

Indian Rock should be displayed for everyone to enjoy

In reference to your recent article in the *Portsmouth Daily Times* about the Indian Rock which is now in storage at the city garage in Portsmouth, I would like to tell you a story about the rock as I know it.

In the early 1940s, before the new dams were constructed on the Ohio River, the water levels were much lower than they are today. My friend Doug Fleming and I used to boat on the Ohio

River quite often and in the month of August the river was always at its lowest point. That was when you could see the Indian Rock exposed.

I recently was able to see the Indian Rock at the city garage, and it brought back many memories. It was always our understanding that Kentucky owned the Ohio River at Portsmouth up to 25 feet from the shoreline on the Ohio side.

In 1968, I purchased a wholesale business in Ashland, Ky., and moved my family. I was born and raised in Portsmouth, and always

had much interest in the community.

I think it is wrong to indict Mr. Vetter and his friend for removing the rock from the Ohio River. I think they should be commended for saving such a wonderful artifact.

It would be wonderful if a small plot of land could be obtained on the Kentucky side of the river near the bridge to display the rock for everyone to enjoy its history. I'm sure it would be a great attraction for most people in our area and from far away.

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