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#### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: ARIZONA MIDWAY MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:

**CHISHOLM** 

LA PAZ COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 129

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 8 N RANGE 16 W SECTION 1 QUARTER S2 LATITUDE: N 34DEG 03MIN 44SEC LONGITUDE: W 113DEG 52MIN 44SEC TOPO MAP NAME: SWANSEA - 15 MIN

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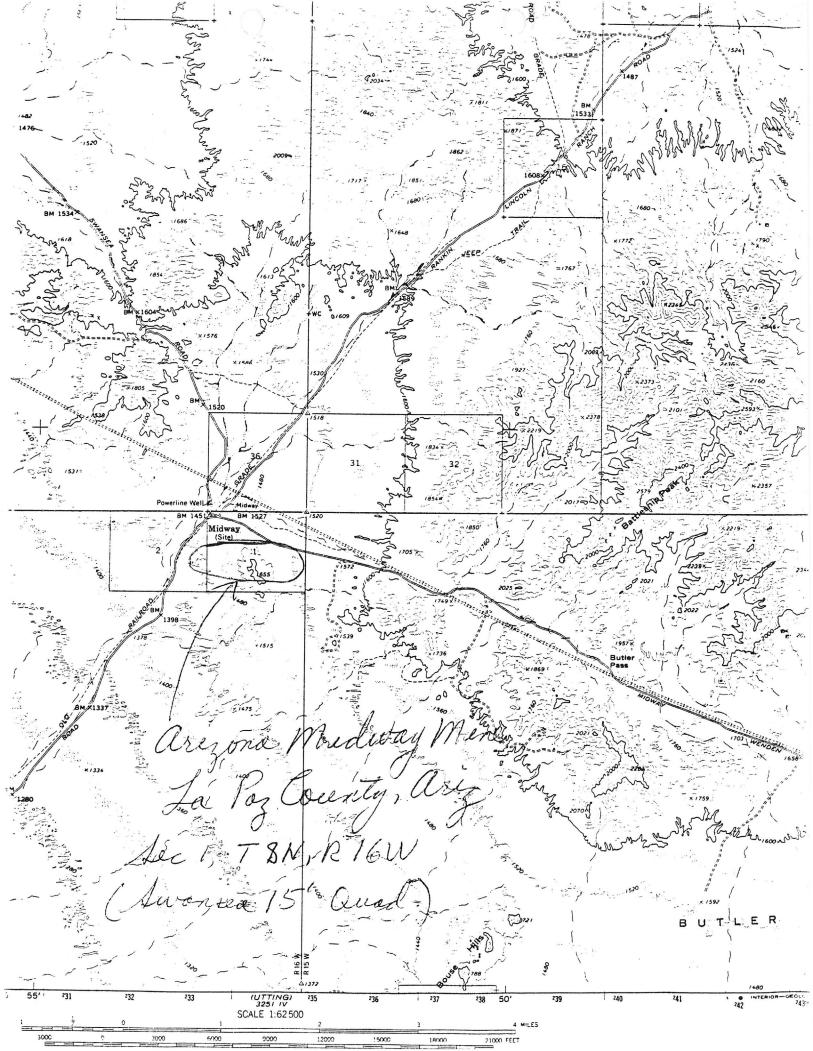
**CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER** 

COMMODITY:

COPPER OXIDE GOLD LODE SILVER STONE MARBLE CALCIUM MARBLE

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** 

ADMMR ARIZONA MIDWAY MINE FILE KEITH, S.B., 1978, INDEX OF MINING PROPERTIES IN YUMA (NOW LA PAZ) COUNTY, ARIZONA, AZ BUR OF MINES BULLETIN 192, P 162



# REPORT ON THE PROPERTY OF THE ARIZONA MIDWAY COPPER COMPANY.

#### LOCATION:

The property is located about one and one-half miles south-westerly from Midway. a station on the Arizona and Swansea Railroad, being a branch leading from Bouse, a station on the A. T. & S. Fe Railway (Parker Cutoff) to Swansea, where is located the property of the Swansea Consolidated Copper Mines. The property is about twenty-five miles east of the Colorado River, twelve miles south of the Bill Williams River, some sixteen miles southeasterly from the Planet Mine, and nine miles southwest from Swansea, fourteen miles easterly from Bouse, and twenty-five miles northerly from Cunningham Pass.

The property is reached by a good automobile road, in fact the same passes over the west claim of the group.

There are eleven full mining claims in the group, consisting of the following: Midway, Roadside, Midnight, Contention, Lucky Strike, Ruby, Big Newt, Yuma Chief, Success, Hillside, and Gold Nugget, making in all an estate of two hundred twenty (220) acres.

#### FORMATION:

The formation of the Arizona Midway property is a schist traversed by numerous reefs of limestone; the age of these rocks cannot be more specially determined than that they belong to the Palazoic era. In fact lime, granite, schist, diorite, porphyry, andesite, dacite, rhyolite being the predominant rocks of the district. The hills being a limestone formation with eruptive dykes cutting through them and also many belts of schist occurring. One of the principal croppings on the Big Newt claim is a contact between schist and lime. This schist is from three hundred to four hundred feet wide and shows copper stains wherever broken into. This entire width, in my opinion, will show an average of one and one—half to two per cent copper. The work which has been done on this

claim has developed some very fine ore. The ore on this claim though silicious, no doubt carrying from sixty to seventy per cent silica, would be necessary in case a smelter were erected for the reduction of the ore, or in case a concentrating plant were installed to treat the sulphidejwhich must be found below, and which will be found in a gangue that will be necessary to concentrate.

Most of the hills on the property are limestone and the croppings are very persistent and continuous, in many places being over fifty feet in width, and can be traced on the surface for over one mile. The limestone in the vein matter quite frequently is impregnated with iron and manganese oxides, which is a decomposed, leached mass carrying some carbonate of copper values.

### TITLE:

The title to the property is held by location and by compliance with the laws of the United States governing mining properties, the work for 1917 having been done.

## DEVELOPMENT:

Most of the development work has been done on the Big Newt, Lucky Strike, Success and Roadside. The work thus far done has been quite satisfactory in its results, and it is the intention of the management to prosecute the work as rapidly as possible, as there can be no question but that the Arizona-Midway Copper Company is warranted in proceeding as rapidly as possible in the development of the property.

The formation and general conditions are quite similar to those of the Old Signal Copper Company's mine at Swanses, which was developed under the management and direction of the writer.

All indications point to an immense body of ore underlying these lime reefs, and this taken in connection with the porphyry dykes which abound over and through the entire property, one can

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### FACILITIES:

The property is without a doubt as favorably located as any copper property in the State of Arizona, it being less than two miles to a railroad, with a splendid automobile road leading to the mine.

Firewood of an excellent quality is found in abundance on the claims as well as on the surrounding country, and it will be a long time before this supply is exhausted. There are a number of wells in the country and it is the intention of the management to sink on the property at once to supply the needs of the camp, as well as to supply the necessary water for the operation of the machinery which will be installed on the property, as it is necessary to sink a double compartment shaft at once.

#### CONCLUSION:

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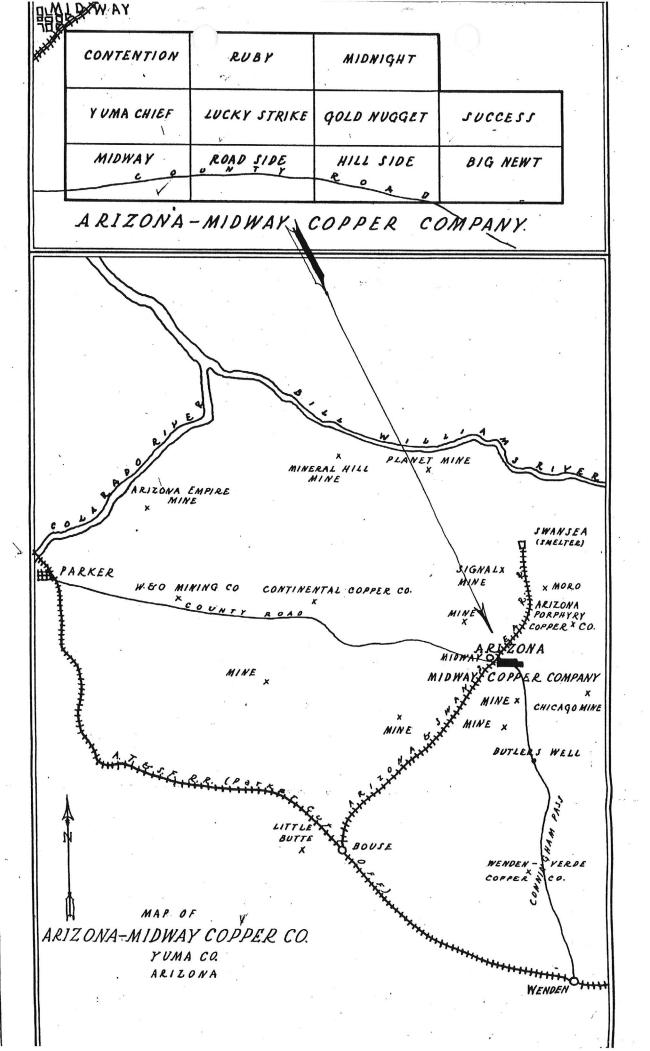
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Respectively submitted.

Los Angeles, California, October 6, 1917.



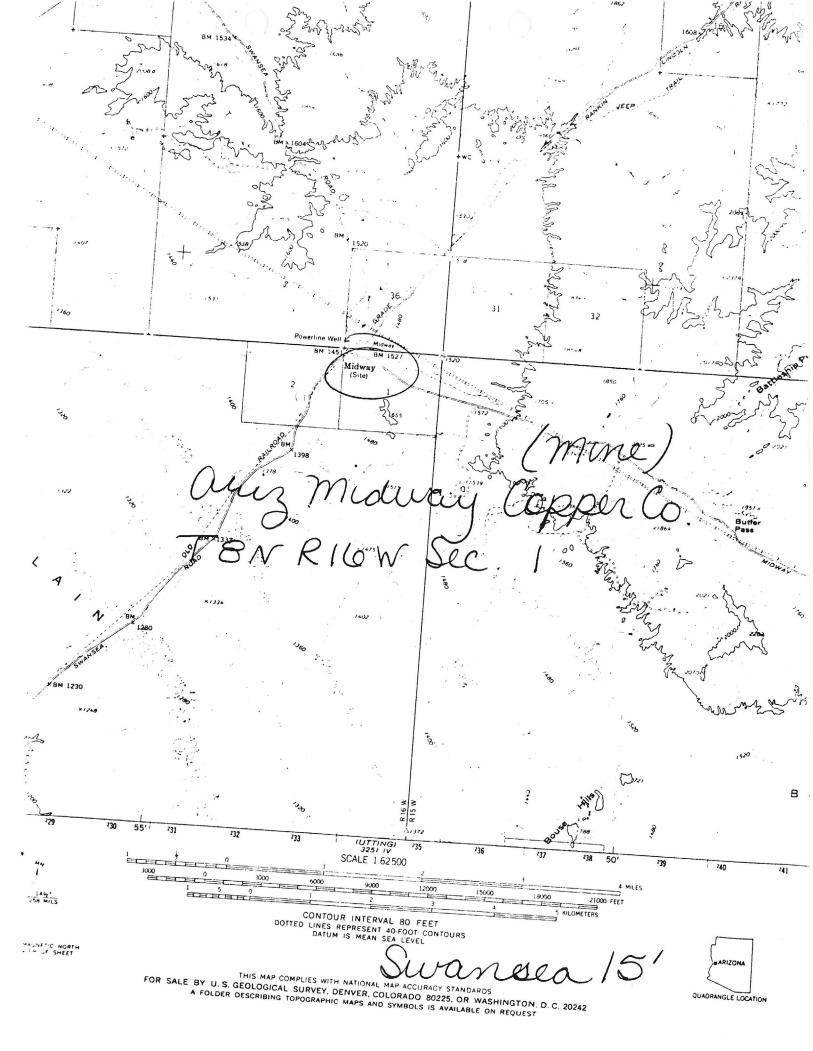
LA PAZ COUNTY MIDWAY DIST T8N R16W Sec. 1

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ABM Bull. 192, p. 162

Swansea 15' Topo (included in file)



Name of Mine or Prospect:	Township	Range	Section	Priority
Arizona Midway	8N	16W	1	С
Principal Minerals:	1:250,000	Quad	7.5' - 15'	Quad
Malachite, Cuprite	Prescott		Swansea	
Associated Minerals:	District		Principal	Product
Gold and Silver	Cienega		Copper	
Type of Operation:	County	State	Type of De	posit
Surface	Yuma	Ar.	Vein-re	placement
Ownership or Controlling Interest:				

Consult current USBLM mining claim records

Access: Location approximately 14 miles northeast of Bouse, Ar., on Swansea Road.

Structural Control or Geological Association:

"Spotty oxidized copper mineralization in Precambrian schist containing limestone bands. Some high grade copper pods, with some limited exposures of vancolored marbles bound by schists."1

Age of Mineralization:

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