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Abstract

The New Discovery section of Mammoth Cave was discovered in 1939. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began building trails in preparation for tourists. In April of 1942, workers were reassigned to above ground projects and the CCC was disbanded later that year. The construction in New Discovery was never completed and the artifacts left in the passages remain in place today. An inventory of these artifacts contributes to a better understanding of underground CCC projects, and also helps assess the conditions of the artifacts. The findings of this inventory may lead to future work to preserve and interpret these artifacts.