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Monday March 16th /89/

4:30 in cave (Crystal Route ..... 1 trip

At 10.30 A.M. O.B. Chesley & I started in the cave with the intentions of going the Crystal Route. We went the Crystal ~~Rattle~~ circle V.I.A. the old Stalctite Chambers & returning V.I.A. the "main Passage". We arrived at the entrance at 3:00 P.M. I was over to the "Wind Cave Ranch" this afternoon & Elmer has gone over to J. C. ~~West~~ at Beaver Valley this evening

Tuesday March 17th /89/

1:50 in cave (Monument Hall Route ..... 1 trip

At 3:20. P.M. I started in the cave to open Hard Scrabble as much as I could with the sledge hammer. After breaking out all the rock that could be broken out with the hammer I resolved to hunt up a certain chisel, that I have told some people that "I had no doubt but what it was going yet" because Father & I did not hear it strike the bottom of the crevice in which it dropped. At this end of The Partition I went through a passage to the left that was similar to the Oven but not so long & found the crevice that I was in search of, at the other end of it. I found the chisel that I was in search of, after climbing down about 150 feet, & also found good specimens of lattice work. The passage still led downward when I left it and come back to the main passage. I found an old string in the crevice, after I got down about 30 feet. I arrived at the entrance at 5:10. P.M. After I come out of the cave I took a stroll on the hills and unexpectedly met our neighbor Mr Gordon who presented a black-tail deer hide to me & I of course did not refuse it.