

COMINI QUARRIES (Granite)

Quartzburg District

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"L. Comini & Sons have opened three small quarries in diorite about 4 miles up Dixie Creek from Prairie City.

"The stone differs in color in the three quarries, that in the quarry nearest to the town being darkest and that in the quarry farthest away being

lightest. In 1930 practically all the work was being done in the middle opening. The rock is a moderately fine-grained gray diorite but contains a large number of dark inclusions, which are of course very undesirable in monumental stone, leading to a considerable waste in partly worked stone. Efforts were being made to find an area free from these inclusions, which, however, had not been done at the time of visit."

Some monumental stone was quarried and dressed in 1937 and 1938 by Sutherland and Bentley. The quarries have been reported inactive for the past two years.

Reference: Gilluly, Reed and Park 33:104-105 (quoted).