FAYETTE COUNTY CACHE

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On the evening of May 23, 2011, our daughter & son-in-law (Heidi and Larry Patterson) sent us cell-phone pictures of the artifacts they had found during the day. There were a couple small points, a very nice stemmed lanceolate that has a flute on one side, and 23 blades of various sizes and shapes! I immediately called them for details. My daughter said they were getting

ready to leave the field they were hunting in when they noticed a large gravel washout near the creek. When they entered the washout area Heidi found a blade, and then Larry found another and exclaimed "they're everywhere!"

They walked the washout and found 23 blades, all within 10 to 20 feet of the first find. While describing a cache, I advised

them to return the next day and search again. The next day they returned and found 6 more blades totaling 29 in all. All the blades appear to be Coshocton Flint.

What a find for this couple as they have just started collecting over the past year!



Figure 1 (Thacker) Cache of Upper Mercer flint pre-forms.