Native Americans in the Lower Illinois River Valley

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Archaeological Perspective



We've domesticated the dog, we're using stone tools, and no one's *naked* anymore."

Worldwide Cultural Developments	Time Years Ago Date Present		Illinois					
			Cultural Periods Industrial		Sites	Cultural Development Mechanized Agriculture and Transportation		
					Macktown			
American Revolution			American Colonial		Saukenauk Young Tavern Fort de Chartes	Land Cessions	Pioneer Settlements	
				Danner	Grand Village of the Illinois Waterman		European Trade	Mixed Econom Hunting
Movable Type Printing Press	500	1,500 A.D.	Late Prehistoric	Huber	New Lenox			Gatherin Fur Trad
Aztec and Inca Empires			Late	Langford	Crable Millstone Bluff Kincaid Cahokia			
Bantu Chiefdoms				Langford Fisher Bold Counselo Spoon River	Larson	City of Cahokia and Monks		
Expansion of Islam	1,000	1,000 A.D.		1	Otter Pond	Mound		Corn Agricultu
				Late Bluff Pulcher Bluff	Range Hood		Bow and Arrow	c
Charlemagne				Bluff Dillinger Maples Mills Bauer Branch		Effigy Mounds		
	1,500	500 A.D.	Woodland	Weaver	Rench Newbridge			
			Woo	White Hall Steuben Rosewood	Stoner Elizabeth Mounds	Regional		
Maya Civilization Roman Empire				Middle	Albany Twenhafel	Regional Trade and Ritual Centers		Horticult
Christianity Greek City-States Egyptian Pyramids at Giza Construction of Stonehenge	2,000	0	-	Crab Orchard Black Sand Red Ochre /Marion	Havana Kamp Peisker	Permanent Dwellings Mound	Pottery Making	Horticult
Great Wall of China Construction Begins	4,000	2,000	Late	Prairie Lake Riverton Titterington		Building		Crops Cultivate
Harappan Civilization (Indus Plain) First Cities	4,000	B.C.	-	Helton	Napoleon Hollow			
(Mesopotamia)	6,000	4,000	Archaic		Koster	Semi- Permanent	Diverse Tool Kits	
		B.C.	A		Nochta Modoc	Villages		
	8,000	6,000 B.C.	Early		Rockshelter Twin Ditch			
	10,000	8,000 B.C.		Dalton			Atlatl	Hunting a Gatherin Native Pla and Anim
Bow and Arrow	12,000	10,000	Paleoindian	is	Hawk's Nest	Temporter	Spears	Hunting
Domestication of Sheep, Goats, and Grain		B.C.	Pal		Scenic Hills	Temporary Seasonal Settlements	opeare	Age Mamma

Koster: A Stratified Site near Eldred, Illinois

- Covering ~3 acres and extending more than 30 feet into alluvial terraces
- Excavated by Northwestern University & the Center for American Archeology (Kampsville) 1969-1978
- Nearly 10,000 years of occupation





Image courtesy Center for American Archeology



The importance of place

- Located between limestone bluffs and upland loess plains and the Illinois River floodplain
- Seasonal backwater lakes within a half mile
- Chert sources found in nearby limestone bluffs
- Visible places on the landscape for memorializing the deceased



Illinois Archaeological Predictive Model (Illinois State Archaeological Survey)



New Philadelphia before Free Frank

- 2002-2003 walkover survey
- ~26.5 acres surveyed within the town boundary
- Approx. 1,100 pre-contact lithic artifacts recovered
- All local Burlington chert
- No diagnostic material
- 2003 interview with Armisteads
- Possible Late Archaic (ca. 4,000-3,000 BP)





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Treaty of St. Louis, 1804

- Sauk and Meskwaki (Fox) Nations cede lands between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in Illinois, and land in Wisconsin and Missouri
- Tribal representatives not authorized to negotiate land cessions
- Black Hawk later stated the treaty was invalid since the Sac and Fox were not properly represented



Potawatomi Trail of Death

On Sept. 4, 1838, after burning their village and caging Chief Menominee, Gen. John Tipton began marching Potawatomi Indians at gunpoint from **Twin Lakes**, toward a new reservation in Kansas, **660 miles away**. By the time they reached Logansport, 300 were too sick to continue and five children had died. A hospital was erected on the site of the present-day Memorial Hospital to attend to the infirm, most of whom suffered from typhoid fever and exhaustion. Of the 859 Indians who began the trip,

fewer than 700 arrived in Osawatomie, Kansas, two months later.



In Memory of the Potawatomi Indian "I'rail of Death" Indiana to Kansas, September 4 - November 4, 1838

From October 8-10, 1838, more than 800 Petawatomi Indians were encamped here in Quincy, Illinois and directly across the Mississippi River in Missouri. They were being forced to march from Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana to Eastern Kansas by the United States government and Indiana officials, a result of the policy of forced removal of all Indians to lands west of the Mississippi River, to provide more land for European settlers moving from the east.

Many of the Indians attended Mass here at St. Boniface Church, including a young girl, Equa-Ke-Sec (Wa-Sech-Ki-Mo-Kwe). She was one of the few children to survive the treacherous journey that took more than 40 lives. At the end of the trail at St. Mary's Mission on Sugar Creek in Linn County, Kansas, Equa-Ke-Sec was taught to pray and sew by an elderly religious sister, Mother Rose Philippine Duchesne, a member of the French Order of the Madames of the Sacred Heart. The Indians called this holy lady, "She who prays always." In 1988 Rose Philippine became the first woman west of the Missiesippi River to be canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

After the Potawatomi were resettled in Northeastern Kaness, Equa-Ke-Sec was given the Christian name, Theresa Living. In 1861 Theresa married James Slavin of Ireland at the St. Mary's Mission on the Potawatomi reserve near the present day St. Marys, Kansas. Many Potawatomi were later removed from Kansas to Oklahoma.

In honor of the courage and faith shown by the Potawatomi Indians on the forced march, and especially by our beloved grandmother, Theresa, we so dedicate this memorial.

We thank St. Boniface Parish and the citizens of Quincy, Illinois for the kindness shown the Potawatomi Indians then and now. Placed by descendants of Theresa and James Slavin September 1995



Potawatomi Trail of Death

October 8-10, 1838

Quincy, Illinois

Contemporary Tribes with links to Pike County

Ho-Chunk/Winnebago
loway
Kickapoo
Miami
Osage
Otoe-Missouria
Peoria
Potawatomi
Sac & Fox (Meskwaki)