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ARTIFACTS OF VIENNA'S

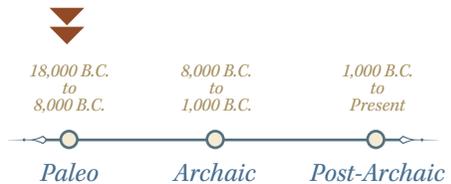
EARLY PEOPLES

Many artifacts have been discovered in the Vienna area that were left behind by early peoples. Jerrel C. Anderson has provided the following examples from his collection, along with information about each artifact.



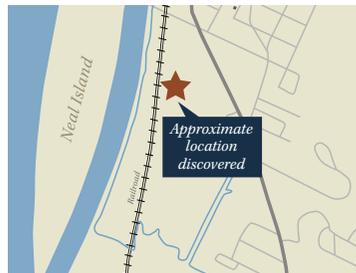
DOVETAIL POINT

This is an early archaic Dovetail point made from Hughes River Flint (West Virginia). Approximately 9,500 years old, the point was found behind the Grand Central Mall between the parking lot and the railroad track by Charles Hostetler, formerly of Vienna,



Paleo Period

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IVAN ANDERSON MICA ORNAMENT AND PROJECTILE POINT

The carved mica ornament in the photo above was found along with another ornament on the chest of a skeleton at the bottom of the Penn Metal Mound formerly located in north Vienna where the office building now resides. It was found in 1913 by 8-year-old Ivan Anderson along with a projectile point (left). This ornament measures about 4 by 6 inches. The mound was from the Middle Woodland period that dated to from about 100 B.C. to about 450 A.D. Mica came from the southern Appalachian Mountains.



LUDEY MOUND AND ARTIFACTS

The Ludey Mound was located on the lot on the northwest corner of Grand Central Avenue and 51st Street. The photo above shows the mound as it appeared in 2005 before it was destroyed (viewed looking west).

Charcoal found under the mound in the central tomb area gave a radiocarbon date of 435 B.C., establishing that the mound was built by the Early Woodland period Adena mound builder people.



◀ *Unfortunately, the mound no longer exists, despite efforts to preserve it. This photo was taken the day it was destroyed.*

LUDEY MOUND AND ARTIFACTS

Post-Archaic Period

Woodland peoples constructed earthworks, made pottery, lived in villages and raised crops.

18,000 B.C.
to
8,000 B.C.

8,000 B.C.
to
1,000 B.C.

1,000 B.C.
to
Present

Paleo

Archaic

Post-Archaic

These three artifacts were found after the Ludey Mound was destroyed. These are all common Adena grave goods. The projectile point was probably ritually broken before placement in the mound.



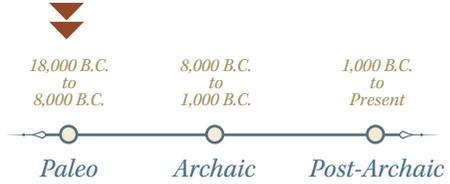
From the left going clockwise: the stem base from an Adena projectile point; a barite abrader (probably used to abrade the hematite nodule); and a piece of rubbed hematite (used to make red powder pigment).

CLOVIS POINT

A Clovis point found in 1911 was on the site of the Parkersburg Country Club. This point dates back to the Paleo Period, and is anywhere from 12,750 to 13,050 years old. The point is made of Flint Ridge (Ohio) Flint. It is currently exhibited in the Campus Martius Museum in Marietta, Ohio.

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EXPANDED NOTCH THEBES POINT

This Expanded Notch Thebes point was discovered on the site of the Parkersburg Country Club. It is an early corner notched knife and is approximately 10,800 years old. The point is made of Flint Ridge (Ohio) chalcodony. It is currently exhibited in the Campus Martius Museum in Marietta, Ohio.

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BURIAL MOUNDS AND EARTHWORKS

Over the years, seven burial mounds have been found. Many of these no longer exist due to lack of area preservation.

 *Burial mounds identified in the Vienna area.*

 *Locations where artifacts have been discovered.*



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