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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	These are site reports on archaeological excavations in northern and western Pennsylvania and upstate New York. Most of the excavations were sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission (1929-1948). The reports include photographs, maps, and diagrams.

## Scope & content

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A series of manuscripts, reports, maps, and photographs on Pennsylvania archeology from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission files. Many of these reports are records of Works Progress Administration Archeological Projects in Pennsylvania, but more than half represent activities of the State Commission. Primarily excavations of Native American burial mounds in northern and western Pennsylvania, with some upstate New York sites. 38 items, plus Edmund S. Carpenter's summary of data on Pennsylvania tumuli entitled "The ancient mounds of Pennsylvania." (913.748 C223)

## Scope & content

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Native American Images note : Almost 2,000 black and white silver gelatin photographs, black and white negatives, ink and pencil sketches, maps, blueprints, and graphs of Seneca and other Iroquoian burial mounds excavated in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and the WPA from 1918-1948. The tumulus are located in northern, western, and central Pennsylvania, particularly Warren County's Cornplanter tract, with some mounds unearthed in western Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties of New York. Images include excavation sites with marked trenches; artifacts of tools, pottery, arrow points, and pipes; skeletal remains in burial vaults; Seneca workers; and diagrams of archeological finds. Referenced in Freeman's Guide to manuscripts relating to the American Indian and Supplement, David Van Keuren's The Proper Study of Mankind, an annotated bibliography of manuscript sources on anthropology and archeology, and Murphy Smith's Historical American Sketches.

Maps note : There are approximately 50 maps in this collection.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Restrictions

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### Restrictions on Use

A summary on tumuli in Pennsylvania was written by Edward S. Carpenter (see PAAV 88A25).

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Presented by Edmund S. Carpenter and accessioned, 1948-1949.

## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Summarized in Edmund S. Carpenter, [Ancient Mounds of Pennsylvania \(913.748 C223\)](#).

## Indexing Terms

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

### Family Name(s)

- Fisher, G. S.

### **Genre(s)**

- Blueprints.
- Diagrams.
- Gelatin silver prints
- Graphs.
- Maps.
- Negatives
- Photomechanical prints
- Photoprints.
- Sketches.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- New York (State) -- Antiquities.
- Pennsylvania -- Antiquities.

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Bird, Junius Bouton, 1907-
- Biss, Wesley L.
- Butler, Mary
- Cadzow, Donald A.
- Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011
- Cresson, Francis C.
- Gerrodette, F.
- Gilmore, Raymond M., (Raymond Maurice), 1907-1983
- Jones, Robert W.
- Schoff, Harry L.
- Skinner, Dorothy P.
- Smith, Charles M.
- Stewart, T. D., (Thomas Dale), 1901-
- Thomas, Cyrus
- Witthoft, John
- Wright, Ross P.

### **Subject(s)**

- Archaeology
- Eastern Woodlands Indians
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Human remains (Archaeology)
- Indians of North America--New York (State)--Antiquities
- Indians of North America--Pennsylvania--Antiquities
- Iroquois Indians--Antiquities
- Seneca Indians--Antiquities
- Seneca Indians--Implements

## **Other Finding Aids**

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Freeman guide, #180. Realms of Gold, #49.



## Collection Inventory

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**Schoff, Harry L.** 1938

No.1 McFate site report on archaeological excavations, Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 49 black and white photographs of excavation of a prehistoric Indian village. Images include landscapes, trenches, skeletal remains, arrowpoints, pipes, pottery, tools.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2694

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**Cresson, Francis C.**

1941

No.2 Site report: summary of lists for  
Somerset and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 22 pencil sketches of skeletal remains and diagrams of excavation sites  
with location of finds.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2674

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**Gilmore, Raymond M., (Raymond Maurice), 1941**

**1907-1983**

No.3 Identification of faunal remains from  
Southwestern Pennsylvania, archaeological  
sites and reports of animal remains

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2688

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**Stewart, T. D., (Thomas Dale), 1901-** 1944

No.4 Skeletal remains from Fayette and  
Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 5 black and white photographs of skeletal remains dated ca. 1550-1650.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2698

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**Cresson, Francis C.**

1941-1942

No.5 Archaeological survey of Somerset  
County, Pennsylvania

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2684

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**Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011** 1947

No.6, part 1 Materials relating to Brock  
Mound, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 1 pencil sketch of the excavation site at Brock Mound.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2678

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**Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011** 1947

No.6, part 2 Materials relating to Brock  
Mound, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 23 black and white photographs of artifacts found at the excavation site.  
Images include fragments of tools, pipes, pottery, arrow points, and diagrams of the site.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2678

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**Schoff, Harry L.**

1937

No.7 Record of excavation of Brock village  
site, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 4 black and white photographs, 1 ink sketch of tools, pottery fragments,  
plan of the Algonquin site, Muncy Creek township.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2696

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**Butler, Mary** 1941

No.8 Miscellaneous reports on Johnson,  
Miller, Jacobs, Hook Run, Logan, Jimerson  
sites

Native American Images note: 117 black and white photographs, 44 black and white negatives of mounds, excavation sites, Seneca masks, artifact fragments from the Cornplanter reservation, Warren County, Pennsylvania; Cattaraugus County, New York; Scandia, Pennsylvania and others.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2673

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Johnson Halftown 1941

Johnson Halftown, 1941

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Seneca excavation site 1941

Seneca excavation site, 1941

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Seneca excavation site 1941

Seneca excavation site, 1941

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**Cadzow, Donald A. Schoff, Harry L.** 1937

No.9a, part 1 Irvine Mound group materials,  
Warren County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 19 black and white photographs, 50 black and white negatives of  
landscapes, excavation trenches, skeletal remains, tools, burial vaults at three ancient mounds at Irvine.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #3238

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**Cadzow, Donald A. Schoff, Harry L.** 1937

No.9a, part 2 Irvine Mound group materials,  
Warren County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 5 ink sketches of diagrams of excavation sites of Irvine mound, Warren County, Pennsylvania and Nelson mound, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #3238

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**Cadzow, Donald A. Schoff, Harry L.** 1937

No.9b Irvine Mound group materials, Warren

County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 3 ink sketches of diagrams of excavation sites; 25 black and white photographs of tools, arrowpoints, and plans of burial mounds.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #3238

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**Cadzow, Donald A. Schoff, Harry L.** 1937

No.9c Irvine Mound group materials, Warren  
County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 24 black and white photographs, 20 black and white negatives, 6 sketches of diagrams of the excavation of Nathaniel Mound. Images include landscapes, excavation trenches, burial sites, arrowpoints,

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #3238

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**Schoff, Harry L.**

1938?

No.10 Nelson Mound materials

Native American Images note: 2 black and white photographs, 4 maps of a small burial mound, diagrams and sketches of the central grave in Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2695

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**Jones, Robert W.**

1929

No.11 Book Mound materials

Native American Images note: 2 black and white photographs of mound in Beale township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2689

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**Cadzow, Donald A.** 1930-1935

No.12 Archaeological explorations in Western  
Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 15 photomechanical prints of photographs and sketches of pottery,  
excavation sites, and diagrams of finds at 28th Street site, Erie, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freemna guide, #2675

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**Smith, Charles M.** 1886

No.13 Letters to Cyrus Thomas

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2697

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**Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011**

1934-1941

No.14 Spartansburg Mound materials

Native American Images note: 24 black and white photographs, 5 black and white negatives, 17 ink sketches, 2 geological maps of the mound including images of artifacts, arrowheads, burial sites, tools, diagrams, and workers.

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**Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011**

1941

No.15 Alleghany Valley materials

Native American Images note: 4 black and white photographs, 2 black and white negatives, 8 pencil sketches of excavations sites in Warren, Forest and Erie Counties.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2676

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No.16 Darlington Mound report

1918

Native American Images note: 1 black and white photograph, 1 ink sketch of skeletal remains, diagram of site finds at Guyasutha mound, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2686

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**Biss, Wesley L.**

1941

No.17 Williams Mound report

Native American Images note: 41 black and white photographs, 20 black and white negatives, 2 sketches of excavation trenches, diagrams of site near Croydon, Warren County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2702

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**Jones, Robert W.**

1929?

No.18 A report...upon Clemson's Mound

Native American Images note: 22 ink sketches of plans and finds at the excavation site on an island in the Susquehanna River, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2690

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**Gerrodette, F.** 1939

No.19a, part 1 McKees Rock materials

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2691

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**Gerrodette, F.**

1939

No.19a, part 2 McKees Rock materials

Native American Images note: 8 black and white photographs, 7 sketches of artifacts found including images of arrowheads, tools, skeletal remains, pottery, and maps and diagrams of finds.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2691

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**Gerrodette, F.** 1939

No.19b McKees Rock materials

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2691

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**Stewart, T. D., (Thomas Dale), 1901-** 1945

No.20 Skeletal remains from the Sugar Run

Mounds

Native American Images note: 2 black and white photographs of skulls found at site in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2699

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No.21a Sugar Run materials

1940

Native American Images note: 107 black and white photographs, 34 black and white negatives of excavation sites of Northwest Pennsylvania. Images include excavation sites, skeletal remains, tools, Seneca Indian workers.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2700

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No.21b Sugar Run materials

1940

Native American Images note: 95 black and white photographs, 28 negatives of aerial views of the Alleghany Valley; near Kinzua, Pennsylvania; Cornplanter reservation; a fort near Pittsfield.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2700

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No.21c Sugar Run materials

1940

Native American Images note: 196 black and white photographs, 57 black and white negatives of excavation sites in Warren County, Pennsylvania. Images include fire hearths, burial sites, tools, arrowpoints, pottery, pipes, skeletal remains, Seneca Indian workers.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2700

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No.21d Sugar Run materials

1940

Native American Images note: 149 black and white photographs, 50 black and white negatives of excavations and mounds in Warren County, Pennsylvania. Images include mound construction, excavation trenches, cremation hearth, and Seneca Indian workers.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2700

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**Fisher, G. S.**

1937-1939

No.22 Southwest Pennsylvania materials

Native American Images note: 4 pencil sketches of diagrams of site finds, maps, Indian figure.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2687

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**Schoff, Harry L.**

1931-1934

No.23 Reports

Native American Images note: 35 black and white photographs, 9 sketches of Wheatland mound, Kip Island site, Eagle Bluff site in Seneca County, New York. Images include arrowpoints, tools, pipes, maps and diagrams of site finds.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #1226

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No.24 Vandalia Mound materials

1941

Native American Images note: 1 black and white photograph, 6 sketches of tools and diagrams of site in Cattaraugus County, New York.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #1241

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**Carpenter, Edmund, 1922-2011** 1934

No.25 Materials on the 28th Street site and  
Wesleyville site, Erie County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 96 black and white photographs, 15 sketches of tools, skeletal remains, landscapes, excavation sites, jewelry, arrowpoints, pottery, pipes, Seneca Indian workers. Also, diagrams of Fort Hill, Gower, Recker, Peck, Troutman, Emerick, Powell, Martin, Phillips sites.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2680

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**Skinner, Dorothy P.** 1929

No.26 Reports of Pennsylvania Archaeological  
survey

Native American Images note: 1 geological map, 5 ink sketches of rock shelter at Miller township, Perry  
County, Pennsylvania.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #3239

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No.27 Profiles of Sugar Run sites

1939-1941

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2693

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**Cresson, Francis C.** 1941

No.28 Photographs of sites and artifacts of  
Fort Hill, Martin, Phillips, and other locations

Native American Images note: 60 black and white photographs, 27 negatives, 15 sketches, 6  
photomechanical prints of excavation sites, skeletal remains, pottery, tools, pipes, and aerial views of the  
Southwest Pennsylvania woodlands excavation sites.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2685

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**Cresson, Francis C.** 1941

Iroquois artifacts

Iroquois artifacts, 1941

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**Pfirman, Kenneth R.** 1941

Iroquois effigy pipe

Iroquois effigy pipe, 1941

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**Woodruff, D. E.** 1934

Iroquois excavation site

Iroquois excavation site, 1934

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**Cadzow, Donald A.** 1934

Iroquois pottery

Iroquois pottery, 1934

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**Witthoft, John, 1921-** 1948

No.29 Field drawings from the Sick site, South  
Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania

Native American Images note: 1 ink sketch, 51 bluprints of locations of skeletal remains.

**Other Finding Aids**

Freeman guide, #2703

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