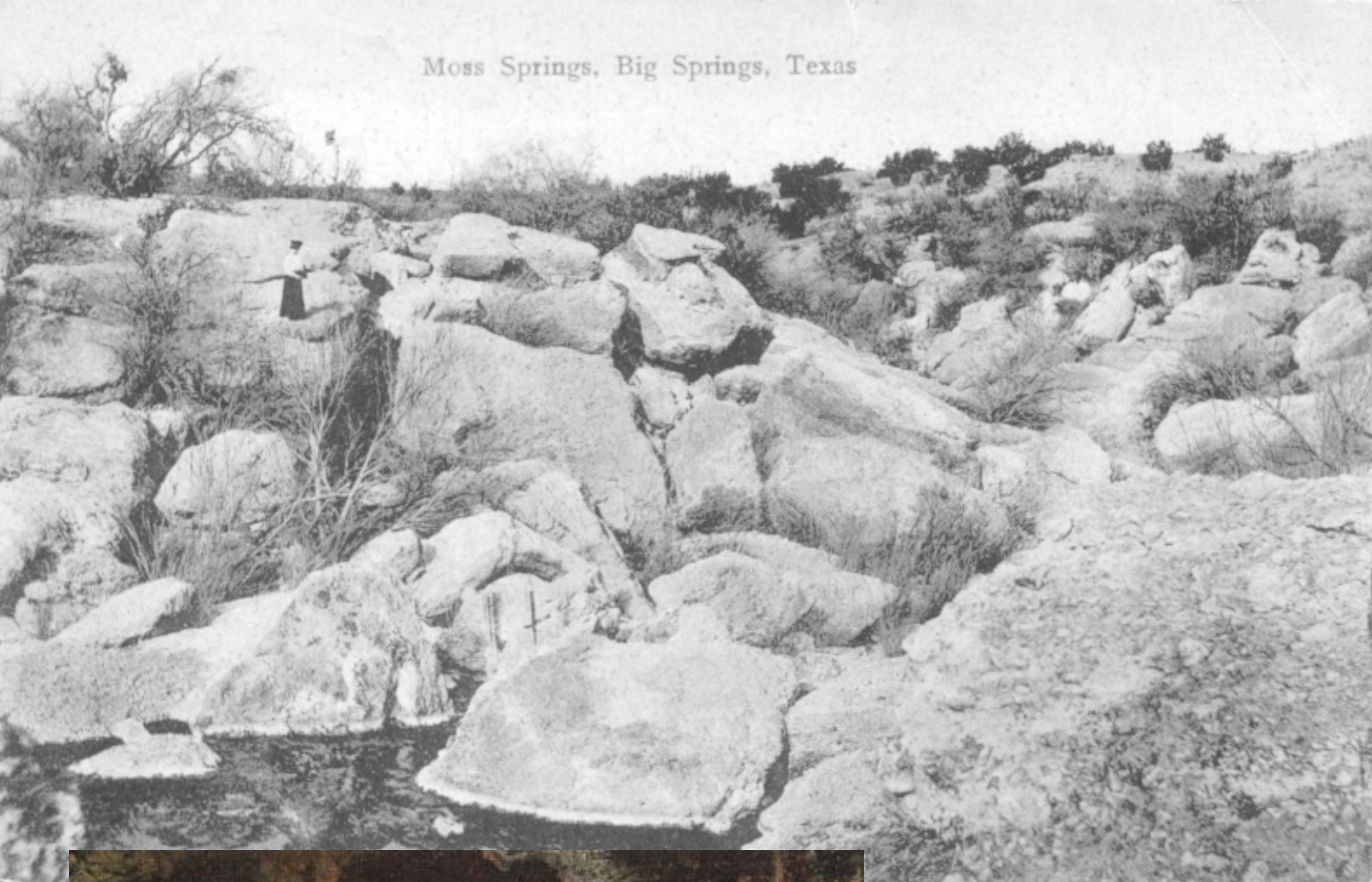


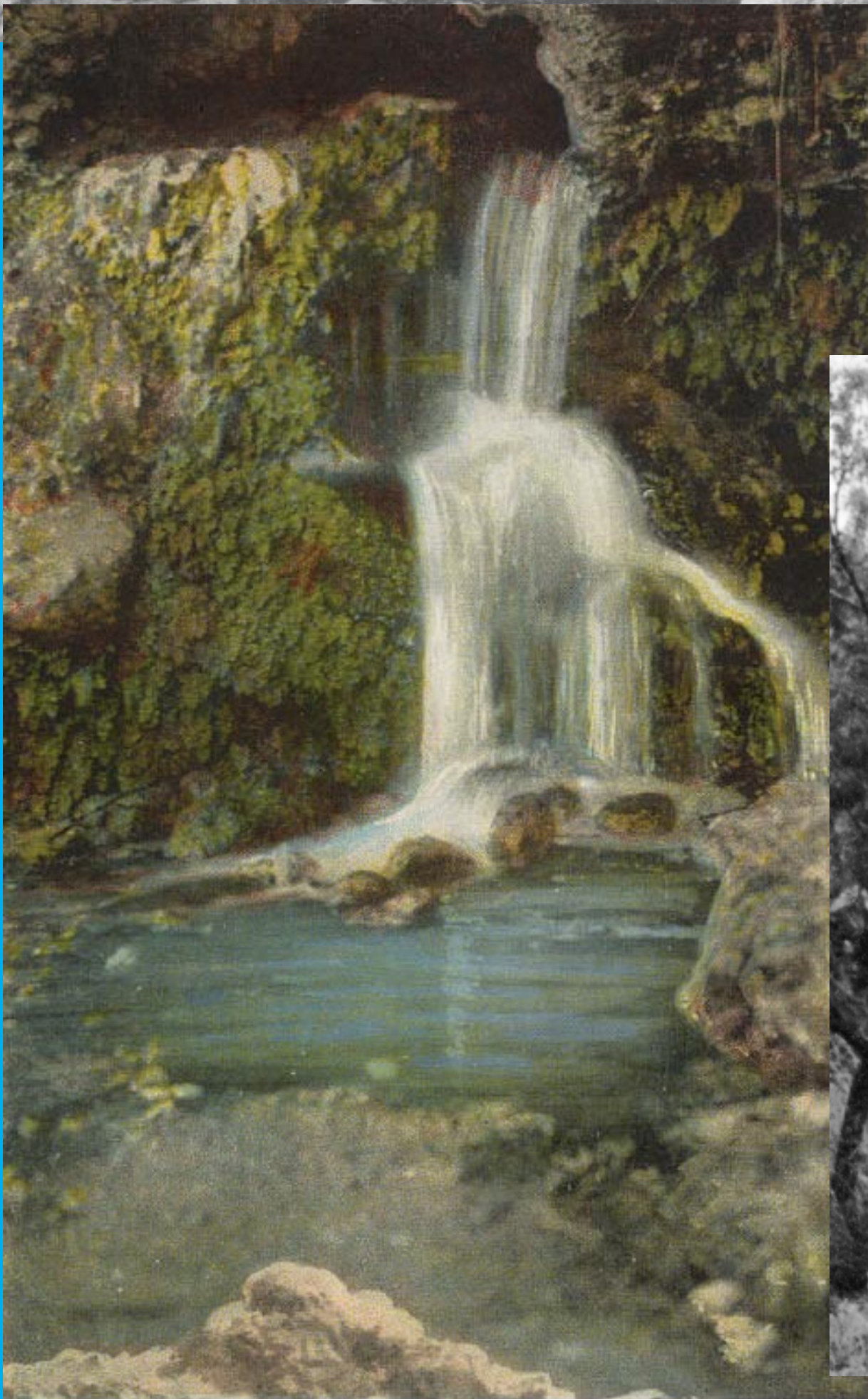
Moss Springs, Big Springs, Texas



Above: Looking out from the spring. Photo is probably by Bascom Reagan.

Left: Almost certainly the spring never gushed as shown.

Below: The monument below was still in place about 1997.



Signal Mountain



MOSS SPRING

Boy Scouts frequently camped here close to the spring.

Upper reach of Moss Creek Lake



1997 I first visited Moss Spring about 1949. It was beautiful with enormous overhanging limestone and a fair amount of water flowing about a quart a minute from one source. There were several seeps throughout the "cavern". The place was relatively unvandalized but plenty of broken bottles and beer cans littered the place. In this picture you can see that the overhang has collapsed; in my opinion this is result of commercial sand and gravel operations have forever wrecked any restoration of the site.



Sand and gravel excavations. Was the state historical society consulted?

Incidentally, on several visit to the spring over many years I wondered why they called it Moss Spring since there was virtually no moss but plenty of fern.



Under the remains of the overhang the opening in the rock from whence comes the water, a trickle in 1997. Picture is of Frank (Pancho) Hardesty, Jr. His father was a long-time postmaster of Big Spring.