

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

702 Woodlark Building
Portland, Oregon

BOTTOM CLAIM, ^(gold) Rock Creek Area, Baker County

The Bottom Claim was located by Victor Badsky and Ben Somvlin of Baker in 1939. This claim was originally an unpatented claim in the Maxwell group. The country rock is argillite and the vein filling quartz, pyrite, sphalerite and galena, which strikes S 50° E and dips 65° to 70° N.E.

OWNER: Victor Badsky and Ben Somvlin.

AREA: One unpatented lode claim.

LOCATION: The Bottom Claim is located in the Rock Creek mining district, on the northeast side of the Elkhorn Mountains, about 15 miles airline W.N.W. from Baker. The southwest side line of this claim joins the Highland group. It is 14 miles from the nearest shipping point which is Haines, and is located in Section 19, T. 8S., R. 38E. at an elevation of 6500 feet.

HISTORY: This claim was originally part of the Maxwell group located in 1891. Eight of the Maxwell group of claims are patented, but one was unpatented. In 1939 the Bottom Claim, the unpatented one, was open for location and was located by the present owners.

DEVELOPMENT: Development work on this claim consists of 200 feet of tunnel (see sketch). The timber is decayed. Two caves were found in the main drift. There is about 10 inches of water in the portal of the tunnel and 16 inches back of the second cave. Unless work is done soon, caving will make the workings inaccessible.

GEOLOGY: The country rock is argillite. The vein strikes S 50° E and dips 65° to 70° Northeast. It varies from 8 inches to 3 feet in width, averaging about 12 inches. The vein filling is quartz, pyrite, galens and sphalerite.

Property visited June 21, 1942.

Hugh K. Lancaster
Hugh K. Lancaster,
Field Engineer
July 13, 1942.

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<u>SAMPLE NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Ounces Gold</u>	<u>Ounces Silver</u>	<u>Percent Lead</u>	<u>Percent Zinc</u>
CHF 61	Gouge, quartz, pyrite, marcasite, and minor amounts of sphalerite and galena, width 8 inches	Tr.	0.4	0.5	1.7
CHF 62	Quartz, pyrite and minor amounts of galena and sphalerite. Width 36 inches. Partially oxidized.	Tr.	0.4	1.0	1.0
CHF 63	Quartz, galena, pyrite and sphalerite Width 12 inches	0.08	5.6	8.6	1.1
CHF 64	Gouge and broken quartz. Width 12 inches	0.02	Tr.		

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Bottom Claim

Lead-Zinc

NAME

OLD NAMES

PRINCIPAL ORE

MINOR MINERALS

85 T 38E R 19 S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker COUNTY

Rock Creek AREA

6500 ELEVATION

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

..... ROAD OR HIGHWAY

14 miles to Haines DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S)

Victor Badsky
Ben Somolin

Address

Baker Oregon
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OPERATOR

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

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REPORTS

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SHIPMENT AND ASSAY RECORDS

MAPS

Sketch of Working Bottom Claim, HKL

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