

# *Annals Addenda . . .*

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## EFFIGY MOUNDS TO GOVERNMENT

The National parks service of the United States becomes the recipient from the state of Iowa of 1,256 acres of Indian effigy mound lands on the Mississippi river bluffs at the confluence of the Yellow river, near McGregor. By the purchase of the last 156 acres, the lands previously owned by the state were connected making a contiguous body of Indian mounds which Dr. Charles R. Keyes, director of the Iowa Archeological Survey, says are the finest and largest group of Indian mounds in the United States, as well as probably the largest compact Iowa area that has escaped the plow.

This continuous body of scenic and historic river borderland, more than three miles long and a half mile wide, has been acquired in several individual tracts by the state Conservation commission, for the creation of an Indian effigy mound national monument, and the last purchase by the commission links together the adjacent sections earlier acquired for the purposes indicated. Approximately 100 mounds are included, many of them in the form of birds and animals. They are divided into groups, three north of Yellow river and two south.

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## ACTION AFFECTING AGES REMOTE

The zeal and ardor of those engaged in the establishment of a stable and lasting government to endure for the ages, which marked the action of American patriots following the close of the Revolutionary war, perhaps has never been fully understood or appreciated by we of this day and age, except when opportunity presents to read and reflect upon the depth of feeling and earnestness of endeavor characterizing the early planning, as

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