

Stoungton, Conn. Oct. 14, 1876.

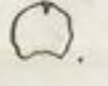
Prof. O. C. Marsh -

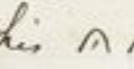
Dear Sir: Since reading Prof. Huxley's recent lectures, my interest in Paleontology has been revived, and my attention has been turned to a rock in this town, with which I have been familiar since my boyhood.

I do not think it has ever been examined by any paleontological scholar. It is of granite formation, about 300ft. long by 50ft. wide, and 40 to 50ft. high. It is situated at the head of a creek, and borders on a deep ravine. On it are some 30 or more tracks, distinct and quite deep. They are of human beings of different ages, and of animals unknown at the present day. Yesterday, in company with A. D. Williams Esq. I took plaster casts of several of the tracks. I send you herewith

a rude outline sketch of one of them. Whether it is the impress of some giant's hand, or whether it is the foot print of some animal or reptile, I am unable to determine. If it is of a man's hand, one finger is missing. It is not the track of a bird, at least like those of the Coconino River Valley.

*It resembles the track of a frog somewhat.*

Some of the tracks are like those of deer or sheep. Some of them I cannot determine. Some resemble Camels and horses, though the latter are partly cleft, thus . There are no bird tracks visible. The rocks lie N.E. and S.W. The direction of the tracks are almost invariably due Eastward, and from the distance between them, I infer that they were made in flight, as though the rock was sought as a refuge, the tracks pointing toward the more elevated portion of the rock. In two places occur tracks as if of a female accompanied by a small child. In this same ravine or valley, about one half mile

from the rock there is a large ledge in which are three caves running in some 25 feet at right angles to the face of the ledge. The entrances are like this . No 3 opens into a still larger one, with the same arched roof. They are quite filled up with deposit or mud. By a thorough examination of the premises there might, possibly, be found some pre-historic relics. If you deem the matter of sufficient interest to visit this locality, I shall be happy to afford you every facility in my power to pursue your investigations. If desired I will send you the cast <sup>which</sup> from the enclosed sketch is made.

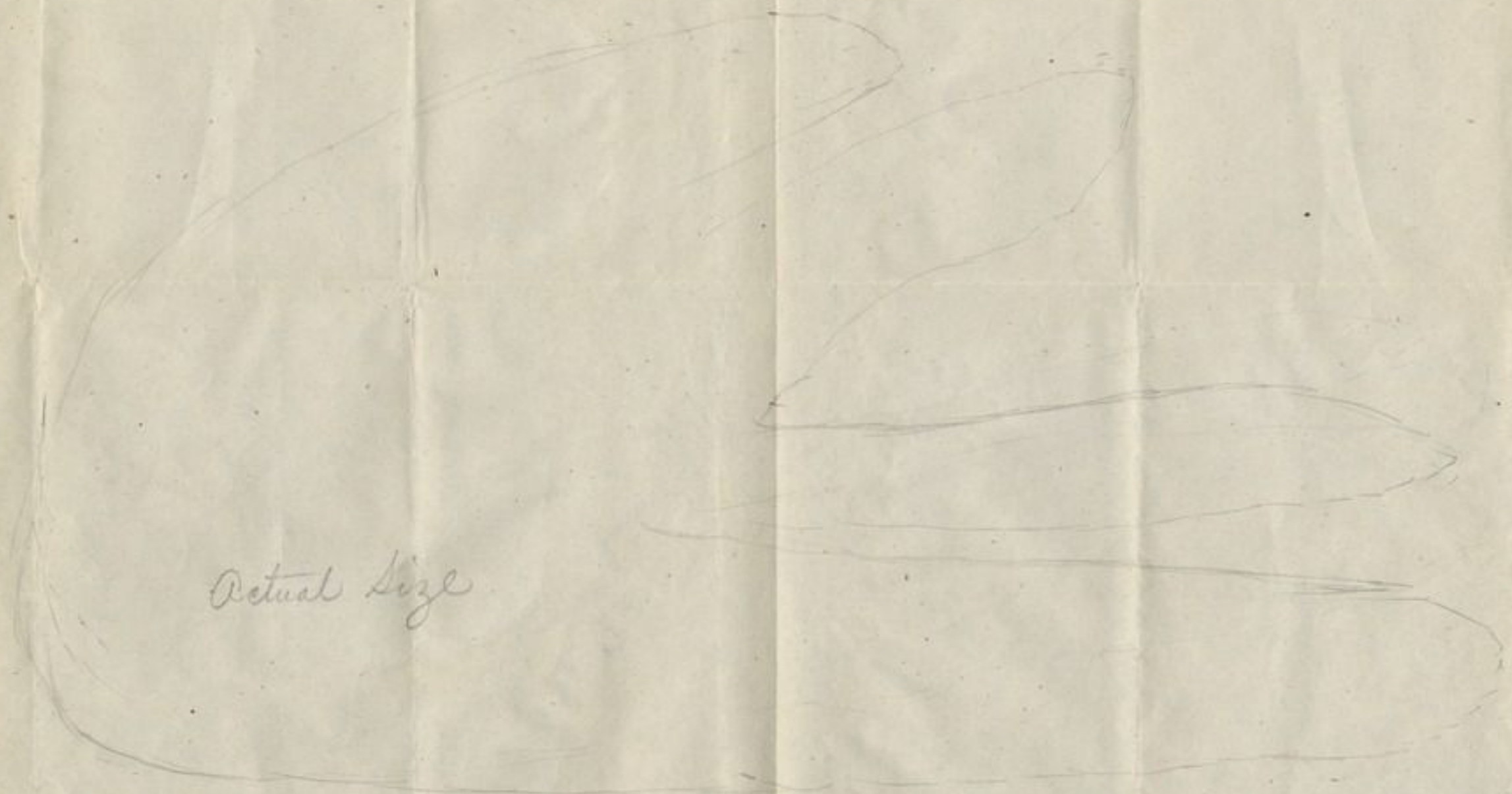
With very great respect,

Your Most Obedt Servt,

Wm. H. Stanton, M.D.

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Actual Size



Stonington, Oct. 26. 1846.

Prof. O. C. Marsh -

Dear Sir: Since writing you on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. I have seen in the press an account of an attempt to impose on the public in regard to human and bird tracks alleged to have been found in a slab <sup>of sand</sup> stone, and having had no response from you, I thought perhaps you might suspect that I was attempting a similar fraud. My position, however, in the State Med. Society should be a sufficient guaranty against anything of the kind.

I was advised to lay the matter before you, by Dr. David S. Hart of this place, an old and respected alumnus of Yale. He suggests that, possibly, Boyer's Examinations might have prevented your early attention to the matter. I should be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly,

Your Obedt Servt

Geo. D. Hartney,

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Oct 1876,  
 (Ans Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1876)

Stonington Borough, Ct.

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