

Thomas Bond

Josephine
4-20-38
Josephine County

Gold Bond Placer (gold)

Owner: Gold Bond Placers Inc., A. O. Thomas, President, 641 N. 7th St., Grants Pass, Oregon. Operated under lease last season to G. P. McClanahan, Pauline, Oregon
R. S. Shelly, Eugene, Oregon
H. P. Spradling, forman, 805 N. 8th St., Grants Pass, Ore.

Location: On Briggs Creek, 20 miles via U. S. F. S. road down the Illinois River. Sec. 4 and 5, T. 37 S., R. 9 W. One and one half miles above the mouth of Briggs Creek.

Area: 1200 acres held by location. Hydraulic pit on Gold Bond No. 1. Gold Bond Nos. 2 and 3 run up Briggs Creek from Gold Bond No. 1.

History: Gold ^{has been to be} known in this district for many years, but never was operated commercially until the present owners acquired the property in 1935.

Geology: Rough, steep mountainous topography. A granitic bedrock. Elevation 1500 ft. Coarse gold. Lots of clay and big boulders.

Water rights: 1st right of 70 c.f.s. out of Briggs Creek delivered to the property by a four mile ditch and flume under a 225 ft. head. Water for year around operation.

Equipment: 2 No. 3 Giants, 400 ft. of 30" pipe and 600 ft. of 12" pipe.

Informant: J. E. Morrison.

See handbook p 97. Freshhold Mining Syndicate.

BLANK B—ANNUAL REPORT

This report must be properly executed and filed with the Corporation Commissioner on or before July 1, 1930, in order to entitle a corporation mining for any of the precious metals, coal, or prospecting or operating for oil, or operating an oil well, to pay a license fee of only \$10. If not so filed, such corporation must pay the same license fees as are required to be paid by other corporations for gain.—Section 6890, Oregon Laws.

Annual Report to the Corporation Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1930 1937

Of GOLD BOND PLACERS
(Give legal name in full)
 a corporation organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Oregon.

The location of its principal office is at No. Street,
 in the city of Grants Pass, in the state of Oregon

The names and addresses of principal officers, with the postoffice address of each, are as follows:

NAMES	OFFICE	BUSINESS ADDRESS
<u>J. G. Riggs</u>	President	<u>2824 NE Hancock St., Portland, Ore.</u>
<u>C. C. Hall</u>	Secretary	<u>104 Citizens Bank Bldg., Portland</u>
.....	Treasurer

The date of the annual election of officers is 1st Tuesday following 1st Monday in August

The date of the annual election of directors is do

	Common With Par Value	Common No Par Value	Preferred
Amount of authorized capital stock	\$ 500,000.00	Shares	\$
Number of shares of authorized capital stock	500,000.00		
Par value of each share	\$ 1.00	x x x x x x	\$
Amount of capital stock subscribed	\$ 500,000.00	Shares	\$
Amount of capital stock issued	\$ 500,000.00	Shares	\$
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 500,000.00	Shares	\$
Price at which no par value stock issued	x x x x x x	\$	x x x x x x

State amount of capital, represented by stock of no par value, with which
 the corporation began business \$

Total amount of its properties in Oregon (name of claims, lodes, or placers)

Dependable Group, Permanent Group, Gold Bond Group, Big Four Group, River View
 Placers, Oak Flat Group, Madrona Platt

The location of its properties Josephine County, Oregon

The amount of work done thereon and improvements made thereon since the time of filing
 last report \$10,299.84

The amount of output or products of the mines or wells of such corporation from January 1,
~~1930~~ ¹⁹³⁶ to December 31, ~~1930~~ ¹⁹³⁶ inclusive, no output for said period

The value of output or products of the mines or wells of such corporation from January 1,
~~1930~~ ¹⁹³⁶ to December 31, ~~1930~~ ¹⁹³⁶ \$ no output for said period

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, O. A. Thomas, Vice President

[CORPORATE SEAL]

of said corporation, have signed this report, this
28th day of June, A. D. 1937.
O. A. Thomas

STATE OF OREGON, }
 County of } ss.



TONY & JIM, Pack Asses belonging to Ed Cox,

and

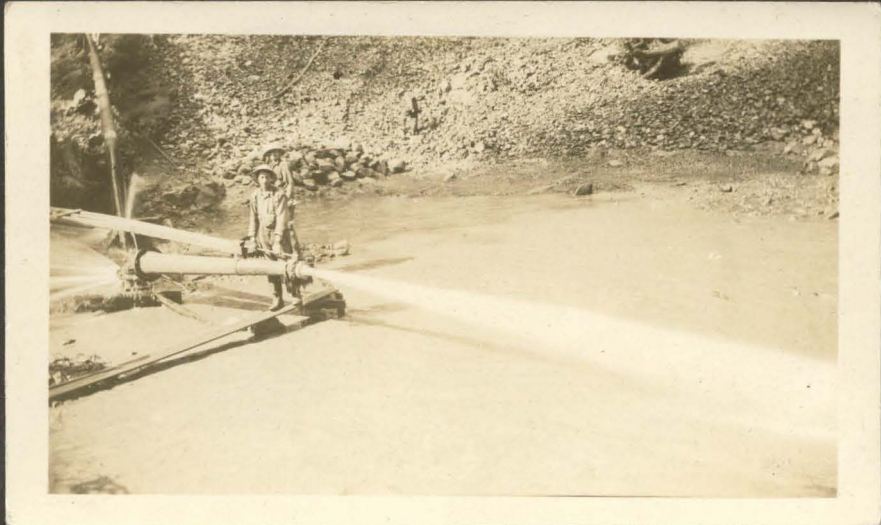
LAURETTE W. KENNEY



GIANT



PENTSTOCK AND PIPE



GIANT



G O L D B O N D M I N E

on

OAK FLAT RANCH
Selma, Oregon

SUMMER 1936

These pictures were taken during the summer of 1936, in the heart of depression. At the time when businesses were paralyzed, men were eking a living for themselves and their families by goldmining in the area of the Illinois River (Oregon). A mining engineer in California formed a hydrolic placer mining company to operate on the property known as Oak Flat Ranch which was then owned by one Ed. Cox. (If I understand correctly he filed the original homestead papers. If he had lived he would be in his 90s now.) This mining company was made up of men from very diverse backgrounds. There was Pat, an Irishman who owned apartment houses in San Francisco; Guy, an electrician from the Seattle, Wn. area, and Dutch, a local man who also shipped Darlingtonia, which grew wild locally, to England. There was an Englishman, whose background no one knew. He cooked for the group. There was a real estate man from California. The mining engineer's son, who sold shoes and played in an orchestra in San Francisco, also worked in this manual removal of gold from the ground.

1976

Letter to!

4125 SE Gladstone
Portland, Oregon 97202
4/9/76

To Norm Peterson:

You will recall that I mentioned these pictures to you when you visited the Geological Society's meeting on April 8, 1976. They were taken during my visit at Oak Flat Ranch in 1936. I mounted the pictures on this board a number of years ago. It is obvious that I lacked the foresight to record detail that should have been recorded. Understandably, at the age I was then, I possibly could have been a little more interested in gold-digging than gold mining.

These pictures are yours to use in any way that will preserve the history of Gold Bond Mine for Josephine County--either in your office or local museum.

Lauretta W. Kenney



DUTCH, GUY AND PAT (See note)



Left to Right:

Mr. & Mrs. T. I. Smith, parents of Mrs. Ed. Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Cox, owners of Oak Flat Ranch



FLUME



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PAT, ENGLISHMAN & FRIEND
See note



OAK FLAT RANCH HOUSE

