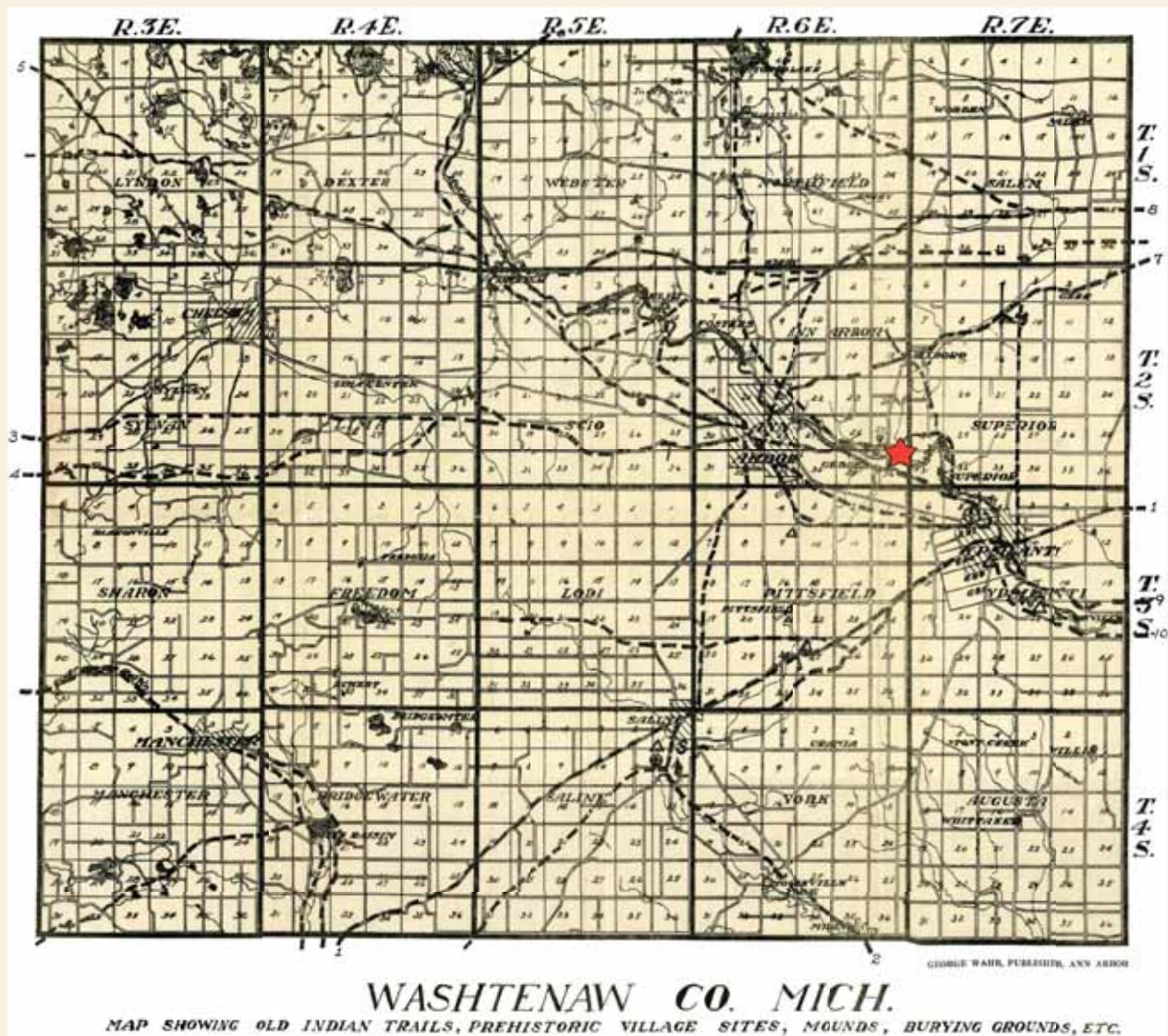


## Native American Trail

e.g. The road network in Washtenaw County began centuries ago as a series of Indian trails, usually following rivers and streams and connecting Indian villages while providing access to hunting grounds. Later, when settlers moved into the County, these trails were widened to connect major settlements, and thus major roads were established.

Parker Mill Park is located along a prehistoric Native American trail that connected the present-day cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. In the early twentieth century, three earthen mounds were discovered less than one mile from the property. Pottery, copper, slate ornaments, a skeleton of a beaver, and a complete human skeleton were uncovered during excavations in the early 20th century.



### Legend

★ You are Here    --- Trails    ● Mounds    △ Villages    S Salt Springs    ⊕ Burial Grounds

### W. B. Hinsdale Map

During the 1920s, University of Michigan professor, W. B. Hinsdale, compiled one of the most comprehensive surveys of Native American trails and sites in Michigan. Through his research, Hinsdale created a vibrant picture of Native American life around the state before European settlement.

Hinsdale, W. B. 1927. *The Indians of Washtenaw County, Michigan*. Ann Arbor: George Wahr, 1927.

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