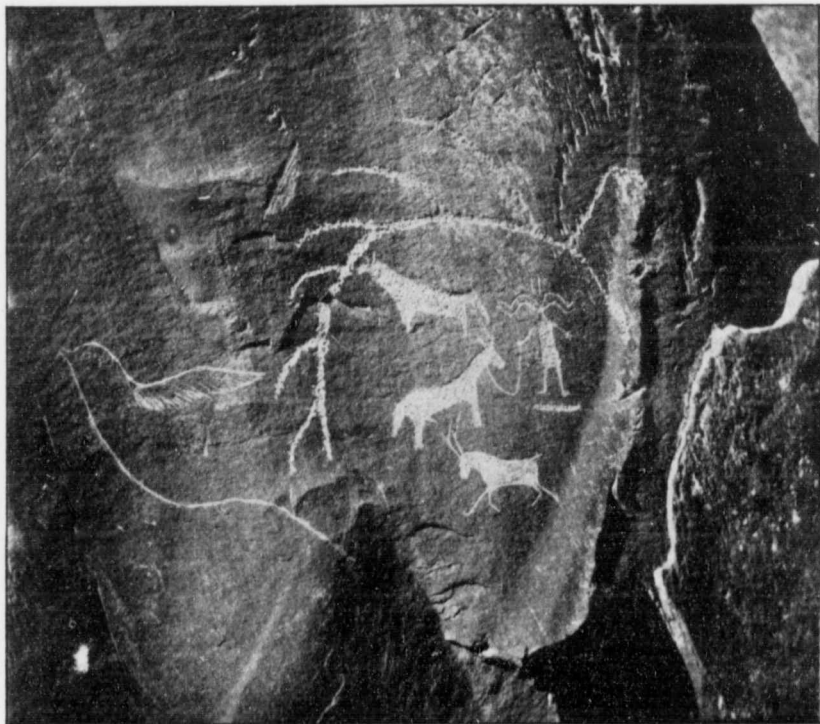


stones. The logs and poles of these two structures would make about a cord of wood, and they possessed distinct marks of the rude stone axes with which they had been cut into suitable lengths. I obtained some heavy and well-made stone metates, some corn-cobs and fragments of other relics from these ruins. The metates were made of a kind of sandstone different from any to be seen upon the hill; therefore, it would seem that they must have been carried from a distance, and if so, it must have required a considerable effort to



Rock carvings on face of cliff in Nine-mile Cañon, Utah.

transport them up to the place in which we found them. One of these metates had been worn completely through by use in rubbing or grinding.

In the south side of the same rock-tower we found a fourth stone-house filled to the roof with the accumulations of the many years that must have passed since its owners ceased to use it. These accumulations consisted chiefly of the excrement of bats, along with some decayed Piñon pine leaves and nuts. As the whole heap was about four feet deep, it must have taken a long time for it to accumulate. I judged, also, that it must have been a long time since it became so full that not even a bat or a bird could find room within it. This

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