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THIS index to the *Yorkshire Speleological Association Journal* covers the two issues comprising volume 1, the only two published. It is in three parts: Author, Subject and Survey.

The Yorkshire Speleological Association

The Yorkshire Speleological Association was the first British club to be solely involved with cave exploration, as opposed to clubs such as the Yorkshire Ramblers' Club which had a broader remit. It was founded by Frederick Haworth and Eli Simpson, the first meeting of the association being held in 1906 although both men had caved prior to this. Volume 1, (1), contained a table of their 1904 and 1905 explorations, and those of other members in 1906. A claim was made that some four miles of passage had been surveyed by association members between 1904 and 1907.

In 1907 the association was placed on a firm footing with a committee meeting, election of officers and, with limited resources, the publication of the two parts of the *YSA Journal* under the editorship of Eli Simpson. Photographs were included as original prints, but pages were typed in a stack using carbon paper. The top sheet of the dozen or so copies was obviously far more legible than those at the bottom; the exercise was repeated in 1909. This second part of the journal indicated that the total of surveyed passage had risen to about 5 miles by 1908.

The years leading up to the First World War saw the club in decline. Three sheets were issued in 1910 to add to those already published, but by 1914 the association's fate was sealed and no more publications under its name were issued. During its brief span, YSA members had descended and surveyed many of Yorkshire's classic pots, some for the first time.

Eli Simpson, during his time with the YSA and later, amassed a great deal of cave-relevant material, some of which related to the association's activities. These notes are held by the BCRA library.

Dates of publication

The dates of publication were:

Vol 1, (1), 1907, 24pp; 5 surveys on 4pp; 10 photographs on 3pp

Vol 1, (2), 1909, 22pp; 1 survey; 8 photographs on 3pp

Using the index

The Author Index is in alphabetical order. No corrections have been applied to any spelling or other mistakes in the original text.

The notation used in the Subject Index follows a format based on the issue number, as all entries are part of volume 1. The issue number is given, followed by the page number(s), separated by a colon. Thus, 1:4 represents volume 1, part 1, page 4. A

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Page numbering

The two parts comprised 24pp and 19pp of text on quarto-sized pages respectively. In addition, each also contained surveys and original photographs. Three pages were issued separately to part 2 in about 1910, covering exploration on Newby Moss and a humerous 2pp poem about the club.

No pages were numbered on the original sheets. For the purpose of this index, page numbers have been logically ascribed. In neither case has the cover of the journal been numbered; the sequence begins with the first page of text. Pages consisting of surveys or photographs are assigned an 'a' suffix. Thus, 2:9a indicates a page following volume 1, part 2, page 9. Further pages are assigned a 'b' suffix, and so on.

It should be noted that all copies of the *YSA Journal* seen have exhibited a wide range of printing. Many numbers for depths and distances are poorly reproduced, and text is often near-illegible. Every care has been taken to decipher the text to construct this index, but transcription errors are nevertheless possible. The author would appreciate any further information or corrections that will enable an updated index to be prepared.

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