

Turtle Mound, Haggitt's Pond, Andover, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Your suggestion about looking up the land titles of the site at Andover was a good idea; it certainly changes things considerably. Nowhere in the records is there any mention of the mound.

At the Essex Institute in Salem I secured a map of Andover printed in 1830. Here is a free-hand sketch of the area concerned:

Blue 1830

Red Today

Green Mound



The buildings now on the property according to Bredbury, the present owner, were built in 1836. From the map it is evident that they were not built much before that time. There is no mention in the deeds of this set of buildings being built. The Dudley Trow house is mentioned in 1825 when Joshua Abbot, the then owner died and the land was divided with a line running through the center of the buildings. From the land measurements given it appears that this is correct. Curious people our forefathers.

I have located a Mr. Burttt, descendent of Jedidiah Burttt who was the owner of adjacent property. When he was a young man, Mr. Burttt knew Paul Follansbee and states that Follansbee claimed he built the mounds. He was a Scotch Protestant and, so it is claimed, was not at all a religious man. Mr. Burttt also states that Mr. Follansbee found many Indian implements on his land and believed they had been sent to the Peabody Museum. A check at the Museum reveals only two items, a stone, now missing, presented in or about 1862 and an arrow-head presented some years later. Another neighbor believes that he sent them to Harvard University. I will endeavor to locate these.