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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: SILVER BULLION MINE

ALTERNATE NAMES:  
PATENT MS 655

PIMA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 300

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 14 S RANGE 2 E SECTION 24 QUARTER C  
LATITUDE: N 32DEG 11MIN 43SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 07MIN 08SEC  
TOPO MAP NAME: QUIJOTOA MTS - 15 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: PAST PRODUCER

COMMODITY:  
SILVER  
COPPER  
GOLD  
URANIUM

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SILVER BULLION  
T14S R2E Sec. 23

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ABG&MT Report

MILS Sheet sequence number 0040190398

SILVER BULLION

PIMA COUNTY

Mr. Coplen stated that Lester Cox, Sells, had apparently been unable to find good enough value to continue work at the Silver Bullion so it is idle. LAS 10-6-64

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Mr. Coplen reported that Lester Cox had given up the Silver Bullion since he had failed to discover much of value. He is now preparing to drill the Mondtel property for a Phoenix group. (see Mondtel report). Memo LAS 12-1-64

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Conference with Lester Cox - Picacho mine

Cox stated that Wilkerson and he still had a lease on the Silver Bullion. They explored the surface with a bulldozer and uncovered some stringers of native silver bearing ore. The dump also showed considerable native silver. However, he did not consider it commercial as of now and had not done work, there, for some time but felt it could be developed. He thought that it would be very lenticular, or pockety. Samples from the dump ran \$30-35 in silver (mostly native). The owner, Mrs. Iona Stewart, Tucson recently died and is said to have a son, Roy, in Tucson who probably now has the claims. LAS Memo 2-2-65

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**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES**

**STATE OF ARIZONA  
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mine Silver Bullion Date June 4, 1964  
District Quijotoa District - Pima County Engineer Lewis A. Smith  
Subject: Mine visit and conference with W. H. Coplen at Quijotoa and Elden Wilkerson at Sells

No one was at the mine at the time of the visit.

Work: No work has yet been done at the mine, but a passable road was built, from a point 3 miles north along the Quijotoa to Casa Grande, westward for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to the mine.

Present Operators: Lester Cox (formerly from Kansas) and Elden Wilkerson, both of Sells. (These two are also planning to work the old Sunset Mine near the Picacho mine, in the Comobabi Mountains west slope.)

The Silver Bullion is reported to have once produced high grade silver ore from pockets along a narrow vein in granitic rocks, not far to the north from volcanics that are separated from the granitic rocks by a inferred fault. The dump material shows considerable hematite.

**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES**  
STATE OF ARIZONA  
**FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mine Silver Bullion

Date January 10, 1961

District Quijotoa Dist., Pima Co.

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Interview with Fred Rhoads who worked there years ago.

Owner: Iona 28th  
Mrs. Ina Stewart, 49 W 29th St., Tucson. (1958, October)  
Roy Stewart, 6252 E. 24th St., Tucson (son)

Location: 6 miles NW of Quijotoa (Covered Wells) in the Brownell Mountains. Proceed from Covered Wells for 2 miles north on the Casa Grande Highway, thence turn left and go west for approximately 4 miles.

History: The mine was worked near to the turn of the century and sporadic operation occurred after that until about 1940. According to Rhoads, the production is reputed to have totaled around \$150,000.

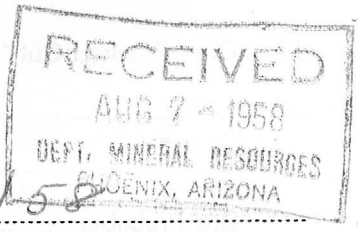
Work: Two deeper shafts, one above the other, on separate veins, are 80 and 120 feet deep, respectively, the deeper shaft being on the southernmost vein. Some drifting and stoping was done on the 50 foot level up for a about 25 feet and in one place the stope reached the surface. The upper or shorter shaft found little pay dirt. The two shafts are in quartz veins which are parallel and are about 100 feet apart. The stopes are distributed over a length of 150 feet.

Geology: The two veins cut granite with some schist floaters. The pay streaks occurred on both quartz walls, or sometimes were found only on one wall.

The minerals were argentite, embolite and considerable native silver. The 120 foot shaft now has water below the 50 foot level. The veins ranged from 6 to 10 inches in width and the high grade streaks were up to 3" wide. The veins trend about east-west and are about vertical. Mr. Rhoads stated that to his knowledge, little high grade pay dirt was found below the 50 foot level, but some low grade ore was stacked on the dumps. He was inclined to believe that most of the silver occurrences in the area were shallow, pockety and high grade.

(Mine owner report in files.)

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
State of Arizona  
MINE OWNER'S REPORT



Date 8/6/58

- 1. Mine: Silver Bullion
- 2. Location: Sec..... Twp..... Range..... Nearest Town... Ajo..... Distance... about 4.5 miles
- Direction... West..... Nearest R.R..... Distance.....
- Road Conditions... Good all but 1/4 mile not so good since rains
- 3. Mining District and County: Quijotas - Pima
- 4. Former Name of Mine: Same
- 5. Owner: Dona S. Stewart (Roy Stewart husband deceased)
- Address: 49 W. 28th St. Tucson, Ariz.
- 6. Operator: None at present.
- Address: .....
- 7. Principal Minerals: Silver. A little Copper - a little Gold
- 8. Number of Claims: Lode..... 1..... Patented..... ..... Unpatented.....
- Placer..... Patented..... Unpatented.....
- 9. Type of Surrounding Terrain: .....

10. Geology and Mineralization: I can't give the details as my husband had the claim. I do know it has very rich ore and there is a report on it at the U of A. My son Roy R. Stewart Jr. 6252 E. 24 could give you more details of the mine than anyone else. I will sell the claim for \$150,000. That's what my husband set the price at and he should know

11. Dimension and Value of Ore Body: I'd like to sell as I have been sick and need the money. I have Blue Prints but I only have one copy & I won't turn them over to anyone. I'm sure this property will make a mine

Please give as complete information as possible and attach copies of engineer's reports, shipment returns, maps, etc. if you wish to have them available in this Department's files for inspection by prospective lessors or buyers.  
probably equal to Ajo some day but it needs developing and working which I cannot do. (over)

12. Ore "Blocked Out" or "In Sight":  
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Ore Probable:  
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13. Mine Workings—Amount and Condition:

No.	Feet	Condition
Shafts.....		
Raises.....		
Tunnels.....		
Crosscuts.....		
Stopes.....		

14. Water Supply:  
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15. Brief History:  
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16. Remarks:  
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17. If Property for Sale, List Approximate Price and Terms: *\$ 150,000 Cash.*  
*Terms might be arranged.*

18. Signature:  
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