

the valley and is at this place fed by two spring brooks. A short distance southeast of the Muller school, near the old Donaldson house, and only a short distance from the cave, flint implements and several stone axes have been found in a small cultivated field, a former Indian camp site.

MINNESOTA AND IOWA CAVES

CARVER'S CAVE

Prof. T. H. Lewis* has described some other Indian caves located in Minnesota and Iowa. Among these he mentions Carver's Cave, "a cave within the limits of the capital city of Minnesota [St. Paul], which for over a century has had a somewhat undeserved celebrity, which was given to it by Capt. Johnathan Carver in 1766-67." In his description he mentions the incised figures as follows: "I found in this cave many Indian hieroglyphics; which appeared very ancient, for time had nearly covered them with moss, so that it was with difficulty I could trace them. They were cut in a rude manner upon the inside of the wall, which was composed of a stone so extremely soft that it might be easily penetrated with a knife—a stone everywhere to be found near the Mississippi." The construction of a railroad some years ago, which necessitated the demolition of the front part of the cave, together with the confusion made by the intrusive names of modern visitors and idlers, ruined the aboriginal pictographs in it, of none of which is a copy known to have been made. Ten years ago there were plainly to be seen snakes, birds, men, animals, fish and turtles, some of which were *intaglios* and others outline figures, and they were clearly of the same style and probable age of those discovered in recent years in caves along the valley of the Mississippi.

"Since October, 1888, several caves, rock shelters, and fissures have been visited between a point a few miles below Lansing, Iowa and St. Paul, Minn., and thoroughly explored for pictographs, of which the best specimens were carefully copied. Seven of the caves are here described, in the order of the descent of the river from north to south, and at least one good representative pictograph from each, reduced in fac simile, is furnished by way of illustration."

*Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia, 1889.