

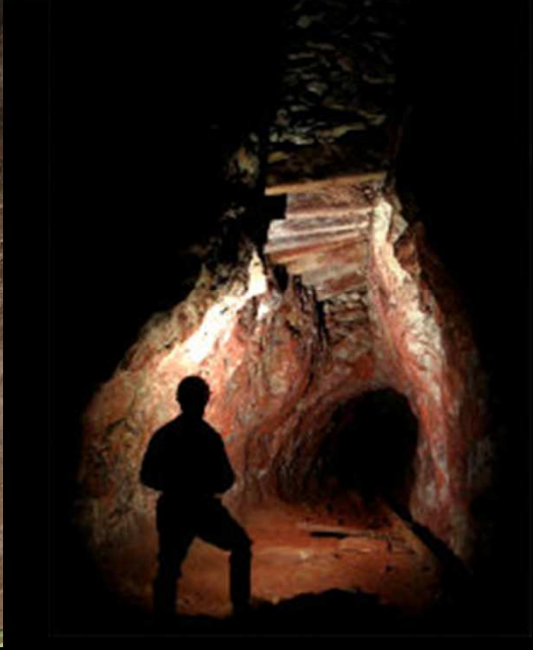


# Down the rabbit hole: encounters with the inner earth

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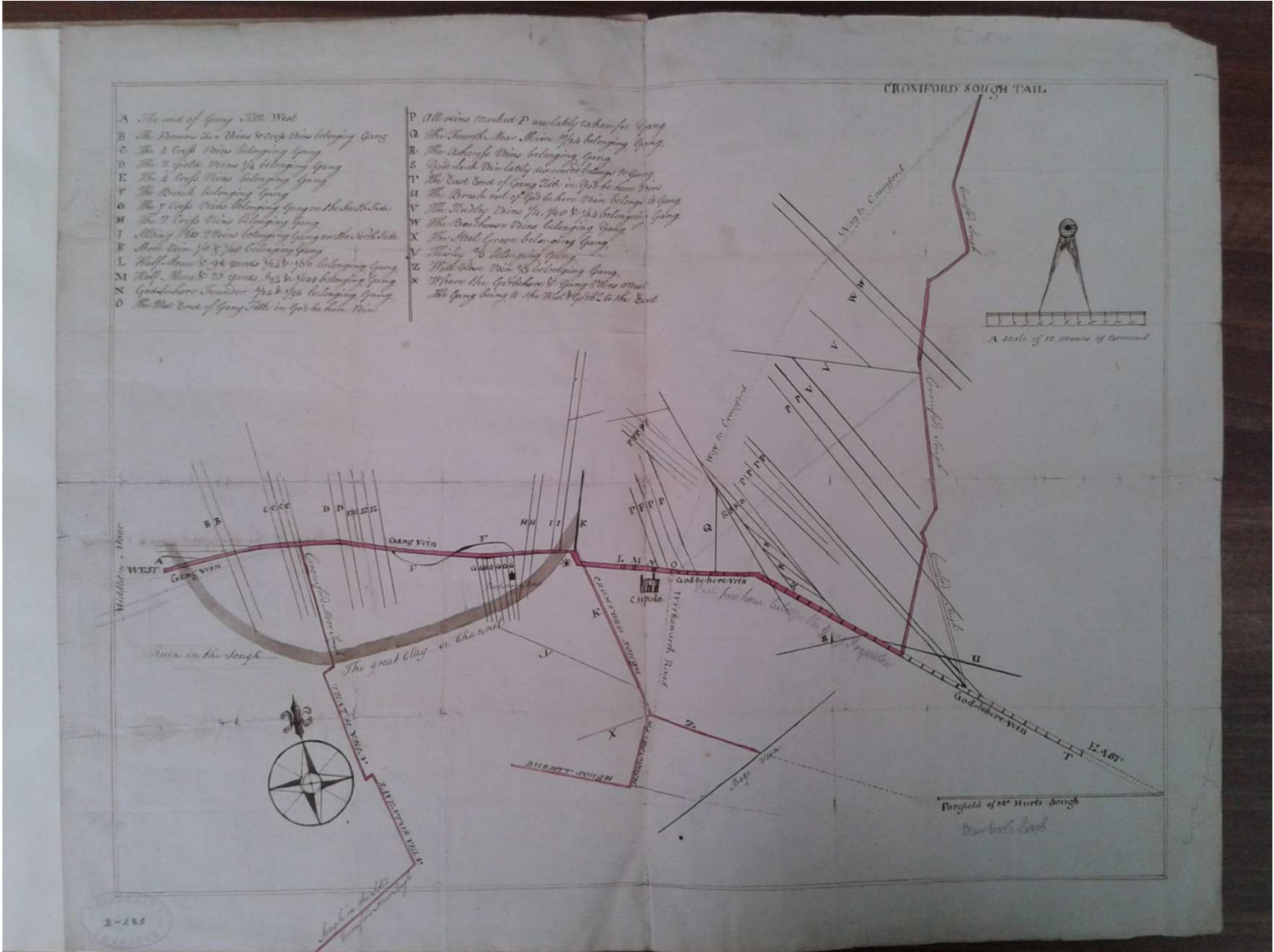
# Multi-dimensional life underground

- Gavin Bridge (2013): “as embodied, earthly creatures we inhabit 3 dimensions”
- Maria Alejandra Perez (2015): awakens somatic awareness, greater engagement & appreciation of the multi-dimensional world.
- Sarah Cant (2003): “embodied experience of caving”
- Lucy Suchman (2014/5): Situation awareness: “ability to maintain a constant, clear mental picture of relevant information”

# 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>-century encounters underground

- **James Mather** of Bonsall (82): two large springs of water one came from the south which was warm and the other from the north which was cold
- **Samuel Haslam** of Bonsall (79): There was a large flow of water which ran down the sough to Cromford the gate we drove was one yard wide and 7 feet high and the water flow'd down the gate nearly one foot deep.
- **George Land** of Wirksworth (78): I was the person who hit the spring in that vein, it was a very considerable flow of water (...) before we drove to the Big Spring (the Key of the Country) we got to a little spring. The (...) agent say we had better make things ready (...) & we were ordered to bore a hole before us, that we might make ourselves safe.
- **William Wheatcroft** of Matlock (45): remember it well because we were nearly drowned by the effect
- **John Oxspring** of Bolehill (64): George Land & myself were the first who cut that Vein & tapped the Water in it & there was a very large flow of Water from that Vein. The water is warm. The water was first tapped the Stream was so powerful that it made a noise like the charge of a cannon.

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- Descriptions of underground features: vein, face, back, sole, elbow, joint. 'Belly-out' 'self-open'
- The "Key of the Country"
- Luck and fate in mining: Good Luck Mine, Luck at Last, Hit and Miss, Potosi, Golconda
- T'Owd man

# Present encounters with the underground

- Caving/potholing/spelunking
- Exploration
- Mapping
- Reports
- Pictures
- Films





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# Thank you!

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