Monday February 23rd 1891

not in the cave

We got a quarter of beef today of Capt. Willard
It rained about an hour this evening but the drops froze
as soon as they struck the ground making everything icy.
Father went over to J. C. Wests this evening & Elmer
went over to Capt. Willard leaving me alone.
Father returned at 10.05 P.M & we went to bed shortly
afterwards. The wind has been going in the cave since
morning with unabated fury (caused by the damp air).

620
4.75
645

Tuesday February 24th 1891.

The wind is still ~~going in the~~ not in cave & sounds
like a heavy water fall. The wind always sounds
like a water fall when it is going in very hard. Have been to
work on the maps today. I have completed Map No. 2
as far as the cave is explored on that Route (Sampsons Palace)
Worked on the Gaudes Discovery Route on map No. 1 but
did not get much done because I was not in a working Mood
Elmer went down to George McMann's this afternoon to
borrow some powder and shot & got a rabbit on the way home
I expect company of some kind tomorrow

5.05 in cave) (Sampson's Palace Route Ttrs)

Wednesday February 25th 1891

I worked on the map No. 1 about 2 hours this morning.
At 2.30 P.M M.A. Moore, J. M. Moore & Father arrived
from Hot Springs. After dinner we started in the
Cave, But it was 6.55 P.M when we got ready.
We started in the cave with the intention of getting a
load of Wind Cave marble and went the Sampsons
Palace Route. We went to the marble that was discovered on
the 10th day of February 1891 We got some large
pieces of coral (fine) on a way in and gathered it up
up on our return. Elmer, Melvin, John.