

South Windsor. Ct.

March 25. 1891.

Mr Dana.

Dear Sir.

I have a skull, in a good state of preservation (Indian) found to-day. in South Windsor. on the bank of the Connecticut, opposite mouth of Farmington river. I think it will be of interest to you from the fact that the burying ground from which this skull was taken, is of large extent, yet the whites have no record of its use. Consequently it must be very old. If you would like the skull. I will

send or bring it to you, as you may direct.

I have seen fifteen or more graves opened within a year, and have found no implements, ^{in them} whatever. All the skeletons were lying on the side, head to the south.

Please reply as soon as possible, as the skull should receive attention at once, if to be preserved.

Yours very truly,

Chas. W. Vibert.

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South Windsor April 5th 1891
Prof Marsh

Dear Sir

I have two Indian skulls which I found on the bank of the Connecticut River opposite old Windsor. There is a burying ground at this place that must originally have been very large, as the banks have washed away from 15 to 20 rods in the last 200 years. It is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and no one knows how wide. There is no record of its having been used since the whites came: so that it must be very old. I thought that you

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might like the skulls to compare with others of known ages. They are in a fair state of preservation and would make good specimens. I wish you might see them. It is matter of history ^{that} the Indians buried some of these implements with them, but in this ground nothing has ever been found in any grave that has been opened. I opened 7 to day. The bodies are laid always on the side with head toward the south. These two I now have and one which I found last spring are ^{the} only skulls that I have known to be taken out whole.

Yours Respectfully

C. W. Tibert