

**World's Columbian Exposition**  
**Expedition to Southern Ohio, 1891, 1892, n.d.**

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## Collection Summary

**Creator/collector:** George A. Dorsey, Warren K. Moorehead, Harlan I. Smith.  
**Title:** World's Columbian Exposition Expedition to Southern Ohio, 1891, 1892, n.d.  
**Description:** 8 folders, 1 container, 0.3 linear feet.  
**Medium:** field notes, maps, manuscripts.  
**Abstract:** Archival collection on archaeological excavations by Warren K. Moorehead at Mound Builder sites in Southern Ohio in 1891 and 1892. This collection contains Moorehead's field notes, maps, and manuscripts; an unfinished manuscript by George Dorsey on the excavation's archaeological collections; and lists of objects collected by Harlan Smith.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** Unknown.  
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**Preferred Citation:** Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: container number, World's Columbian Exposition Expedition to Southern Ohio, Field Museum Library Archives, Chicago, Illinois.

## Selected Search/Index Terms

### Names:

Cresson, Hilborne T.  
 Dorsey, George A.  
 Moorehead, Warren K.  
 Smith, Harlan I.

### Subjects:

Archaeological expeditions – Ohio  
 Archaeological illustration – Ohio  
 Excavations (Archaeology) - Ohio  
 Hopewell culture  
 Hopewell Site (Ohio)  
 Mound-builders  
 World's Columbian Exposition (1893: Chicago, Illinois)

Department of Anthropology – Accession 31  
 -- Accession 359  
 -- Accession 410

-- Accession 429

## Biographical Note

### *Dorsey, George Amos*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1868	Birth
1888	A.B. from Denison College, Ohio.
1891-1893	Worked under Frederic Putnam at World's Columbian Exposition.
1894	Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University.
1894-1896	Taught Anthropology at Harvard University.
1897-1898	Assistant Curator of Physical Anthropology, Field Museum.
1899-1915	Curator of Anthropology, Field Museum
1897-1907	20 Field Museum Expeditions within the United States and Canada.
1897-1905	Authored or co-authored eleven <i>Fieldiana Anthropology Series</i> volumes.
1931	Death

### *Moorehead, Warren King*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1866	Birth (Italy)
1886	Received degree from Denison College, Ohio.
1887	Began excavating at Fort Ancient.
1891	Collected in Ohio for the World's Columbian Exposition.
1894-1897	Curator, Museum of Ohio State University and the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society.
1897, 1898	<i>The Hopewell Group</i> , <i>The Antiquarian</i> . Vol. 1, pp. 113-20; 153-58; 178-84; 203-13; 236-43; 254-64; 291-95; 312-16; <i>American Archaeologist</i> , Vol. 2, pp. 6-11.
1901-1906	Curator, Department of Archaeology, Phillips Academy.
1907-1938	Director, Department of Archaeology, Phillips Academy.
1909-1933	Member, Board of Indian Commissioners.
1922	<i>Fieldiana</i> , Vol. 6, No. 5: <i>The Hopewell Mound Group of Ohio</i> .
1939	Death

***Smith, Harlan Ingersoll***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1872	Birth
Prior to 1890	Attended University of Michigan.
1891	Assistant, Peabody Museum, Harvard University.
1891-1893	Field Assistant for explorations in Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, New York, Michigan, etc. for the World's Columbian Exposition.
1895-1911	Employed at American Museum of Natural History.
1912-1914	Honorary Curator, American Museum of Natural History.
1911-1920	Archaeologist, Geological Survey of Canada.
1920-1937	Archaeologist, National Museum of Canada.
1940	Death

**Scope and Content Note**

In 1891, Professor Frederic Ward Putnam, Director of Department M of the World's Columbian Exposition, hired Warren K. Moorehead to lead excavations at Mound Builder sites in Southern Ohio. Putnam needed Moorehead to collect objects to exhibit at the Exposition. He excavated at three sites in 1891 and 1892: Fort Ancient, Oregonia, and Anderson. The Field Museum received Moorehead's Ohio collection after the Exposition (Department of Anthropology accessions 31, 410, and 429). The World's Columbian Exposition Expedition to Southern Ohio, 1891, 1892, n.d. archival collection contains field notes, maps, and manuscripts from Moorehead's explorations. It also contains an unfinished manuscript on the excavation's collections by George Dorsey, and object lists from Harlan Smith, who assisted Moorehead as photographer and also collected Mound Builder material. (It is unclear where Smith deposited his collection after the Exposition.)

**Description of Series**

Box	Series	Subseries
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**Box 1      Ms: "Clark's Work on the Hopewell Group, Ross County, Ohio", 1898.**

Typed, unfinished draft of a manuscript written by George Dorsey regarding an archaeological collection made by Warren Moorehead in Ohio for the World's Columbian Exposition in 1891. The manuscript was later completed and expanded by Moorehead in 1922. It was published in Fieldiana, Vol. 6, No. 5 and titled, *The Hopewell Mound Group of Ohio*.

**Box 1      Papers of Warren K. Moorehead.**

Papers regarding Moorehead's archaeological investigations in Southern Ohio during 1891 and 1892.

Field Notes, 1891-1892.

One notebook containing a day-by-day account by Moorehead of excavations at Fort Ancient, Oregonia, and Anderson, Ohio.

**Box 1, Flat File** Site Maps, 1891, n.d.  
Pencil, colored pencil, and ink archaeological site maps. Most were drawn by Hilborne T. Cresson for Moorehead and correspond to dates in Moorehead's field notebook.

Manuscripts, 1891, 1892, n.d.

Three manuscripts describing the archaeological excavations Moorehead took in Southern Ohio.

**Box 1** **Papers of Harlan I. Smith, 1892, n.d.**  
Exhibition notes for Smith's collection of Ohio mound objects shown at the World's Columbian Exposition, and a handwritten list of objects Smith collected during his Warren Co., Ohio explorations in 1892.

## Container List

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Typed, unfinished manuscript. This part of the manuscript covers Hopewell Mounds 1-24. Approximately 77 pages. Parts of Moorehead's 1897 article published in *Antiquarian* are cut and pasted into the manuscript. Department of Anthropology catalogue numbers from accession 31 are handwritten in the margins where they correspond to field numbers.

Folder 2: *Ms: "Clark's Work on the Hopewell Group, Ross County, Ohio."*

Continuation of the above manuscript. Covers Effigy Mound or Mound No. 25. Approximately 49 pages. Includes one loose leaf page of unknown provenance – detailed drawings of bone fragments with notes.

Box 1 **Papers of Warren K. Moorehead.**  
Field Notes, 1891-1892.

Folder 3: Record of Warren K. Moorehead Explorations, Little Miami Valley, Ohio, April 1891 – Jan. 1892.

One notebook containing a day-by-day account by Moorehead of excavations at Fort Ancient (April 10 – June 26, 1891), Oregonia (August 1 – 28, 1891), and Anderson (August 31, 1891 – January 25, 1892), Ohio. Portions of the notebook are typed. The remaining portions are handwritten in several different handwriting styles. Includes some Department of Anthropology catalogue numbers from accessions 359, 410, and 429 (the catalogue numbers have since been changed). Note also that the last few pages of the notebook list every man that worked for Moorehead during the excavations.

Site Maps, 1891, n.d.

Folder 4: Site Maps, 1891, n.d.

- Thirty-three pencil and colored pencil archaeological site maps by Hilborne T. Cresson for Moorehead that correspond to dates in Moorehead's field notebook. All except one measure 8 ½ x 11". "Effigy Mound" measures 7 ¾ x 12 ½".
- Two loose sheets with printed drawings of object designs.
- Two copies of parts of the Fort Ancient map by George Little, reduced in size.
- Photo of a pile of discs from mound two. Fig. 10. Plate XLI p. 19.
- Empty envelope with "Effigy Mound. Fig. 20. Hopewell" handwritten on it.

Flat File: Site Maps, n.d.

- "Ground Plan Mound 23 (Hopewell's)." Pencil and colored pencil. 9 ¾ x 13 ½".
- "Hopewell's Group, No. 19". Ink. 11 x 16 ½".
- "Field Drawing of Hiram Taylor's Mound. 2 m. north of Oregonia, Ohio (Warren Co.). Warren K. Moorehead, Nov. '92." Ink. 20 ⅞ x 16 ½".
- "Ground Plan of the Hopewell Mound. Anderson, Ross Co., Ohio. C. Cowen C.E." On grid paper. Ink and pencil. 21 x 16".
- One large, original map of Fort Ancient by George Little. It is broken in pieces and encapsulated in mylar. Overall size is approximately 43 x 56".

Manuscripts, 1891, 1892, n.d.

Folder 5: Ms: "Account of Explorations at Hopewell Group, Ohio", 1891.  
A typed transcription of pages 89-144 of Moorehead's field notebook. 40 pages.

Folder 6: Ms: "*The Examination of Fort Ancient, Ohio*", n.d.

Typed draft written by Moorehead. The manuscript is in three sections: "The Examination of Fort Ancient, Ohio", "Excavations on the Hiram Taylor Estate", and "Hopewell's Group of Tumuli, Ross County." Nine pages.

Folder 7: Ms: "*A Report upon the Work Done in Southern Ohio*", 1892.

A typed report written by Moorehead. A letter from Moorehead submitting the report to Professor Frederick W. Putnam, dated December 3, 1892, is included. 59 pages (54-59 in draft form).

Box 1      **Papers of Harlan I. Smith, 1892, n.d.**

Folder 8: *Object Notes*.

- Handwritten list of objects from Smith's explorations in Warren Co., Ohio in 1892.
- Typed exhibition notes for objects exhibited by Smith at the World's Columbian Exposition.