

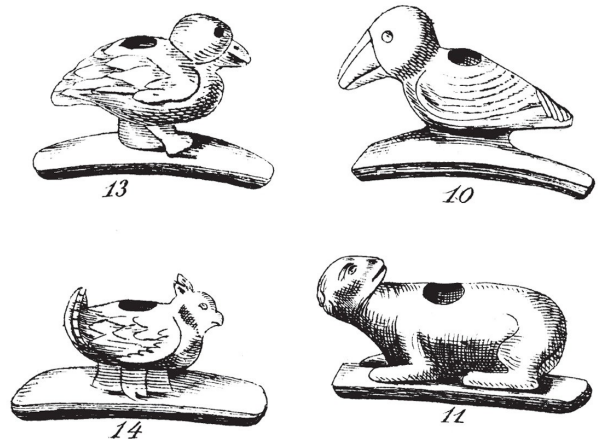


Toolesboro Mounds Archaeology Summary

19th Century archaeology at Toolesboro resulted in many artifacts and human remains that gave an insight into the life of the Woodland People.

Artifact Highlights - all known artifacts are curated at the Putnam Museum

Effigy Pipes - 8 ground stone pipes, most in the shape of birds and one in the shape of a mammal. These effigy pipes are very unique and a symbol of the Toolesboro Mound Group.



Pottery - Uniquely patterned pottery was found but only two pieces are curated. There are historic photos of other pots including one with a dog print design.

Copper - 26 copper artifacts including celts, gouges, and pins were found made with raw material originating from the Lake Superior Region.

Human Remains

Remains that were not lost or destroyed were kept at the Putnam Museum until 2001 when they were moved to the Office of the State Archaeologist for bone analysis. The remains were reburied in an undisclosed cemetery designated for reinternment of ancient human remains.

The remains consisted of 8 or 9 adults ranging from 16-17 years old to “older adults” and 5 sub-adults ranging from 3 months to 5.5 years old.