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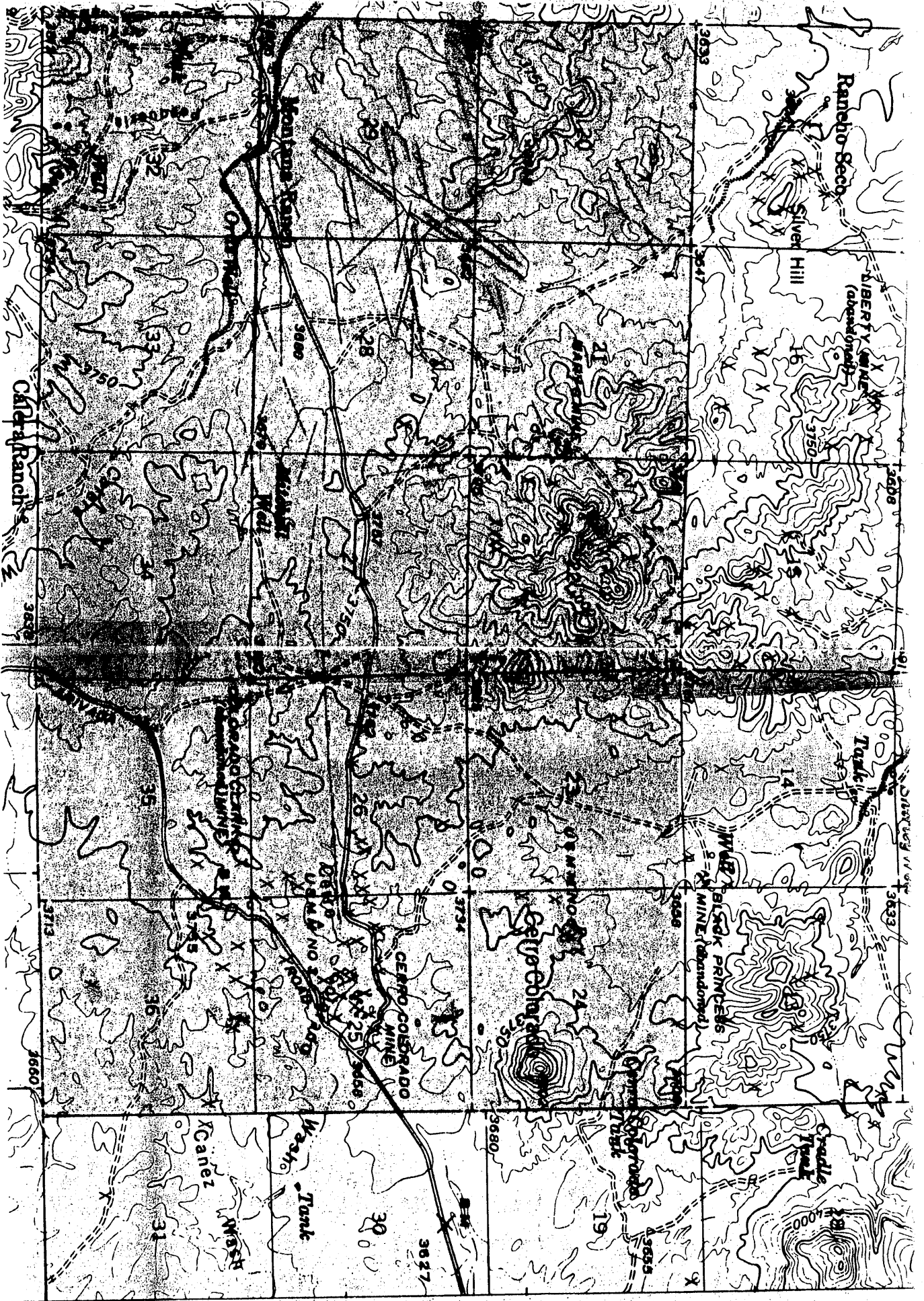
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Field interview. Mr. Harvey Riggs at Arivaca . GWI WR 7/5/71

Field Interview. Mr. James Shields in Arivaca. GWI WR 7/6/71

Field interview - Mr. Harvey Riggs at Arivaca. GWI WR 9/14/71

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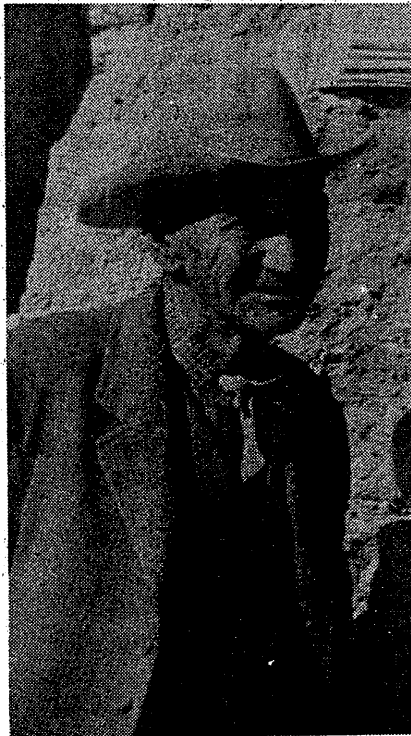
Miners, prospectors, students of nature and lovers of the great outdoors lost a friend and fellow when Harvey Riggs, 78, died at his Arivaca, Ariz. home Oct. 7 following a heart attack.

Riggs, a gambasino of the old order, was involved with mines and mining much of his life. He at one time operated the old Union Mine on the Arizona-Sonora border west of Smuggler's Gulch in Santa Cruz County. He held a number of claims in and about the Arivaca District at the time of his death, many of which are currently under lease-purchase options.

Born in Chelsea, Cherokee Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in 1898, he moved with his parents at a tender age to a ranch in the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico in the Alamogordo area. Riggs' father thought his son should have a military career and enrolled him in the New Mexico Military Institute but the lad wanted none of the spit-and-polish discipline and stowed away in a load of hay being freighted southward toward the border. Discovered, he was returned home.

Typical of Riggs were his observations about an 18-month bout at studying law under a Texas judge. He explained his decision to give up that endeavor with, "I could never defend a man I knew to be guilty, and besides, I had no desire to be involved in legalized theft nor to obtain a license to steal."

World War I saw the young man patrolling the border out of El Paso, Texas with the Army Air Corps in aircraft. Later he was employed in Arizona and New Mexico by the Forest Service. A one-time justice of the peace at Patagonia, Ariz., Riggs resigned that post to enter civil service. He spent 18 years as a general contractor with headquarters in Nogales, contracting jobs for Santa Cruz, Cochise and Pima counties. Riggs also built fences, roads



**HARVEY RIGGS**

and phone lines in Arizona and New Mexico for the Forest Service.

Ill health brought semi-retirement in 1947 and he settled in Arivaca where he became interested in the history of northern Sonora and southern Arizona, devoting considerable effort to research of the Arivaca area. Riggs established the Arivaca Briefs in 1948 and published it for 26 years until ill health forced its suspension. The Briefs was distinguished as that community's only newspaper and was a "unique sheet," reflecting much of the editor's personality.

A life member of the Arivaca Council, Arizona Small Mine Operators Association, Riggs headed that council

several times. He was also a charter member of the Gringo Wetbacks, a long-time Mason, a member of Pimeria Alta Historical Society, president of Ali Bac Historical Association and a member of the Tucson Press Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, of Arivaca; sons Harley of Ore City, Texas and Guy of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; a brother Arthur Riggs of Tucson and a sister, Nada Banta, of Patagonia, Ariz.

Harvey Dewitt Riggs, long-time small mine operator, died October 7th at his home in Arivaca at the age of 78.

Memorial services were held the following day in the Carroon Mortuary Chapel in Nogales, with the Rev. John Arnold of Tucson officiating. Interment was in the Patagonia City Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites conducted by Nogales Lodge No. 11, F&AM.

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WALLABY ENTERPRISES  
MINING DISTRICT DATA BASE  
PROGRAM

Property Questionnaire

Date: Nov. 18, 1976

1. Mine or Property Name:  
Copper Fern Grp.
2. Mining District & County:  
Cerro Colorado, Pima Co.
3. Location: Twp. 20S  
Range 10E  
Section s 28, 29, 30
4. Any Former Names:  
unknown
5. Owner:  
Mr. William Loveall
6. Address (Owner)  
701 W. Drexell Rd., Tucson AZ
7. Operator:  
same
8. Address (Operator)  
same
9. Principal Metals:  
Cu, Ag
10. Types of Ore Minerals:  
native copper, native silver?
11. Production Rate:
12. Mill: Type & Capacity
13. Operations: Present  
exploration & development
14. Number of Claims, Title, etc.  
(Please include a sketch map or plat showing location, T.R. & Sec.,  
and the general outline of each group)  
25 unpatented lode claims, Copper Fern #1-25
15. Mine Workings: Amt. & Condition  
(Please include copies of any level maps, longitudinal sections, or  
assay maps that might describe the workings. Also, please mark the  
approximate location of these workings on the plat or sketch  
prepared for Question #14 above)  
none
16. Titles, Authors and Dates of any Reports or Publications dealing  
with this property: (Please include private, non-confidential reports)  
none
17. Names of Mining Companies or Governmental Agencies that have worked,  
or are now working on this property.



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## Certificate of Analysis

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Date: November 22, 1976  
Client: Wallaby Enterprises  
3425 W. Bardot  
Tucson, Arizona 85704

RMGC Numbers:  
Local Job No.: 76-35-37T  
Foreign Job No.:  
Invoice No.: T 6618

Client Order No.:

Report On: 2 samples

Submitted by: R. Lundin

Date Received: Nov. 15, 1976

Analysis: Copper, lead, gold and silver

Analytical Methods: Determined by atomic absorption.

Remarks:

cc: Enc.  
RMGC: SLC  
file  
PDW/sl

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>ppm Copper</u>	<u>ppm Lead</u>	<u>ppm Gold</u>	<u>ppm Silver</u>
CC001 RL-76	0.97%	80	0.1	5
CC002 RL-76	50	120	-0.1	1

By Parry D. Willard  
Parry D. Willard

All values are reported in parts per million unless specified otherwise. A minus sign (—) is to be read "less than" and a plus sign (+) "greater than". Values in parenthesis are estimates. This analytical report is the confidential property of the above mentioned client and for the protection of this client and ourselves we reserve the right to forbid publication or reproduction of this report or any part thereof without written permission.  
ND = None Detected      1 ppm = 0.0001%      1 Troy oz./ton = 34,286 ppm      1 ppm = 0.0292 Troy oz./ton

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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Mesquite Claims

Date Sept. 6, 1961

District Las Guijas District, Pima County

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Field Engineers Report. Information from Chas. Mareydt & Harvey Riggs. No visit.

Location Seds. 29 and 30 -- T 20 S -- R 10 E. About 2 miles east of Las Guijas.

Number of claims 60 unpatented claims on Federal land. Some of these claims were located by Chas. Mareydt and Harvey Riggs in Oct. and Nov. 1960. The remainder were located by Mr. Mareydt, Harvey Riggs and W. D. Roper in July 1961.

Owners -- W. D. Roper, Box 865, Patagonia and 1503 W. Relation St., Safford -- 50 % int.  
'Chas. D. Mareydt, Arivaca, Arizona ---- 25 % interest.  
'Harvey D: Riggs, Arivaca, Arizona ---- 25 % interest.

Operators Same as above

Principal Minerals Copper, with some molybdenum

Present Mining Activity Diamond drilling on contract by Metler Bros Drilling Co., Tucson  
Drilling is done with one diamond drill, working one shift. Drilling is reported to have started on Sept. 2.

Ore Values Mr. Mareydt reported that he took about 30 samples of the ore last fall and this spring, and that 40 additional samples were taken in July, 1961 by himself and Mr. Roper. He stated that these samples ran from 1.78 % ~~in~~ to 6.00 % in copper, with about ~~0.04~~ 0.04 % molybdenum. He stated that the copper was all oxidized, but expected to find sulphides in depth.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine Mesquite Claims

Date Nov. 8, 1961

District Las Guijas District, Pima County

Engineer Axel L. Johnson

Subject: Present Status. Information from Harvey Riggs.

Present Status Property now idle. All work discontinued.

Recent Operations Diamond drilling by Metler Bros, reported in my report of Sept. 6, has now been discontinued on account of failure to find ore of sufficient grade and tonnage. No further work is planned on the property.