

# **The Gerard Platten Scapbooks**

## **Mendip Photographs, Postcards and Articles**

From the Platten Collection at the Wells and Mendip Museum

*Note: Only original material is itemised.*

### **Volume I**

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### **Volume II (Pages 450 to 727)**

- Page 607A – drawing – Entrance to Holwell Cavern (001.tif)
- Page 673B – “The two caves are so near together that the splash made by throwing a stone down Plumley’s Hole into the water below would be distinctly heard in Aveline’s Hole.”

### **Volume III (Pages 727 to 1008)**

- Page 800 – “Green Ore Mine (or Cave?) Mendip (100yds south of Green Ore cross-roads, 4 miles from Wells). A narrow shaft, of which there was no local mining record or tradition, opened out recently and was heard of by Platten. In March, 1933 he and two others were lowered in turn by rope 140 feet, the shaft being probably 250 feet in all. Platten, E. E. R. Wigmore, Devenish, and Bowsher, in September put over ladders and found a choke at 120 feet, probably owing to the curious throwing down the many large stones lying handy. An 80 foot communication by sound was cut off and a telephone would have been necessary.”

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- Page 1773e – Golgotha Swallow [Cow Hole] April 27th 1935 found by G Platten (032.tif)
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- Page 1773e – Golgotha Swallow [Cow Hole] April 28th 1935 found by G Platten. The Party. (035.tif)
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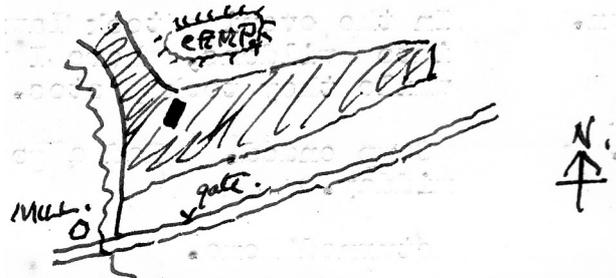
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## Volume XIV (Page 4200 to 4319)

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## Volume XV – (Page 4320 to 4482)

- Page 4348 – Swildon's Hole. The "Gnome" in the Pretty Way. September 1936 (Brown) (058.tif)
- Page 4351 – 16 September 1936 – Spent the morning in Cox's Cave, Stoke Lane and in the afternoon found an interesting fissure below Blacker Hill Farm in the wood of that name: we intend to start digging it out shortly.



- Page 4352a – M.E.Soc at Cow Hole [1936] (059.tif)
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- Page 4352b – Outside Wookey Hole 18 September 1936. "Wookey Hole, and through the Grill, took Lowry, V.W., Alex, Hodige and young Witts (15) from Reading."(062.tif)
- Page 4352b – Alex in Oones Hole 1936 (063.tif)
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- Pages 4765 to 4768 – Swildon's Hole, Report on current work 6th November 1936 by F.G. Balcombe with diagrams. [Attempts to pass Sump II]
- Pages 4768c to 4768c – Swildon's Hole by F.G. Balcombe (January 1937) – Copyright F G Balcombe; licence granted only for this Journal and the Journal of the M.E.S. under the editorship of G. Platten).

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- The Thin Man in Wookey Hole 1937 (075.tif)
- Coral Cave 1937 (Lawrence?) (076.tif)
- The Gnome, Swildon's Hole (Brown) 1937 (077.tif)

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### **Volume XXIII – (Not page numbered)**

- Honeycomb in Sidcot Swallet April 1938. There are six honeycombs in Honeycomb Corridor and in the chambers beyond the squeeze. Dr. G. J. Bayzand, Dept. of Geology Oxford University (who has examined a piece of one) has kindly identified them – Honeycomb Coral and *Michelinia Favosa*. (078.tif)
- W.J. Duck in Lamb Leer Cavern 1938 (079.tif)
- Burrington Combe 1938 (080.tif)
- Aveline's Hole 1938 (081.tif)
- Aveline's Hole 1938 (082.tif)
- Priddy Minery 1938 (083.tif)
- Priddy Minery 1938 (084.tif)
- Twin Brook Swallet April 1938 (085.tif)
- Twin Brook Swallet April 1938 (086.tif)
- Sidcot Swallet April 1938 Twin Brook (087.tif)
- Read's Cavern 1938 (088.tif)
- Read's Cavern 1938 (089.tif)
- Hollowfield Swallet 1938 (090.tif)
- Hollowfield Swallet 1938 (091.tif)
- In the Hunters' Lodge Inn 1938 (092.tif) – [left Joe Dores (Roger's father's brother) and to the right his second wife]
- In the Hunters' Lodge Inn 1938 (093.tif) – [From Roger Dores – from the left Arthur Norman Henry Dores, Burt Russell (a "gaffer" who told cavers locations of "holes"), ?, ? – possibly cavers]
- Lawrence 1938 (094.tif)
- Burrington Combe (095.tif)
- E. G. Mason in Swildon's Hole 20th February 1936 Fox (096.tif)

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- Aerial view of Cheddar Gorge 1938 (097.tif)

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- Sidcot Swallet 1938 (100.tif)
- Goatchurch Cavern 1938 (101.tif)
- Goatchurch Cavern, cavers and graffiti 1938 (102.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Sump I taken from the far side. J. Harvey (103.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Mud hole on far side of Sump I is to the left showing end of tape. Sump is to left and RH passage leads into cave. Hole from which photo is taken is about 15 feet deep with a muddy floor. (104.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Duck I taken from far side. Both sides very much alike. (105.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Aven beyond Duck I (106.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Crawl I (107.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Crawl II (108.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Passage beyond Crawl II showing about 9" of water on floor (109.tif)
- Swildon's Hole 1938 Nearside of Crawl III before Duck II (110.tif)

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