

ATHENS COUNTY.

Archeologically unique is the district known as "the plains" of Athens county. It consists of an area of upwards of 5 miles square, lying south and west of the Hocking river and north of the city of Athens. Its surface, quite level, is dotted with mounds and enclosures so abundant that from almost any one of them it is possible to see another. The elevation of "the plains" is only slightly above that of the river, while on all sides of it the country rises rapidly to considerable heights. This level and protected area evidently appealed strongly to the aboriginal liking, as evidenced by the remains of their industry.

Ames township, on the headwaters of Federal Creek, and Alexander township, in the southern part of the county, abound in mounds.

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Townships.	Mounds.	Enclosures.	Village Sites.	Totals.
Trimble	1			
York	1			
Dover	3	5		
Ames	16			
Bern	1			
Waterloo	3	1		
Athens	18	6	1	
Canaan	2			
Rome	1			
Lee	1			
Alexander	16		1	
Totals	63	12	2	77

