

Indiana Mastodons*

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There are records of mastodons from 46 of Indiana's 92 counties. Most of the records are based on rather fragmentary remains and are in scattered collections, but several of them are based on practically complete skeletons. With two exceptions all of these skeletons are deposited or exhibited in museums outside of Indiana, which has no state museum of its own.

The portion of Indiana where mastodons are found most abundantly is in the north and east. Perhaps the finest skeleton known was found in DeKalb County and is on exhibit in the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Another excellent completely mounted specimen was found in Pulaski County and is now on exhibit in the United States National

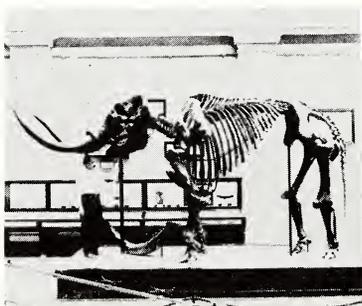


Fig. 1. Pulaski County; United States National Museum.

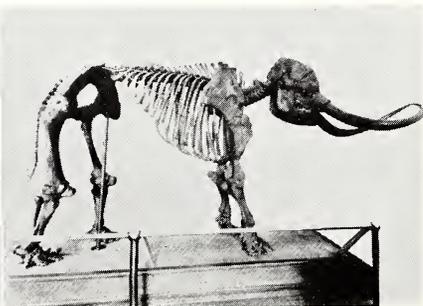


Fig. 2. Miami County; Milwaukee Public Museum.

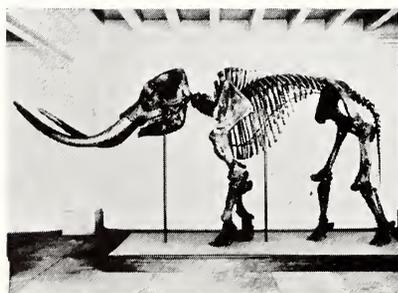


Fig. 3. DeKalb County; Colorado Museum of Natural History.

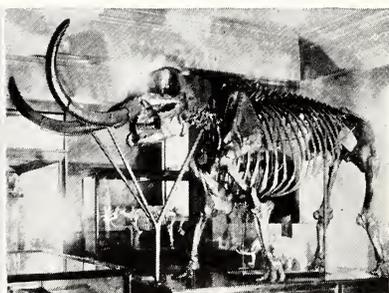


Fig. 4. DeKalb County; Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh.

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Museum. One of the early mastodon skeletons found in Indiana came from the vicinity of Denver, Miami County, and is exhibited in the Public Museum of Milwaukee. The last good specimen of mastodon was found near Garrett, DeKalb County, and is exhibited in the Colorado Museum of Natural History. A fairly complete skeleton from Marshall County, as yet unmounted, is in the collection of the American Museum of Natural History. Another fairly complete specimen, as yet unmounted, from Noble County is in the Buffalo Museum of Science, New York.

Two good unmounted specimens are in Indiana collections, an immature one at Taylor University from Grant County, and another at Earlham College from Wayne County. The Earlham specimen, which was dismounted at the time of their fire, is now being reassembled.