

CHATTY MINE (gold)

Illinois River area

Location: Sec. 26, T. 38 S., R. 9 W.

"The Chatty Mine is situated in Days Gulch, nearly 5 miles northwest of Kerby, at an elevation of 3,160 feet. The country rock is greenstone and is much decomposed near its contact with serpentine, where the original owner some years ago found a rich pocket which is reported to have yielded approximately \$8,000.

"The mine was worked to a depth of 30 feet before it came into the hands of the present owner, who has run a tunnel 110 feet to a fault with a well-defined gouge, but no valuable ore is yet in evidence. The fault runs N. 4° W. and has a steep dip to the west, being approximately parallel to the adjacent contact between the greenstone and serpentine.

"This pocket, of small extent, was in oxidized material and its contents were completely removed some years ago. Early prospectors found traces of gold on the surface. Later these traces were followed to a depth of 15 or 20 feet into the oxidized rock, where in the rich pocket the quartz veins were found rusty and black. The quartz in the vicinity is porous, and where compact between the cavities is fairly rich in pyrite. The cavities are lined with quartz crystals, generally coated with limonite like that filling the late fissures in the rock. No free gold was seen with the quartz in any of the cavities, although pocket hunters of the region assert that such quartz is characteristic of pockets. An extension of the pocket has been sought for in all directions, apparently without avail, although the work continues."

Reference: Diller, 14:67 (quoted); also in
Parks & Swartley, 16:53