

GRAHAM SPRING CAVE

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TAPE & COMPASS SURVEY
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EDITOR'S PAGE

MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 1980

The meeting was called to order by John Attaway, Chairman.

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as read.

There was no treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

We began planning for SERA 1981 by asking Greg McGill to head up the project.

The Photo Salon held at SERA (1980) is requesting slides. For information refer to the March newsletter.

TRIP REPORTS

- Reclining Buddah in Sloans Valley, KY Joe Domnanovich
- Lamons Tom Chamblee
- Bat in the Pocket Nocalula Falls Yum Yum Pit Greg McGill
- Limrock Blowing John Attaway
- Anderson Cave Jet Thomas
- Graves Scout Trip John Moore
- Fern Pit Bobby Wharton

PROGRAM

Joe Domnanovich gave a Speleofest 1980 slide show.

The group was unleashed on Burly Earls for the after-the-meeting, meeting.

Lynn McGill
Secretary

GROTTO MEETINGS: First Monday of each month, (or Monday following holiday Mondays) 7:30 pm at the Alabama Gas Co. Auditorium, 1918 First Avenue North

- JUNE 2 Grotto Meeting
- JUNE 7 LAMONS Trip, Tom Chamblee, leader. Meet at Tarrant Krystal 7AM.
- JUNE 14 Possible ANDERSON Trip call Jet Thomas
- JULY 4,5,6 SUMMER SERA Russell Cave (see announcement)
- JULY 7 July Grotto Meeting
- JULY 27- NSS CONVENTION, White Bear Lake, MN Ya'll come!
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Dear Dave

Recently the Birmingham Grotto turned in a cave named SPRING SURPRISE (AL 1956) to the Alabama Cave Survey. I guess that you did not see the trip report in the January 1979 Huntsville Grotto Newsletter page 8 Graham Cove Cave by Bill Torode. This cave was originally discovered 16 January 1977 by Jim Hall and myself. Jim and I came back on the 23rd of January 1977, and mapped 356 feet of cave between 3 entrances. We stopped mapping at the top of a 55 foot pit. On 20 August 1978, Tom Cleland and I went back, we mapped an additional 647 feet to a depth of 210 feet, we did not get to the end of the cave. The spring of 1979, Marion Smith pushed the cave to the end. I had not turned the cave into the Survey as I was waiting to finish the map. I guess I waited too long. I did turn in GRAHAM SPRING CAVE (AL 1888) a 159 foot long cave, 100 feet upstream of the upstream entrance to GRAHAM COVE CAVE. AS the original discoverer, I would like to see the name GRAHAM COVE CAVE used. Since Marion beat out everyone to the end, it doesn't make any difference about people going to do the cave. It is a nice one but a little wet right now. Tom and I plan on going back to finish the map this summer. Hope you didn't get too excited about this one.

Keep Kaving
Bill Torode
NSS Librarian & Chairman Huntsville
Grotto

P.S. I often do not turn in new caves to the ACS, for several reasons. While exploring and mapping it's nice to not have others jumping into your new cave, and when it is turned in all the correct data, length, depth can be turned in at the same time. Two years ago I mapped 7300 feet in a cave and then connected it to an old cave on the survey, DOWELLS DEEP SIX AL 517. I do have to admit I waited too long on GRAHAM COVE CAVE, one of the nicest new caves I have found in a while. Right now I am actively mapping a cave with over 9000 feet surveyed in three trips, because the cave floods. I am waiting until drier weather to continue mapping.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I sent Bill a letter explaining that the cave reported to the ACS as SPRING SURPRISE was not what Bill was calling GRAHAM COVE CAVE. The following was received in reply:

Dear Dave

Surprise! Surprise! Thanks for your letter. Jim Hall and I found Spring Surprise, also. Jim walked through ent to ent without a light (and) because of this we did not feel that it qualified as a cave. I was on the next ledge up from the upper ent to S.S. so when Jim said it was only 50 feet or so I did not come down to look at the cave. I have also put some marginal caves on the Survey for various reasons. GRAHAM SPRINGS CAVE AL 1888 has a strong air flow. But the caver runs into a 30' waterfall 159 feet in from the entrance, (and) we could not get up this 30' waterfall. We looked for a higher entrance outside but did not find anything. We found a 30 or 60 foot pit around the 1200' elevation in section 33 right near the last zero in the 1200 on the north side of Graham Cove. Nothing was found in the bottom.

Keep Kaving,
Bill Torode

Bill has requested an index to the Birmingham Grotto Newsletter - either year by year or a 10-year index. He sent along a copy of the Huntsville index as an example. This would be a great opportunity to get the newsletters organized once and for all. Can anyone take charge of this or help? Also, Bill is compiling a bibliography on Alabama caves made up of references from newspapers, magazines, books and journals (caving newsletters will be done later). Anyone who has articles fitting the above description is asked to send a copy to Bill Torode, 2806 Cave Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35810. As of April 22, 1980, 896 items have been listed in the bibliography

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YANKEE SOLDIER NAMES IN CHAPMAN'S CAVE, GEORGIA

By Marion O. Smith

Sometime during Fall, 1977, John D. Reid of LaFayette, Georgia, and others checked out a lead along the bank of Chickamauga Creek near Ringgold, Georgia. The cave they visited turned out to be well-known Chapman's Cave (GSS 25). However, while poking in a side passage John found a signature on the wall that had been ignored by the previous "organized" caver visitors. It was that of a Federal soldier scrawled just before the start of the Atlanta campaign, "J W BARTLETT Co. E, 78 Ill 1864."

Mentioning what he had found, John got rooked into going back to the cave to show Marion Smith the name. The return was made February 25, 1978, during the Dalton Winter SERA meeting. During that visit John, Marion, and Marilyn Hall noted additional Civil War names, as well as some late 19th century griffitti. The legible or nearly legible names were:

J H WALKER CO H 78 th Ills Vol	J D COSGROVE 78 Co H 78 Ill May 3
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T M SCOTT 78 th ILL May 3 1864	E E SHOT 78 Ill
J H(?) HUBEW(?) 113 OVI	? E MONFORD 78 th Ill
E LOYD Atlanta Ga 1881	M LOYD 1881
T J JOBE	EMERY L WHELOCK

A search of the literature revealed that the 113th Ohio and 16th and 78th Illinois infantry regiments were all in the 2d Division, 14th Corps, Army of the Cumberland, with the 78th and 113th in the 2d and the 16th in the 1st brigade of that division, meaning that the regiments represented in Chapman's Cave served near each other and the men who visited the cave weren't just a random selection of soldiers from Sherman's army. A history of the 113th Ohio Infantry, written in a diary style, has entries for early May, 1864, which explain what that and other regiments were doing in the area:

1. Sunday. Every preparation is being completed for moving, and it is understood that this is our last day in camp at Rossville. . .
2. The Second Division filed out of camp at half past eight this morning, heading southeasterly. . . We reached Ringgold at 3 P. M. and pitched tents near the Chickamauga, nearly a mile from the town. During the evening many of us visited and explored a cave in the vicinity of camp. We learn that our entire corps is here.
5. Yesterday and the day before was spent quietly resting in our camp, where we halted on the 2d. . . .

By consulting the Adjutant General's Report of Illinois, censuses, and service and pension records, six of the soldiers have been positively identified, one probably identified, one maybe identified, and only one not identified. The following sketches are given in that order:

JAMES WALKER BARTLETT (June 19, 1842-May 5, 1921), son of Nathaniel G. (b. c1797) and Laura (b. c1805) Bartlett, was born in Richfield Township, Adams County, Illinois, and was living in the same county at the commencement of the war. Enrolled August 7, he was mustered as a private in Company E, 78th Illinois September 1, 1862. Described as 5' 9¹/₂" tall, fair complected, grey eyed, and light haired, he was present for duty except in late June, 1864, when he was reported "absent sick in field hospital." Promoted to sergeant September 1, 1864, he was mustered out with the regiment at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865. Returning to Adams County (1865-1868) he married Caroline Ayers (September 17, 1868), by whom he had at least three children, two boys and a girl. Moving to Iowa (1868-1883), they later lived many years at Wayne County, Nebraska (1883-1911) before moving back to Iowa. Their last address was 307 North Vine Street, Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa.

JOSEPH HENRY WALKER (March 25, 1844-December 26, 1927) was born in Butler County, Ohio, and lived at Pontoosuc, Hancock County, Illinois, at the beginning of the war. Enlisted as a private in Company H, 78th Illinois Infantry, August, 1862, he was described as 5' 8" tall, and having dark eyes, hair, and complexion. Wounded in the "left side at point of hip bone" at Jonesboro, Georgia, September 1, 1864, he, a few months later (December, 1864), lost the sight of his left eye from an accidental injury by a cinder. Promoted to corporal about September, 1864, he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865. Returning to Hancock County he married Mary Frances Mead (1847-1939) October 16, 1866, and had four daughters and five sons. In 1868 he moved to Kansas and in the years following alternately made his home there, in Illinois, Arkansas, and South Dakota. His last residence was Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

JOHN D. COSGROVE (November 25, 1843-c1912 or 1913), a farm laborer living in the household of John Riter (b. c1828) in Hancock County, Illinois, was born at Germantown, Wayne County, Indiana. He enrolled August 9 and was mustered in September 1, 1862, as a private in Company H, 78th Illinois Infantry. Wounded at Chickamauga, Georgia (September, 1863), above the right knee, he recovered in time to participate in the 1864 Atlanta campaign and the "March to the Sea." Mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865, he returned to Hancock County and

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married Hannah E. Hammond (November 14, 1867). Two children were still living in 1898.

ROBERT PATTISON (December 9, 1834-October 20, 1917) was a Philadelphia-born carpenter living in Dallas, Hancock County, Illinois, when the war began. Mustered in May, 1861, as 2nd Lieutenant, Company I, 16th Illinois Infantry, he remained with that regiment until July 6, 1864, when he accepted a commission as captain, commissary of subsistence, U. S. Volunteers, and for the remainder of the war was on duty in the Virginias. Marrying Elizabeth F. Craig of Holmesburg district, Philadelphia July 25, 1865, he was discharged October 9 the same year and made his permanent home in Philadelphia. He had two daughters living in 1904, and was described (also in 1904) as being 5' 10¹/₂" tall, weighing 160 lbs., and having blue eyes, grey hair, and a light complexion.

THOMAS M. SCOTT (c1841-February 18, 1901), native of Delaware County, Indiana, was a druggist clerk at Dallas, Hancock County, Illinois, at the commencement of the war. He was mustered in September 1, 1862, as a private in Company H, 78th Illinois Infantry, and described as being 5' 6¹/₂" tall, fair complected, blue eyed, and dark haired. He was promoted to ordnance sergeant and on June 30, 1864, was commissioned captain, but was never mustered as such. Wounded in Georgia May 29, 1864, he was captured at Lexington Courthouse near Columbia, South Carolina, February 15, 1865. Paroled in North Carolina March 1, 1865, he was injured in a railroad accident en route to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, and given a medical furlough until his discharge at Springfield, Illinois, in May or June, 1865. Returning to Dallas, he continued to be a druggist. In 1880 he moved to Red Willow County, Nebraska, and from the summer of 1882 to July, 1884, was postmaster of the town of McCook in that county. Nothing has been found to indicate that he ever married.

ELI E. SHORT (September 30, 1843-f11915), born in Marion County, [West] Virginia, was the son of James Short (b. c1816), a farmer residing in Hancock County, Illinois. He enrolled in the army August 4, 1862, at Carthage, Illinois, and a few days later, September 1, was mustered into Company D, 78th Illinois Infantry as a private. He was described as being 6' 1" tall, having a fair complexion, hazel eyes, and brown hair. His service record indicates he was treated at various times for "lung fever," diarrhea, and rheumatism, and that he was discharged at Washington, D. C., June 7, 1865. After the war he returned to Hancock County, married Louisa Alvena Wisch (February 14, 1867) and fathered seven children, four of which were still alive in 1898.

JACOB V. HUBEN (August 4, 1842-February 6, 1920), born at Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, worked as a carriage trimmer before the war. Enlisted December 23, 1863, he was mustered as a private in Company K, 113th Ohio Infantry January 5, 1864, and described as being 5' 8¹/₂" tall, with a light complexion, grey eyes, and light hair. At Atlanta, Georgia, about August 9 or 10, 1864, he was "wounded by a bullet in the left thigh Shot by Rebel Sharpshooters," and was in various hospitals until February, 1865, when he returned to duty. Discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 6, 1865, he made his home in Champaign County, Ohio, till 1869, then returned to Clark County for the balance of his life, working as a "laborer." On February 6, 1866, he married Mary E.

Fisher (July 23, 1847-June 1, 1924) and they had three children, two boys and a girl. His last address was N. Yellow Springs Street, Springfield, Ohio, and he is buried in Ferncliff Cemetery in that city.

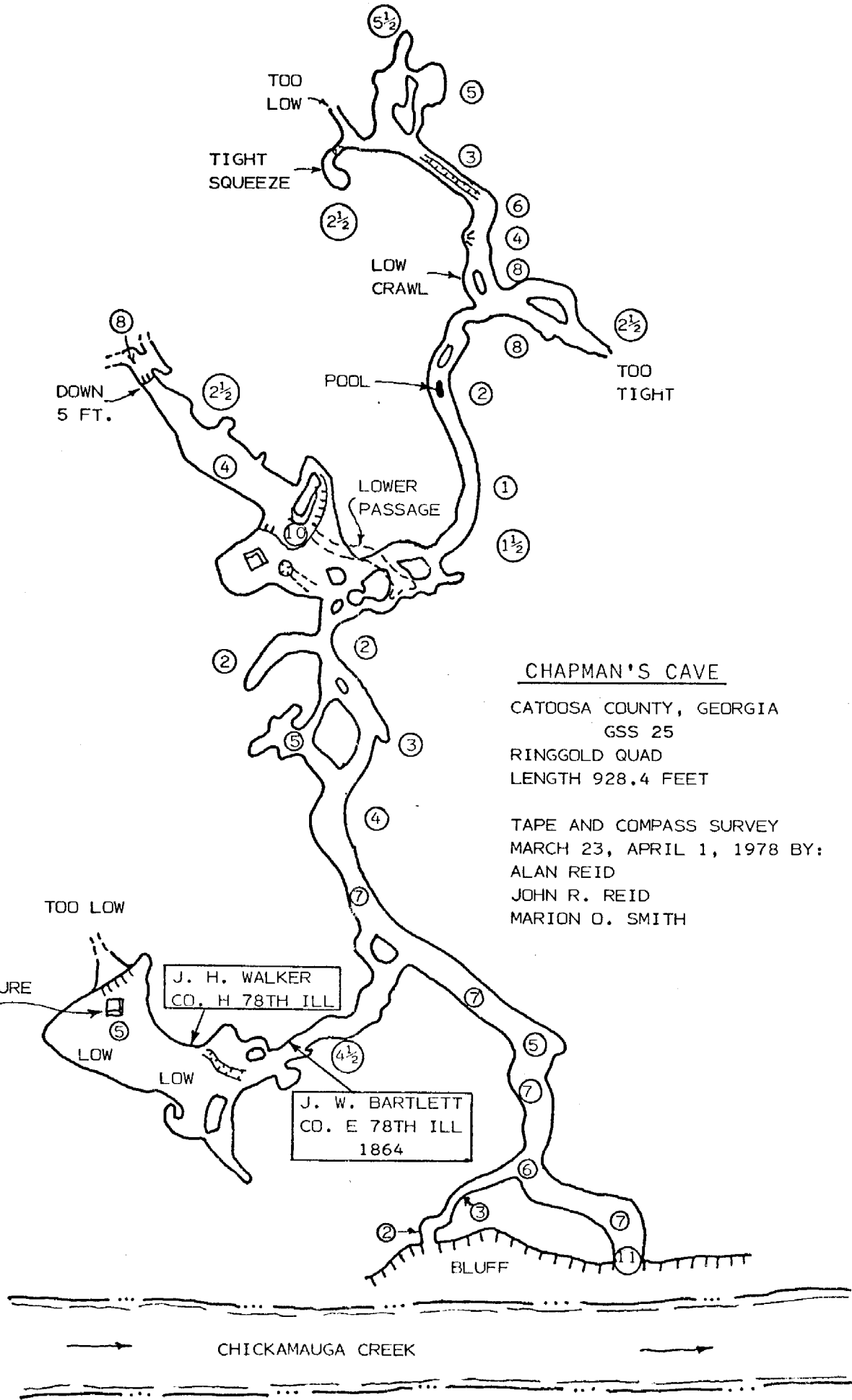
JULIUS RICE (c1839-1844 to 1864) lived at Woodville, Adams County, Illinois, and on August 11, 1862, enlisted in Company B, 78th Illinois Infantry as a private. Described as 5' 11¹/₂" tall, light complected, grey eyed, and light haired, he by September, 1863, was promoted corporal. The following year, on June 27, he was killed in the severe fighting at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia.

OR perhaps it was Private Thomas S. Rice of Dallas, Illinois, who served in Company H, 78th Illinois Infantry from August 11, 1862, to June 7, 1865.

Following their February visit, John and Marion, with the help of John's brother Alan, surveyed Chapman's Cave on the evening of March 23 and afternoon of April 1, 1978. The maze-like back section confirmed J. Roy Chapman's c1952 description: "It's small, it's muddy, and the ceiling is low." Although the survey surprisingly netted 928.4 feet of passage, the most interesting feature of the cave remained the discovery of the names.

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