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Dear Maggie:

Ken Grabner, owner of the Record mine at Unity has known old man Hiller from way back and he tells me that the Frank Lyons property and Hiller's chrome claims are one and the same. Frank Lyons owned and produced during World War I. Hiller re-located the occurrence at the beginning of World War II.

As regards the reported differences in location, that is, Section 9 vs. Section 16, I can say nothing authoritative. Marked corners are scarce in this area and the available maps have been utterly miserable until recently. Thus, the 1918 and 1942 examiners could have both been making an educated guess. Then too, it is to be noted that these sections adjoin each other. The occurrence could actually overlap the boundary line and thus be located partly in each section.

Another point, Westgate lists a "Lyons" occurrence west of Canyon City, T. 14 S., R. 31 E. -- about 30 or 31. I don't think this is the same Lyon. Clint says his name was Hampton Lyon.

Finally, Grabner says that Hiller had another claim on another chrome occurrence on top of the ridge two miles or so east of the Lyons. This I suppose would be Section 11. There has been no production from this occurrence which is accessible only by hiking.

Hope all this helps---

Sincerely,

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