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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

2810 - MINING CLAIMS
Siskiyou National Forest
McCROREY, John E.
Administrative Problem
Job No. 397

June 25, 1970

REPORT OF MINERAL EXAMINATION



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Claimant: John E. McCrorey
P. O. Box 8
Powers, Oregon 97466

Reason for Examination: Occupancy

Subject: Validity of Mining Claim.

Lands Involved: Cretie Star Quartz, placer mining claim,
20 acres, approximately in the NW¹/₄NE¹/₄
Section 26, T. 32 S., R. 12 W., W.M.,
Siskiyou N.F., Coos County, Oregon.

Land Status: National Forest land open to mineral
entry.

Location Data: The claim was located by L. J. & Lucretia
Skewis on June 27, 1945, and recorded in
Vol. 6, page 61, mining records. They
sold to Clarence H. McCrorey on January 23,
1961, Book of Deeds 283, page 371.
Clarence H. & Sally M. McCrorey sold to
John E. & Venus McCrorey about December
1965, Document 66-8-11951.

Mining District: Johnson Creek, unorganized

Mining Engineer and
Date of Examination: Colver F. Anderson
November 6, 1969

Accompanied by: David Price, resource assistant.

ABSTRACT

This occupancy is in full view of the Powers - Agness road on the South Fork Coquille River.

Timber values are low and none of the claim is suitable for recreation use.

The gravel has been mined off the claim for probably over 70 years. There is no record of the time or the production.

There has been no mining activity in the 8 years, approximately, that I have known about the claim.

The present claimant is very uncooperative. A hearing to determine the validity of the claim is probably the best way to proceed.

Location and Topography

The Cretie Star claim is located on the edge of a hill overlooking a terrace above the present South Fork of the Coquille River, as shown in Pictures 1 and 5. The hill behind the cabin (Picture 5) is steep. The terrace is about 100 feet wide and 30 feet above the river.

The claim is reached by driving south from Powers along the Coquille River to China Flat about 11 miles. Cross the river and proceed southerly about a mile to a side road leading toward the left. This is on the claim. The cabin is down the side road.

Surface Values

There is a small supply of commercial timber on the claim. The terrace would make a fine camp area after the placer gravel piles were levelled and the surface finished. There is no camp value as it is. See Pictures 3 and 4.

Areal Geology

Initially, the entire bar was covered with gold-bearing gravel on a shale bedrock. The gold-bearing gravel originated in Johnson Creek.

Economic Geology

The claim has been mined out for all practical purposes.

History and Production

Mining on the claims immediately below Johnson Creek is not recorded as to time and production, but the operation probably payed according to the thoroughness of the operation.

Pertinent Information

Dave Chamberlin, forester, made preliminary examinations of the claim in 1965 and 1966. I have made cursory examinations from time to time. There never has been any indication that the present claimant planned to mine.

Occupancy

This is an outright occupancy without pretense of mining.

The cabin is about 26 X 26 feet with frame construction (Picture 1).

Discovery

There is no longer a discovery on the claim because the gravel was mined out many years ago. See Picture 2 of one of the embayments in the gravel bank below the cabin area.

Conclusions

The present claimant is not a miner, has not tried to mine, and does not intend to mine on this claim.

The District personnel have not been able to persuade the present claimant to show any interest in a special-use permit. This might change with the adjoining claimant taking permits for occupancies.

Recommendations

I recommend that a hearing be requested on the basis of the claim not having a discovery.

Date 6/25/70

Colver F. Anderson
COLVER F. ANDERSON, Mining Engineer

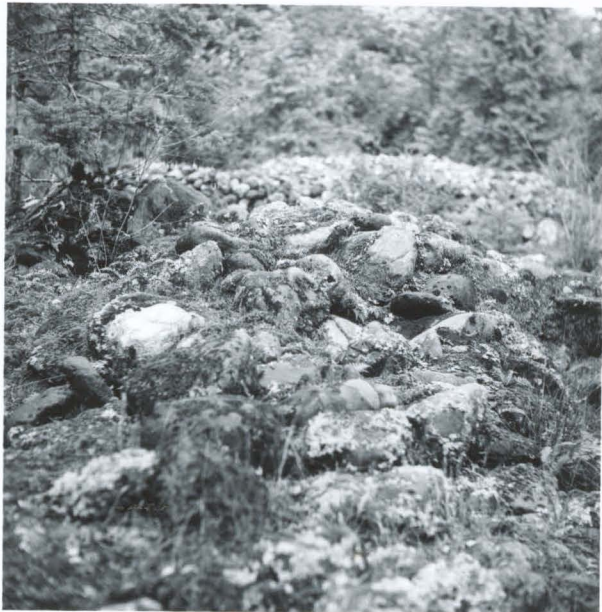
APPROVED:

Date 7/2/70

William M. Smith
Acting Assistant Regional Forester



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APPENDIX

1. Map of area 4" = 1 mile.
2. Tabulation of location notices and Quitclaim deeds.
3. Photocopies of location notices and Quitclaim deeds.
4. Photographs of improvements.

Record of Claims & Transfer of claims

| Locator or Grantor | Type of Recording | Grantee | Name of Area | Date of Paper | Date Recorded | Vol | Page |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----|-------|
| Paul R. Layman | Location Notice | | Sanger Quartz Placer Mine | 12-7-39 | 12-9-39 | 5 | 411-2 |
| Paul R. Layman | Quitclaim Deed | F.J Skewis Lucretia Skewis | Sanger Quartz Placer Mine | 9-26-44 | 9-26-44 | 152 | 584 |
| F.J Skewis Lucretia Skewis | Placer Location | | Cretie Star Quartz Placer Mine | 6-27-45 | 6-29-45 | 6 | 61 |
| F.J. Skewis Lucretia Skewis | Quitclaim deed | Clarence H. McCrorey | Cretie Star Quartz Placer Mine | 1-23-61 | 2-16-61 | 283 | 371 |
| Clarence H. McCrorey | Transfer of Ownership | John McCrorey | Cretie Star Quartz Placer Mine | 11 or 12, 1965 | Not recorded | | |

over, on the 15teenth day of N^v. 1939, discovered a vein or lode of Quartz and placier gravel in place bearing gold, and silver, within the limits of the claim hereby located, and has this seventh day of Dec. 1939, under and in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the United States, located fifteen hundred (1500) linear feet of this vein or lode in length, with surface ground, three hundred (300) feet in width on each side of the center of said lode, situated in the South Coquill River Mining District, County of Coos and State of Oregon In Sec. 26 T. 32 S.R. 12 W.W.M., and known as the "Sanger Quartz Placier Mine" Mining Claim, and extending fifteen hundred (1500) feet to and from this notice: the exterior boundaries of this claim be distinctly marked by reference to natural objects or permanent monuments and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

No. 1 Post starting 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ chains west of Sec. Corners 23, 24, 25 and 26. Then Southerly 1500 ft. to No. 2 Post. Then westerly 300 ft. to No. 3 Post. Then westerly 300 ft. to No. 4 Post. Then Northerly 1500 ft. to No. 5 Post. Then Easterly 300 ft. to No. 6 Post. Then Easterly 300 ft. to No. 1 Post the Place of beginning of said claim.

PROOF OF LABOR

That all the assessment work has been performed and location work has been done according to law. Such as construction of floom and ditch, required amount of rock removed as to find mineral in place over ten feet in to rock and that placier development has been done by locator, and other parties concerned in the mine and that I intends to hold and work said above described claim, as provided by the local laws and customs and rules of miners, and the mining statutes and laws of the United States.

Discovered on the ground this 15teenth day of November 1939.

Located This 7th day of Dec. 1939. Recorded . Dated 193 .

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF COOS SS: I, Paul R. Layman, of Coos County, State of Oregon being duly sworn, deposes

and say that I have done, or caused to be done, on the within described Quartz Placier Mining Claim, the following work, to-wit: Ten ft. by thirty feet of open cut, the cut being thirty feet long, ten feet wide, ten feet deep, as required by Sec. 3, of Act 1901, known as H. B.

1.

Paul R. Layman Locator
Leonard H. Emang Laborer

Recorded Dec. 9, 1939, 10:45 A.M.

W. Oddy, County Clerk

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Know All Men By These Presents, That I, Paul R. Layman. being of lawful age, in consideration of Ten and no/100 Dollars, to me paid by F. J. Skewis and Lucretia Skewis, his wife, do hereby remise, release and forever quitclaim unto the said F. J. Skewis and Lucretia Skewis, his wife, and unto their heirs and assigns, all my rights, title and interest in and to all that parcel of real estate situate in County of Coos State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at center Post No. 1, 310 feet East of "Sugar Loaf" Rock on Johnson Creek and extending 660 feet in a Northerly direction to Post No. 2; thence 660 feet in a Westerly direction to Post No. 3; thence 660 feet in a Southerly direction to Post No. 4, which is the East center end of Cap. Waterman's claim; thence 660 feet in a Southerly direction to Post No. 5; thence 660 feet, in an Easterly direction to Post No. 6; thence 660 feet in a Northerly direction to Post No. 1, or place of beginning, said mining claim being known as "Grubstake Bar". This claim is located in Section 34, Township 32, South of Range 12, West of the Willamette Meridian, and on the contour of Johnson Creek. The location notice of said "Grubstake Bar" being recorded in Vol. No. 5 of the official mining records of Coos County, Oregon, on page No. 380, to which reference is hereby made for a complete description of said Placer Mining Claim. Said claim being located June 10, 1939, containing 20 acres. Together with all mining equipment located thereon.

Also, what is known as the "Sanger Quartz Placer Mine", the same being more fully described as: starting at No. 1 Post 22½ chains West of Section Corner common to Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, Township 32 South, Range 12 W. W. M., Coos County, Oregon; thence Southerly 1500 feet to No. 2 Post; thence Westerly 300 feet to No. 3 Post; thence Westerly 300 feet to No. 4 Post; thence Northerly 1500 feet to No. 5 Post; thence Easterly 300 feet to No. 6

Coos County, Oregon, on December 9, 1939. together with all mining equipment
To Have and to Hold, the same with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging
to said F. J. Skewis and Lucretia Skewis, his wife, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of
September, A.D.1944.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the
Presence of us as Witnesses:
Irene Quick

Paul R. Layman

(seal)

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Coos: ss. This Certifies, That on this 26th day of September, A.D.1944, before me,
the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the
within named Paul R. Layman who is known to me to be the identical individual described in and
who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his
free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal the day
and year last above written.

Recorded Sept. 26, 1944, 4:30 P.M.
L. W. Oddy, County Clerk

Irene Quick
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires Nov. 3, 1947
(Notarial seal)

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NOTICE OF LOCATION OF PLACER CLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, a citizen of the United States (or who has declared intention to become such) over the age of twenty-one years, F. J. Skewis and Lucretia Skewis, his wife did on the fourth day of June, 1945, locate a placer claim of twenty-(20) acres, situate in the County of Coos State of Oregon and more particularly described as follows:

Starting at No. 1 Post 22½ chains west of section corner common to sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, township 32 south, range 12 W.W.M, Coos County, Oregon, thence southerly 1500 feet to No. 2 post; thence westerly 300 feet to no. 3 post; thence westerly 300 feet to No. 4 post; thence northerly 1500 feet to no. 5 post; thence easterly 300 feet to No. 6 post; thence easterly 300 feet to No. 1 post the place of beginning of said claim, all being in section 26, township 32 south, range 12 W.W.M, This claim will be known as "Cretie Star Quartz Placer Mine".

and that we intend to hold and work said above described claim as provided by the local laws and regulations, and the customs and rules of mines and mining statutes and laws of the United States.

Dated at Coos Bay, Oregon, this twenty-seventh (27th) day of June A.D. 1945.

Witness:
August Luft
August Luft
F. H. Skewis

L. J. Skewis)Seal(
Lucretia Skewis)Seal(

Recorded June 29, 1945, 10:45 a.m.
L. W. Oddy, County Clerk

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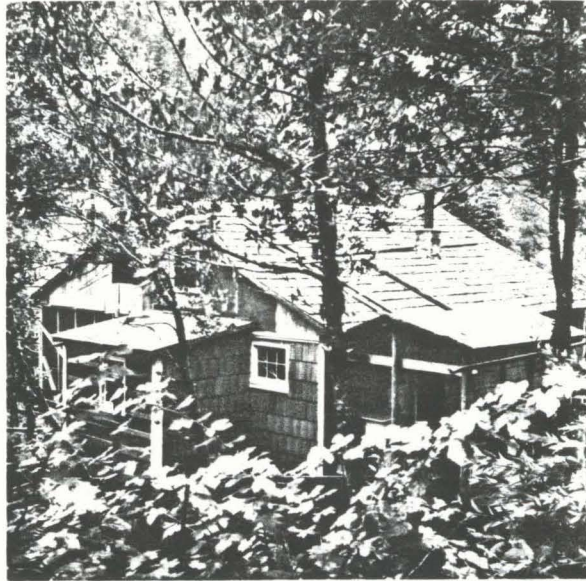


Photo #1. House looking southeast

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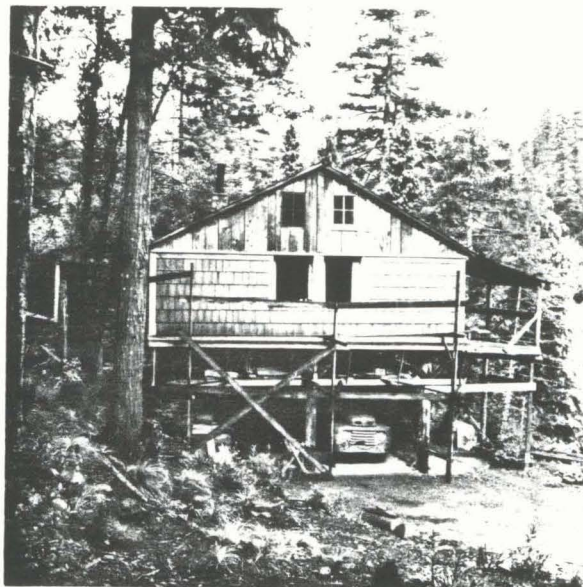


Photo #2. House looking northeast

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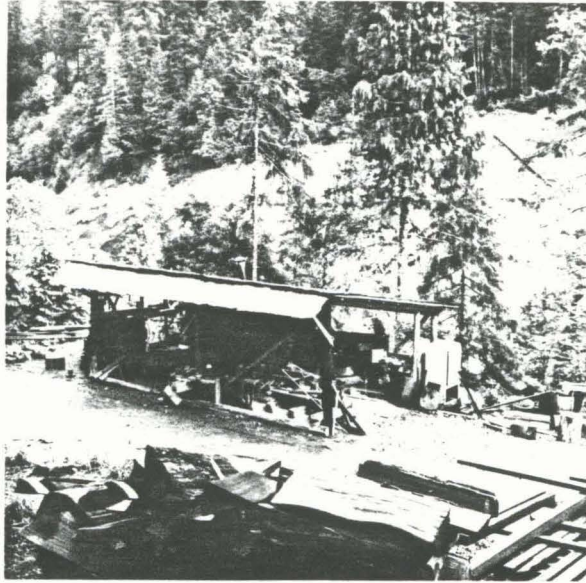


Photo #3. Storage shed looking east across river to South Fork Coquille River Road.

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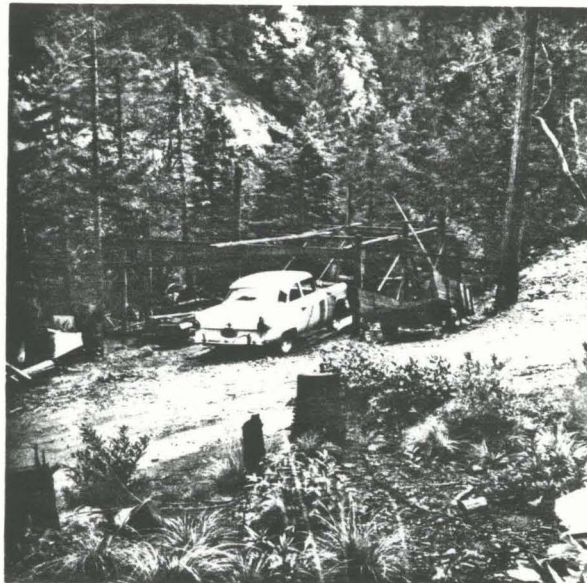


Photo #4. Looking southeast from house at old car and junk.