

## EARLIEST INHABITANTS OF ILLINOIS

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## ABSTRACT

In 1930 a mound, designated as F-77, was excavated near Liverpool, Illinois, under the direction of Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, by the field party of the Department of Anthropology of the University of Chicago. The mound had been previously excavated by amateurs and was found to belong to the Illinois Hopewell variant of the Woodland culture. Upon excavation by the field party, the discovery was made that the mound had been built over an older village site and cemetery of the Woodland culture. Twenty-six flexed or semi-flexed burials were recovered from this ancient cemetery.

The examination of the skulls indicated that the people from this older village site represented a distinct physical type, for they differed from skulls from mound burials of people of the Illinois Hopewell variant of the Woodland culture. The former were long-headed (cranial index of 72.7), with a narrow forehead, broad cheek bones and broad face (total facial index of 83.8, or euryprosopic), a nose of medium proportions (nasal index of 49.5), and a medium amount of prognathism; while the latter were round-headed (cranial index of 84.2), with a broad forehead, broad cheek bones but long face (total facial index of 91.2), a nose of medium proportions (nasal index of 48.4), and a medium amount of prognathism.