

Jerry Crew – History Revision

This photograph is from a *Humboldt Times* newspaper article dated Sunday, October 5, 1958. The headline and caption read:

Huge Foot Prints Hold Mystery of Friendly Bluff Creek Giant

Gerald Crew of Salyer who made the plaster-of-paris cast of the big-footed wanderer in the vicinity of Bluff Creek, shows the size of the impression with the use of a 15-inch ruler. The foot measured 16 inches from heel to big toe tip. Andrew Genzoli, regional editor and RFD columnist for the *Humboldt Times*, who has been featuring stories about the big feet since September, brushes dust from the mould to obtain a better view. The imprint was made either Wednesday night or early Thursday morning by "Big Foot." The impression was made by Crew Thursday morning also.

After Jerry Crew's visit that same day, an Associated Press release was prepared (probably by Genzoli), and the SECOND article on the finding appeared in the *Vancouver Province*, British Columbia, on October 6, 1958. Then on October 14, 1958, the *Humboldt Times* featured another article, again by Genzoli, on the same incident. It appears Genzoli had planned for an earlier release, as the article shows that Jerry Crew "came to Eureka yesterday."

As it is unlikely the the first article appeared on the same day as Crew's visit to the newspaper, the photo seen above was probably taken the previous day—Saturday, October 4, 1958. I would venture to say that the other photos as follows were taken the same day.



Bob Titmus was evidently given a cast copy (or an original) made by Jerry Crew as seen on the right. Titmus cleaned it (sanded and smoothed out) and presented it to the Museum of Vancouver, British Columbia. On the back of the cast he wrote:



This is an actual cast of Bigfoot imprint made Oct. 2, 1958 in Bluff Creek in Humboldt County, California. "Bigfoot" is not a hoax.

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