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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: PLATA BONITA (PAT. MS 408)

ALTERNATE NAMES:

PLATA BONITA MNG. & MLG. CO.

SUN DUST CAMP

YAVAPAI COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 1093A

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 12.5N RANGE 1 W SECTION 32 QUARTER NE LATITUDE: N 34DEG 25MIN 55SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 22MIN 41SEC

TOPO MAP NAME: GROOM CREEK - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:

LEAD ZINC GOLD SILVER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

BLM MINING DISTRICT SHEET 223

ADMMR PLATA BONITA FILE

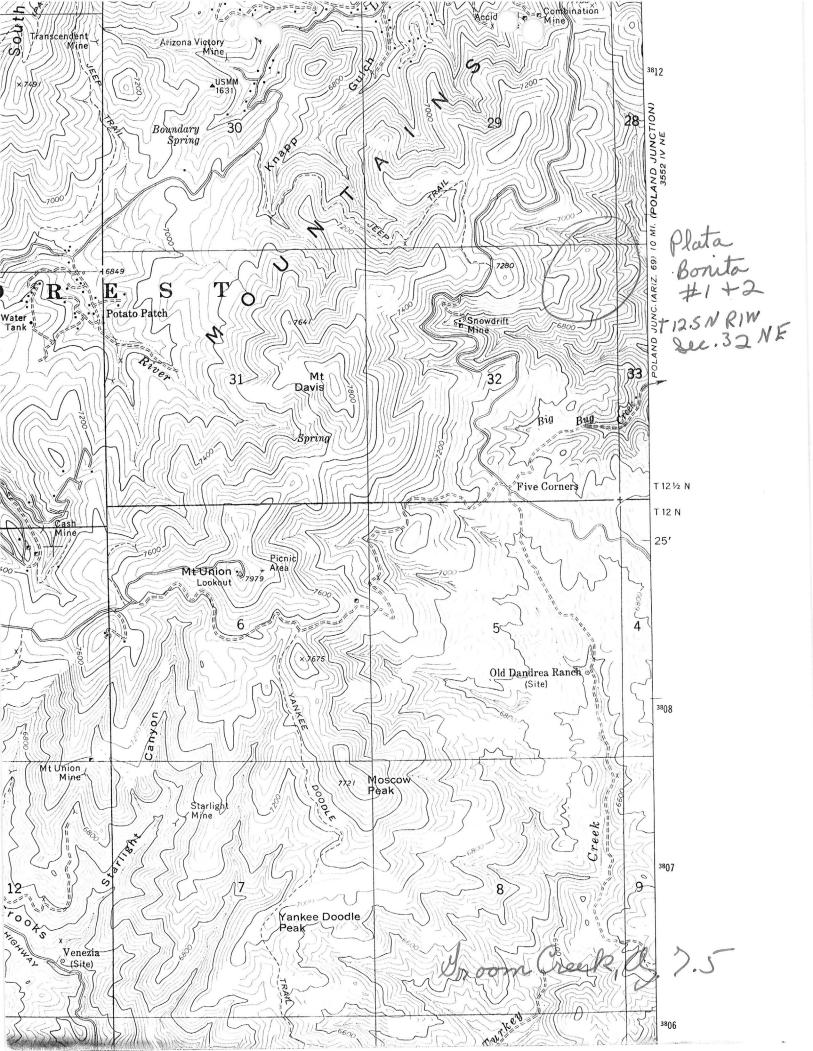
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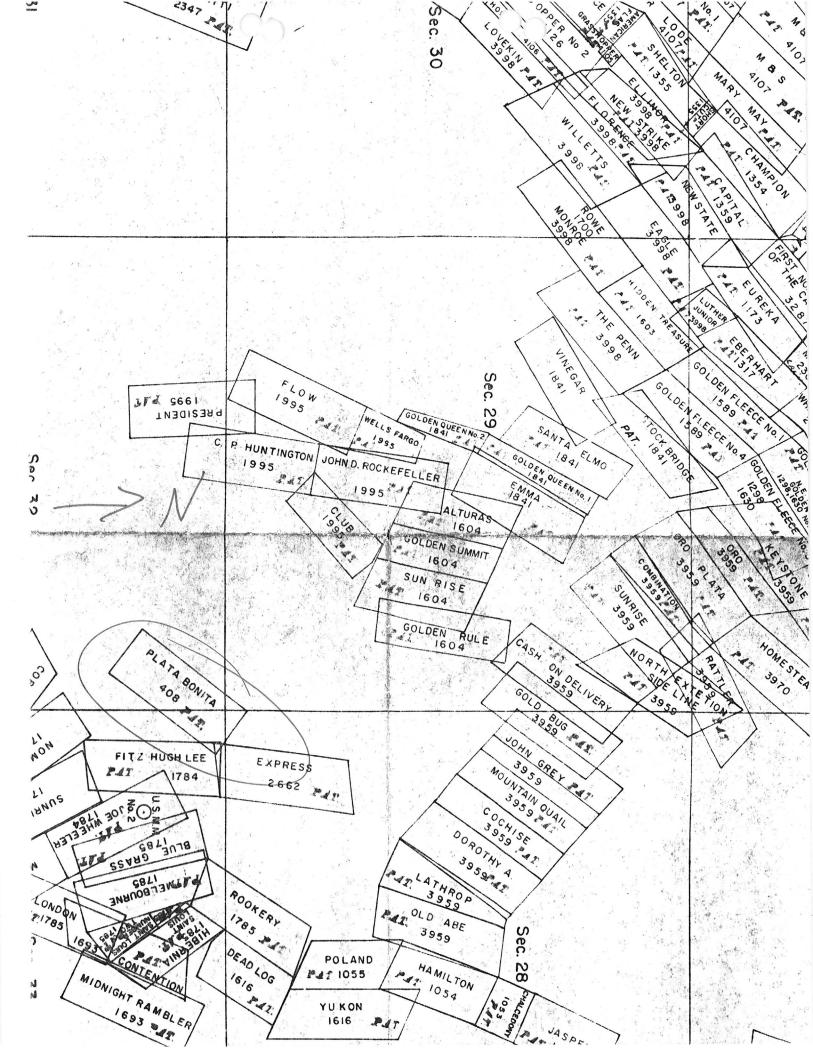
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WAS PATENTED IN 1882 BY A CO. REGISTERED IN

WISCONSON

LAST WORKED IN 1940'S





KAP WR 7/18/80: Arthur J. Mayer, 4816 Rollingwood Drive, Austin, Texas 75756, reported he is the son-in-law of the owner of Plata Bonita (two) patented claims in Yavapai County. The property was operated by his father-in-law during the 1940's. The original operation of the property appears to have been by the Plata Bonita Mining & Milling Co., which was organized in Wisconsin on March 3, 1882. The principals in that company were Jasper Smith, W.D. McGilvroy, and Daniel Buchauau Jr. That organization filed to do business in Arizona on July 2, 1882.

KAP WR 1/30/81: Arthur Mayer, Austin, Texas, reported that he has determined that his (and family's) Plato Bonito Mine in Yavapai County had ore containing gold, galena (lead) and sphalerite (zinc).

KAP WR 5/31/85: Information was obtained on the Plata Bonita Mine (file) Yavapai County from the U.S. Bureau of Mines. According to information given verbally from their files the mine had a shaft 210 feet deep. The vein was reported to be 46" wide and assayed \$26.00 circa 1943. The primary commodity of value was reported to be gold. Further, it contains a stringer of high grade 2-4" wide. A copy of the data in their file is promised.

STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Mineral Building, Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 • (602) 255-3791

June 13, 1985

Arthur J. Mayer 4816 Rollingwood Drive Austin, Texas 78746

Dear Mr. Mayer:

This letter is in response to your letter of May 3, 1985 requesting the status of our visit to the Plata Bonita #408.

As of this time we have not made a visit to the Plata Bonita 1 and 2 due in part to their inaccessibility to motorized vehicles. Since our field time is very limited, visiting a property which requires an all day hiking trip is a low priority. We do, however, still hope to some day visit the property and all data gathered will be available to you.

Upon receipt of your letter I again contacted the U.S. Bureau of Mines for information on Mines Access Road Application No. 56. They are rather cautious about releasing negative information about past projects, but did so because I assured them it was for the current owner. As you can see, it was received on June 6.

I hope this information will add at least slightly to your information on the mine.

Sincerely.

Ken A. Phillips

Cheif Engineer

KAP:db

Enclosures



United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF MINES

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BUILDING 20, DENVER FEDERAL CENTER
DENVER, COLORADO 80225

Intermountain Field Operations Center

June 4, 1985

Ken Phillips
Arizona Department of Mines
and Mineral Resources
Mineral Resources Bldg.
Fairgrounds
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Ken:

Enclosed is the information that you requested on the U.S. Bureau of Mines Access Road Application No. 56, Plata Bonita Mine, Yavapai County, Arizona, January 26, 1943. The data is released on the basis of a phone call to Robert Swenarton, Chief, Office of Technical Information, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D.C., on May 30, 1985.

Hope this is of help to the owner.

Sincerely,

Lorraine B. Burgin

State Mineral Officer--Arizona

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DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Tucson, Arizona January 26, 1943

RECOMMENDATION ON ACCESS ROAD APPLICATION

Our No. 56

Identification: Through Grazing Service; their application dated October 28, 1942; metals, lead and zinc; property, Plata Bonita Nos. 1 and 2, in Sec. 35, T. 13 N., R. 1 W., Yavapai County, Arizona; owners, Roy Griswold, 1421-12 East Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and Frank Garrit, Mayer, Arizona.

Proposal: Construction of one-half mile of bulldozer road between the county road, off Highway 69, at Union and the Plata Bonita mine; estimated cost, \$2,000.

Comment: The proposed road would be about one mile long.
One-half of this would be on an old road and would require little work.
The other half would be up a steep mountain side with slopes of 10 to 20°. Road construction would be more than a bulldozer job and would require blasting in places. It would cost considerably more than \$2,000.

The mine has a shaft, reported to be 210 feet deep. It is reported that some drifting and stoping were done from the shaft. It is now caved and inaccessible. It was reported that a sample of 46 inches ore assayed \$26.00 and that a high grade streak, 3 inches to 20 inches thick, assayed \$50 to \$235. Smelter returns showed high values in silver, lead, and zinc on very small shipments aggregating 7 or 8 tons. The owners have applied for an R.F.C. loan.

Consideration should be given this application when the workings have been made accessible for examination, if the loan for that purpose is granted.

Approval of the application at this time is not recommended.

J. H. HEYVAN

J. H. Hedges, District Engineer.

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MINERAL PROPERTY FILE

COUNTY Yavapai STATE Arizona	Present file No. <u>AZ 463.1/56</u> New file No. <u>37.121</u>
TWP 13 N RANGE 1 N SECS. 35	Main Commodity <u>Lead-zinc</u> Others
PROPERTY NAME Plata Bonita Nos. 1 and 2	
OTHER NAMES	
OWNERRoy Griswold and Frank Garrit ADDRESS	Phoenix & Mayor, A7
LESSEEADDRESS	
LOCATION	
ACCESS	
TYPE OF DEPOSIT:	
Disseminated Bedded Contact Vein X Lenses or pods Residual	PlacerOther
WORKINGS:	
Underground X ACCESSIBLE: Yes No	XUnknown
Drift, X-cut X Shaft X	
Total Length: Less than 200' 200' to	1,000' X More than 1,000
Surface	
Open pitSmallLargeTren	nchesTest pits
Drill holes	
Undeveloped	
PLUS 500 TON PRODUCTION: Yes No Unknown	<u> X</u>
DATE OF INFORMATION 1/26/43	
TYPE OF REPORT:	
Standard Examination DMEA or OME WMF Summary Report Access Road X MRE Map Non Bureau	
FURTHER WORK RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED X

PLATA BONITA 1 & 2

YAVAPAI COUNTY T12.5 N R1W Sec 32 NE

MILS Index # 1093A

AKA: Plata Bonita Mining & Milling Co Sun Dust Camp

USGS Groom Creek, Az. 7.5 (Included if file)

ADMMR U file

Western Region XXXXXXXXXXXX

January 30, 1943

dr. L. R. Brooks, Regional Grazier, 503 Heard Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona. H56 bjl

Dear Sir:

We are returning to you the PR-DA-I forms for an access road to the Flata Bonita properties, Yavapai County, Arisona.

This road cannot be approved by this office at this time. According to our District Engineer, Mr. J. H. Hedges, an examination by the Bureau of Mines shows the mine workings to be inaccessible. However, they have applied for an R.F.C. loan and should this loan be granted and the workings become accessible, the application can be reconsidered.

Very truly yours,

cc SL WR D Mr. Hedges S. R. ZIMMERLEY, Regional Engineer.

ARTHUR J. MAYER 4816 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746

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DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES PHOENIX, ARIZONA

25 August 1980

Mr. Ken A. Phillips State of Arizona Department of Mineral Resources Mineral Building Fairgrounds Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Ken--

Hopefully you remember the neophyte on mines and mining who came to you 16-18 July 1980 seeking information on the Plata Bonita Mine, M. S. 408. near the Poland-Walker Tunnel and the Snowdrift Mine in Yavapai County. At that time you started a file on Plata Bonita #408 and included copies of the maps and photographs that I brought with me. I now have some additional information you may want to include in the file.

When I last saw you on 18 July and requested that Plata Bonita #408 be examined and sampled and offered to pay the assay costs, you concurred with Mason Coggin's advice that I abstract from Waldemar Lindgren, Ore Deposits of the Jerome and Bradshaw Mountains Quadrangles, Arizona, the description of the area in which the mine is located. Accordingly, I have read Lindgren--which I thoroughly enjoyed without understanding many of his terms (even using a dictionary)-- and include copies of those pages which I could identify as pertaining to the general Plata Bonita area.

Also, I wrote the Sharlot Hall Museum and requested copies of the 11 November 1881 and 21 April 1882 references to the Plata Bonita in the <u>Weekly Arizona Miner</u>. They typed a copy of each for me, and I enclose a Xerox of the references.

The final enclosure is a copy of a 1957 letter from F. J. Garrett, my mother-in-law's father, in which he mentions the Plata Bonita to his other daughter. He wrote, "I have some deals on for P. B. in fact I could sell it for cash tomorrow if I so desired."

Anything more I get on the Plata Bonita I will forward to you.

Now, a question--Lindgren mentioned several times comments regarding ore from specific mines made by the Director of the Mint in the 1880s, particularly in 1883. Do you know whom I can write for, or where I could examine, these reports?

The last morning we talked you mentioned having read George Wilkins Kendall, so I enclose a Xerox of the entry concerning him in The Handbook of Texas. Not mentioned in this is that he wrote an article on sheep raising in Texas that appeared in the 1859 Texas Almanac, I believe. I have not read it, but I understand that it was extremely influential in creating the wool growing industry of the West Texas hill country. That issue of the Texas Almanac is a valuable rare book now, but it might be in the ASU rare book collection. The Almanac was basically an emigrant's guide and promotional book hoping to increase the population of Texas.

Please give my regards to both the Coggins and to Mr. Beard.

I look forward to hearing from you.

As ever,

Arthur J./Mayer/

Weekly Arizona Miner- November 11, 1881, p.2, c. 3

BIG BUG ITEMS

[From our special correspondent]

Big Bug, A.T.

Ed. Miner: - Mr. M. E. Collins has disposed of the "Platta Bonita" to Messrs. Smith, McGilvrey and Co., of Chippewa Falls, Wis., rumor says for \$20,000. The "Platta Binita" has a shaft down 67 feet, and at that depth shows a large body of high grade ore, and is destined to be one of the best mines in Arizona. Messrs. Smith and McGilvrey are expected here on or before the 1st of December, when they will proceed to the development of the property and erection of building to receive machinery in the early spring. They are thorough go-ahead men of business tact and energy, who will push things when they make a start, and can command all of the necessary capital requisite to back their enterprise, and are to be congratulated upon their acquisition of the above valuable property. What we need in Northern Arizona is more such men, and for such men there are vast fortunes always ready.

Messrs. Taft, Stoddard & Co. are feeling very jubilant over the rich ore that they are taking out of the "Garfield."

Weekly Arizona Miner- April 21, 1882, p.1., c.5

BIG BUG LETTER

Big Bug, April 13, 1882

Ed. Miner: - Every day's work on the Platta Bonita places from 2 to 3 tomes of high-grade ore on the dump.

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Plata Bornta Lode

Big Bug Mining District. Yavapai County

Containing 20/85 acres

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No 9786.

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P so!" from which a vine thirty (10) inches in diameter. blaged and marked Phot BT bears South forty four (44) degrees East at-the distance of twenty (20), feet: an Oak sixteen (16) inches in diduller blaged and marked "P. No 1. B.T." bears Westat the distance of forty two (42) feet, and U.S. Mineral Marinust To 2. bears bort eighty three (83) degrees therety five (35) minutes East, at the distance of fifteen buildred and fifty six (1536) feet: Therece from said corner Chot. Mouth Chirty- severs (37) degrees thirty (30) minutes East. three bundred and thirty (30) feet to a point from which a shaft bears Martimet erly at the distance of the hundred and sixty (260) get. fifteen bewedred (1500) feet to leonrer As 2. a Gracile Boulder marked" +" and "P. No.2" from Which a Fire twenty (20) inches in diameter fourteen (14) feet: Thence from said conur No 2, Morth fifty too (52) degrees thirty (30) minutes west six hundred feet to corner Us 3, a Granite Stone 24×12×12 meles in size with mound of stones marked Phis from which an Oak twenty (20) unches in diameter blaged and marked "Polo 3, B.T" bears north fifty five (50) degrees East at-the distance of twelve (12) feet, and all Oak eight (8) inclus en diameter blaged and marked P. N.S. B.T. bears South therey five (35) degrees West-at-the distance of twenty three (23) feet. Thence from said borner So 3. South thing sever (37) degrees Mury (30) minutes West five Windred and las (510) feet to a point from which a cut bears South easterly at the distance of two lundred and fifty lits (252) feet, fifteen hundred (1800) feet to correr No 4. a Grante Stone 18× 14×12 inches in size with mound of stones marked Phot. from which an Oak lew (10) wieles in dean eltr blaged and marked P. No4, B.T. bears north wenty eight- (28) degrees Cast at-the distance

of eightien (18) feet. and an Oak ten (10) mehres in diameter blaged and marked P. As 4. B.T. " bears South Seventy Seven (77) degrees west at the distance of thinty (31) feet: Thence from said corner As 4. South fifty two (32) degrees thing (30) minutes East three lundred (300) feet to a joint shaft, six lundred (600) feet to the place of beginning, containing twenty and stry sex hudidreauth (26) acho of land, whore or less, and embracing fifteen hundred (1500) linear feet of the said Plata Sorila Lode, as represented, by yellow strading in the following plat:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTE OR Hubert Work, Secretary

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY George Otis Smith, Director

Bulletin 782

ORE DEPOSITS OF THE JEROME AND BRADSHAW MOUNTAINS QUADRANGLES, ARIZONA

BY

WALDEMAR LINDGREN

WITH STATISTICAL NOTES BY
V. C. HEIKES



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consistent connection is that the dikes occur in the same vicinity as the veins. The dikes and the veins have in the main the same strike-that is, north-northeast.

MINERALIZATION

The general type of mineralization has already been indicated. Drusy structure or comb structure of milky quartz with later carbonates is the general rule. After the first quartz deposition the sulphides followed in order—arsenopyrite (oldest), pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena, and tetrahedrite. The gold is usually associated with the two oldest sulphides, the silver with the two youngest. The gold is rarely in visible form. Druses in the center of the veins may be filled by ankerite or similar carbonates. The silver is contained chemically bound in the tetrahedrite and in part also in the galena; inclusions of argentite are always found in richer galena.

The structure of the vein is usually banded, but does not have the delicate concentric banding of the epithermal deposits (formed

near the surface).

The alteration of the country rock tended to develop sericite and carbonates but rarely extended far from the vein.

DISTRIBUTION

The veins appear in the northwest corner of the Bradshaw Mountains quadrangle and continue outside of it in the Copper Basin district and west of Hassayampa River, coming to an end in the Thumb Butte district, a few miles west of Prescott. At Copper Basin there is a special type of copper mineralization connected with granite porphyry, and the smaller veins are mostly silver veins (p. 27).

Beginning at the northwest, the Groom Creek district, south of Prescott, is the first district of importance in the Bradshaw Mountains quadrangle. Here the narrow quartz veins carry gold and silver but little native gold. The strike is north-northeast, parallel to porphyry dikes. The country rock is Yavapai schist between two areas of granodiorite. Next south is the Walker district, in which narrow veins containing principally gold occur in granodiorite and strike northeast. These veins are continued farther southwest by the Senator-Cash-Storm Cloud vein system, on the upper Hassayampa, which is remarkable for carrying magnetite and specularite and which is also rich in gold.

South of the Senator group near Venezia post office are two prominent veins, the Crook and the Mount Union, both gold-silver veins intimately connected with rhyolite porphyry dikes. They have a northerly strike.

The next important vein system extends from the Silver Belt and McCabe mines southwestward toward Providence and Poland. The transition of silver veins to gold veins is well illustrated here. Many porphyry dikes run parallel to the veins.

Markedly different from this system are the Henrietta veins, with a northerly strike, which carry much chalcopyrite in the quartz and

small amounts of gold and silver.

The veins in the Turkey Creek and Bradshaw districts strike more nearly north but are mainly silver veins.

The next noteworthy vein system is that extending from the Peck mine through the Pine Grove and Tiger districts (Crown King) for 10 miles southward. It is the most persistent vein system of the quadrangle and is followed with equal persistence by parallel dikes of rhyolite porphyry. The system begins at the north as silver veins, but gold increases southward to the Wildflower, Del Pasco, and Crown King vein complexes. In the southern part, in the Tiger and Gray Eagle systems, silver reappears in large amounts. Close to the last-named veins the porphyry dikes are apparently not present, as the main dike system courses a mile or two westward. The quartz veins are typical and strike northnortheast in the northern part of the district and nearly north in the southern part. The dip is here, as elsewhere, generally west or westnorthwest at steep angles.

A series of smaller veins appear in the northern part of the Black Canyon district, southeast of Turkey Creek station. These veins are very flat, and many show marked comb structure. They contain silver only in the south, in Black Canyon, but change to gold-silver veins farther north, in the Silver Cord and the veins of the "gold belt." Porphyry dikes are present.

There remain to be mentioned the gold quartz veins in the Humbug district, just west of Tiptop, where silver prevails. Porphyry dikes are abundant, but there is no granodiorite.

On the whole there are three or four distinct vein systems with a north-northeast to northeast direction; there are also some veins that trend north. The dip is generally toward the west or westnorthwest. Only in the Walker-Senator system do steep eastward dips appear.

ORE SHOOTS

The shoots of oxidized ore, which have been mined extensively, give little information as to the attitude of the primary shoots, for they are likely to extend in a horizontal direction over wider spaces than those occupied by the unaltered ores. Such information as is available indicates that the pitch of the shoots is usually to the north or northeast at angles of about 45° to 60°. Only in

CONSOLIDATED BODIE MINE

The old Consolidated Bodie mine, now belonging to the Murphy estate, is 4 miles below Palace station, in Crooks Canyon. It is mentioned in the Mint report for 1883, with the note that the ore is rich in lead, assays being given as 40 per cent of lead and 61 ounces of silver to the ton. There was then a tunnel 480 feet long and a shaft 100 feet deep. Since then there has been considerable development. The vein is contained in a large area of the Crooks complex and is probably of pre-Cambrian age. This property was not visited.

OTHER PROPERTIES

Four miles below the Bodie is the Circle Cross property. showing a 2-foot vein, with native gold and pyrite. The ore is said to be rich in places along foot and hanging walls. The strike is northeast, the dip vertical. E. W. Blaylock is the owner.

In the same vicinity are the 14 claims of the Arizona Central Mining Co., with headquarters on Crooks Canyon about a mile below Palace station. Some of the quartz veins, if not all, are of pre-Cambrian age. The Kentuck, 1 mile below Palace station, is a quartz vein as much as 2 feet wide, carrying some pyrite and chalcopyrite, with a little molybdenite. Assays of \$15 in gold and 3 ounces of silver to the ton are claimed. The strike is N. 10° E., and the dip steep to the west.

There are several other veins of similar character which were not visited, and a "cross fissure" striking north, said to have a "lime-quartz" gangue. On the Tom and Dick claim, to the east, toward Turkey Creek, is a 2-stamp mill and a shaft 175 feet deep, with a 500-foot drift on two levels.

BIGBUG DISTRICT

GENERAL FEATURES

The Bigbug district, which is one of the oldest in the region, lies on the northeast slopes of the Bradshaw Mountains, extending from Bigbug Mesa down to the foothills of the Agua Fria valley. Its waters flow into Agua Fria River, and the altitude ranges from 7,000 to 4,500 feet. The upper slopes are timbered, but the foothills are generally open country. Some of the mines center about Poland, not far from the Walker district; others lie west of the Humboldt smelter. Still others, mainly copper deposits in schist, lie between Humboldt and Mayer.

The predominating formation is the Yavapai schist, which here is mainly of sedimentary origin, with numerous embedded quartzite

lenses. In many places, however, it contains interbedded schist of igneous origin. The schist, which strikes north-northeast, is intruded by the Bradshaw granite west of Poland and by a small mass of granodiorite (quartz diorite, according to Jaggar and Palache). There are also many dikes of rhyolite porphyry, with which certain of the deposits appear to be genetically connected. Basaltic flows later than any mineralization cover the top of Bigbug Mesa.

The ore deposits belong to five classes. (1) Pyritic copper deposits in schists are represented by the Blue Bell, Hackberry, Butternut, Boggs, and other mines. (2) Pre-Cambrian quartz veins are represented by the old Mesa mine, near Poland, and probably by several veins near McCabe. The age of some of these is in doubt. (3) A gold-silver replacement deposit, the Iron King, near Humboldt, carries tourmaline and is of an unusual type. (4) Veins of later date, most probably connected with the rhyolite dikes, are best exposed in the vicinity of Poland and Providence. The rich silver deposits with barite and calcite gangue about 2 miles west of the Humboldt smelter also belong to this group. (5) Placers have been worked in several gulches around McCabe.

Copper, gold, lead, silver, and zinc produced in Bigbug district, 1901-1924

[Compiled by V. C. Heikes, U. S. Geoolgical Survey]

Year	Crude ore	Copper	Gold	Silver	Lead	Total value
	Tons	Pounds	Fine ounces	Fine ounces	Pounds	
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902		103, 597	12, 046. 00	53, 135	391,000	304, 88
903		155, 833	9, 070, 00	94, 877	732, 359	292, 07
904		86, 934	19, 788. 60	129, 578	139, 380	479, 36
905		210, 423	11, 363. 00	99, 336	384, 880	346, 51
906		992, 209	21, 545, 45	195, 257	574, 403	800, 44
907		1, 399, 127	19, 265, 82	193, 380	443, 182	a 837, 510
908		22, 634	7, 801. 46	41, 152	292, 383	198, 34
909		319, 816	13, 756. 64	72, 495	337, 184	378, 14
910		2, 069, 919	5, 161, 41	58, 296	119, 611	406, 32
011		2, 733, 644	3, 926, 51	63, 423	67, 106	a 460, 01
911	23, 480	27, 086	1, 965. 88	40, 639	1, 216, 074	a 260, 39
913		2, 010, 633	1, 496. 87	37, 965	17, 296	366, 28
914		3, 694, 229	2, 431, 38	57, 488	26, 559	574, 42
915		4, 285, 668	2, 571. 34	80, 467	78, 170	847, 61
		3, 612, 616	3, 468, 29	98, 182	131, 618	a 1, 035, 46
916 917		6, 774, 730	7, 082. 09	191, 870	256, 194	2, 176, 03
018		7. 936, 339	10, 989, 22	254, 027	169,004	2, 453, 47
		5, 716, 132	6, 673, 58	197, 448	206, 656	1, 433, 25
919		5, 016, 344	5, 905, 16	182, 495	144, 999	1, 255, 59
020		981	160, 50	23, 134	102, 226	31, 17
21		1, 529, 984	1, 409. 05	54, 862	80, 599	
922		4, 874, 836	2, 797. 72	148, 238	207, 357	
923		852, 394	694. 72	20, 184	7, 152	

⁴ Includes zinc recovered: 1907, 140,786 pounds; 1911, 8,913 pounds; 1912, 54,343 pounds; 1916, 10,255 pounds.

DEPOSITS NEAR M'CABE (CHAPARRAL DISTRICT)

IRON KING MINE

A little more than a mile west of the Humboldt smelter, in the open foothills, is the Iron King mine, now owned by the Southwest Metals Co., which also owns the Humboldt smelter. To the officers of that company I am indebted for most of the following informa-

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face of the 77-foot level. The lower limit of ore is said to be about \$10 a ton.

Near the north portal the Blaine vein has been intersected; here it is close to the Union vein but toward the east it diverges. It strikes N. 50° E. and has a steep northwest dip. This is a narrow vein with dolomitic gangue; in places it carries a 6-inch streak on the footwall with partly oxidized tetrahedrite, said to contain 150 ounces of silver to the ton. Evidently the Blaine vein differs in age from the Union vein, and probably it is much younger.

PROPERTIES ON BIGBUG CREEK NEAR PROVIDENCE AND POLAND

The general southwest strike of the McCabe and Chaparral vein systems carries them toward the headwaters of Bigbug Creek. At Providence and Poland there has been considerable activity in the past. Very little work was done in 1922. Repairs were made on the old track from Poland Junction to Poland and on the 11,000-foot tunnel that traverses the ridge to Walker to form an outlet for the ores of that district. The wagon road up Bigbug Creek to Poland had been allowed to go to ruin, and Poland was accessible only by trail. This is a striking example of the decay of the district.

Up Bigbug Creek a small area of quartz diorite is crossed about a mile below Providence; here the rock is darker than elsewhere and shows uneven grains. Near the east contact is a dike of "quartz porphyry" mineralized to some extent and showing copper stains. The ore is of low grade, and there are few developments. On the west side of the quartz diorite the country rock is a blocky greenstone, showing agglomerate structure in places and only slight schistosity where exposed in the creek bed. On the slopes the rocks show much more clearly the inherent schistosity.

Providence has the sad aspect of a practically defunct mining town, though at one time it evidently presented a scene of great activity.

A number of claims on veins striking east-northeast lie on the south side of the gulch. Among them are the Sterling and the Seventy-nine. The Sterling vein is stated to have yielded a considerable amount in bunches of gold-silver-copper ores, and is developed to a depth of 400 feet. It is mentioned in the Mint report of 1836, when a gold mill was erected. The oxidized ores of many of these veins have been worked by arrastres, and this species of reduction plant is not wholly extinct in the vicinity. At present the most productive veins near Providence are the Mammoth-Belcher-Red Rock vein and the Fortuna vein.

The Fortuna, now the property of the Boone County Mining & Milling Co., strikes east-northeast and is about half a mile northeast of Providence, on the north side of the creek. It is parallel to the Red Rock vein and lies about a quarter of a mile east of it. The

Fortuna is developed by a shaft and several tunnels and has a 10-stamp mill erected about 1915. The vein is 2 to 3 feet wide and shows much drusy quartz and pyrite in good crystals. The center of the vein is in places filled by calcite, and the quartz is brecciated by it. This vein continues west-southwest down to a point near Bigbug Creek.

The Red Rock vein, on the slope above Providence, is contained in fissile weathered amphibolite schist. The vein, which follows the schist, strikes N. 35° E. and dips steeply southeast. It was worked about 1906 and is developed by several tunnels, all now more or less caved. On the Belcher claim, farther northeast, is a shaft 235 feet deep, which is tapped by the lowest Red Rock tunnel along the railroad track. Where seen the vein was 2 feet wide, was partly oxidized, and contained veinlets of drusy comb quartz with well-crystallized pyrite and some zinc blende. Most of the ore mined came from the oxidized zone, which is richer in free gold. It was reduced in an amalgamating mill with tables, still visible on the property. The primary ore is probably of low grade. It is reported to contain from \$4 to \$5 to the ton in gold.

From Providence to Poland, a distance of 2 miles, not much mineralization is seen. However, half a mile above Providence the road crosses a 30-foot dike of normal rhyolite porphyry, and a few feet away, in the schist, is a prospect on a silver vein, with manganese and barite.

On the slopes north of the road are two veins, the Postmaster and the Merchants Home, both striking northeast, which have been worked to some extent. Ore from the Postmaster was still lying on the platform of the Oriental custom mill, close by the road. This ore shows crusts of quartz crystals on which are deposited dark sphalerite, galena, and pyrite. Mr. Ed. Block, of Prescott, who operated the Merchants Home as the Merchants Mining Co., states that the shaft is 300 feet deep, with levels at 100, 165, and 240 feet. The ore carries mainly silver, and in places 2 feet of massive galena showed. On the 300-foot level the vein is said to have been 20 feet wide. In all, I am informed by Mr. Block, 1,000 tons of crude ore was shipped from the property. The Taylor property, close to the road, is of the same general type. The Lottie is another vein in this vicinity on which much shallow work has been done.

The Copper Dike property lies 2,000 feet west of the Merchants Home. According to Mr. Block this property is located on a copper-bearing schist belt 75 to 100 feet wide. Specimens show coarse amphibole, with some quartz, chalcopyrite, azurite, malachite, native copper, and bornite. The property is developed by a 250-foot tunnel and a crosscut.

Near Poland the appearance of the country becomes attractive and picturesque. The forested slopes rise boldly on the south to the Bigbug basalt mesa, which attains an altitude of 7,000 feet; the summers are cool, and there are several little clearings with alfalfa and fruit. A switchback carries the railroad track up to the south portal of the 11,000-foot, tunnel. Here the amphibolite borders against the somewhat schistose Bradshaw granite, through which the tunnel is driven. Just west of the portal a 75-foot dike of rhyolite porphyry crops out (p. 23), striking N. 30° E. The tunnel intersected several veins, which have been somewhat extensively worked.

The Poland vein was cut 800 feet from the south portal, and the Poland, Hamilton, and Belle claims are located on it. The Poland property is owned by the Murphy estate. Quartzose ore from this vein still lies on the dump. It shows drusy quartz crusts with pyrite and some sphalerite and galena. The vein strikes northeast and dips steeply northwest. A 20-stamp mill on the property was started in 1900 and worked intermittently until about 1912. In 1905 the output was about 75 tons of ore a day. In 1907 it is recorded as producing \$130,465 in gold and 16,609 ounces of silver. There has been a great production, probably mostly in silver; the value of the output is estimated at \$750,000. A shaft was sunk, it is said, to a depth of 325 feet below the tunnel level.

The Accidental vein, carrying gold, silver, and lead, is said to have been cut 500 feet from the north or Walker portal; from accounts this was similar to the Poland vein and was followed to a depth of 200 feet below the tunnel level. It had some production.

The old Mesa mine is on the slopes south of Poland. There is little to see there now, but it is stated that the ore worked in arrastres yielded a considerable production of gold in the early days. It is now owned by Ed. Block, of Prescott. A 700-foot tunnel was driven by Mr. Block in 1904 and showed the vein 4 to 6 feet wide disturbed by basaltic dikes. The quartz was spotted but free milling, and the total yield from the deposits is said to have been about \$40,000. The gold was of high grade, \$19 to \$20 an ounce, and placer gravel was found below the vein. Evidently this vein is of pre-Cambrian age.

In the canyon above Poland are several veins, which have been prospected at intervals. They were not visited. The Blue Rock and Money Metals veins are 1 mile above Poland; the Express, a parallel vein, is half a mile above the town. Several of these veins have some ore production to their credit.

HENRIETTA MINE

The Henrietta mine, now belonging to the Big Ledge Copper Co., is an old-time property on the north slope of Bigbug Creek, where the stream turns from an easterly to a southerly direction. (See pl. 12, B.) It is about 4 miles north-northwest of Mayer. The old workings show on the upper slopes on the ridge, and much ore was extracted from them. This mine is the same that in the old Mint reports of 1883 and 1884 is referred to as the Big Bug mine, then the most prominent producing property in the country. The total production, mainly from the oxidized gold ores from the upper levels, is high. The vein, unlike most of the others in this district, strikes north, and dips about 70° W. There is also a spur striking north-northeast, called the Invincible. The Henrietta claim is continued northward by the Gopher, and these are the two principal claims.

The old developments consist of a shaft 500 feet deep sunk from the summit of the ridge at an altitude of 5,700 feet. The upper tunnel, at 5,480 feet, is about 1,800 feet long and traverses the ridge. The lower tunnel, at 5,150 feet, is 2,200 feet long, and near its end a vertical shaft is sunk to a depth of 600 feet, with levels extending a few hundred feet northward (fig. 9).

The northern extension on the Gopher claim is developed by several shafts, each a few hundred feet in depth, and these workings are almost entirely in the oxidized zone. The ore shoots appear to dip steeply northward. The main shaft at the end of the lower tunnel penetrates primary ore, and there are said to be stopes on the several levels (fig. 9) down to the 450-foot level.

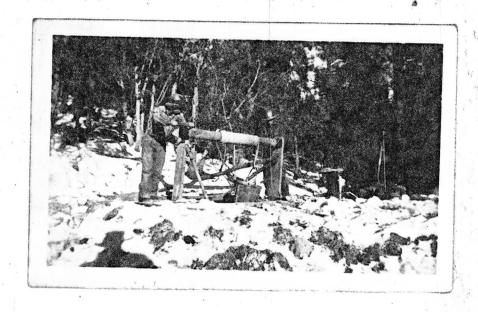
The mine was worked extensively in early days, when the deep oxidized zone provided gold ore. It was also in operation from 1914 to 1919.

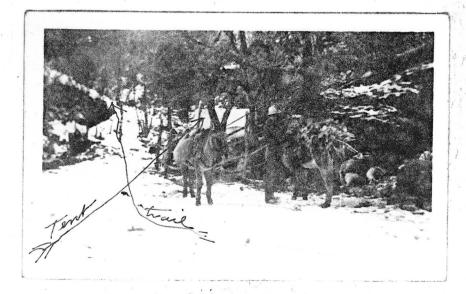
There is a 100-ton flotation mill on the property, consisting of a crushing plant, tube mills, and flotation cells, but this mill is reported to be dismantled since 1922.

In 1922 the property was idle. The present company has done most of the deeper development work.

To the manager of the company, Mr. W. W. Lytzen, I am indebted for much information.

The rock containing the vein is, according to Jaggar and Palache, a hornblendic variety of the Yavapai schist, on the east side of a small area of quartz diorite. There seems to be much complication, however. Most of the rock is a dark fine-grained diorite or amphibolite, and massive rather than schistose. One specimen proved to consist of abundant quartz mosaic with irregularly distributed diop-



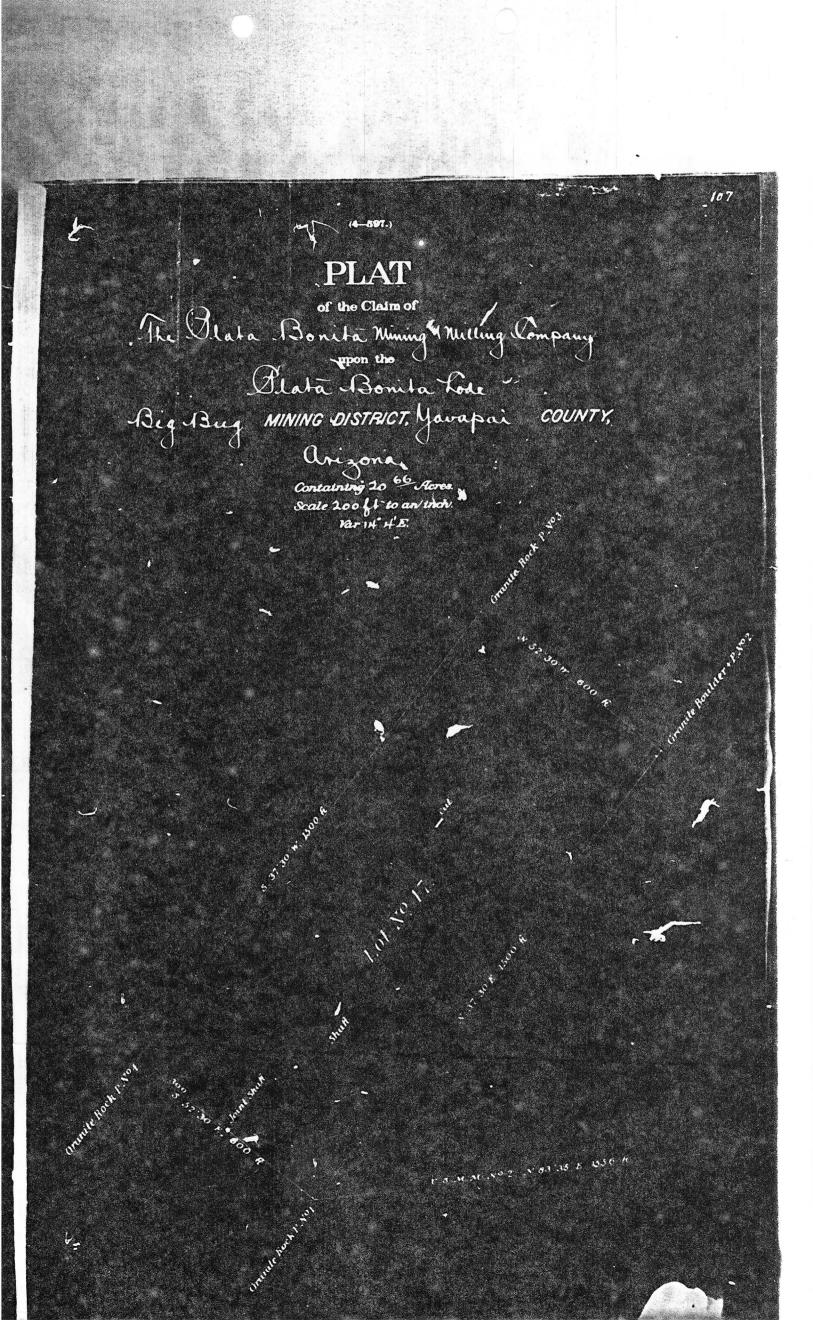




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Excerpts from the Minings Laws of the State of Arizona

Title XXXIV of the Revised Statutes of 1923, Chap. 1, and Amendments thereto.

Section 4038. Such location shall be made by erecting at or contiguous to the point of discovery a conspicuous monument of stones not less than three feet in hight, or an upright post, securely fixed, projecting at least four feet above the ground, in which monument of stones or on which post there shall be posted a location notice which shall be signed by the name or names of the locator or locators.

Sec. 4030. From the time of the location of a mining claim, as above specified, the locator shall be allowed ninety days within which to do or cause to be done the following things:

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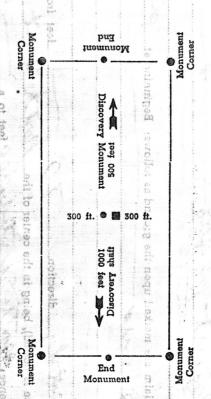
2. To sink a discovery shaft in the claim to a depth of at least eight feet from the lowest part of the rim of the shaft at the surface, and deeper, if necessary, until there is disclosed in said shaft mineral in place.

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Sec. 4032. Such surface boundaries shall be marked by six substantial posts projecting at least four feet above the surface o fthe ground, or by substantial stone monuments at least three feet high, to-wit: One at each corner of said claim and one at the center of each end-line thereof.

Provided, however, that when the point of a monument of a mining claim is at the same point, and coincides with a monument of the survery of the United States, the monument of such government survey shall be and is hereby declared to be a mining claim monument of claims heretofore or hereafter located.

Sec. 4034. Location notices may be amended at any time and the monuments changed to correspond with the amended location; Provided, That no change shall be made that will interfere with the rights of others.



This diagram is to give locator a general idea of pla nof location under the new law. The Discovery Shaft can be in the center of claim or any distance from either end desired. In the diagram it is placed 500 feet from one end, and 1000 feet from the other. Commence description of claim at a center end monument, giving its distance and direction from center of Discovery Shaft; thence, bound the claim in either direction. In description be careful to state locality of claim with reference to some natural object, or permanent monument, as will identify the claim.

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This Mining Claim, the name of which is the United States of America, and in which there are valuable
mineral deposits, was entered upon and located for the purpose of exploration and purchase by
citizens of the U.S.
(Locator must insert either "a citizen of the United States" or who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.")
the undersigned, on the 23 24 day of Caloker, 1940
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