

ANTHROPOLOGY

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ABSTRACTS

Archaeological Sites in Putnam County, Indiana, F. M. VREELAND, DePauw University.—There are no genuine village sites in Putnam County, and no prehistoric earthworks have been accurately identified. There is also a noticeable scarcity of potsherds. Upwards of thirty camp sites have been identified. They are generally located near three main streams which flow in a southwesterly direction across the county. The number of sites which are located on ridges, at a distance from the streams, suggests that they were located with reference to the then extant food supplies, or possibly to trails. The artifacts are mainly of the "Woodland" pattern, although a few may be classified as "Missippian." Two caches have been excavated; one of 28 pieces in Cloverdale Township and another of 21 pieces in Greencastle Township. Noteworthy artifacts include a copper gouge, a curved slate pipe, a monitor pipe, and a rhomboidal, stone ceremonial piece. The materials used are mainly those which were available locally, although exotic materials are not uncommon. A large quarry where Indians secured nodular flint is located in Warren Township. A large mortar, cut in sandstone, is in Russell Township, and petroglyphs are found in the sandstone at the Snake Dam site in this township. Local accounts refer to segments of three trails in the county.