

CINNABAR CLAIM (Quicksilver)

~~Mt. Vernon District~~

Canyon Area

"About 8 miles north of Mt. Vernon, on what is locally called Cinnabar Mountain, is a quartz-calcite vein, which is reported to be traceable for a length of several claims. Its width is said to be 3 to 4 feet . . . and quite regular. Cinnabar, the ore of mercury, is found in places in the vein next to one wall. It was prospected in the early placer days and the best grade was retorted in crude appliances and used by the placer miners of Canyon City and vicinity in catching their gold in the riffles. The deposit was abandoned for many years following the decline of placer operations, but the high price of mercury in 1915-16 caused them to be relocated and some development has been done by drifting to search for commercial grades of cinnabar."

No activity (H.K.L. 11/14/40)

Reference: Parks and Swartley 16:55-56 (quoted)