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Loxton Cave



To repeat order state 5"x 8" Feint

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Jemes Parker.

In papers in  
occurs set of rough drawings of "Various Somerset Caves";

Date . 1865.  
Plan and section of Loxton Cave given on scale of 2 feet to  
1 inch. Survey is dated April 27th 1865 but seems to be a  
copy of one by Major Dalton Morgan. The original may be in  
an estate office.

*Bald gives section and in Sept May 1794.  
+ with discharge c. 1746.*

The survey has on it various other deta. Cave discovered  
May 1868 by James Milford at entrance A = present ususal  
entrance from old quarry. There is another small entrance, B,  
through a shaft on the hill. The chambers are numbered.

No. 1. In the shaft opening into the roof at approximately  
the middle. It measures 36 ft N.S.W. to E.S.E. and 30 ft. From  
N.W. to S.E. dip is 100° or 1/2 S. and angle 25°. This gives  
a steep slope down to 1.3. V. At the top of end in the centre  
is a large area shown dotted representing a lower unexplored  
chamber, which from the section looks as if it would com-  
municate with the roof of No. 2. A ladder is shown as being necessary  
for the climb up from the lower part of the chamber to the  
higher end this climb has nearly under but slightly west  
of the shaft. This latter chamber is shown as crossing the floor  
ascending passage from No. 3. The section also suggests that  
chamber No. 4 may be difficult to enter from No. 1.



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No. 7. 1 continued. Chamber is large and high E.N.E. end with stalactites.

No. 2. Measures 22 ft, S.W. to N.E. and 14 ft W.N.W. to E.S.E. It has a low roof. It is on a very steep slope up from S.W. to N.E. and the connecting passage up to No. 1 is shown as boulder strewn and very steep and narrow.

No. 3. Measures 18 ft from S.W. to N.E. It communicates with No. 2 by a short curved and very steep passage. Indeed section shows passage as vertical. It is called by the villagers "Fat Room".

No. 4. This is described as having a bad entrance. Presumably this refers to the steep and tight passage between No. 3 and 4. No. 4 consists of the upper 6 meters of S.W. by N. to N.E. by E. 33 ft long and a more easterly N.W. by W. to S.E. by E of 34 ft. (It seems possible that this easterly part is no. 5. as the plan does not show No. 5, but section show it as apparently part of No. 2 of the plan.)

No. 6. This opens off the S.E. side of No. 4 and descends steeply. Measures 35 ft S.W. to E.E.

No. 7. This opens off No. 1. and measures 27 ft. from N.W. to S.E. The section shows it as a fairly level chamber. Fine formations.

No. 8. A short passage leads from No. 4 across the head of No. 9 through some boulders into a chamber marked similarly to 8 on plan but not 8 on section. No. 8 appears to refer solely to a cone fissure and there seems to be a steep boulder rubble

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up into No. 5 and this profile seems to be No. 7. The fissure is described as "The Main Bone Fissure" oriented  $70^{\circ}$  E. of N. Chamber measures 30 ft. S.W. to N.E. and 30 ft S.E. to N.W. Rock dip  $50^{\circ}$  W. of N. and angle  $\approx 55^{\circ}$ . The fissure is very steeply inclined (and probably opens on the surface  $\approx$  round to the east where there are deposits rather similar to those at Breen Down etc. W.K.T.).

No. 9 is a ~~series~~ <sup>low</sup> passage steeply inclined down to S.E. It measures 14 ft. N.W. by W to S.E. by E. At its lower end it enlarges slightly for a few feet and then constricts again to form beginning of No. 10. The enlargement is noted as containing "bones" with an ascending fissure 60 W. of N. and axis of enlargement is 40 W. of N.

No. 10. continues the line of No. 5 and opens high on the side of No. 11. It is ~~rather~~ <sup>low</sup> and steep. Measures 15 ft N.W. to S.S.E. there is an unexplored cross passage heretofore shown as descending to S.; and ascending to N.E.

No. 11. A wide low chamber nearly horizontal in section though there are indications that the crowing of the section was to have been corrected. It measures 30 ft S.W. to N.E. and 9 ft across. From near its east end a short passage leads to entrance A. It has several diverticula at its west end one of which is no. 12 and another is shown as 16 ft long and vertical in the form of an even closed at the top.



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No. 12. 23 Ft N.N.W. to S.S.E. There seems to be a descent of 5 ft to get into no. 12.

~~Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12~~ Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 are noted as difficult to enter.

Dotted lines show unexplored caves.

The distance from the top of the shaft, entrance B, to entrance from old quarry, A, is 105 ft. S.E. by E.

There is a note that seems to indicate that west portion of chamber 11 and all of no. 12 were meant to be shown dotted and therefore not fully explored or surveyed.



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NEGATIVES		PHOTOGRAPHS		LANTERN SLIDES	
35mm	Up to 1/4 pl.	1/4 and 1/1 pl.		2 x 2 in.	3 1/4 x 3 1/4 in.
	<u>M 7.2</u> 1				
	Studio				

LOCATION "Main bone fissure" 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1956

REFERENCES

- M 7.2  
1 Left humerus of horse, lower epiphysis closed, upper epiphysis missing (: age of horse between 1 1/2 & 3 1/2 years).  
 Organic content 2.1%  
 Part of rib (? horse).  
 Organic content 12.0%
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- Prof. Downing says that this was a pony standing about 12 hours, which corresponds to the Brumby pony in 1890. Its front legs were splintered about more widely than usual. Age about 2 years*



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35mm	Up to 1/4 pl.	1/2 and 1/1 pl.		2 x 2 in.	3 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.

LOCATION *Lorton Cave, "Main Bone fissure"* 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1956

REFERENCES

M7.2  
3 1st. right rib of BOS sp. complete.

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4 Upper left rib of a ruminant (perhaps deer, not Bos)  
 Head and articular processes missing.

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5 Part of rib of pig (3 1/2" long)