SAVIGNAC DE MIREMONT

Summary

Historical Documents

Archaeological Sites

1,2,3. **La Ferrassie (SDM0001, SDM0002, SDM0003)**

- published by Peyrony 1934 in *La Ferrassie*
- summarizes 30+ years of work
- archaic flakes (Tayacien)
- some Mousterian of ancient Acheulean tradition
- Peyrony & Capitan found 5 layers
  - found Acheulean, Mousterian, Lower, Middle, and Upper Aurignacian
- 17 September Peyrony found a tibia & femur between Acheulean and Mousterian
- Capitan, Boule, Cartailhac, & Breuil used trenches to uncover entire skeleton
- bison, deer, horse, & reindeer debris found along with worked silex and quartz of lower Mousterian
- lithostratigraphic revisions
  - needed to understand human and environmental processes of organic material deposition
  - indicated a periglacial semi-arid environment at the LGM

-1917 Peyrony had Belvés digging at the site
- Peyrony dug the grand abri here from 1918-1922
- found a Neanderthal fetus 1920 and young Neanderthal child 1921
- Peyrony and Capitan bought 250 meters of land on the 9th of February 1913 for the deposition of the deblais at la Roche du Couyou
- journal of Peyrony at the museum of Les Eyzies
- Capitan bought la Ferrassie and then donated it to the state upon his death
- BSHAP Laville 2008
- Delporte dug between 1968-1973
- Peyrony found foetus fingers in a small depression
- only evidence of depression are in two drawings done by Peyrony
- 5th skeleton published July 1920-no mention of depressions
- Peyrony’s publications do not mention monticules but some letters do; not all drawings have monticules in them
- appears Peyrony’s 1934 drawing copies his 1924 drawing and notes rather than looking at the actual profile
- several of Peyrony’s later statements contradict drawing he made in 1934
- 1909 photographe seems to show “monticules”

perhaps cryoturbation formed them
- BSHAP 2007 Laville
- skeleton La Ferrassie 1 recovered Sept 17 1909 by Peyrony and Raveau
- Maureille and Van Peer decide they are intentional fossa created at the same time
- Maureille and Van Peer 1998 Paleo
- Capitan and Peyrony indicated Chatellperonian, Aurignacian, and Gravettian
- found several pieces with painting on them that they determine are from the former ceiling
--also found Aurignacian statuette
--many engravings found
--Capitan and Peyrony RA 1921
--based on analysis and comparison probably not a statuette
--Prost L'Anthropologie 1971
--Peyrony first visited La Ferrassie in August 1896
--made up of 3 gisements: extreme left a small abri with Mousterian occupation
--middle a cave almost entirely excavated with an unexplored souterrain
--to the right—the grand abri
--cave explored by Larclause around 1890
--cave also explored by E. Riviere several years later
--Peyrony worked at the cave in 1896
--quarry opened at the grand abri
--Capitan and Peyrony explored until 1922
--Peyrony Prehistoire 1934

excavated by Peyrony

Delporte excavated 1968 and 1969 in Grand abri

Grand abri part of an ensemble that includes to the NW a small Mousterian abri and a cave that provided Aurignacian and Perigordian

the cave is well known and was the subject of a number of excavations at the end of the 19th c

Grand Abri only discovered during the construction of RD 32

Peyrony first came to the site in 1896
excavated grand abri in 1902; published in 1921
artifacts at musée des Eyzies and Saint-Germain-en-Laye
number of engraved blocks
composed of le Petit Abri (Mousterian), la Grotte (Aurignacian and Upper Perigordian) and Grand Abri
six sepultures of Neandertals

Delporte’s excavations from 1968-1973

4. **l’église Saint-Denys (SDM0004)**

possibly visited in 1688 and simply called l’église de Savignac
zone of protection
mentioned in SRA PATRIMOINE database

5. **200 m west of bourg (SDM0005)**

1984 discovered tomb in the rock
contained individual, no grave goods
undetermined date
mentioned in SRA Patrimoine database
zone of protection

6. **Grotte de la Fourtou (SDM0006)**

near the village of la Forarie
Magdalenian in cave
in front Mousterian finds
dug by M. le general Savin de Larluse
pin in bone with red coloring, also worked silex, and bone points
more excavations sought by M. Archambaud

7.  l'église de Miremont (SDM0007)
Saint Reynaud de Miremon

8.  Forge de Lortal (SDM0008)
important lock forming lake
mentioned for destruction in 1771
2 mills of wheat one of oil

9.  moulin De Savignac (SDM0009)
no longer exists
on carte de Belleyme and mentioned 1897

10.  Souffron (SDM0010)
lock
mill for wheat, oil, and foulon
later became forge produced boilers and pottery

11.  cluzeau sous l'église (SDM0011)
Karstic Features

1.  9.  un boyau à désobstruer
--Spéléo 1999

1.  10.  un trou plongeant
--Spéléo 1999

1.  11.  un effondrement rebouché
--Spéléo 1999

1.  12.  Grotte face au lavoir des Costes
--Spéléo 2001

1.  13.  Grotte de Savignac de Miremont
--X=490,07; Y=297,73; Z=150
--Spéléo 1987

1.  14.  Grotte de la Coste
--Spéléo 2002
--X=491,45; Y=1996,75; Z=125
1. 15. Grotte des Banchereaux n.1  
--Spéléo 2001

1. 16. Grotte des Banchereaux n.2  
--Spéléo 75

1. 17. Grotte de M. Chapotot  
--Spéléo 75

1. 18. Grotte Chateau de Mayac  
--Spéléo 75

1. 19. Grotte de Mayac  
--Spéléo 75

1. 20. La Font-Pisse  
--Spéléo 75

1. 21. Cavités du Moulin de Pommier  
--Spéléo 75

1. 22. Dolines à Pommier  
--Spéléo 75

1. 23. Trous chez M. Grimaldos  
--X=499,792; Y=3296;290  
--Spéléo 19980011

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