

Ancient Mounds or Tumuli in Crawford County*

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On the questions of the origin and design of these monuments of antiquity, I have but little at present to say. On these questions much has been said and written, but from it all the world has become but little the wiser or better. Their existence, together with the evidence we have of design, taste, or ambition to perpetuate the memory of some noted event or honored individual, give ample evidence of intelligence, far in advance of the Aborigines found here by the Anglo-Saxon race, who at present occupy the country.

The trees frequently found growing upon them of four hundred years of growth, declare their antiquity; and the recent discoveries in the copper region of Lake Superior, of mines over which trees of the same age are growing, makes it probable that the same race who wrought those mines, also built these mounds.

Who these ancient people were, whence they came, and what became of them, have been questions of deep and abiding interest for the last fifty years, or since the whites have been settling the great Valley in which their works abound; and various methods have been resorted to, to divine some plausible answer to each question, but all to no purpose. In-

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