

WARREN COUNTY.

In the matter of individual earthworks of importance, Warren county stands among the first two or three in the state. Fort Ancient gives the county the distinction of having the greatest hilltop enclosure or "fort" in the state and in many respects one of the most remarkable of known prehistoric works. In another class of works — the effigy class — Warren county presents an example second only to the Great Serpent in Adams county. This work is known as the Warren County Serpent and is located on the south side of the Little Miami river in northern Hamilton township.

Fort Ancient is situated on an eminence on the east side of the Little Miami river, in Washington township. The colossal earthwork is irregular in form, conforming to the topography of the hill on which it lies. This hill, or plateau, is a strong position being protected on two sides by declivitous ravines and on the third side by the precipitous descent to the river. The tortuous walls of the fort, which measure 18,712 in length, exclusive of detached works, are the result of its being carried around the very edge of the plateau and following all the sinuosities of its outlines. The walls of the fort vary in height from a few feet at the most precipitous point to 18 or 20 feet where the walls cross the level plain. The longest straight line that can be drawn within the walls is about 5,000 feet, or almost one mile. The general form of the fort is two rudely triangular areas connected by a narrow rectangular area, thus constituting practically three almost distinct enclosures, termed respectively the North Fort, Middle Fort and South Fort.

Fort Ancient and the land upon which it stands is now the property of the State of Ohio and is in charge of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. A model of the fort and many relics found thereat, can be seen at the Society's museum.

The Warren county Serpent is situated just across the river from the village of Stubbs' Mills. It lies with the head toward the waters of Baker's creek near its mouth, the body undulating towards the southwest and terminating at the opposite side of the sharp bend in the stream which it occupies. There are many

points of similarity, both as to form and size between the Warren county serpent and that of Adams county.

Warren county has a total of 112 recorded prehistoric sites 8 of which are enclosures and 62 are mounds.

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Townships.	Mounds.	Enclosures.	Village Sites.	Burials.	Cemeteries.	Effigies.	Totals.
Franklin	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Wayne	17	2	4	13	1	.....	.....
Massie	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Turtle Creek	17	3	3	5	.....	.....	.....
Washington	7	1	2	4	.....	.....	.....
Deerfield	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	4	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Salem	4	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Harlan	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Totals	62	8	10	30	1	1	112

