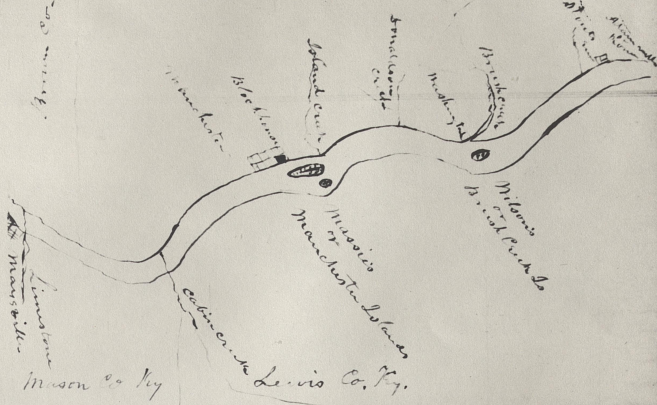


The Three Islands.

Adams County Ohio

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Manchester, Ohio, Aug. 20th, 1888.

Mr. Lyman C. Draper Esq

Dear Sir,

Mr. O. H. P. Cooley showed me a communication from you in relation to the Three Islands at Manchester and requested me to write to you on the subject, and in compliance to his request I send you the following.

In some of the earliest histories of Indian times, mention is often made of the Three Islands; I am satisfied that the three islands thus mentioned are the Wilson or Brush Creek Island and the two islands at Manchester, originally called Massie's islands. Brush Creek Is. is seven miles above Manchester Islands, but above Brush Creek to the nearest island above (Raccoon island near Lillipolis) is over 100 miles, and below Manchester islands to the nearest one below (Loughry's Island) is about 110 miles, so we have a space in the Ohio river here of about 220 miles clear of islands, except the three above named and the early boatmen in descending would be in sight of the larger of the Manchester Is. by the time they lost sight of the Wilson or Brush

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Draper, Nov. 16-5-94