



1894 Gasconade Cave Expedition

The Field Notes of William J. Seever



In 1922, the Smithsonian Institution published "Cave Explorations in the Ozark Region of Central Missouri," an account of the findings of archaeologist Gerard Fowke, who was looking for prehistoric habitation sites (see 2021 Old Settlers Gazette, page 14). Exploration was done in 11 Ozark counties. He identified at least 98 sites worth examining for prehistoric occupation. Of these, 77 were caves. Of the 77 caves, 13 were in Phelps County and 32 caves were in Pulaski County. Quite a few of the caves named were dismissed with a sentence or two describing them as uninhabitable. However, Fowke's exploration in Pulaski County was not the first.

A quarter of a century prior to Fowke, in 1894, two gentlemen from St. Louis made a more modest 16 day survey of caves and possible habitation sites on the Gasconade River in Pulaski County. William J. Seever, Secretary of the Missouri Historical Society, and Reverend A. L. Love, Superintendent of the Congregational City Missionary Society, undertook this first systematic and descriptive investigation. Of course, they were preceded by relic hunters.

We presume that Seever donated the artifacts recovered to the Missouri Historical Society. It took another 46 years for Seever to decide on a repository for his field notes. He decided his

field notebook would go to The State Historical Society of Missouri. Immediately following is his donation letter. He states the expedition started south of Lebanon but it seems to us that he misremembered and embarked south of Crocker at Schlicht Mill.

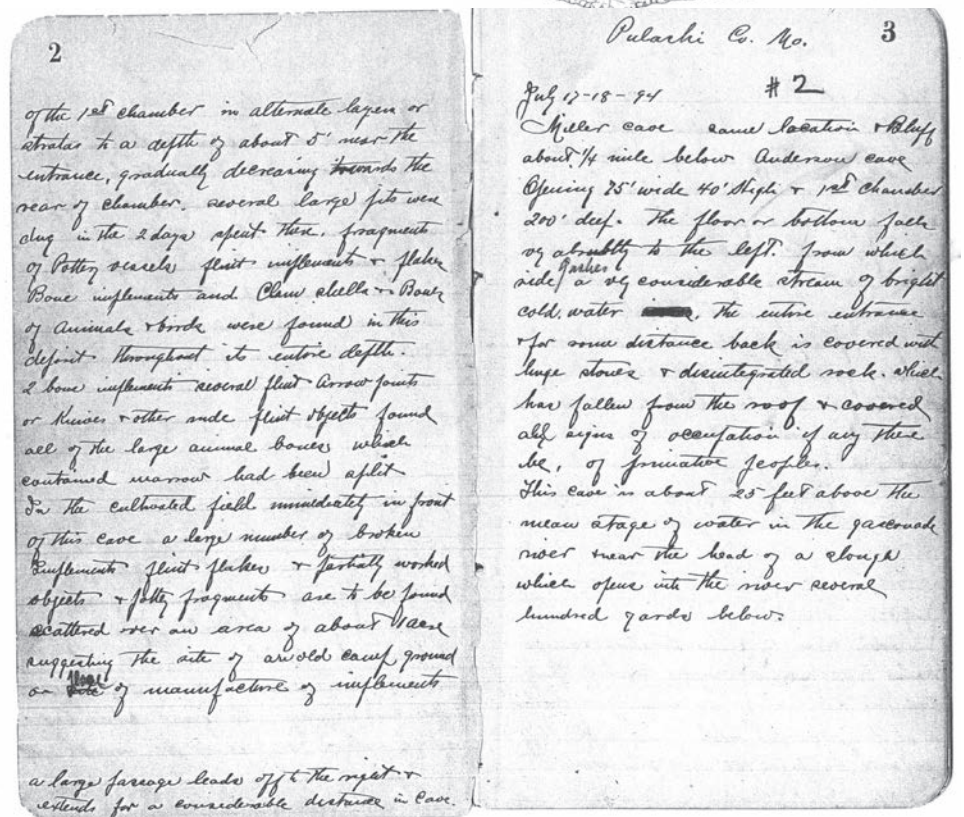
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Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker Secty
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Dear Mr. Shoemaker,

The enclosure, brief memos of a trip down the Gasconade River in 1894, visiting and excavating certain caves in Pulaski County, Mo., made with a view of establishing facts relative as to whether caves were inhabited by Indians or Prehistoric Peoples in early times. I made the trip in a flat bottom boat with camp equipment and companions from a point south of Lebanon [probably Crocker] to Arlington on the river. There is no question but that human beings occupied these caverns for long periods of time, lived and died [and] were buried therein. Wood ashes some many feet in thickness were excavated and these deposits were no doubt centuries in accumu-



Two pages from William J. Seever's field notebook. The original is in the collection of The State Historical Society of Missouri.

lating. Prehistoric People did not gather huge quantities of firewood for warmth or cooking. Thorough examination of these ash heaps disclosed small fires interspersed with the remains of their feasts of animal, fish, and birds. Many stone implements, also of bone and pottery or earthenware fragments, were found. Later investigations by Gerard Fowke, Dr. Moorehead, and others have confirmed my early discoveries. In later years on examinations

in similar caves throughout the state especially central have proven similar occupation. These notes of mine may prove of some interest to future ethnologists and archaeologists. May I request that these be filed or preserved.

Yours very truly

Wm J. Seever

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Field Notes

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July 16-1894

3 small caves close together in face of bluff on right hand bank of Gasconade river in Sec. 33. T. 37. R. 12., opposite Schlicht Mill about 1/8 mile from river bank. All have wet-gravelly bottoms and seem to be subject to overflow when Gasconade river is high. No signs of habitation by Indians.

July 17-18-1894 #1

[Seever assigned a number, in this case #1, to the sites that showed signs of human habitation. The numbers appear after the date. Of the 15 caves or shelters that he noted, 13 indicated prehistoric occupation.]

McGowen or Anderson Cave on left side of Gasconade river in Sec. 29, T. 37, R. 12, in face of bluff 1/8

mile from river edge across a cultivated field near public road. Mouth of cave is about 25 or 30 feet above mean stage of water. This cave is dry. The front chamber is 40 feet wide and 13 feet high at the mouth with a depth of 60 feet. A deposit of ashes, charcoal, and alluvial covers the bottom of the first chamber in alternate layers or strata to a depth of about 5 feet near the entrance, gradually decreasing towards the rear of chamber. Several large pits were dug in the two days spent there. Fragments of pottery vessels, flint implements and flakes, bone implements and clam shells. Bones of animals and birds were found in this deposit throughout its entire depth. Two bone implements, several flint arrow points or knives, and other rude flint objects found. All of the large animal bones which contained marrow had been split. In the cultivated field immediately in front of this cave, a

large number of broken implements, flint flakes and partially worked objects, and pottery fragments are to be found scattered over an area of about one acre suggesting the site of an old camp ground or place of manufacture of implements.

A large passage leads off to the right and extends for a considerable distance in cave.

July 17-18 - 94 #2

Miller Cave same location and bluff about 1/4 mile below Anderson cave. Opening 75 feet wide, 40 feet high, and first chamber 200 feet deep. The floor or bottom falls very abruptly to the left from which side rushes a very considerable stream of bright cold water. The entire entrance and for some distance back is covered with large stones and disintegrated rock which has fallen from the roof and covered all signs of occupation, if any there be, of

primitive people.

This cave is about 25 feet above the mean stage of water in the Gasconade river and near the head of a slough which opens into the river several hundred yards below.

July 18 - 94

Spring Cave on land of Dodd in Sec. 33 T. 37. R. 12, in bluff on left side of Gasconade river about 1/4 mile from river edge main wagon road passes within 25 yards of opening mouth is about 25 feet above water level. [A] wet, gravelly bottom, with no signs of early occupation by man, large spring of clear cold water gushes forth from left side. The opening is 8 feet wide, 15 feet high and 30 feet in depth, gradually narrowing passage extending back in the bluff for some distance.

July 18 #3

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nel Cave] in same location and on same land about 300 yards south of Spring Cave at the head of a ravine or hollow. A very large cavern with opening in the bluff 80 feet wide, 60 feet high, 150 feet in depth where the cavern turns abruptly to the left of some distance and then again to the right. Passages from 10 to 20 feet in width and of great height. This cave is said to connect with Bat or Boatright cave 1/2 mile south. The bottom of this cave declines sharply from left to right. From the lower corner a small stream of water flows. The floor or bottom of first chamber and main passage to left is covered with large stones which have become detached from the roof. These together with disintegrated rock have effectually covered up all traces of early habitation with the exception of a small deposit of charcoal ashes and alluvium immediately in front and to the right of entrance or

mouth of cave. Excavations therein yielded fragments of burnt animal and bird bones and charred clam shells.

Beginning at the right hand side of the mouth of this cave and extending for several hundred feet in a general southeasterly direction, the strata of rock overhangs in some places as much as 12 feet, forming rock shelters where man could find some protection from inclement weather. In one place a sheltered nook 60 feet long, 30 feet wide, [and] 12 feet high in front by 3 feet in height at the rear. The stone floor was covered with the usual deposits of alluvium, ashes, and charcoal beds, which upon excavation yielded animal, bird and turtle bones, one bone implement, and pottery fragments. This bed was from 6 inches to 3 feet in depth covered over with debris from the roof.

Dodd cave contains large depos-

its of bat guano which a number of years ago had been mined for shipment.

July 19th 1894 #4

Salt Petre or Boatright Cave [known today as Bat Cave] also on left bank of Gasconade river in Sec. 4, T. 36, R.12, [is] a very large cavern with a wide entrance situated about 30 feet above the river. Nitre was formerly manufactured in this cave. [Nitre, also known as saltpeter or potassium nitrate, was used in the manufacture of gunpowder and fertilizer, as well as a food preservative, particularly for curing meats.] The nitre appears as an effervescence on the walls and the earth and the bottom is impregnated with it.

The mouth of this cave is 50 feet wide, 25 feet high, with a depth or length of the main chamber is 250 feet from where a large passage leads off to the left and said to connect

with Dodd cave 3/4 mile northwest. [It does not but has a second, much smaller opening about 1,000 feet north in the same ridge.] At a distance of 300 to 900 ft from the main chamber, this passage widens out forming large rooms 20 to 50 feet across, 10 to 30 feet high, [where] large works for the treatment of bat guano had been erected 8 or 10 years ago in the first chamber of this cave. The foundation of one of the buildings still stands in the main chamber, the walls of which measure 26 feet x 50 feet.

A vast quantity of alluvium matter had been handled when these works were being built and while in operation, the residue of which had been used in leaching and filling up the bottom of the main chamber to a depth of from 1 foot to 12 feet and thereby covering up all evidence of occupation of primitive man.

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Above Spelunkers walk toward the large entrance of Bat Cave.

Below They emerge from a small crevice-like opening about 1,000 feet northward in the bluff face.



July 19th 1894

Neck Cave, on right bank of Gasconade River in Sec. 5, T. 36, R. 12, [is] a small cave about 200 yards above mouth of a slough and 40 feet above water level. Bottom wet and muddy with no signs of early habitation. This cave is situated in the neck of Moccasin Bend of the Gasconade River. On the top of this bluff, the river can be seen on both sides. It seems scarcely 300 yards apart but it is 8 or 10 miles around to either side of the bluff by following the course of the river. It is not unlikely that the passages of this cave extend clear through the bluff.

The opening is 15 feet high, 18 feet wide, 90' feet deep to beginning of narrow passage.

Two very large springs, one on either side of the river, in Sec. 17, T. 36, R. 12.

July 19-20-1894 #5

Roubidoux Cave [now known as Pikes Peak Cave] in Sec 12, T. 36, R. 12, situated in bluff in right bank of Roubidoux Creek 200 yards above the mouth of the creek and 50 feet above water level. A very large cavern with wide entrance divided by a huge pillar of stone. 30 feet from the entrance is a large shelf or projection rock forms a sort of second story room 20 feet in diameter. The floor of this cavern is covered with large stones which have fallen from the roof. Deposits of ashes and charcoal 5 to 6 feet in thickness cover the entire bottom of the front chamber which is 125 feet wide at the entrance, 45 feet high, and 175 feet in length. This deposit shows an early occupation which must have extended over a very long period of time. Much digging has been done in this cavern by local relic and curiosity hunters. I was informed that

many stone and bone implements and other objects showing the existence of man had been found in the deposits of ashes. Scarcely a square foot of the deposit remains but what has been thoroughly dug over. In handling the debris, ashes, and charcoal between two huge stones, a number of animal bones [were found] which had been split for the extraction of the marrow. A number of rude flint implements and 5 bone implements, awls, or scrapers were found at varying depth from 6 inches to 4 feet deep in the deposit. The deposit consisted of alternate layers of alluvium, ashes, charcoal, and clam shells, from one to several inches thick. No pottery fragments were discovered.

July 20 - 1894

Cliff Cave on left bank of Gasconade river in Sec. 19, T. 36, R 12., in high bald bluff 1/8 mile from river



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opening 50 feet above mean stage of water and 10 feet above the general surface of the land in a perpendicular face of the rock. A ladder is necessary to get into the opening. Dry. Bottom covered with red cave earth [clay]. No sign of human occupation. Opening 50 feet wide, 40 [feet] high, chamber 66 feet in length.

July 20 - 94 #6

River Cave in Sec. 2, T. 36, R. 12, a wet cave with gravel bottom. No traces of human occupation. Opening 20 feet wide, 15 feet high, front chamber 120 feet in depth.

A rock shelter extends west from the left hand side of the opening. A deposit of ashes and charcoal a foot or more in thickness covers the bottom in which were found clam shells, flint flakes, and bits of pottery vessels, together with small fragments of bones.

July 21st 1894 #7

Hill cave on land of Hill, left bank of Gasconade River in Sec. 1, T. 36, R. 12, about 50 feet above mean stage of water in face of high bluff. The entrance is 60 feet wide, 25 feet high, with a depth of 100 feet. A small stream of water flows through it. Several years ago a party of explorers found a human skull in this cave. Just where could not be ascertained. Several hundred feet from the opening in a passage leading off of the right from the main chamber was found by me what appeared to be the bed of some animal. A large quantity of small twigs and other pieces of wood had been carried there together with many animal bones, some of which showed the splitting for the extraction of the marrow and similar to bones found in other caverns and what appeared to be a portion of a human leg bone. It is possible that the skull was found

at this spot and had been carried there from some one of the numerous stone mounds built by the primitive inhabitants of the region for burial purposes. A number of pits were dug in various place in the bottom of this cave but no burials were found. A number of large pieces of pottery and several broken flint implements together with flint flakes and small pieces of animal bones and clam shells like those from other caves were found in the deposit of alluvium, ashes, and charcoal which covered the bottom of the cave to the right of the entrance.

In excavating between two large stones in a space about 10 inches wide by 2 feet long, a large 3 inch flint blade, leaf shape in form, and a flint celt were found in a deposit of disintegrated stone. These specimens together with several fragments of arrow or spear points were exactly similar in form and material

as those found in adjoining cultivated fields.

July 23rd 94 Mound.

Yellow Bluff in Sec 21, T. 37, R. 11, on the highest peak of this bluff about 250 feet above the river is a stone heap or mound built of stone of an average diameter of 10 inches [feet]. The mound originally had been about 10 feet in diameter, circular in shape, and about 2 1/2 feet high. This mound had been previously explored or opened as they all have been throughout this region. A further examination yielded nothing. The human remains, if any, had been removed.

July 24th 8 Buffalo caves. 9 & 10

Warnell Caves in high bluff off mouth of Big Piney River on left bank of Gasconade river in Sec. 31, T. 37, R. 10, about 75 feet above water level. Two caves or openings



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about 100 feet apart connected by a wide but low passage. Both caves have passages leading off from the main front chamber. Both caves have been at one time occupied as places of abode of primitive people. In one a vast amount of work has been done and material moved by parties in recent years who spent the major part of two summers in trying to find buried treasure which common tradition says was buried by the Indians in a cave near the mouth of Big Piney River. More money has been spent in seeking this treasure than will ever be recovered by search. In the uppermost cave the entire interior has been changed by the piling up of debris moved by these treasure hunters and the remains of human habitation completely covered up, excepting in one little spot where several rude flint implements and broken bits of pottery were found in excavating in

a deposit of ashes and charcoal to a depth of 3 feet.

The bottom of the other cave is overlaid with a deposit of alluvium soil, ashes, and charcoal which contain fragments of bones, broken implements, flint chips, and pottery fragments to a depth of 5 feet. Clam shells in large quantities are scattered throughout the debris.

The dimension of the upper cave are width of opening 65 feet height, 25 [feet] length, inside 35 feet.

Lower cave 66 feet wide, 25 feet high, length 40 feet with large passage at back.

July 23rd 1894 #11

Schultz Cave [now known as Onyx Cave] at the head of a ravine or hollow which begins on the right bank of the Gasconade river a short distance above the Boiling Spring in Sec. 31 [33], T. 37, R. 10W, about 1/2 mile from river. Opening faces south

in a steep bank, about 150 feet above the general level. The opening is 85 feet wide with an average height inside of 30 feet. Length of first room about 240 feet with branches leading off both to left and right. The entire front of the main room for a distance of 20 to 30 feet back is a deposit of alluvium soil, ashes, and charcoal mix containing large quantities of mussel shells intermingled with animal and bird bones. Several excavations to a depth of 4 and 5 feet yielded flint chips several finished flint arrow heads and knives, pottery fragments, and other specimens not unlike those from the other caves.

On the right facing the interior of the cavern and at a distance of about 50 feet from the opening, some of the stratas or ledges of rock have fallen down as if they had been undermined by action of water, thus leaving deep recesses from 2 to 8

feet deep. A large stone 4 feet thick, 8 feet wide, and 12 feet long had fallen about 2 1/2 feet and in falling had tilted forward somewhat, leaving a space from 12 to 24 inches wide between its back edge and the main wall of the cave. This stone seems to have been the banquet table of those who inhabited this cavern. The entire top, close up to the projecting layers of stone forming the walls of the cave and back of it in the recess just mentioned, was completely filled up with ashes, charcoal, all sorts of bones, mussel shells, and an occasional flint or bone implement. It appears as if fires had been made on this huge stone, the food cooked and ate by the inhabitants as they sat on its edge and as the meat was munched off of the bones or the clam gouged out of its shell. The refuse was thrown back of the table into the recess and this together with the brushing back of the ashes

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in replenishing the fire gradually filled up the space around and above this unique table. At least one bushel of bone of the deer, turkey, raccoon, beaver, and other animals were taken out of here, together with great quantities of mussel shells, many of them charred, as if the remains of feasts together with the fires that cooked them were promiscuously thrown together. A number of flint arrow heads, which had probably [been] used in securing the material for the feasts. Also bone implements which served for scraping the meat off the bones or the clam from out its shell or extracting the marrow from the bones of larger animals were found. Also pottery fragments.

When we consider the amount of debris of this nature which was found in a space as small as this and then compute an area (as in this cave) of about 75 feet x 25 feet to a depth from 2 to 6 feet covered with

similar debris, it certainly is conclusive that caves were occupied for very great periods of time by people as a fixed place of abode.

Mention difference in camp fire—Indian [?]

Schultz cave has large deposits of so called onyx which is now being mined by a Milwaukee company.

July 26th 1894 #12

Ash Cave in Sec 16, T. 37, R. 10W. This is also a large cave with opening 150 feet across situated near the top of a large hill which is at the head of a ravine back of Goat Bluff on the Gasconade River about three miles above Arlington, Mo. The floor declines abruptly to the left from whence comes a fine stream of clear cold water. The usual deposit of ashes and charcoal intermingled with bones, fragments of pottery and some stone and bone implements. The larger portion of the

main room 50 x 150 feet is covered with large stones and other debris which has fallen from the roof, completely covering in places the deposits. Excavations to the depth of 5 1/2 feet were made in two places without reaching the bottom. Pottery, split bones, and charcoal was found to this depth, also a few stone and other implements.

A wagon road has been made in this cave running through the main part back for some distance, probably for some mining venture.

[This cave is located on Blue Jay Farm southeast of Dixon and once owned by Frank W. Wielandy. See cover and page 52.]

July 28th #13

Bruce Cave in Goat Bluff and directly east of Ash Cave and it is not unlikely that both caves are connected by narrow passages on the left bank of Gasconade River

about 75 feet above low water. [It] has the usual very large front chamber which gradually narrows down to small low passages extruding into the hills for unknown distances.

The opening is 85 feet wide, 225 feet long, and 30 feet high for a distance of 75 feet or more back. The floor is covered with ashes, which are more than 6 feet in thickness. Excavations in several places yielded stone and bone implements, broken pottery and great quantities of animal and other bones and mussel shells.

A stream of water quite small flows through the right side of this cave. Dr Love, my companion, in one small space found by scraping around among the gravel and other small stones in the bed of the stream and at a distance of nearly 75 feet from the mouth of the cave, a great many broken implements of flint and quantities of chips together with several entire implements. It would

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seem from this that this was probably a place of manufacture. Flint nodules are to be found embedded in the limestone which form the walls of the cavern. The implements found do not differ from those found in the surrounding fields and usually termed Indian implements. They also do not differ from those found throughout the debris in the various caves examined.

For some details of these caves, see the Sunday [St. Louis] Republic, Aug. 19th 1894, which is grossly over-drawn.

[We have reproduced the Republic article for the web version of the Old Settlers Gazette. It reflects the thinking at the time about "extinct primitive man." The web version is available at www.oldstagecoachstop.org. Click on "Gazette Archives" in the green navigation pane on the left of the page.]



Seever knew this cave at the confluence of Roubidoux Creek and the Gasconade River as Roubidoux Cave (page 57). The cave has one very large opening and another smaller one. B. F. (Sam) Scott bought the cave and some surrounding acreage in 1902 to develop into a resort. Scott built a two-story structure alongside the road in front of the cave and first called his venture the Gasconade Clubhouse. It was later renamed Pikes Peak Club.

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