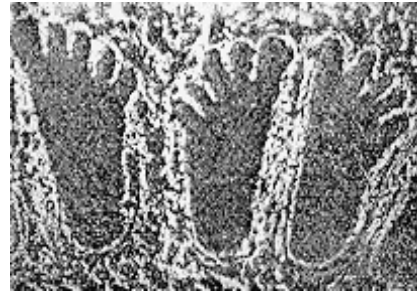
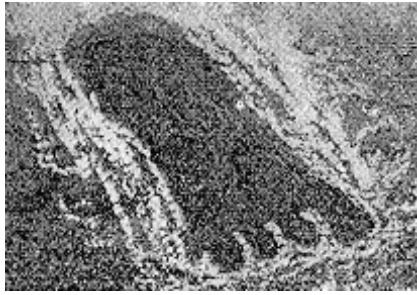


HUMAN FOOTPRINTS IN COAL



“On sites reaching from Virginia and Pennsylvania, through Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and westward toward the Rocky Mountains, prints ...have from time to time been found on the surface of exposed rocks, and more and more keep turning up as the years go by. What made these prints? As yet the answer is unknown to science. **They look like human footprints** and it often has been said, though not by scientists, that they really are human footprints made in the soft mud before it became rock.

“If man made these prints in this manner, then man’s antiquity is no matter of a mere million years or so, as scientists think, but a quarter of a billion years, for they are found in rocks of the Carboniferous Period and those rocks were laid down about 250,000,000 years ago.

“Confronted with this claim, the scientist exclaims, ‘What? You want man in the Carboniferous? Entirely and absolutely—totally and completely—impossible. **We admit we don’t know exactly what made the prints, but we do know one agency that didn’t, and that is man in the Carboniferous.**’ ”

(Albert G. Ingalls, “The Carboniferous Mystery,” *Scientific American*, January 1940, 160:14, emp. added)