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Tel-669-2999

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In Parker -

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About 10³⁰ to 11⁰⁰ am

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Properties looked
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(26 claims)
owned by Noblitt

Copper King Mine
(5? claims)
owned by Mrs Dilts.
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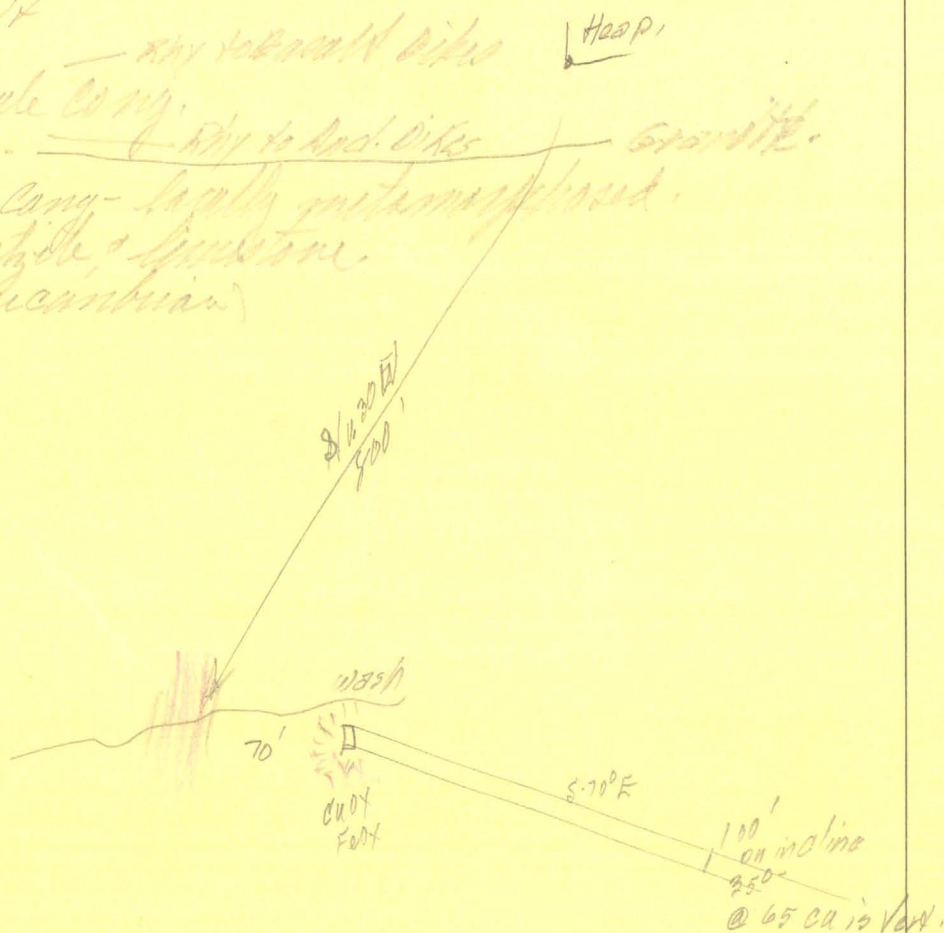
New property Noblitt wants
us to see -
Last Chance -
owned by Noblitt

Hand-drawn geological map on grid paper. The map shows various geological features and sample locations. Key labels include:

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- Heavy Chert - irregular Feox** (top right, green shaded area)
- Gneiss** (middle left)
- Red Rock FeOx** (middle left)
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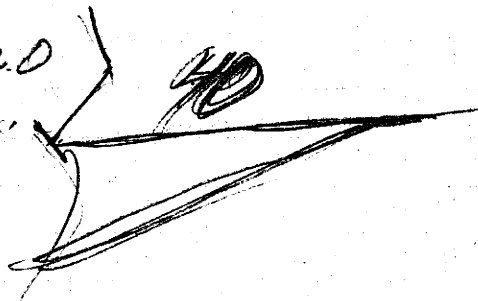
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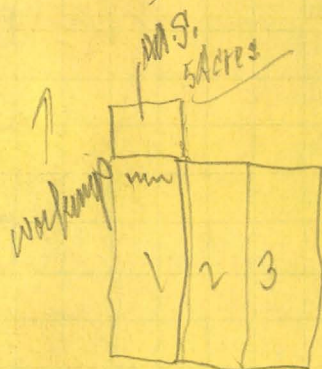
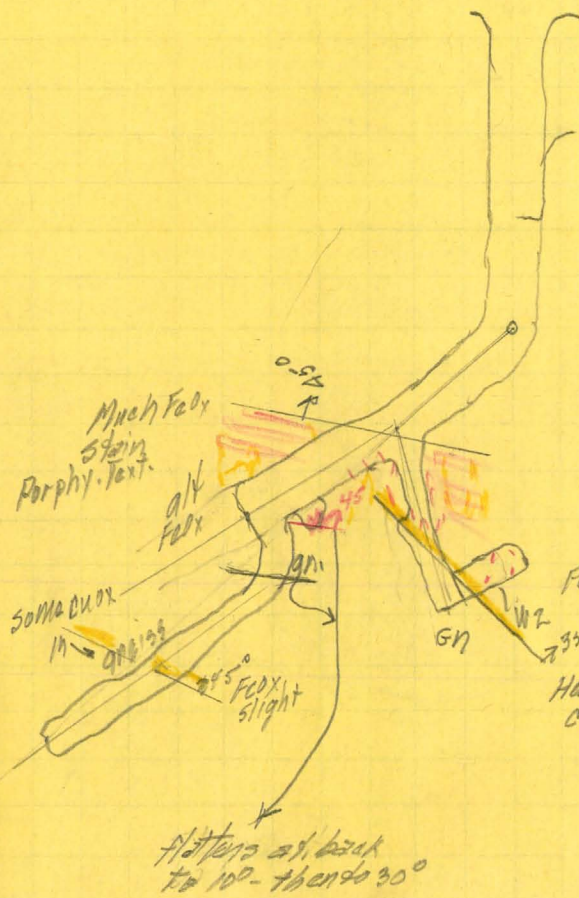
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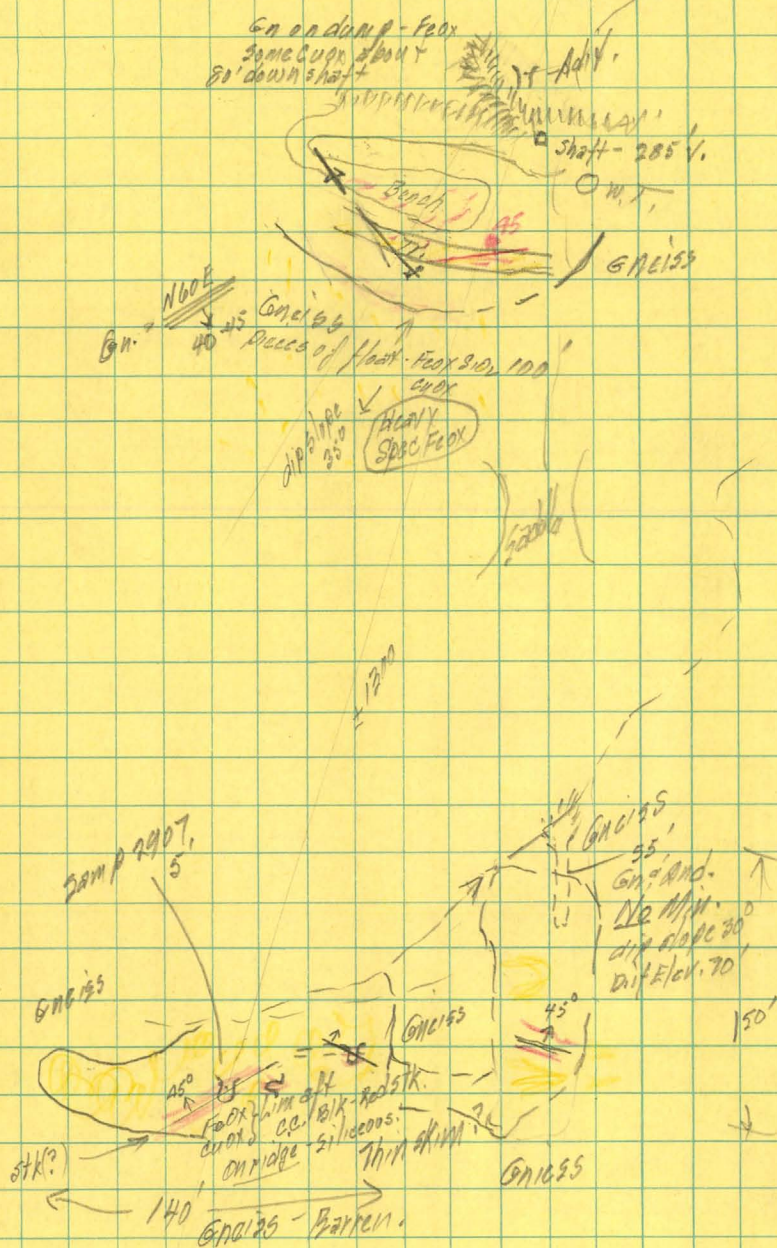
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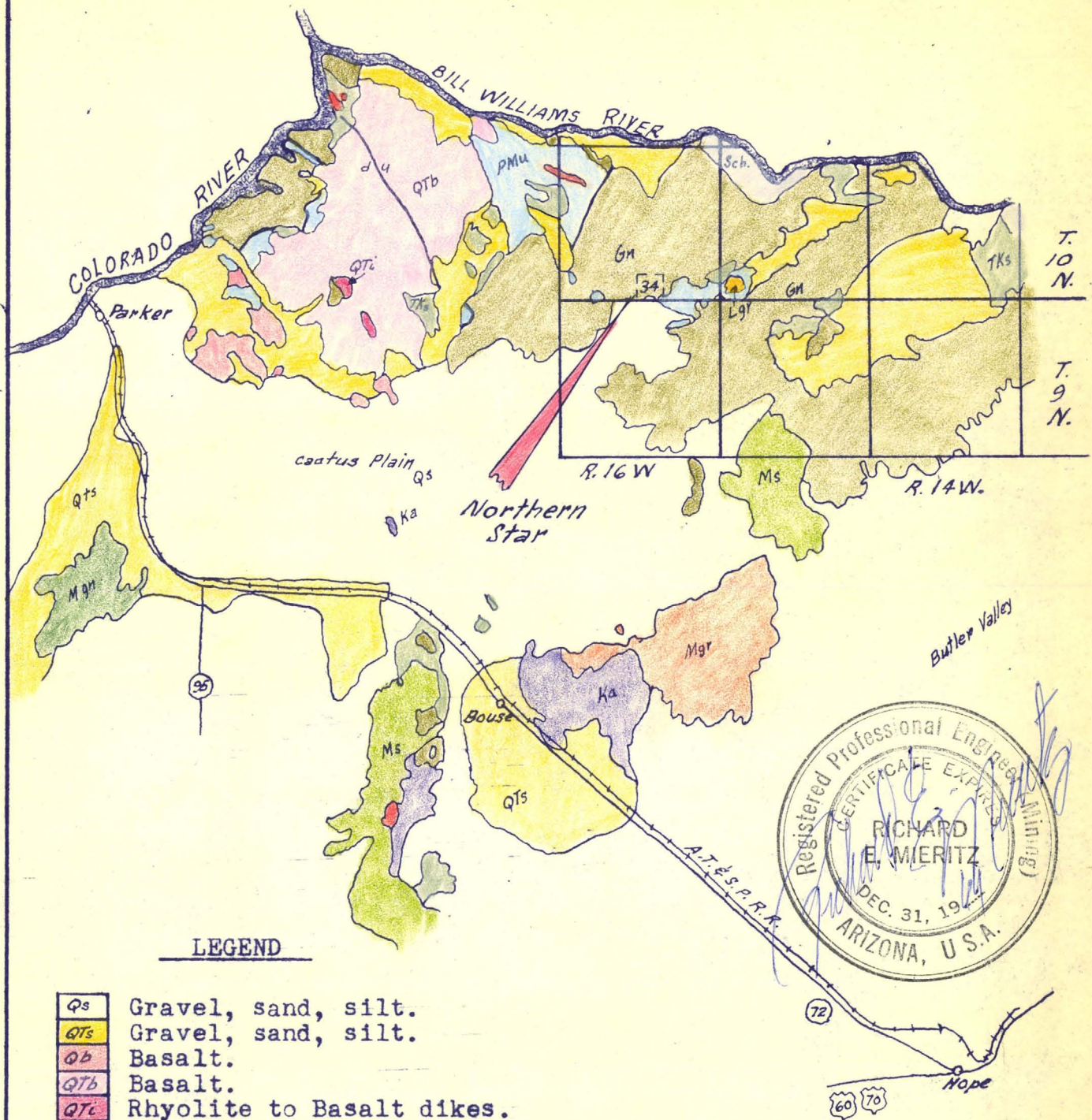
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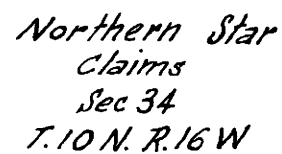
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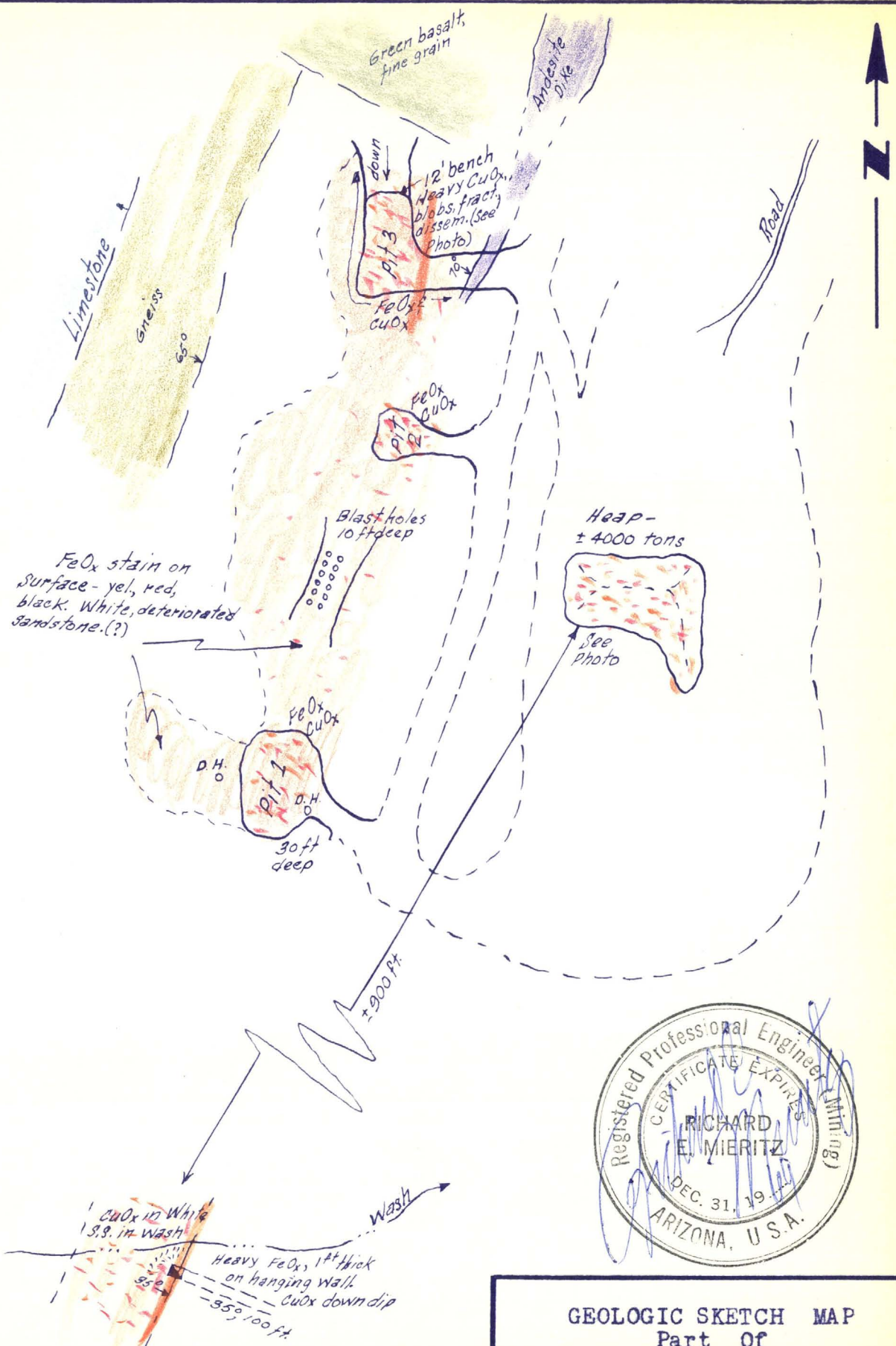
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