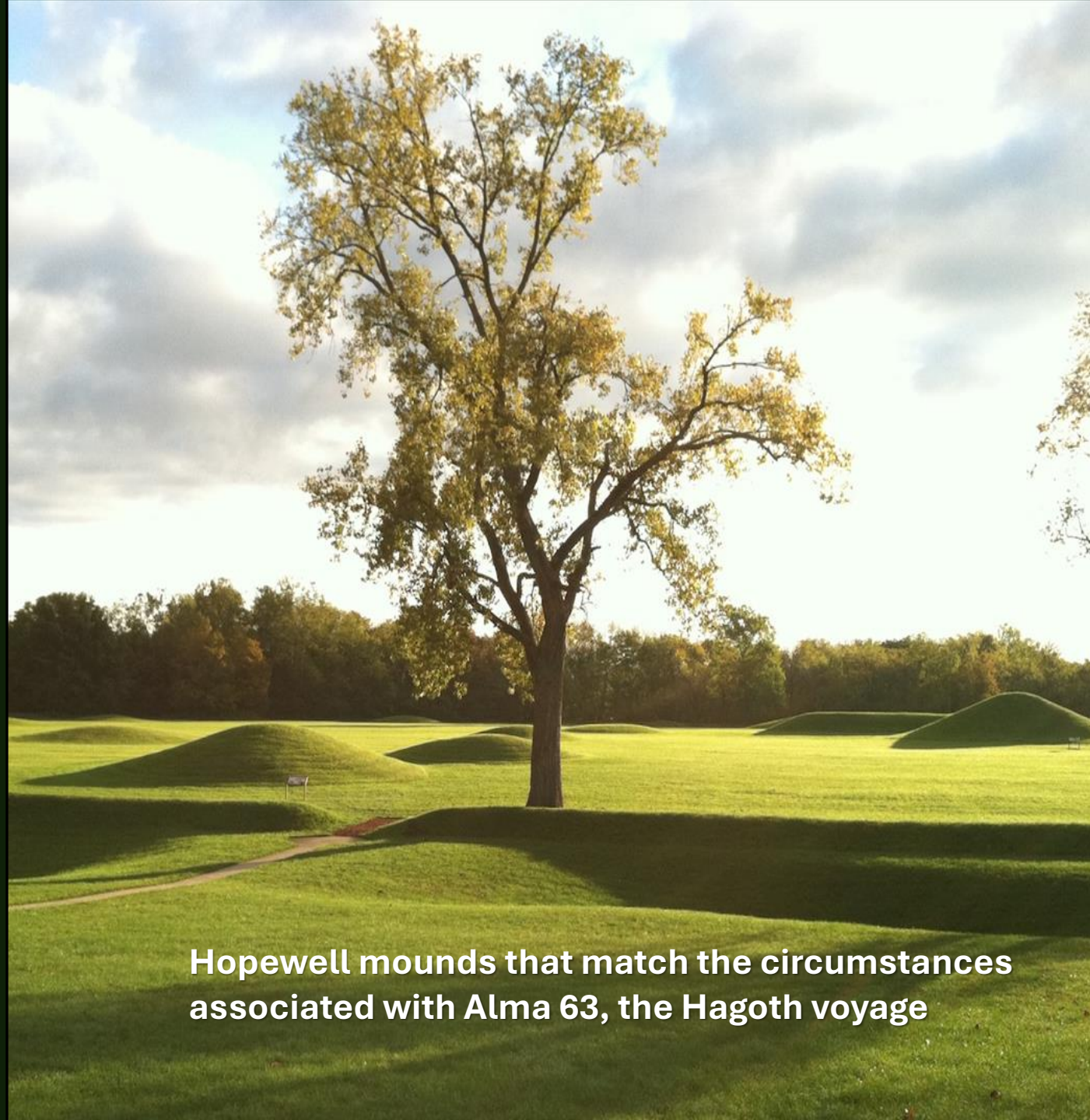


Possible Hagoth-Hopewell Connections

Scriptures:

Alma 63:5 And it came to pass that Hagoth, he being an exceedingly curious man, therefore he went forth and built him an exceedingly large ship, on the borders of the land Bountiful, by the land Desolation, and launched it forth into the west sea, by the narrow neck which led into the land northward.

Alma 63:8 And it came to pass that they were never heard of more. And we suppose that they were drowned in the depths of the sea. And it came to pass that one other ship also did sail forth; and whither she did go we know not.



Hopewell mounds that match the circumstances associated with Alma 63, the Hagoth voyage

Evidence:

The likelihood of the Hopewell having a connection to the Mesoamerican people:

The time frame would match the timing in the Book of Mormon. Hopewell archeologist claim the Hopewell community started around 100 B.C. The Book of Mormon states that Hagoth departed from the borders of the land of Bountiful sometime between 56 and 52 BC.

The Hopewell people were a more advanced society.

Their mound building is similar to the temple building amongst the Maya's. The differences could be due to the fact they did not have the same building materials.

The evidence suggests Mayans, or their ancestors could have set up trading outposts all around the Gulf of Mexico. From the Yucatan to the Mississippi River, it is just 1600 miles that could easily be covered in less than 30 days if they canoed directly across the Gulf. (Ohio Valley)

American Maya Secrets emphasizes connections between the Maya, in the Yucatan, e.g. Chichen Itzá; and Georgia, e.g. Track Rock ruins & Ocmulgee mounds. Prima facie, those sites, on opposite sides of the Gulf of Mexico, showed similarities, of site layout, astronomical alignments of buildings, religious symbolism. And, languages local to Georgia share many Mayan words. (The HC documentary America Unearthed 2013)

