Office of S. N. Nelson's Drug Store  
No. 3 Palisade Row  
Newark, N. J., Jan. 28, 1866  

Mr. G. G. North  

Mr. G. G. North,  

I have been looking for a letter from you for some time. I should like to hear how what you have made out of the relics you got with us—The Rev. Mr. Dennis wrote to you about the curious relics found in the Elliott house. We have made no further search since then. The weather having been too cold—yet our interest has not yet abated—and I hope we will renew the search in the spring. Mr. Shreve took with him most of the curiosities to New York after a few weeks since and they were exhibited to the Ethnological Society by Mr. Davenport. I shall go to see them if they are exhibited in the New York papers. The society has not yet made full report on the subject but expects to do so soon. You mentioned while here about taking out and examining works on Agriculture by one of the professors of Yale College—I have not been able to procure the works here—If you will send it to me by express I shall receipt
to you the cost, one of my former friends is very anxious to set it, Please write to me to see any thing you have seen in the line you are engaged in. I feel much obliged to you for the publication you have sent me. If any thing of interest in the way of antiquities shall come in, consider how I will acquit you.

Most respectfully yours,
J.R. Wilson.
Newark, Nov 3, 1866

O. O. March

Dear Sir,

Tin one of the 14th inst. has been to hand for several days, but I have not yet received the agricultural papers you spoke of, though they may yet arrive.

I was glad to hear that our Opossum arrived safely the weather is too cold and unusual for the mule business. I have written to Mr. David Burke to get all the particular in regard to the annulars counted by him on the oak tree cut in 1812. He informed me some years since, but I thought I could get all the particulars in writing from him so that a record could be made. He told me according to my memory that they numbein 1130. The four inches next the centre could not be counted. They came so close to gather, but took the amount in the adjoining four inches as the number. He and his companion after vibrating the bark placed it so that they could more readily count the rings. — Mr. Dale. I have known well for 125 years.
This may have been for want of a more perfect
work, but you are aware that all such clays do
not help out the moisture like the clay soil
and it may be owing to this that the timber
has decayed. The only wonder with me is that
any trace should be found in many of them
and I think that the burning of the bundles
have so thinned the earth layer, that the
charcoal among the moisture it is in this
way that they have been burned so many
hundred years—After pretty well assured
that no remains in the vicinity should resemble
an older mound, without it is the mound all
that exists. It is the Centre of the foot at
the base mound in the centre of the foot at
the base ground, which contains charcoal
and for what I know may contain human bones
for it has only been examined by digging
down in the place about six feet long
where the mound was taken out, that I have.
This mound was twenty one feet deep from the top to which
where it was found, and several alternate
up to the base, and all the bones near the
clay into this region and no bone found
and no bone found, no clots there burials and
Burning had occurred at intervals as deaths occurred in families or tribes.

I have never been able to find a human bone that was burned, but you know that many animal bones have marks of fire upon them. From this it is most likely they made human sacrifices or offerings over their dead friends. I am more and more of the opinion that the mound in the center of the old fort at the fairgrounds was after for some religious ceremony and that the whole surrounding the mound was for the people to stone and witness the proceedings. The place could not have been for defense for you knew that the ditch is on the inside, without they had had a or a pillow in their beach center. Let me hear from you soon, and if possible make an another visit.

Respectfully yours,

J. M. Ellicott.
March 1st, 1926

Mr. O. C. Marsh

I beg to say about one week since I wrote to you and mentioned that I had sent a letter to Mr. David Becker with regard to the Oak Tree. I received an answer yesterday — my letter induced him to look up an old book of his father who had made memoranda of the particulars and gives a very different version. The memoranda — says the Oak tree cut on the east square foot was five feet one ten inches at the butt and averaged 16 inches in diameter at the rings to the inch. The way he must have got the error in his work was that he had counted the whole diameter of the tree. When it is only half the number. Mr. Becker says he regrets exceedingly that he has been the means of causing circulation to an error and says me as far as I can to correct it he's friend was fully impressed that what he told was the truth, but my letter caused him to look up the old account and now will correct.
as Mr. D. could not have been more than
thirteen or fourteen years of age at the time.
So, it's not strange that obey could have
fallen into an instant error.
We have had a remarkable backward
spring, and of course no wonder
ripples. The winter is yet colder.

I have just been reading an
address of Col. Whitney on the
subject of wounds—especially
evidence, and particularly those about
the coffee regions. He puts the age
of men of these works or for
work as two thousand years.

Yours, J. P. Wilson.
Office of T. N. Wilson's Drug Store
No 3 Palisde Row
Newark, N.J. Octob. 7th 1866

Mr. O. C. March

For six years of the reence
is before we dropped you have received
my letter correcting the errors of the date
making the rings in the ask her only help
what he stole to me he said me meeting
in giving circletarion to read a tintle.
I know of no meane having been
open a heve with a small letter & he
made no examining her of any
meane that I ever heard of one & I
feel well opined if they had it were
have come to my knowledge. Perhaps
they have found the bad clay where
I had been for what they call us
letter — we often find that these burn
nings have been in the meane when
the sail has been some or some on the
earth quite home — nothing meaner
what should be called or alter than
what you discover in the toyle.
Meaning —
I have not yet received the
agricultural documents they must
have misread

Yours J. H. Wilson
he had had no examination yet of
cany means this spring. McDonnis has
been engaged totally otherwise, but I
hope he and others will in the course
of things engage in it. I will do all
I can to encourage further
concern.

S. H.
Mr. March

To sir. In answer to your of
the 22nd. I have delayed this until I could
get all the information you ask for—
Mr. Shoope says in the George A PT
Mound the layers of Clay & loam were
guilt distinctly the stratification did
not go over all the Mound— that is
one side would differ from the other
Send you a small drawing of the Mound
Mound this was one of the largest best
opened Mound to examine the strata
action of my about here— you will see
that there has been a near of bone
earth and Church this Mound was
twenty one foot from the top to the
bottom where the skulls were found that
you now in my collection there has
been some time as six Mounds opened
about here of note with some cases
but none have observed with care, in less
particular you speak of — the coats of
fur in the different Mounds — Mr. Ben
his says one that he opened was wound
all bone & loam and ashes with Church
but few bones, the Elite Mound.
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While we were here, we observed a cave opening in a rock formation that looked like a small entrance to a tunnel. It was only after we entered that we realized it was an ancient passageway, perhaps used for burial or ceremonial purposes. The walls were adorned with markings and symbols that suggested a connection to the past. We decided to explore further.

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Mr. Smith & Dennis have not made any examination of the site but are talking about it. I expect that they will reach this answer no long.

Yours,

J. R. Wilson
Tippetts Mount Fishing Co
Ohio

21 feet depth

No. 1. Clay and gravel mixed with bones near the mouth decomposed.

No. 2. Papers of charcoal mixed with earth.

No. 3. Skulls and bones with earth. No regular stratification can be discovered in this mound.
Office of J. W. Wilson's Drug Store
No. 3 Talmadale Ave
Newark, N.J. June 24, 1866

Dear Marsh,

Your letter of the 16th inst. with the prospectus came duly to hand and for which I am greatly obliged to you. The great care and scientific research will do good in the further prosecution of this subject, since we feel conscious that you should again visit us. You did not see as much of these ancient works in this and the adjoining counties as I should like you to see. Any year adds more and more to the subject. The interest among scientific men has only of late been directed to the ancient people whose ancient history has been lost in the earth. I hope we will yet elicit more of it, so as to give something more certain and reliable about them than is yet known.

Mrs. Schrout & brother are about away, since spent a few in examining into around on every high hill about two miles of us. They got but little of valuable information, so shall write you concerning it, there nothing new as yet. I will inform you if any thing turns up of interest.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. Wilson
PS I forgot to inform you in my last letter that the professor on Agriculture cordially
welcomed me to visit the thing. If you
are able to bring anything more from the same
source please let me know of it.
Office of J. N. Wilson's Drug Store
No. 3 Palisade Ave.
Newark, N.J., January 27, 1869

R. C. G. Marsh

My dear Sir,

I should have thanked you long since for the handsome present you sent me some time ago. It was with great interest that I have in my possession a specimen of fish with legs in the Cole family. Two of these were caught last summer near Connellsville in the Conemaugh Valley. They were both alive and of the color you describe in your letter. The strange-like fish were very long when alive and of a dark green color. They are both dead, I have not been able to procure one if you desire it. I am sure I have seen lately in a news paper that Mr. Fedor has published a work on minerals and that it was a work of great value. I suppose you know all about it. I would like to know of you the character of the work, the cost, as well as where it can be obtained. Just a short time ago in one Coast of some Scotchmen leaving the Slave ridge, when the crystal quartz was found, it is supposed the ore is a mingled placer, or a similar ore, it is said you could have seen this singular formation both in account of the mineral, as well as of the ancient works in this region. Hundreds of old excavations can be seen — we have no idea what we are in the Pleistocene, since the excavation or leveling of the three hundred last century for artillery will. I think I sent you...
my published account of these wounds if you did not get it—will write you a copy.

Will you or Mr. Preble be in Ohio next summer? If so I will be glad to see you here. The Southwestern Institution has at last waked up to the importance of the antiquities of America, and particularly to those in this region, and now asks for all information they can get.

Our County Antiquarian & Pioneer Society is creating quite good effect here and we hope to induce more interest in looking up the remains of the pioneer days. Please send me lines as much as convenient, and believe me your sincerely,

[Signature]

J. K. Wilson