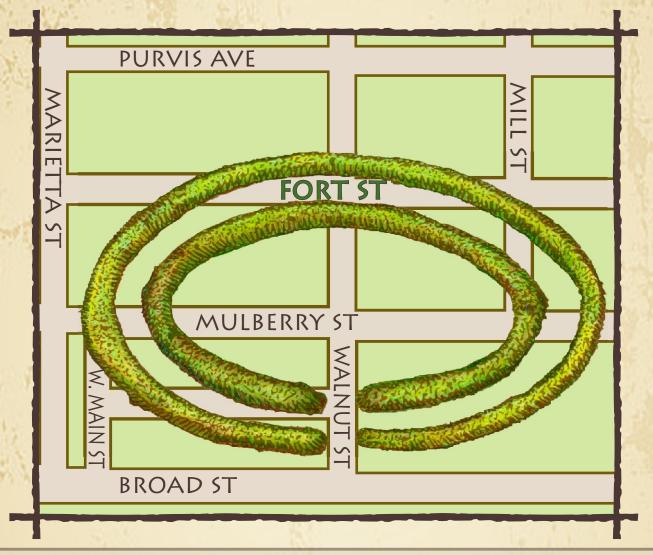
THO AN MOUNDS PREMEN



ONG BEFORE THE FIRST GERMAN IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN OUR VALLEY IN THE SPRING OF 1799, THE MOUNDBUILDERS MADE THIS REGION THEIR HOME LEAVING US DEFINITE PROOF. SEVERAL BURIAL OR CEREMONIAL MOUNDS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN AND AROUND OUR LITTLE VALLEY. ONE, IN FACT, (DESCRIBED IN THE SKETCH) IS KNOWN TO HAVE EXISTED WITHIN THE PRESENT CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE. EVENTUALLY, ONE OF OUR BRICK PAVED STREETS WOULD BE NAMED FOR THIS MOUND, FORT STREET, DUE TO IT BEING BUILT THROUGH THE "INDIAN FORT". TO THOSE FIRST AMERICANS, OUR LITTLE VALLEY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY VERY WELL KNOWN. SUCH TRIBES AS THE IROQUOIS, HURONS, SHAWNEES, DELAWARES AND WYANDOTTS FOUND IN OUR VALLEY, INCLUDING THE BEAUTIFUL RUSHCREEK GORGE, A PROFITABLE HUNTING GROUND FOR MANY YEARS. THE HILL TOPS TO THE NORTHWEST AND EAST OF THE VILLAGE YIELD FLINT ARROWHEADS WITH EACH SPRING PLOWING, GIVING EVIDENCE PERHAPS, OF TRIBAL BATTLES FOUGHT IN DISPUTE OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF THIS DESIRABLE TERRITORY. TODAY YOU CAN TRACE THE OLD LOCATION OF THE MOUNDS BY WALKING THE STREETS THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND SEEING SOME OF THE HOMES THAT SET ON THE REMNANTS OF THIS GREAT MOUND.