

A SHORT LIST OF SOME TUMULI IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE.

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It is considered desirable that lists of the Pre-Historic Antiquities of Hampshire be made, preliminary to the publication of an Archæological survey of the county, similar to that of Hertfordshire, compiled by Sir John Evans. The accompanying list of Tumuli is intended as an incipient contribution towards this object, with the hope that others may be induced to collect and forward similar information referring to other localities, and thus a mass of facts may be accumulated ready for arrangement by some competent hand, each series having its own value and interest.

The Tumuli referred to are all situated in the N. and N.E. of the county, taking Basingstoke as the centre for the present reference, and the list here given claims to be little more than a bare record of *locus* and *status*, reserving fuller notes, especially of group A, until a hope of internal examination can be realized.

A.—There is a considerable and important group, consisting of a dozen or more Tumuli, situated two miles away on the west side of the town, on what is known as Basingstoke Down and Battledown Farm.

Two very degraded round Tumuli are on the top of Kempshot Hill, near the Winchester to London road.

One oval one near the Holy Ghost Farm, on the Kempshot Lane, which is an old track across the down,

One large oval one is in a large field on the north side of Pack lane, nearly opposite the present private turn to the Down Grange Farm, in view of the road, but about 200 yards away.

Two degraded round ones are on the brow of the hill, above and behind the cottages of and near Buckskin Farm.

Three round ones, much degraded (possibly two more), in a field between the front of Battledown Farm-house and the Roman road, which crosses the valley here.

One round one, degraded, but still plainly discernible, is in a field between Battledown Farm-yard and its outlying homestead, called Loney or Lone Barn. This is an old boundary mark of Worthing Parish.

One large prominent round Tumulus, until of late years in a wood known as Mother's Copse, near the Hamlet of Newfound, on the Overton road, 3 miles from the town.

B.—Probably an outlier of Group A. It is a degraded round mound, in a field on the north side of the L. & S.W. Railway by Worthing village, nearly opposite Scrap's Farm, on the same Overton road.

C.—Possibly belongs to Group A. It is a round Tumulus, at the bottom of Kempshot Park, near the lower gate, close to the north end of Peat Copse (probably Beaked Copse).

D.—May also be one of the same group A, but it is further away on Farleigh Hill, in the corner of a field which abuts on the Farleigh Green-Lane, from Church, north to Cliddesden.

E.—Is a round Tumulus in Farleigh Park, having a tree on it. It is on the south slope of the range of hills and may be part of the Upper Candover life.

F.—Is a fine rounded Tumulus in Hackwood Park, with perhaps a smaller one near it. Visitors to the County Cricket Matches will have noticed this.

G.—Is a round mound, again with traces of a second near it in a field at Mapledurwell, on the rise of the hill, a little above the Hatch and behind Huish Farm.

H.—Is a doubtful burial mound, being situate at the apparent entrance of the camp in Basing, which guards the Pyots Hill Ford, where there is now a bridge. This and the last are the only two known that are near the chalk and not on it.

I.—At Oakley there is a round one on a hedgerow between the railway station and Summerdown Farm, about the space of two fields away from the road.

J.—One is to the N. or N.W. of Malshanger Park, in a field on a lane towards Hannington. This has been opened, examined, and removed, being considered to be only an irregular heap of stones possibly begun by water action.

K.—Is a small round Tumulus in the point of a field on a green lane, near Ibworth. This and "J" above mentioned have been examined by W. S. Portal, Esq. It was found to contain a core of built-up stones, about 6 or 8 feet across the centre, hollow and empty. A bone pin or two was found in the mound.

L.—At Steventon Manor there is a mound of doubtful quality on the east side of the church, but the field it is in has been dug for clay, probably when building the old Manor House.

M.—At Bull's Bushes Farm there are three Tumuli in the copse of the same name, and one outside which has been cut about by the farm traffic. These are round ones.

N.—A large round Tumulus, in a very prominent situation, may be seen from the Winchester and London Road, 6 miles from Basingstoke. It carries a clump of Scotch firs, known locally as Winchester Plain Clump. It is on Dummer Down Farm.

O.—Three mounds set in a triangle in a field called Bickley, on Popham Manor Farm. These contain large collections of stones.

P.—This is the group known as Popham Beacons, and part of two or more large Tumuli round Freefolk Wood. These too deserve more thorough description.

Q.—There are one, two, or more, on the N. edge of the County, on the gravel ridge, about two miles N. of the chalk which runs east and west, and has Silchester as its eastern

end. The mounds are in Baughurst, and should be fully reported on by some one well acquainted with the subject.

R.—There is a well marked mound on Rookdown, which I hesitate to include as Pre-historic. It is on some maps called Moth's Grave, also Quaker's Grave. Moth is the name of a late Basingstoke family, members of the Society of Friends, but I have no access to their traditions. It is exactly on the line of the Roman road to Silchester, so that it is within reach of historic associations.

In forwarding the above, I should like to note the scarcity of Tumuli off the chalk country, as indicating the favourite haunts, if not the homes, of the people by whom they were built, and in furnishing these brief notes I would hope that similar rough lists may be compiled by other observers, and find a place in our Proceedings.
