicinity, and a village site has been identified. There were a village and a burying ground in North Allis Township, upon the south shore of Black Lake, and a burying ground at the southeast end of Grand Lake, Presque Isle Township.

It is impossible to locate exactly within the county the line of the old trail that followed the Huron shore from Saginaw Bay to Cheboygan and Mackinaw, but the broken line upon the map traces it very nearly.

The shore from the Wawaughwaughquece River, now called the Ocqueoc, to Swan River, a distance of twenty miles, was held "sacred ground" by the Indians of long ago. A "spirit rock" is situated by the water's edge, six miles up the shore from Rogers City. It is a huge conglomerate boulder, twenty feet long, six feet high and eight feet thick, and quite regularly rectangular. When the Indians came to the rock, as they traversed the shore, they stopped, sacrificed dogs, and made other offerings.

In August, 1926, when it was visited by the writer, small piles of tobacco were observed upon the rock. Some beautiful legends are told about this "sacred" place. Another venerated spot was at the mouth of Swan River.

Mr. M. G. Thomas of Onaway mentions that in the early times there was an "old Indian orchard" upon the east end of Black Lake, where a village is marked upon the map.

SITES IDENTIFIED	
Villages	2
Burying grounds ..	4
Mound	1

TOWNSHIPS			
1. Bearinger	8. Bismarck		
2. Rogers	9. Belknap		
3. North Allis	10. Metz		
4. Ocqueoc	11. Pulawski		
5. Mollte	12. Fosen		
6. Allis	13. Krakow		
7. Case	14. Presque Isle		

ROSCOMMON COUNTY (Map 12)

Houghton Lake, the largest inland lake of the state, the head of Muskegon River, appears to have been as inviting for Indians as it is now for resorters. Within the distance of a mile from the curve in the western shore line no less than twelve small burial mounds were found. A group of mounds stood just west of Prudenville. Along the south beach of the lake there were at least two villages and a burying ground so extensive that the people living near by claim that a "big battle" was fought there. A group of four mounds was situated upon the north shore at the mouth of Bacus Creek or the "Cut."

The Saginaw trail from the south passed the eastern borders of Houghton and Higgins lakes, and deflected sharply around the north end of the latter lake to the west.

SITES IDENTIFIED	
Villages	3
Burying grounds ..	1
Mounds	19

TOWNSHIPS			
1. Lyon	6. Richfield		
2. Gerrish	7. Denton		
3. Lake	8. Backus		
4. Markey	9. Roscommon		
5. Higgins	10. Nester		