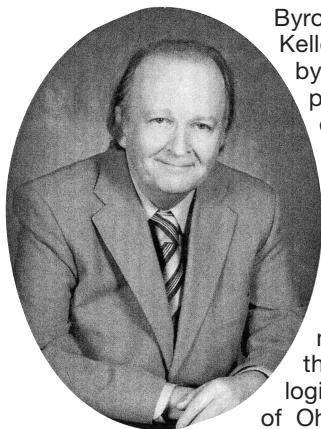




Figure 3 (Wilson) Glacial Kame Slate Pieces – Boatstone, Ada, Hardin Co. – Three Hole Gorget, Youngstown, Mahoning Co. – Quadriconcave Gorget, Hepburn, Marion Co.

IN REMEMBRANCE Steve Kelley 1949-2011



Byron Stephen Kelley, known by all as Stephen, died on August 11, 2011 of complications from a year long illness. Stephen was a long time member of the Archaeological Society of Ohio and was

one of our Regional Collaborators for the Ohio Archaeologist. In 1976, I moved back to Ohio and became a Curator at the Ohio Historical Society. My first archaeological field survey was along a proposed roadway called Appalachian Corridor "D", a four-lane facility stretching from Peebles, Ohio in Adams County to Batavia, Ohio in Clermont County. I interviewed hundreds of residents and farmers along the corridor. Nearly everyone I met in Adams and Brown counties suggested that I talk to Stephen Kelley, a person who they said knew everything about local archaeology and history. The major sites discussed in my report had already been

studied by Stephen; his collections contained a trove of useful data about these sites; and his insights formed the nucleus for many of my interpretations. From this chance encounter 35 years ago, we remained friends and he was a constant collaborator whenever I returned to the region to conduct additional archaeological investigations.

Stephen was more than just an amateur archaeologist. Stephen can be characterized as the rudder guiding the Adams County Historical Society. Here, he had a hand in revitalizing the organization in the 1970s and his handiwork can be seen in most every project the Society initiated over the last 40 years. As an active local historian, he published six books on his beloved county. Stephen also wrote a weekly bi-line focusing on the history and folklore of Adams County in West Union's *People's Defender*. The readership in Adam's County and former residents living across the United States looked for these articles every week, a pattern which lasted for almost 30 years. I would estimate he wrote nearly 1500 articles during a period from January 1981 until just last year. For approximately six years, Stephen also published a magazine called *Ohio Southland* which explored the lore, history, and natural history of the Outer Bluegrass Region of Southwestern Ohio.

Closer to our own organization, a typical copy of the *Ohio Archaeologist* usually contains at least one and sometimes two articles pertaining to Adams County artifact finds and site material that he or a local friend had collected. Stephen rounded out his free time collecting Southeastern pottery and Paleo-Indian artifacts that were found along the Ohio River. Thus, he created a collection with both artistic and scientific merit. Stephen seldom missed a Sunday morning Archaeological Society meeting unless a substitute teacher could not be found for his Methodist Sunday School class. Stephen could be found at our meeting quietly looking for just the right Adams County artifact or prehistoric pottery jar that needed some attention or repair.

Characteristically, Stephen never took on a job for notoriety but was quick to ask your opinion and interview people to find out what they knew about Adams County and Ohio archaeology. He only gave advice when asked. Stephen helped me to become a better archaeologist but more importantly he made me a friend. Those who knew Stephen well will surely miss him.

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