

Nearly vertical, diagonal and curved lines of unknown significance are between some of the several figures. A curious small figure, which may be intended to represent a bird, is located near the shoulder of the first seated human figure. An undulating horizontal line is cut beneath all of the figures.

On the opposite wall of the cave, at a distance of a foot above the floor, there is an imperfect carving suggesting the head of a man. Near it is cut another rude figure, probably an animal. The height of the animal figure is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The body of the man has disappeared in the crumbling of the rock. At this place the wall is of a light brown color and the carving has a fresh and somewhat more recent appearance than the other figures. The carvings in this small cave have been known to settlers in this valley for many years. One of these men, a Mr. Hyde, stated in 1922 that he had known the carvings for fifty-four years. They are very Indian-like in their character and there is no present reason to believe that they were cut by other persons.

This cave was probably used as a shelter by Indian hunters, one of whom was the maker of these rude carvings which are but slightly weathered and do not suggest any great age. They may even have been cut by a native after white men first began to roam through and settle in this region of wooded ridges and fertile valleys.

Mr. Wallace Fruit of Viola first informed the Wisconsin Archeological Society of the location of this cave in a letter dated November 6, 1920. His niece, Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, of Madison, had heard of the cave and referred the Society to him. On November 1 an exploring party consisting of the writer, Mr. H. E. Cole, Mr. M. S. Crandall and Mr. T. T. Brown visited the cave under the guidance of Mr. Harold Jewell, a resident of the country near West Lima. At this time measurements and photographs of the cave were made and also photographs, drawings and impressions of the carvings. The earth and sand at the entrance and the sand floor of the cave were carefully dug over down to the undisturbed sandstone rock but no ash bed, implements or other indications of Indian occupation were found. This cave, though small would provide shelter for at least a dozen people.

Four sections (1 and 2, 11 and 12 of Forest Township) corner in this valley, between these ridges. A creek flows through