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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AZMILS DATA

PRIMARY NAME: VIRGINIA PLACER

ALTERNATE NAMES:

LA PAZ COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 438

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 3 N RANGE 20 W SECTION 10 QUARTER

LATITUDE: N 33DEG 36MIN 34SEC LONGITUDE: W 114DEG 19MIN 12SEC

TOPO MAP NAME: CUNNINGHAM MTN - 7.5 MIN

CURRENT STATUS: UNKNOWN

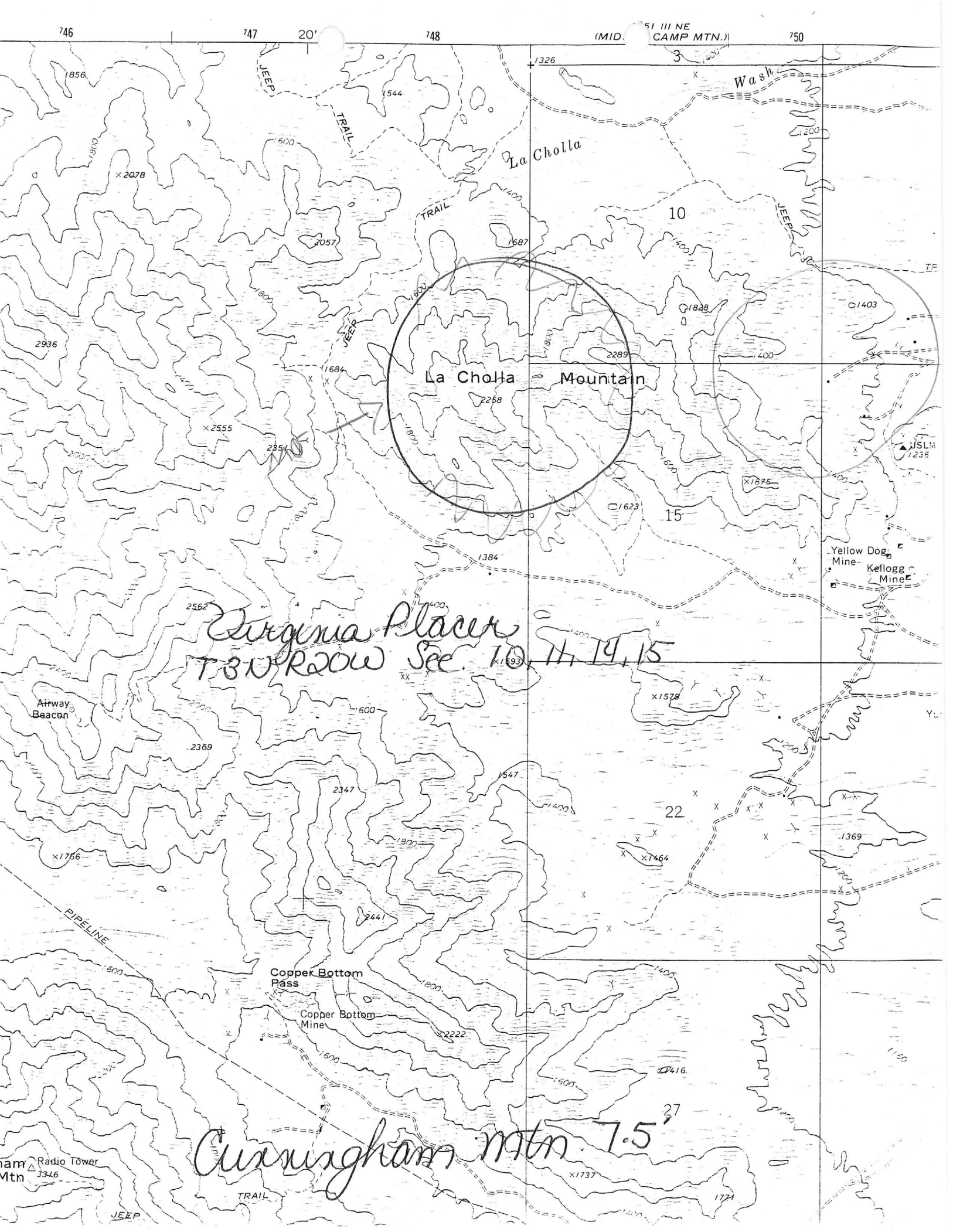
COMMODITY:

GOLD PLACER

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

ADMMR VIRGINIA PLACER FILE

CLAIMS EXTEND INTO SECS 11, 14, 15



Virginia Placer
T3N R20W Sec. 10, 14, 15

Cunningham Mtn 7.5

A visit was made to the Greenlee's place where no recent digging has been done but an effort has been made to locate the corners of the patented Virginia placer claim. The common corner to Sec. 10, 11, 14 & 15, T3N R20W was found but it wasn't in the ground. It apparently had been set on the bank of a wash from which it has been eroded. Mr. Greenlee, who has a compass, will attempt to locate the corners from the point where the corner post was found.
GW WR 3/14/73

Visited with Bob and Marge Greenlee at Ben Helwig's patented placer claim in La Cholla district but he hasn't started any mining operation. When questioned as to the possibility of leasing the property to Mr. Vian of Quartzsite, they both almost in chorus, said no. GW WR 4/1//73

Visited briefly with Mr. & Mrs. Bob Greenlee on Ben Helwig's patented placer claim. They aren't mining yet. GW WR 5-9-73

Bob and Marge Greenlee on Ben Helwig's underground placer claim are still marking time. GW WR 6/14/73

There was no one at Ben Helwig's camp; his son-in-law lives there when he is at home. GW WR 10/18/73

Received a letter from Bob Greenlee on Ben Helwig's patented placer claim 6 miles W of quartzsite in regard to a section corner common to Sec. 10, 11, 14 & 15, T3N, R20W, on the north side of their claim which has been washed out of the side of the wash. This was noted more than a year ago and was reported to the BLM. GW WR 3-26-74

Visited Marge Greenlee (daughter of deceased Ben Helwig) who said her husband had mined 2 oz. of Au from their underground placer in about 7 days work.
GW WR 10/1/75

Visited two properties which belong to people Mr. Walker knows. Mrs. Greenlee was home but she did not know of any new mining activity around Quartzsite.
GAM WR 5/12/76

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

STATE OF ARIZONA
FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

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Mine VIRGINIA PLACER GROUP (or Helwig Group)

Date 10/13/64

District La Paz - Quartzsite District, Yuma

Engineer Lewis A. Smith

Subject: Mine visit with Bernard (Ben) Helwig 10/13/64

PROPERTY: 2 placer claims (surveyed for patent).

LOCATION: Secs 10-11, 14-15, ^{(3) T3N} ~~T2N~~, R20W, (8 miles by road from Quartzsite in a southerly direction. (Between the LaCholla and Oro Fino Placers, in a large draw).

OWNER: Bernard (Ben) Helwig, Quartzsite (since 1954).

METAL: Gold.

WORK: The claims have been honeycombed by pits and trenches down to bedrock (10 to 25 feet below the surface). Bedrock in almost all cases is schist.

GRAVELS: The gravels are distributed over a width of 300 to 500 feet in the main wash area, being widest where a branch wash comes in from the NW. The bulk of the gold has been recovered from a caliche saturated layer of gravel, close to, or at bedrock. The gold is rough, and in some cases jagged, indicating that little transportation from the source has occurred. It is bright. The area, on both sides of the wash and above the gravels, is mainly composed of schists they contain many veinlets and small discontinuous veins, of quartz, that roughly conform to the schistosity. These quartz veins and veinlets probably are the source of the placer gold. The Dome Rock Mountains rise precipitously, less than a mile west of the claims. The schist is related to gneiss that outcrops in local masses in the canyons west of the claims, as does an intrusive granite. Considerable prospectable placer ground is still present on the claims and Helwig estimates that much of this would be relatively deep to bedrock. Helwig generally works during the 3 months of cooler weather.

Helwig said that the BLM had approved patent for a ten acre portion of the placer claim he had applied for last year. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ or 10 acres, was reversed. This procedure was considered to be "land grabbing" by Helwig who claims that there is also good placer on the reversed half. He said he had dropped the contested portion and relocated it and would test it for placer. If it proves out he will reapply for patent. (The area approved is the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - Sec. 15 T3N, R20W). X

LAS CONF QUARTZSITE 6/14/67

Visited with Bob and Marge Greenlee on Ben Helwig's patented placer claim about 6 miles SW of Quartzsite. Mrs. Greenlee is the daughter of the deceased Mr. Helwig. Mr. Greenlee hasn't begun any digging on the property as yet but has searched in vain for the corners of the claim. I told them I would attempt to get a copy of the original plat when next in Yuma. GW WR 2/15/73

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STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

Mine ° Deep Freeze Claims Date May 4, 1962
District ° *La Cholla*
 ° ~~La Paz~~-Quartzsite District, Yuma Co. Engineer Lewis A. Smith
Subject: Interview with H. G. Hubbard, of Quartzsite 5-4-62

Claims: 3 unpatented

Owner: Bernard Helwig, Quartzsite, Arizona (He lives at the Mine).

Location: La Cholla mountain, near the Big Bertha 8 miles southwest of Quartzsite,
(Approx. Sec. 17, T3N, R20W).

Work: Several cuts and location pits.

Geology: The principal vein cut across the schistosity which trends EW and dips 30
degrees N. The veins roughly trend NE-SW and have a variable dip. The principal vein
has yielded up gold ore pockets which are reported to have assayed up ^{to} 8 ounces of gold.