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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: SILVER KNIGHT

ALTERNATE NAMES:

BLUE SKY MINING CO.
BAIRD GROUP

YAVAPAI COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 259A

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 13 N RANGE 3 W SECTION 36 QUARTER NW
LATITUDE: N 34DEG 27MIN 57SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 31MIN 35SEC
TOPO MAP NAME: WILHOIT - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: DEVEL DEPOSIT

COMMODITY:

GOLD
SILVER
LEAD
ZINC
COPPER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

USGS WILHOIT QUAD
ADMMR SILVER KNIGHT FILE
YAVAPAI MAGAZINE JUNE 1921 P 10
USAEC PRELIM RECON REPT YAVAPAI CTY FILE
A-98 1956 P 20
PROPERTY WAS MOSTLY IN SEC. 35

July 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM

To: Sam Coupal

From: B. W. Brown - FIELD

Subject: The Gus A. McKnight mine "Silver Knight", Copper Creek

Thanks for the clipping on the Silver Knight. I noticed a like article in the Prescott paper and have been following it up. McKnight is angling for a government loan. Oh why oh why does everyone want money.

Was requested to make an examination of the Silver Knight and will make same this week.

B. W. Brown
E. W. Brown - FIELD

DEPT. MINERAL RESOURCES
RECEIVED
JUL 6 1943
PHOENIX ARIZONA

May 27, 1957

SILVER KNIGHT

Yavapai County

This property inactive.

DANK CHICKILL

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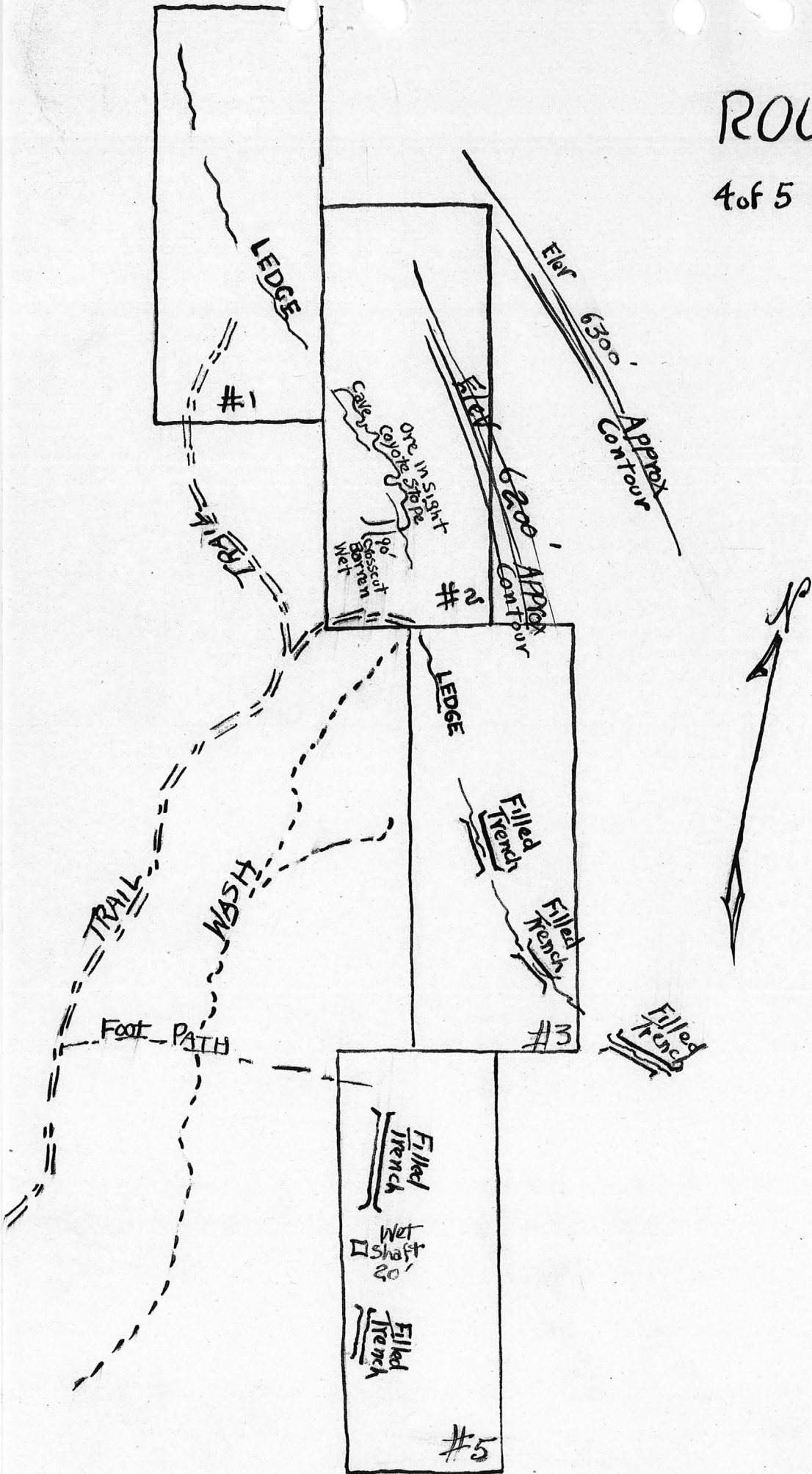
ROUGH SKETCH

4 of 5 Silver Knight Claims

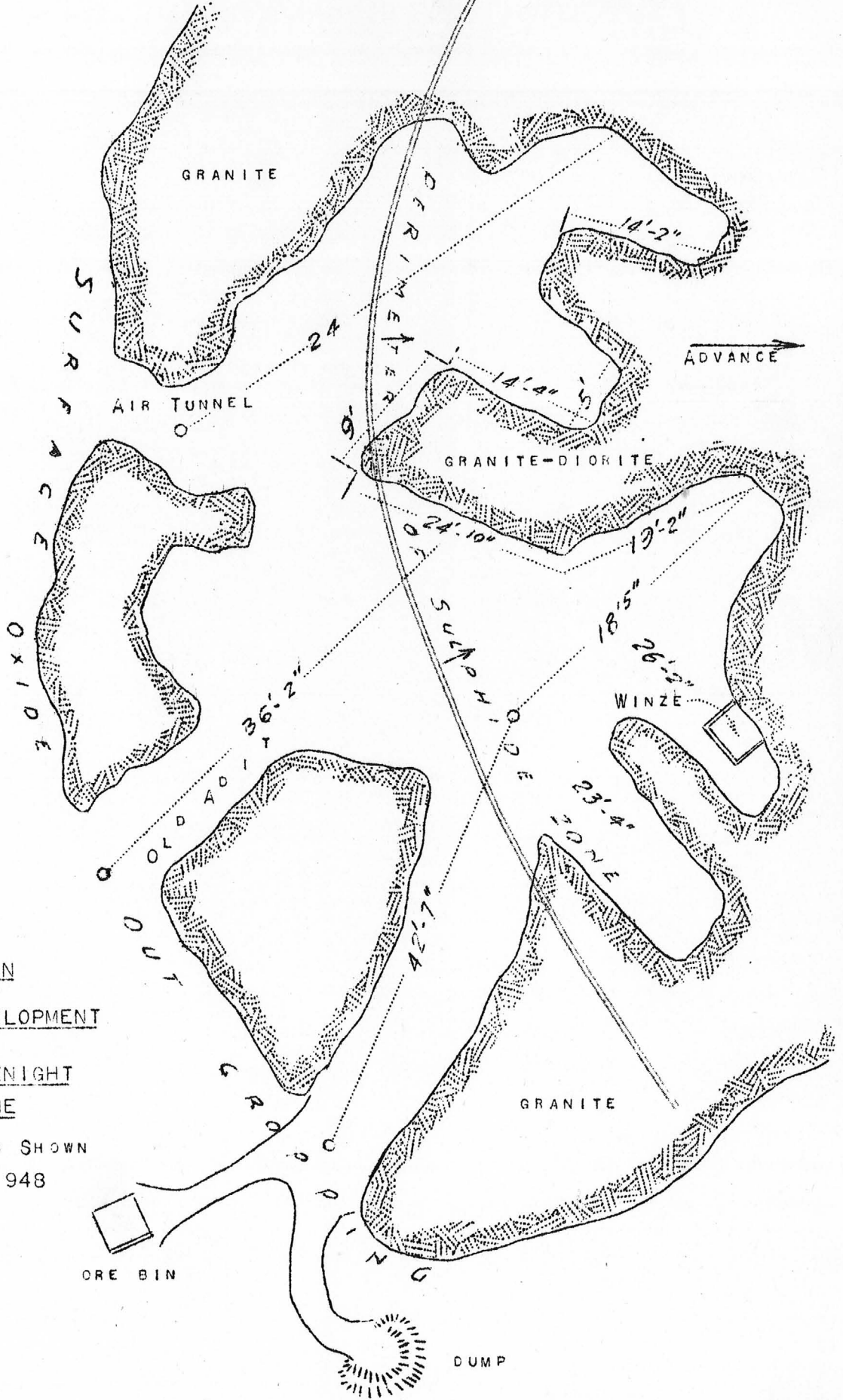
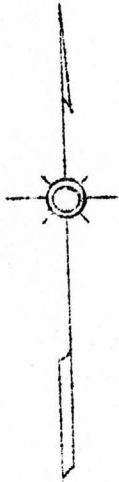
Gus McKnight
Box 1091
Prescott Ariz.
Owner

Scale
Approx
1" = 500'

BWS
'43



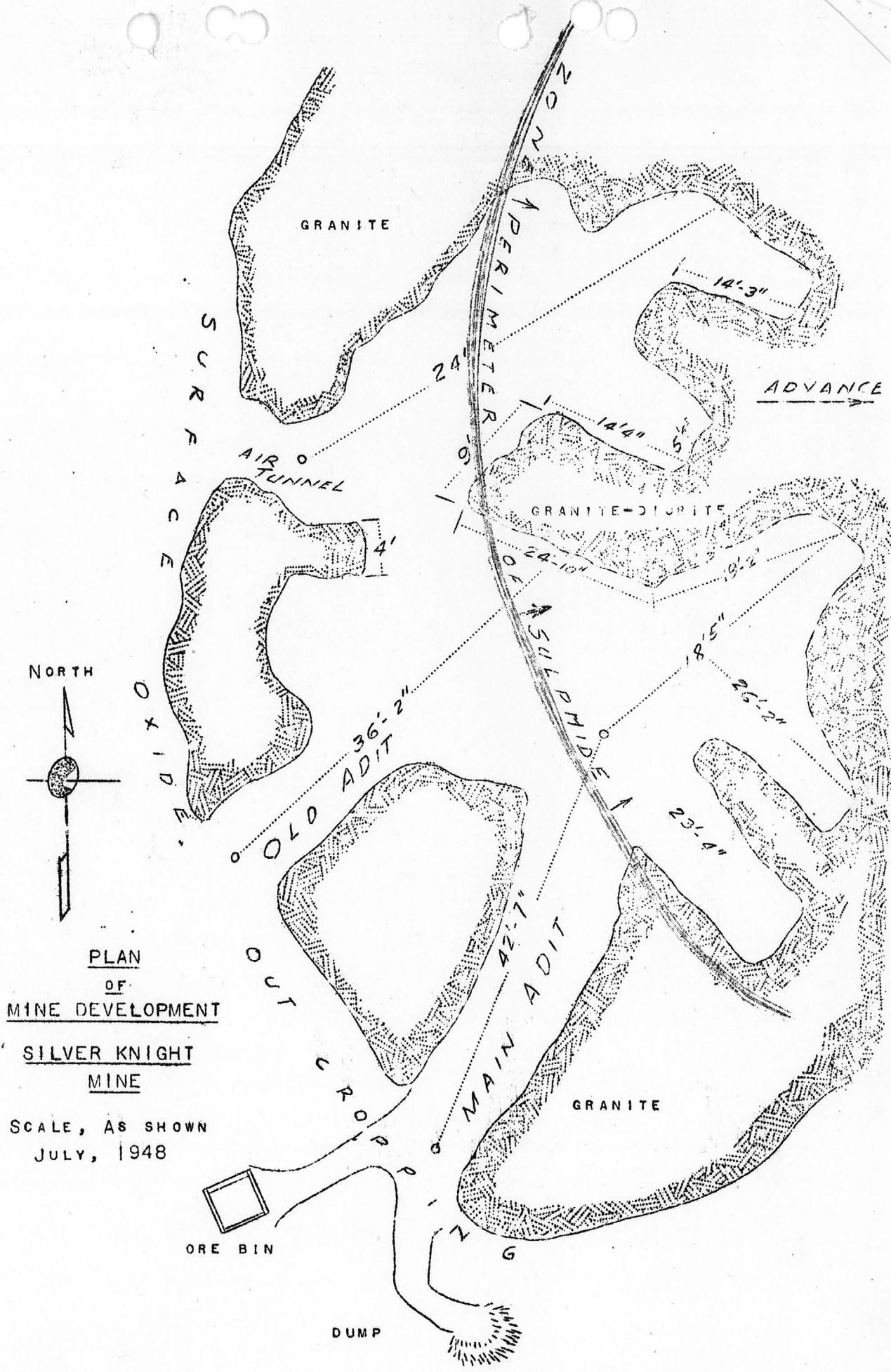
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PLAN
OF
MINE DEVELOPMENT

SILVER KNIGHT
MINE

SCALE, AS SHOWN
JULY, 1948



PLAN
OF
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SILVER KNIGHT
MINE

SCALE, AS SHOWN
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*McKnight Bros
Elwood, Ind.*

~~SILVER KNIGHT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.~~

~~P.O. Box 1081
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA~~

MINE REPORT

I, GUS A. MCKNIGHT, HEREBY CERTIFY
THAT THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE SILVER
KNIGHT MINE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE REPORT
MADE ON JULY 6, 1948 BY IKE KUBISTO,
MINING ENGINEER, WHO WAS ENGAGED FOR THE
PURPOSE AS STATED HEREIN.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

SILVER KNIGHT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.

GUS A. MCKNIGHT, PRESIDENT

IN REFERENCE TO ORGINIAL:

The orginial copy of this report is
kept on file with other information
and documents of this corporation.

ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGICAL REPORT COVERING
THE SILVER KNIGHT MINE IN YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

A REPORT BY MR. IKE KUBISTO, MINING ENGINEER

PROPERTY

The Silver Knight property consists of eight (8) unpatented mining claims, and a mill site claim, situated in Section 36, Township 13-North and Range 3-West in Yavapai County, Arizona and in the Hassayampa Mining District in the extreme northeast portion of the Congress Quadrangle which is described in the 1904 edition of a report by the United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.).

This property is located 11.2 miles southwest of Prescott and is reached by U.S. Highway No. 89 and 1-1/2 miles of forest maintained road in the Prescott National Forest, and finally by 3/4 mile from Copper Creek in a northeast direction to the Silver Knight Mine.

HISTORY

This property was first opened by the late William Baird in 1912, the ore being handled by mules and packed to Prescott where it was sold to small ore buyers, nothing was removed from the workings but the oxide ores and that which could be mined by hand methods. Upon the contact with the sulphides the mine was shut down until 1943 when it was opened by the Blue Sky Mining Company when it was cleaned out and some development was done, there is no history of ore sales at that time, there is however, much ore on the waste pile. The mine was reopened again in 1947 by Gus A. McKnight, the present owner who has cleaned and prepared for further development of a blanket vein which folded and necessitated the starting of a winze which was started and carried down about 4-foot width of ore to a depth of 8-feet. I understand now the mine is down for reorganization and financing for machinery and materials to carry on this development and winze. This last work show an ore sale of 4.028 tons of sulphide ore and due to its high galena content was shipped to the Shattuck-Denn Mining Company's Iron King Mill at Humboldt, Arizona (copy of settlement sheet attached).

DEVELOPMENT

The mine is opened by two old adit tunnels that were drove into the hillside of oxides where a kidney of ore and gangue was removed and left a large glory-hole of about 25-foot diameter, from surface indications these drives were made from the evidence of the surface where the drives were started along the brink of the hill is a large outcropping of highly mineralized oxides. The working of the Blue Sky in 1943 was to open a new adit and drive to a point about the center of

DEVELOPMENT (continued)

the glory hole and as the sulphides waded downward to the floor they stopped and returned to a point on the south side of the new tunnel and drove a drift in a southeasterly direction which was toward the surface as to the contour of the hill. There is evidence of ore along the southwest side of the strip but reached, on the opposite side the ore is of a sulphide type found in grass roots, this is shown on Plat as "Drift No. 1", no samples were taken from this drift.

The last work was done by Mr. McKnight in the fall of 1947. This work consisted of cleaning all the holes and working and starting of a new drift shown on Plat as "Drift No. 2. The ore in the main tunnel was wide at the start of this drift and continued with an average of about 9-inches until it reached a distance of about 15-feet inward then pinched and some occurrence has taken place as evidenced by the folding of the quartz vein and the dip downward into the hill, where the sulphides and value increased and water is present, this winze was carried as far down as work could be done without a hoist or other arrangements. There is a tunnel at a level 75-feet below the floor of the main workings into the hill under the present workings for a distance of about 20-feet, the full length of this tunnel is 83-feet, the walls are granite clean and stand well, the walls of the main workings are principally granite with evidence of diorite and calcite, the mine is clean and operations can be taken up on short notice, there is equipment available for the carry out the development in the winze other than a large compressor will be needed for air tigger and possibly a water pump. There has in the past been much development wasted but the work done last has been along progressive lines, the trail is a good tractor or four wheel truck trail, the mine is clean, the monuments and lines are well defined, there is water sufficient for drilling and motors in the lower tunnel, there is a large well near the millsite which was dug on forest property for the purpose of supplying water to mix the concrete for the concourse on Highway No. 89 across the Copper Creek, this well is shaft 6-feet in diameter and 83-feet deep and stands within 10-feet of the top with good cool mountain water at the millsite water can be developed for a mill or flotation process at a depth of 100-feet to be used as standby when Copper Creek is low from seasonal droughts.

GEOLOGY

The vein is a quartz vein in a blanket formation at the outset of the oxides (sample taken) the vein then becomes a quartz vein in granite with a high grade galena value, with signs of chalcopyrites and shplarites; the vein can be traced from the outcroppings near the entrance by the old adit, for about 300-feet in an easterly direction to the western edge of adjoining claim "Silver Knight No. 8" much movement has occurred and the fracture in the granite is brecciated and the walls are both of the same nature, granite with some diorite and

GEOLOGY (continued)

mineralized with pyrites, the vein varies in width from a few inches to 20-inches and has an average width of about 10-inches (samples were taken from the vein exposed in the walls and the face at the winze). The entire east and north portions of the property can be chlorided for highgrade sulphides in the walls of the drifts and tunnels already cut as to the extent of the backage it can not be figured, the depth from surface at the top of the hill to the floor of the winze is 75-feet.

MINERALOGY

I find a silicified fracture in the Bradshaw Granite; this fracture appears of varying thickness, the average of which is about 10-inches. The silicified material within the fracture has been brecciated and the mineralization occurs along the planes of cleavage and frequently makes sizable bodies of massive sulphides. The sulphide minerals are galena and pyrite with minor quantities of chalcopyrite and sphalarite. The attached map (Plat) shows the assays by their number and in relation to the floor Plat of the workings. The occurrence at the extreme northeast end of drift No. 2 shows the mineralized zone dipping into the hill at 25-degrees, the dip is northerly and the strike is east, limited backage would be afforded from the present levels in a northerly direction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the winze be carried down to at least 25-feet, to determine if the fold and faulting action has ceased and to ascertain the correct dip and pitch more definitely and if this drift continues with its values in the winze, then that a survey be made in view of driving the lower tunnel to the vein and stoping to the present levels for economical mining. That the test hole on Silver Knight be cleaned and complete examination of the ore and rock therein be made for paleontological information and its relation to the ore in the winze, this might lead to a complete blocking of ore from the present workings to the test shaft on Silver Knight No. 8. There is about 4,000 feet of trenching on the entire group that has been chlorided from the surface for its easy obtainable values, test holes or diamond drilling is recommended all along the old trenches to determine the mineralization of the entire group of claims. From a casual survey of the area I believe the more convenient trail could be built that conventional cars and trucks could use for ingress and egress to the workings for about \$2,000.

For treatment of the ore at the present I recommend Hartz jigs, crusher and rollers so that the ore may be reduced to about a 6 to 1 ratio at the portal, thereby decreasing the cost of transportation and handling, by this method the silica and gangue would be entirely

RECOMMENDATIONS
(continued)

eliminated and the metals retained, the gold is frozen with the iron pyrite, the silver, lead and zinc have the natural affinity of black galena.

The purchase price of the Silver Knight Claim No. 3 and the Silver Knight Claim No. 6, for \$25,000 in stock of a development company and a cash advance of \$6,000 seems to be reasonable and fair according to the contract as explained to me.

I further recommend that the development and the ore-dressing be done under surveillance of competent engineer and that the changes and occurrences in the structure of the formations be charted as the entire area is highly mineralized and evidence of much faulting, the formation is similar to the surrounding area, Sunny South Mine, U.S. Navy Mine, the Commercial Mine, the Cacocin Mine which all have produced well and their history is available.

CONCLUSION

The information contained herein was obtained from a personal examination of the property completed July 2, 1948 and I attach hereto a Plat of the area, a Plat of the workings and a mineral assay map, the samples were cut by myself.

(SIGNED)

Ike Kusisto
Mining Engineer

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF YAVAPAI) s.s.

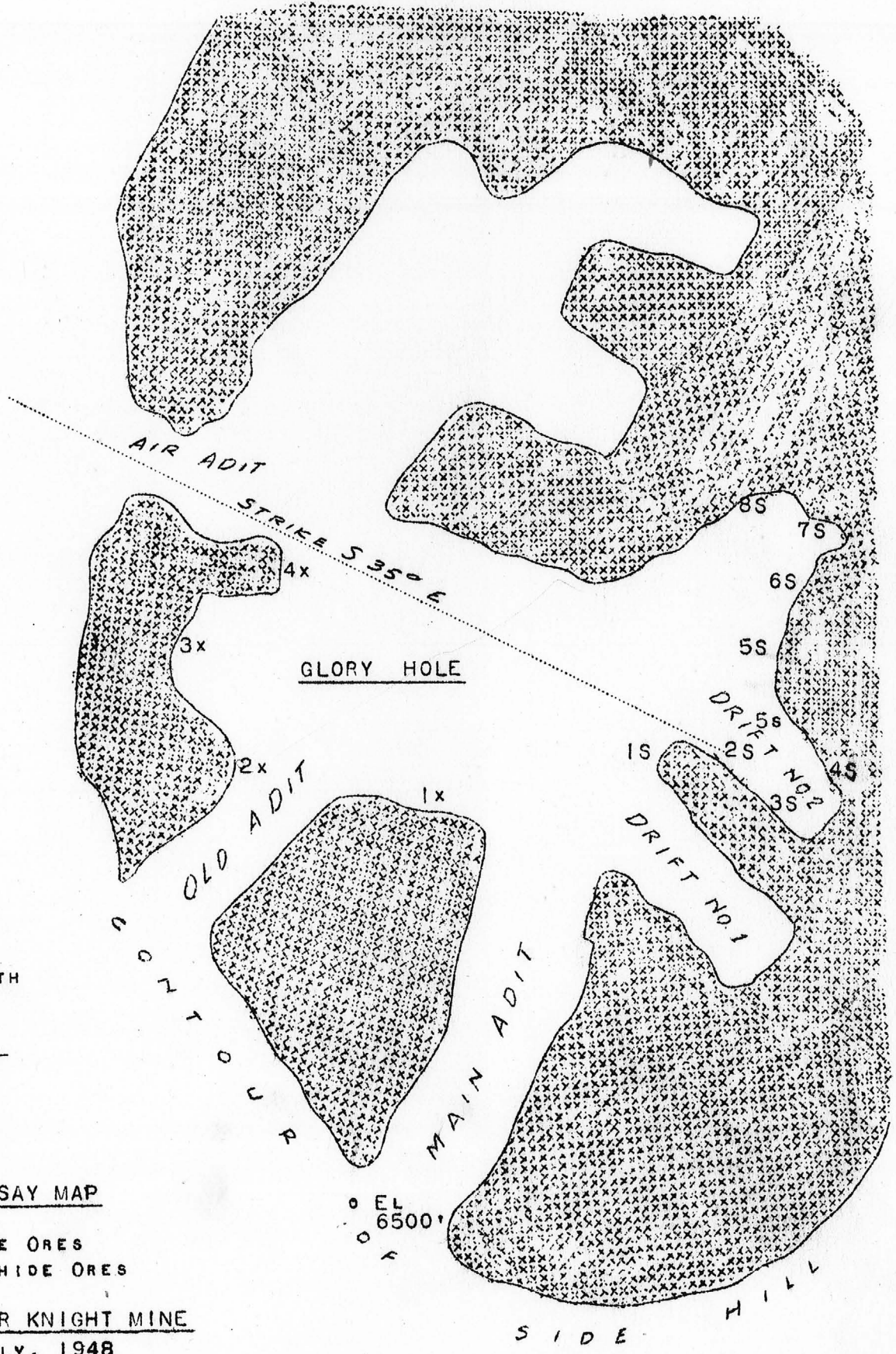
Personally appeared before me Notary Public in and for the County and the State above mentioned, Ike Kusisto, whose signature appears on the attached engineers report, and states under oath that the report is to the best of his knowledge true and accurate and that the property was examined by him personally.

(SEAL) Dated at Prescott, Arizona July 6, 1948

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 25, 1950

(SIGNED)

L.F. Dowell,
Notary Public

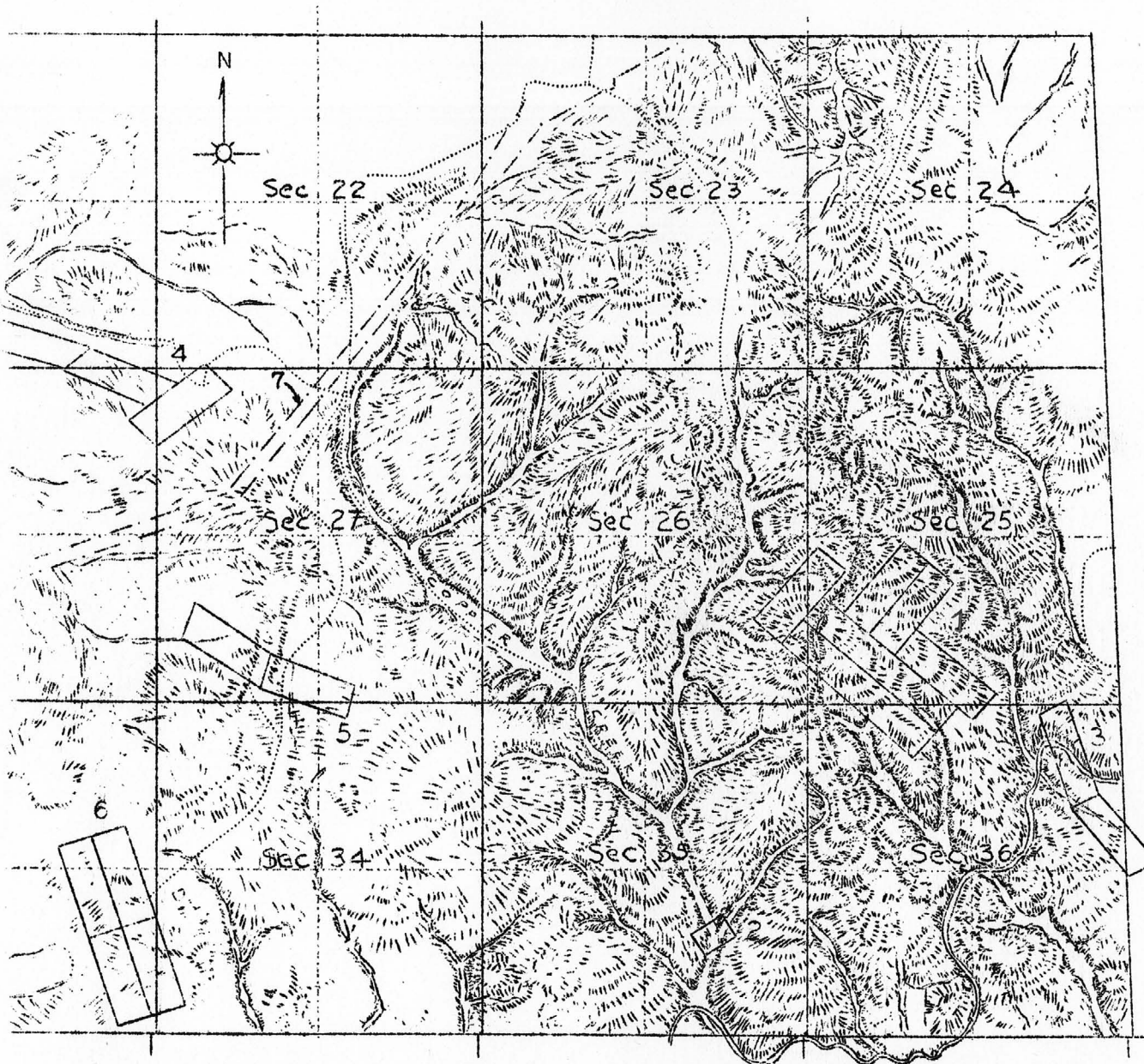


ASSAY MAP

x = OXIDE ORES
 s = SULPHIDE ORES

SILVER KNIGHT MINE
 JULY, 1948

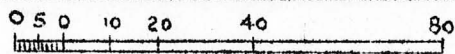
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MAP SKETCHED FROM INDEPENDENT RESURVEY TOWNSHIP NO. 13 NORTH, RANGE NO. 3 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDAN PERTAINING TO MINERAL CLAIMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, DENVER, COLO.

1. SILVER KNIGHT MINE (UNSURVEYED)
2. SILVER KNIGHT MILL SITE (UNSURVEYED)
3. SUNNY SOUTH MINE
4. PHELPS DODGE COMMERCIAL MINE (PART OF GROUP)
5. GRAND VIEW MINE CLAIMS
6. ORPHAN MINE GROUP
7. ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE (ARIZONA POWER CO.)

SKETCH SHOWING MINES IN AREA OF SILVER KNIGHT MINE



DATE: JULY 5, 1948

SCALE, 40 CHAINS TO AN INCH

The following is copy of the Ore Settlement Sheet on a four ton m. l. sample, from the Silver Knight Mine, No. 2
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ORE SETTLEMENT
 Shattuck-Denn Mining Corporation
 Iron King Branch
 Mill, Humboldt, Arizona.

Bought of: Silver Knight Dev. Co., Ltd.

Dec. 3, 1947

Address: Box 1081 Prescott, Arizona.

Shippers lot No. 1

Name of Mine: Silver Knight No. 2

Rec'd. Nov. 28, 1947

1-load

Gross Wt. 666
 4.110 Tons

% h₂O 2

Dry wt. 4.028

PAYMENTS

ASSAY	Pay for	Pay for	Price	Amount	Total
				Per Ton	
Gold .57oz	65%	.3705	32.00	11.86	
Silver 25.30oz	65%	16.445	.80	13.16	
Lead 5.50%	75%	2.005	2.00	8.25	
Zinc 6.20	60%	3.720	.80	2.98	
		Total.....		36.25	146.02

Deductions

Base mill charge \$3.50 3.50 14.10

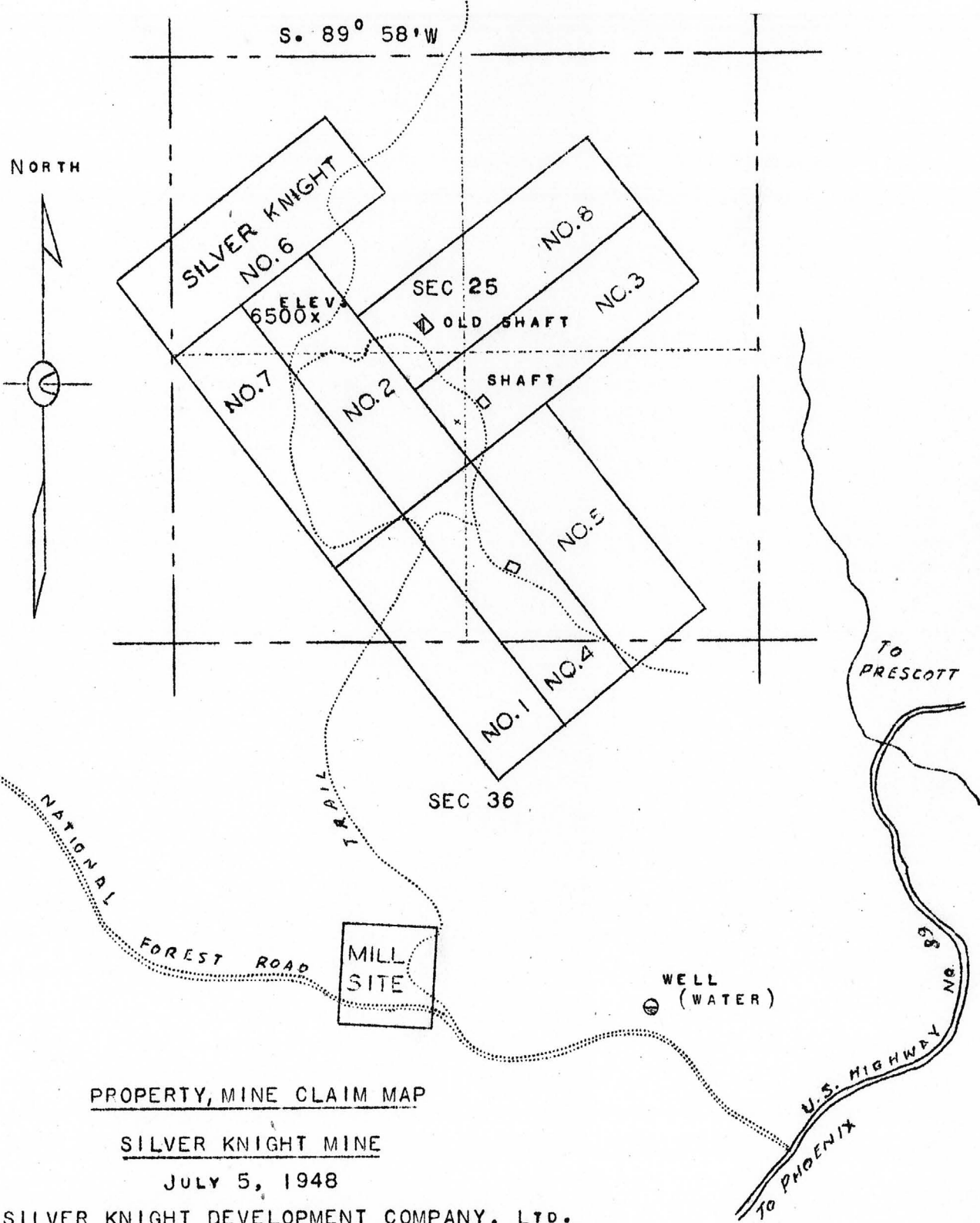
Mill return 32.75 131.92

Hauling by, Delivered.

Check to : Silver Knight Development Co., 32.75 131.92

Approved. H.F. Mills

Remarks: You will see that we were paid only 10¢ for lead and 2¢ for zinc, and an average of only 65% of our net milling assay, if this would have been in carload lots to the smelter we would have received about \$60.00 per ton for the above assayed ore. It has an assay value of about 84.00 per ton.



PROPERTY, MINE CLAIM MAP

SILVER KNIGHT MINE

JULY 5, 1948

SILVER KNIGHT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
Mineral Building, Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Arizona

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN A PREMIUM PRICE PLAN:

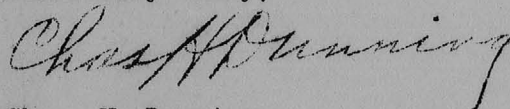
At a meeting in Denver, February 1st to 7th, of mining interests from all mining states, an attempt was made to bring forth a premium price plan that would not be objectionable to any segment of the industry.

A copy of this plan is enclosed herewith.

Without comment as to the chances of such a plan in Washington, and ignoring the fact that it is quite complicated and vague, this department is anxious to know how it would fit the individual needs of Arizona miners.

If you are interested in any premium price plan will you please analyze this plan from the point of view of your own operation, and let us know how it would work out for you.

Yours very truly,



Chas. H. Dunning
Director

CHD:mh

SILVER KNIGHT DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

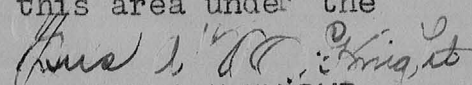
Mr. Dunning:

BOX 1081

PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

I think this is a good start, but I also think there should be aruling or law covering ore settlement by licensed buyers that would be more explicit, I am inclosing sample you can keep this confidential, but I can see the Mills reason for poor r covery and also the reason for paying only for that per cent recovered but why could they not pay for that percentage the ore market price and show the deuctions of feight on freight etc., here in this report they pay only for 65% but not at metal markets prices, as shown zinc was 2 ¢ lead 10¢ silver 80¢ gold \$32.00, I think they should pay for all ore recovered and show what the deductions are, and what for, it might not be any difference in the end but would assist the small operator in acquiring a knowledge of the spread that is made by the monopoly and what he is up against in marketing his product, before having the expense of mining it, with this information he could use a cost accounting system of production and that is what will have to be done with the small m nes in this area under the present high labor and freight prices.

Resp.



GUS A. MCKNIGHT

YAVAPAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ARIZONA SMALL MINE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

THE SMALL MINE OF TODAY IS THE PRODUCER OF TOMORROW

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Prescott, Arizona

November 1, 1940

HEADQUARTERS: GROUND FLOOR
OF THE COURTHOUSE, PRESCOTT,
ARIZONA.

ADDRESS . . . P. O. BOX 346
TELEPHONES . . 180, 775, 303

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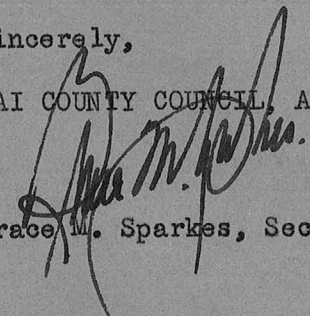
Dear Mr. Holt:

It was a pleasure to have had you with us at our last meeting of the Yavapai County Council, and we sincerely hope you enjoyed the session.

There is enclosed herewith the two reports which you requested on the Sioux Gold, Silver, Lead Mining Company. We hope you will be able to interest capital in this property.

Sincerely,

YAVAPAI COUNTY COUNCIL, ASMOA


Grace M. Sparkes, Secretary

GMS ms
10-30-40
encs.

An Organization interested in the problems of those who operate mining properties in Arizona.

Yavapai County has a mineral production record of \$523,770,845 from 1880 to 1937 according to records compiled by the United States Geological Survey

Yavapai

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

Date: Nov-20-1949

1. Mine: SILVER KNIGHT

2. Location: Sec. Twp. Range. Nearest Town: Prescott

Distance: 11-1/2 Direction: South Road Condition: 11-Hwy-1 1/2 trail

3. Mining District & County: Hassayamapa, Yavapai

4. Former Name of Mine: Olsen Mining Silver Run

5. Owner: Summit

Address: Unknown

6. Operator: Geo. A. Wright of Chas. W. Daniel, Atty.

Address: Prescott

7. Principal Minerals: Lead, gold and silver

8. Number of Claims: 4 Lode Placer

Patented Unpatented

9. Type of Surrounding Terrain:

mountainous

10. Geology & Mineralization:

Quartz, with porphyry

11. Dimension & Value of Ore Body:

Undetermined

12. Ore "Blocked Out" or "In Sight":

In sight

Ore Probable: Gold, lead, silver

13. Mine Workings—Amount and Condition:

Poor, oxidation

No.	Feet	Condition
Shafts 4	50	old since 1942
Raises		
Tunnels	50 ft	water
Crosscuts		
Stopes	30	water

14. Water Supply:

not definite, but sufficient at present

15. Brief History:

Blue sky, which was S.K. No. 2 and again is S.K. No. 2 has caused much controversy but this matter is closed by Case No. 15804, Superior Court of Yavapai County.

Last assay from S.K. No. 2
Silver 22 oz - \$20.84 Gold \$8.40 Lead 18 1/2 - \$44.63
Total of \$73.87 about Jan - 1947.
copy on request.

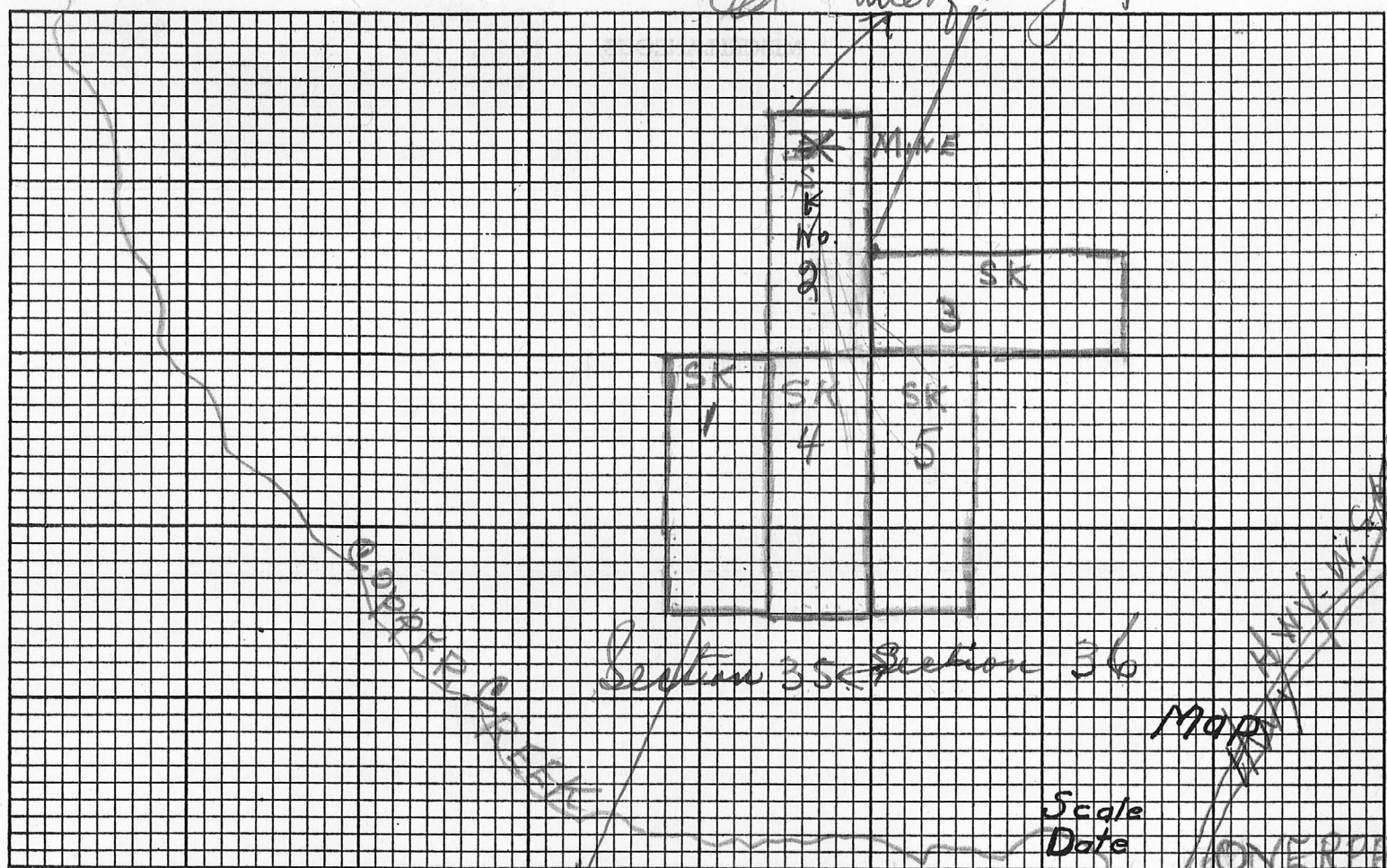
16. Signature:

Dur. A. Wright

17. If Property for Sale, List Approximate Price and Terms:

Cash \$25,000
Will make Bonden lease for \$50,000.

Some questions about
title of his glory Hole No. 2



N B W 35 or

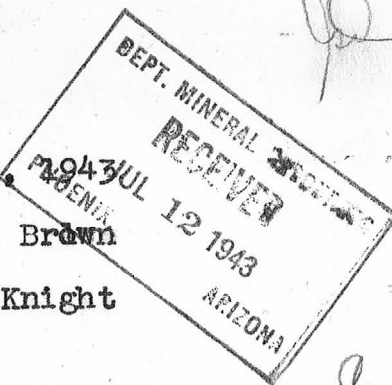
Located in Sec. 35 & 36, Twp. 138 N. R. 3 W.
Yavapai County, Ariz. Dist.

Section

Scale
Date

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine SILVER KNIGHT Date July 10, 1943
District Copper Creek, Yavapai County Engineer B. W. Brown
Subject: Examination of Silver Knight Mine for Gus A. McKnight
Box 1091 - Prescott, Arizona



The Silver Knight Mine, which consists of five unpatented claims held by Gus A. McKnight (Box 1091 - Prescott), is located on the Big Copper Creek in Yavapai County about 12 miles by road south of Prescott. The claims are reached by highway and about a half mile of good dirt road and thence by about a quarter of a mile of steep burro trail up a rugged granite slope.

Although there are trench workings on all of the five claims and a few shallow pits, the main workings are on the Number 2 claim where a lenticular blanket orebody has been exposed and coyote-stoped for a depth of about thirty feet. Some high-grade silver ore is said to have been shipped from the property in the past.

The vein, which chiefly carries sulphide values in lead and silver, occurs in a monzonitic porphyry near a granitoid contact. The vein is evident only in the above mentioned surface stope or coyote-hole but is said to have been exposed for the distance of several claims and traced as a blanket ledge in the now backfilled shallow trenches and pits. Where the ore is exposed in the surface stope it appears as a blanket which dips about 15 to 18 degrees to the East and pinches out laterally with rather abrupt termination. The vein shows for a lateral distance of from 20 to 30 feet as a good exposure of sulphide ore which ranges from 6 to 12 inches in thickness. A sample taken from this ledge by Mr. McKnight is said to assay as follows:

Au	Ag	Pb	Zn	Cu
.70oz	21.7oz	6.1%	1.7%	.08%

The mine appears to be a promising prospect and should be developed accordingly.

Several of the test holes are wet and would indicate that water could be easily developed on the property for normal mining purposes. The trail leading to the claims is wide and easily accessible by burro or pack mule

Further work should be done to prove the value of the property.

Bahngrell W. Brown
Bahngrell W. Brown - FIELD

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