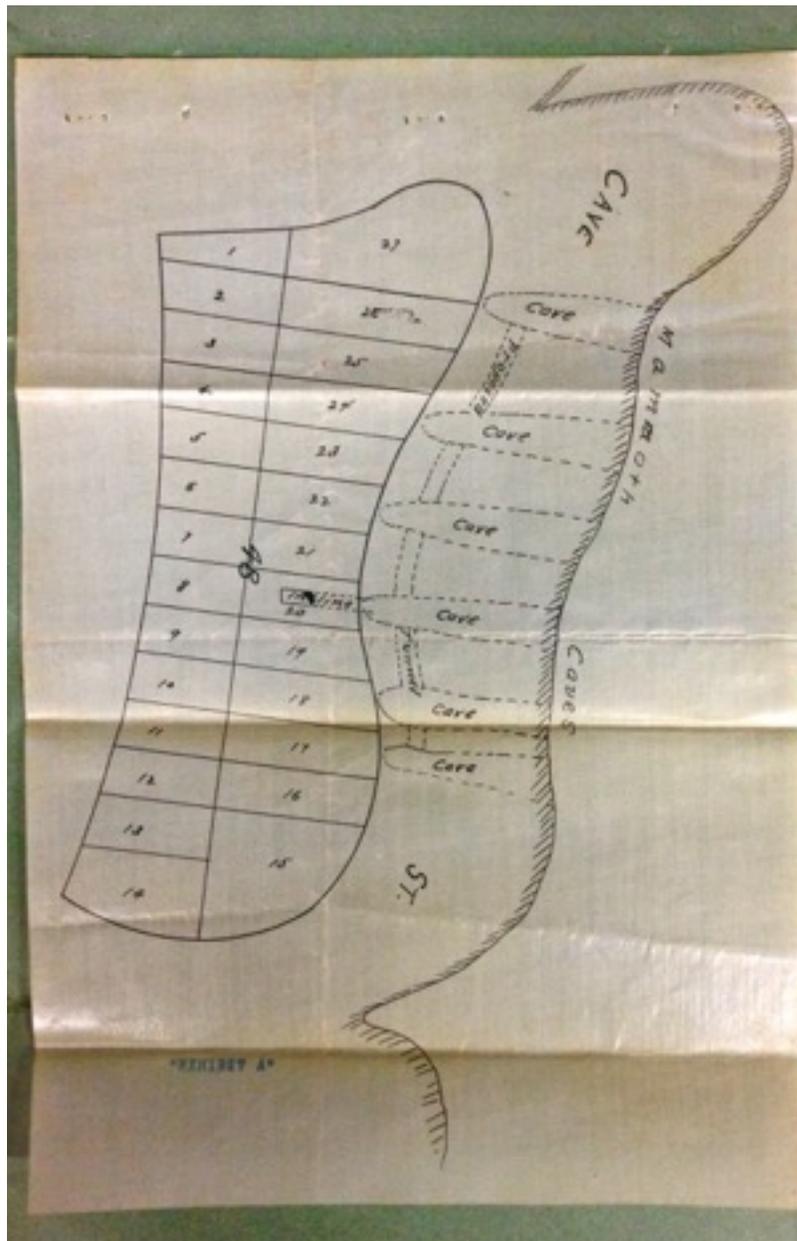


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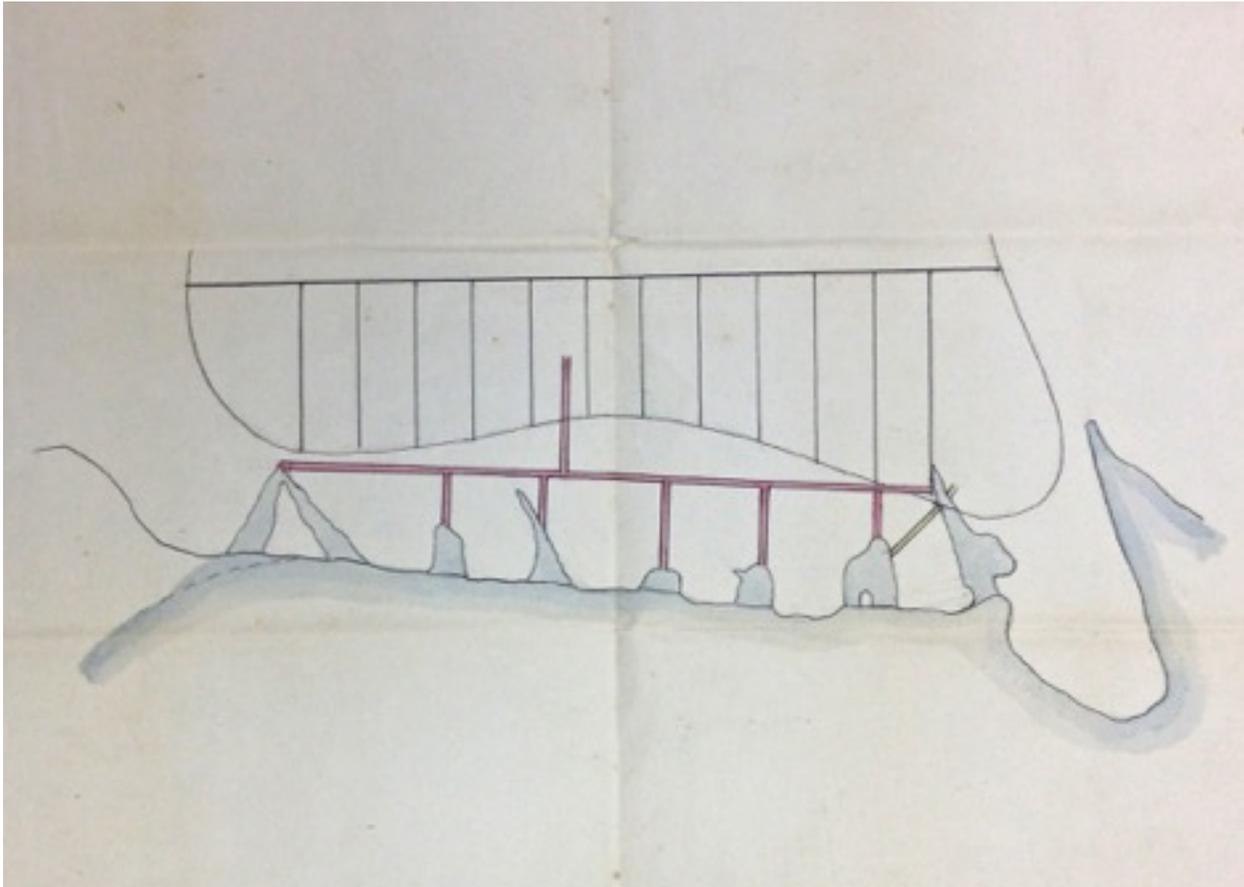
So, whose idea was it to dig a tunnel into the Mammoth Caves of La Jolla? Many have heard the story of how, back in 1902, Prof. Gustav Schulz and/or two men he hired tunneled upwards from the Sunny Jim Cave to his property on Cave Street, the site of the historic Cave Store and Shell Shop.

But who knew of Mr. Thomas Diamond, another Cave Street landowner at the time, and his elaborate plan to tunnel into all the sea caves, connecting them all for visitors to enjoy? Here's a map submitted by Mr. Diamond as part of his petition to the City of San Diego to excavate dated November 3, 1902 (courtesy of the City Clerk's Archives, City of San Diego):



Only six sea caves appear on his map. Rumor has it that Gustav found the seventh by row boat one day. Mr. Diamond shows the sea cave extending back to his property line (Lot #20).

Another, more artistic version of Mr. Diamond's plan was sketched and submitted by Prof. (and artist) Gustav Schulz himself in his petition to build a second tunnel connecting to the sea cave just east of Sunny Jim (courtesy of the City Clerk's archives):



Perhaps Prof. Schulz hoped to show how tame his excavation plan was in comparison to that of Mr. Diamond. His map depicts Mr. Diamond's property line at a distance from the extent of the cave underneath it.

As it turns out, both plans were denied by the city. That left only Prof. Schulz's first tunnel, accessing Sunny Jim Cave underneath his property. The only official city document discovered to date which relates to the Sunny Jim tunnel is a November 25, 1902 Joint Street Commission recommendation that the City Engineer be instructed to ascertain whether Gustav Schulz is excavating on his property or in leave street and how deep from tidewater is the cave he is attempting to reach.

So whose idea it was to tunnel first? The typed 2-page Petition of Thomas Diamond, including his map as an exhibit, was formally filed with the City of San Diego on November 3, 1902. Prof. Schulz allegedly began to tunnel upwards from Sunny Jim Cave on November 1, 1902.

Providing perhaps the most insight, is an entry in the San Diego Union, dated Thursday, December 18, 1902:

ARRESTED FOR BATTERY

There was a little difficulty between Thomas Diamond and Prof. Gustav Schultz of La Jolla Tuesday, which resulted in the arrest of Diamond on the charge of battery on the professor. He was arraigned in the police court yesterday afternoon, and his hearing set for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Meanwhile he is out on \$10 bail. It will be remembered that Prof. Schultz is now tunneling into the caves at La Jolla from his property, and that a petition from Mr. Diamond for permission to tunnel from the street was denied.

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