



STEPHEN BISHOP,
FIRST GUIDE & EXPLORER
OF THE
MAMMOTH CAVE,
DIED JUNE 15, 1859,
IN HIS 37 YEAR.

Stephen Bishop's Headstone

Enslaved Stephen Bishop came to Mammoth Cave when he was 18. He became a famous cave guide and explorer. Stephen was freed in 1856, but died in 1857. Until the wealthy Mellon family donated an unclaimed gravestone intended for a Union soldier, his grave was unmarked. His year of death is incorrect on the stone.

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