

A LARGE HOPEWELL SPEAR FROM HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

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This large Hopewell spear was purchased at an estate auction. It has penciled on the blade September 1953 as the year found.

Such spears are from the Hopewell Culture which manifested itself across the northern part of the United States from the east coast to Missouri with large centers in Ohio, Illinois, and southern Indiana. Hopewell epitomizes the Middle Woodland period and many archaeologists believe it was the most advanced culture in North America.

This Indiana spear is 7¹/₄ inches long and 1⁵/₈ inches wide. As is normal with Hopewell flint artifacts, there is little or no basal grinding. It appears to be made of Dover flint.



Figure 1 (Tharp) Dover flint Hopewell spear from Indiana.



A GREEN GRANITE PLUMMET

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This highly polished plummet was a personal find in a harvested soybean field in the late 1980s. It is 2¹/₂ inches long and 3¹/₂ inches in circumference. It was found near Clarksburg in Ross County in a field overlooking Deer Creek.

Figure 1 (Coyer) Granite plummet found in Ross County.