

# A MADISON COUNTY OHIO POCKET AXE

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Pictured in Figure 1, is a fine three quarter grooved pocket axe, The axe is 3.25 inches long and is made from white and black granite. The base, or ungrooved side, is fluted lengthwise. Although complete and well made, with no damage, both the bit and poll show evidence of use. I found the axe on May 23, 2010 in a plowed field located approximately three quarters of a mile west of Big Darby Creek, Canaan Township, Madison County, Ohio. A pestle was found by the property owner years ago in the same general location. Flint artifacts from the site are sparse and primarily Archaic.

Pocket axe is a general term used to describe a small or undersized axe of any type. Miniature axes, on the other hand, are small (3 inches or less), typically of three quarter grooved variety, and show no evidence of being used as a tool (Converse, 1973). This Madison County pocket axe is both greater than 3 inches in length and exhibits evidence of use on the poll and bit.

#### References:

Converse, Robert N.  
1973, Ohio Stone Tool, Archaeological Society of Ohio.



Figure 1 (Colvin). Madison County, Ohio, pocket axe.

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