

# **Buckner Cave Historical Markings Project**

## **Overview**

The purpose of this project is to document all markings in Buckner Cave that may be of historical interest. This includes, but is not limited to writing by candle smoke, pencil, coal, scratching or any other means. "Historical" for the purpose of this project shall be defined as any markings in the cave believed to have been created prior to 1958 when the cave was reopened to modern exploration whether or not there is a date included in the markings.

## **Procedures Used for Documentation**

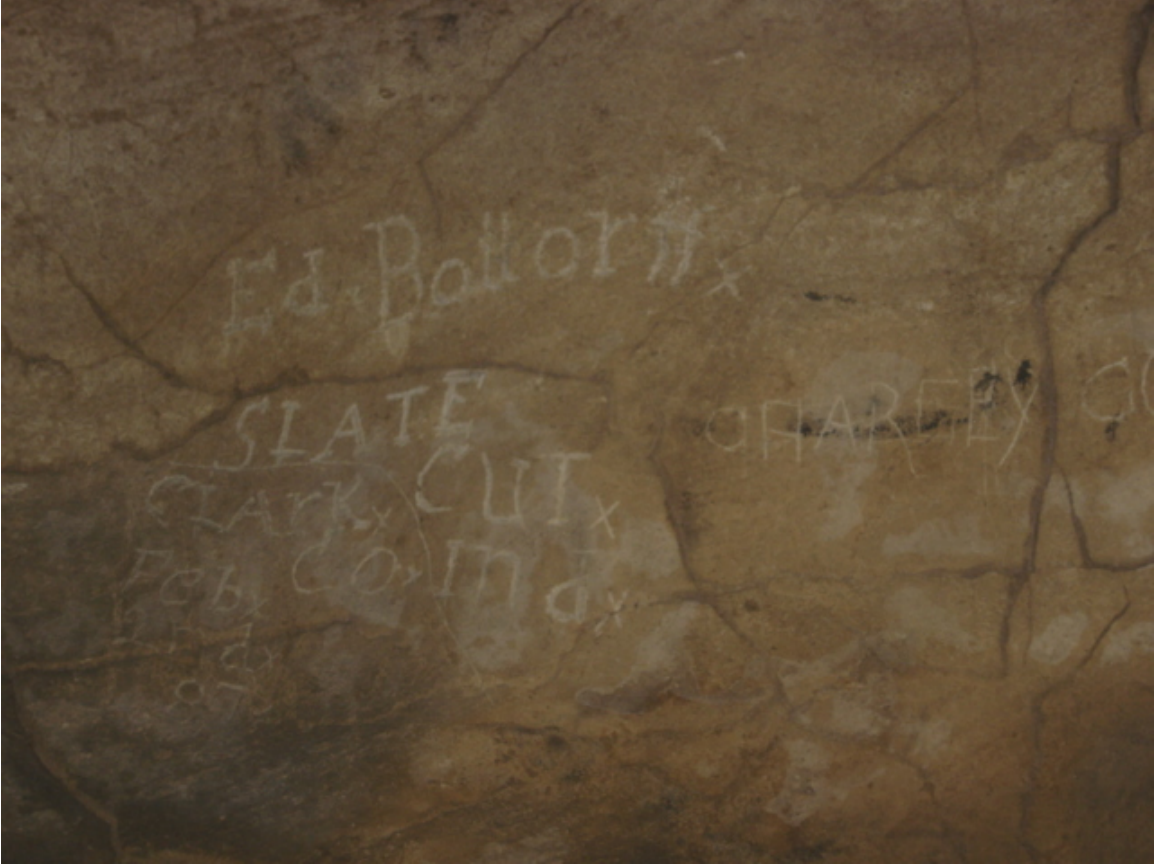
When a writing is found that may be of historical value, the following procedures should be followed to document it.

- Potentially historic markings should not be touched or disturbed
- Make note of its exact location in the cave
- Make note of the wording of the markings if possible
- Note the type of markings and anything unique about it
- Flagging tape should be placed near the markings with a unique number written on it
- Markings should be photographed

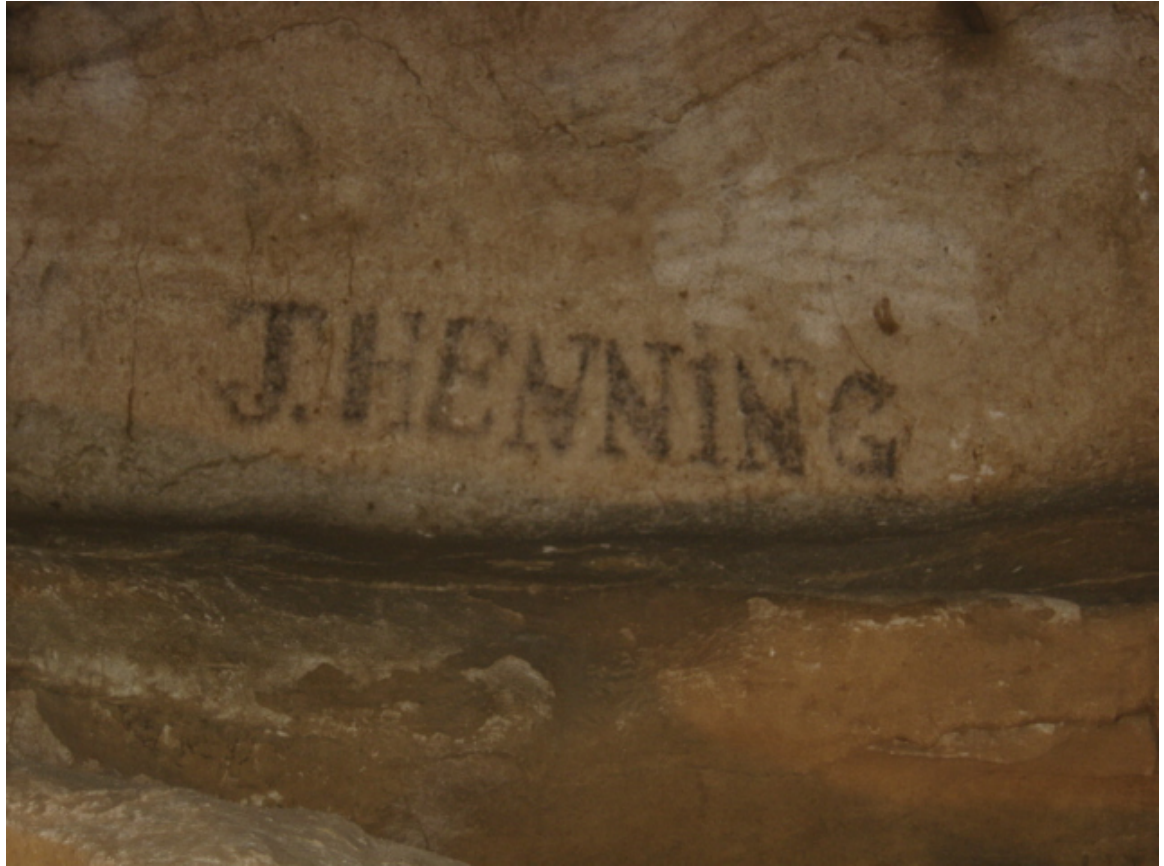
## Entrance Room



1. **M....M Johnston** written in pencil, located near the entrance to Thunder Crawl



- 2. Ed Bottom Slate Cut Clark Co Ind, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 87  
Charley Collins  
Located on right side of entrance room high above ledge just  
before right turn and about 8 feet below top of ceiling.**

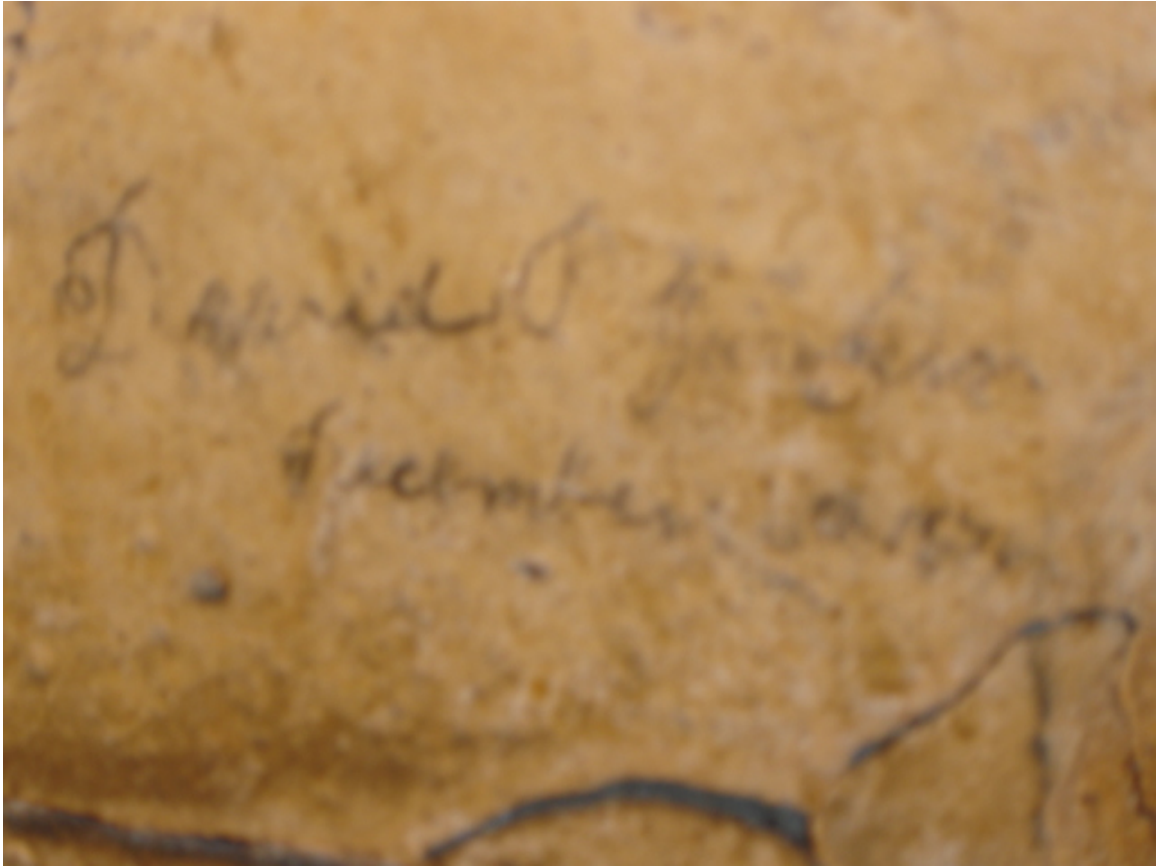


**3. J. HENNING** Unsure of media used to create writing. Calligraphy is typical of historic writing. It is located directly across entrance room from Thunder Crawl entrance and near ceiling.



4. KP Unsure if this is historic, but is written under ledge and appears to be smoked like it was written in candle. It is also very light.

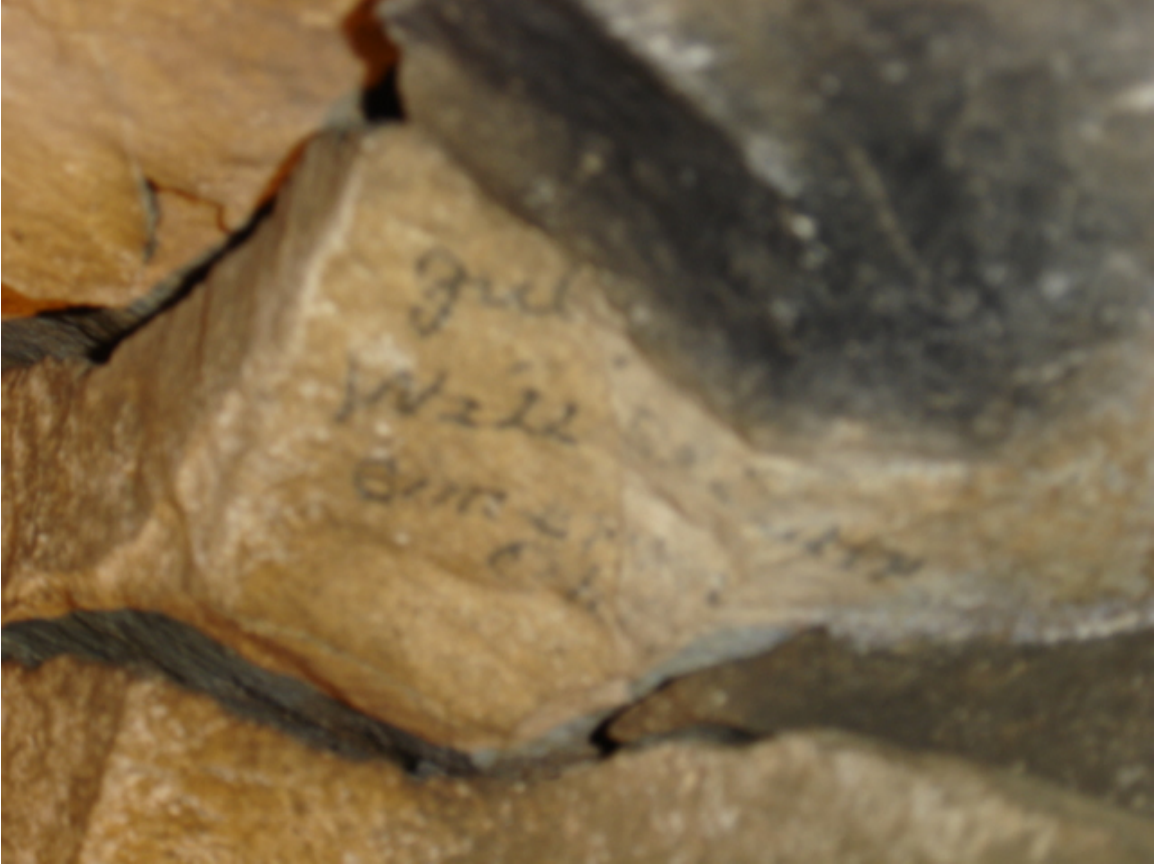




5. David R (or P) Johnson December 1876, Written in pencil  
Date is a little smudged, but looks like 1876 Located 10 feet or so to the left of the entrance to Thunder Crawl and 1 ½ ft above the floor.



5. **KATIE** scratched into wall. Note the ears on the T in KATIE. Located above and to the right of David R Johnson writing.



5. Jack Will ... Ohio.... other illegible writing, in pencil. Located 2 ft to right of David R Johnson writing.

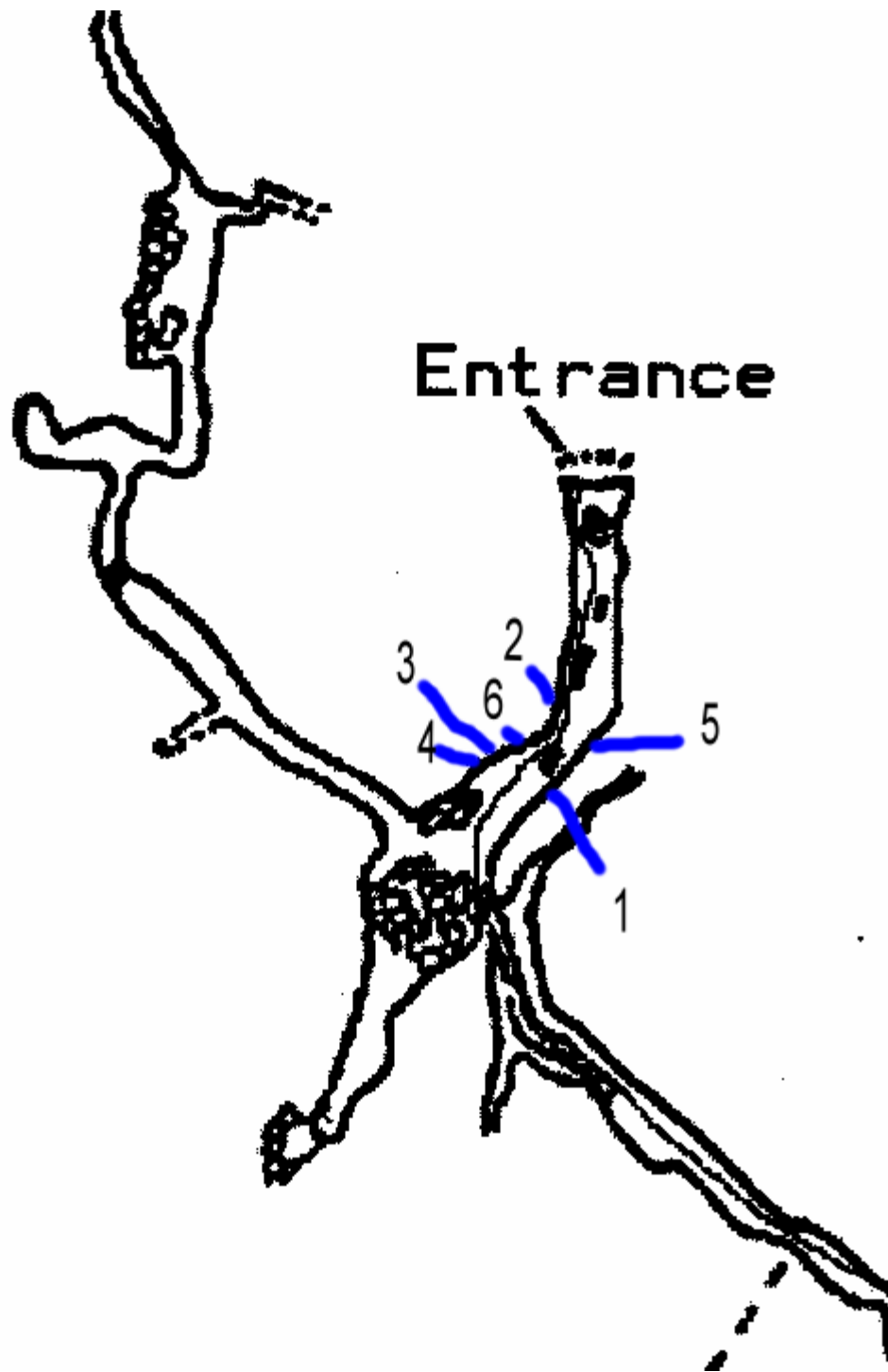




**5. Illegible writing just above floor level and below and to the left of David R Johnson writing. Note flagging tape on lower right corner of photo.**



6. Ed Fred Baker. In pencil located across room from entrance to Thunder Crawl and just above floor level.



Location of historic markings in Buckner Cave's Entrance Room