



### ***Bob Boerger's Tribute to Fort Loramie's American Indian Heritage***

Bob Boerger lived his entire life on the family farm which is located just west of Fort Loramie. This farm is located at the junction of several old Indian trails, including the portage trail connecting the southward flowing Great Miami River drainage with the Maumee River drainage to the north. For as long as American Indians were in Ohio, they traversed the ground that eventually became the Boerger farm. Over the course of a lifetime walking his fields, Bob amassed a fantastic collection of artifacts these Native Americans left behind. Bob Boerger's artifact collection, displayed here, represents a continual American Indian presence in the Fort Loramie area for well over 10,000 years.

This display is Bob Boerger's and the Boerger family's way of honoring Fort Loramie's Native American Indian heritage.

**Bob Boerger - December 26, 1923 - June 16, 2009**





## ***The Boerger Farm Site*** ***OHIO RIVER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS***

For thousands of years, rivers and lakes were major avenues of transportation for the prehistoric Native Americans.

The Boerger farm is located near the banks of the Loramie Creek, a tributary of The Great Miami River. This location is along an important Indian portage trail between the southward flowing Great Miami River drainage and the northward flowing Maumee River drainage.

Portages were trails that connected water systems and were heavily traveled from the earliest times. The primary reason for the large arrow-head and tool artifacts found here was because of that increased activity.