

(1) notes - history of tracks

Charlie Moss told me (at his home, 2-18-69) that he has lived in that immediate vicinity all his life. He was 72 Nov 18, 1968. Being a fisherman, he had fished the Paluxy River over the years and knew it and its tributaries for miles.

The man tracks first appeared in 1910 or 1911 after a flash flood stripped off a layer of rock and left bare a long ledge containing 10 or 11 clear giant foot prints. The stride at the beginning was five feet or more (he estimated the distance on the driveway where we were standing) at about stop No. 6 the man began to run. Here the heel marks disappeared but the toes and instep were distinct. ^{The stride lengthened considerably;} Mr. Moss was then in his mid-teens. People took ^{the tracks} them for granted as human; ~~tracks~~ no other possibility crossed their minds. Everyone marveled at the 16 inch feet and the enormous strides. Moss had a camera, he said, but never thought of photographing them. Being right there near his