

Sioux City Iowa

Oct 3rd 1873

Dr H. M. Boyd

Dear Sir

will you be so kind as to
 Inform me at what time you expect Professor Marsh
 in your city. I would like to sell him our Fossil
 on his return. If you will assist me in making a sale I
 will willing pay you for your services

I would like very much to have Prof Marsh look at
 the fossil if he stops with you. It is now stored with
 H. W. Rogers Jr & Bro 239 & 241 Michigan street
 please write me as soon as convenient

Respectfully

Yours James A. Sawyer

Messrs H. W. Rogers Jr & Bro

gentle please allow Professor Boyd
 to examine the fossil that you have in store for us

Sawyer & Leach

note Nov 18th 73 or offered \$150 for skeleton
 or \$50. more for head.

Sawran from Some City



Dark lines show where the stone is broken
 dotted lines show supposed divisions of vertebrae
 & dots projections as shown in
 - from 7 from 1 to 2 are like those in 2
 processes extending almost length of each vertebrae

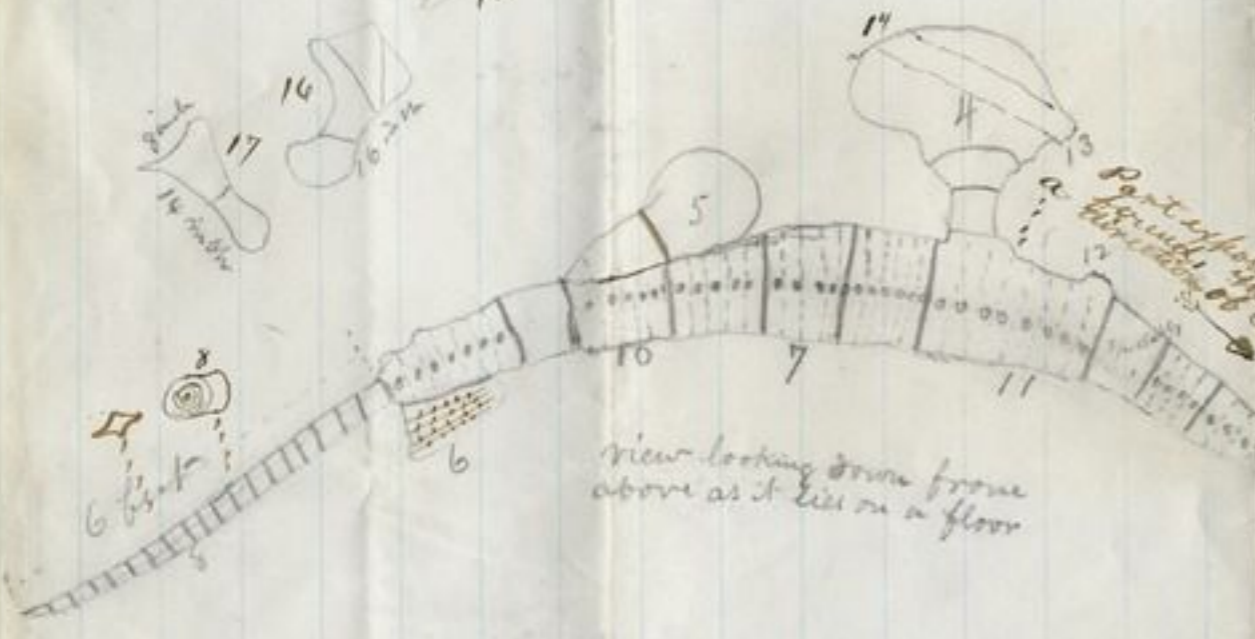
- 1 vertebrae 2 inch long.
- 2 do 4 "
- 3 has a bag like projection on underside
- 4 shows at edges broken bones which are covered with what seems to be flesh & skin on top



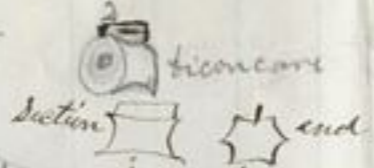
4 inch by 1 inch diam
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- 5 C
- 6 shows joints of a paddle four bones of which show six joints & rest 4 joints & with about 16 inches in length & the part connecting it with 10 is wanting
- 11 & 10 are ragged edges as also is 12 & 13

Whole length 36 feet -
 distance from 1 to 2 is considerable longer in proportion to other and than diagram shows
 Head wanting, pieces at each extremity very small 1 1/2 inch square 1/2 inch thick



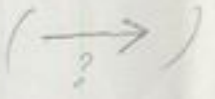
view looking down from above as it lies on a floor



side view of (8) vertebrae patch top lower to body

9 thin plate between vertebrae

2 vertebrae not included to body as at other end



Plesiosaur in Nebraska

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