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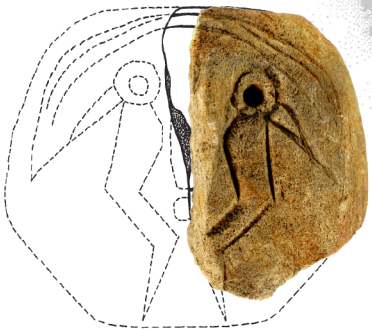

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The Hoxie Farm site (11CK4) is a large, intensively occupied multicomponent site located in the south suburban Chicago area of Cook County, Illinois, near the Village of Thornton. Most segments of prehistory are represented in the various collections and excavated data sets from the site, and the native occupations may have extended into the protohistoric area. Euro-Americans occupied this site just prior to the mid-nineteenth century. These ISAS archaeological investigations were prompted by a joint IDOT and Illinois State Highway Toll Authority (ISTHA) project to expand and modify a segment of the Kingery Expressway (the Interstate 80/294 corridor), and its interchange with the Calumet Expressway (Interstate 94/394). Large-scale site investigations were undertaken during two full field seasons, in 2001 and 2002, and during a partial field season in 2003.

The ISAS investigations encountered significant and extensive archaeological deposits, the majority of which are associated with a series of late prehistoric, Upper Mississippian occupations relating to the late Fisher phase and the Huber phase. In all, more than 2,400 individual subsurface features (structures, hearths, pits, earth ovens, post molds, etc.) were defined and excavated. What is unarguably the most important aspect of the site investigations was the exposure of a portion of a large, densely populated village that was surrounded by fortifications—what we term the Fortified Village. This village occupation can be confidently assigned to the fourteenth-century late Fisher phase. Importantly, the village was found to be spatially discrete and segregated from the more intensively utilized portion of the site exposed during the investigations. This latter area, which we refer to as the Main Occupation Area, lies to the north and west of the Fortified Village. The Main Occupation Area will be covered in a future volume that is currently in production.

The publication of the results of the ISAS investigations will be presented in two volumes. This first volume will provide background information on the site setting, a history of the site, and a summary of the previous investigations, in addition to summarizing the Fortified Village portion of our site investigations. The second volume will present the archaeological evidence recovered from the occupations located within the Main Occupation Area.

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Back top: Etched catlinite disk pipe from Feature 1672.
Back bottom: Etched catlinite likely disk pipe from Feature 1934/1688.
All photography by Linda Alexander.

Front left: Bird's eye view of a nearly whole cordmarked Fisher ware vessel with loop handles from Feature 1776-2.
Illustration by Kjersti Emerson.
Front right: Decorated pipe bowl fragment.
Illustration by Valerie Alexander Vallese.

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