

*Josephine Co.
J. H. River Dist.*

NAME: Placer Mines

OWNERS: The Placer Mines Co., 707 S. Sheridan St., Tacoma, Washington
Milo M. Shier, Pres. and general manager, 709 N. 5th St.,
Grants Pass, Oregon.

LOCATION: Near the mouth of Briggs Creek 20 miles northwest of Selma in
section 5, township 36 south, range 9 west.

AREA: 7 placer claims, total of 140 acres.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

This company proposes to put in two 4 x 6 ^{sluice} (sluice) boxes 60 ft.
long and run Briggs Creek through these boxes all year. During
the summer months they expect to clean bedrock. At the time
of my visit Mr. Shier stated they had spent \$15,000 on equipment,
mostly for trucks and buildings.

INFORMANT: J.E. Morrison.

Dated: May 2, 1938

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Mining Claims
M.R. McCargor
Jerry C. Sparlin
Jack Provolt
Maurice Wright
(Siskiyou N. F.)

MINERAL CLAIMS OCCUPANCY REPORT

A. Summary of Case:

On August 10, 1961, M. R. McCargor, Jerry Sparlin, Jack Provolt, and Maurice Wright purchased a mining claim along the Illinois River near Store Gulch Guard Station, for \$600.00. The claimants appear to use the cabin mostly as a temporary residence during the summer. The value of the improvements is estimated as less than \$1,000.00.

The claim lies in the Illinois "A" area for surface rights determination. No verified statement has been received for this claim.

B. Claimant Identity:

M. R. McCargor
General Delivery
Drain, Oregon

Jerry C. Sparlin
1419 Maple Lane
Grants Pass, Oregon

Jack Provolt
Rt. 1, Box 172
Crannell, California

Maurice Wright
2613 New Hope Rd.
Grants Pass, Ore.

C. Reason for Examination:

Occupancy and use of mining claim.

D. Detailed Description:

1. Claim Examiner:

David C. Chamberlin, Forester
U. S. Forest Service
Cave Junction, Oregon

2. Dates of Examination:

February 17, 1964
May 7, 1964
June 23, 1964

3. Lands Involved.

Approximately 20 acres as a placer claim located December 21, 1938, and recorded in Josephine County mining records in volume 38, page 560 is involved. This claim is in Section 3, T.38S., R.9W., W.M., surveyed, of the Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine County, Oregon.

4. General Information and History:

This claim is reached by driving west from Selma on the Illinois River road for 9.6 miles, turning off on a spur road past Barnes' claim for 1/4 mile and then crossing the river on a cable car (photo #1).

The claim was first staked in ^{2/10/57} ~~1938~~ while the land was under the ~~general area power withdrawal of January 6, 1926, and before~~ ^{after} ~~the restoration act of August 11, 1955.~~

5. Description of claim and mining activity:

This claim lies on the south side and parallel with the Illinois River. The claim is entirely in Section 3 with the west end of the claim about 100 feet east of the section line. No claim corners were found. There was some evidence of prospecting or mining on a small scale in the river bank below the house.

The cabin (photos #2 and 3) is fairly large (16'x32') for a mining cabin and probably has 2 or 3 rooms. There is a sheet metal tool shed (photos #2 and 3) near the house. The house and shed are in a good state of repair except where someone has pried some sheet metal off the shed to break into it. A small pump and other mining tools were seen in the shed.

Mrs. Sparlin told me that the cabin is used about 2 months out of the year.

6. Land and its Potential:

The claim lies in an area with a key value of public recreation in the Illinois Valley Ranger District Multiple Use plan. However, the claim is steep and rocky with poor access to the Illinois River road. It is unsuitable for recreation except for the scenery and fishing. A small part of the claim (see map) is within the Store Gulch recreation withdrawal of September 19, 1963. A low water foot bridge, open to fishermen, is built across the river each summer by the claimants.

*OK to leave
covered out area
in-charge
before to after
JSP*

7. Timber and value:

There is about 300 M bd. ft. of timber on the claim. At a value of \$20.00/m. bd. ft. the timber is worth \$6,000.00.


E. Conclusions:

This claim was located at the time that the land was under a power withdrawal. It appears that the cabin is being use primarily as a temporary residence in the summer.

Recent mining along the river is on a very small scale and does not appear to be a commercial mining operation.

A mineral examination should be made to determine the validity of the claim.

Prepared by


Forester 12-18-64

McCargon, Sperlin, Provet, Wright

F. Ranger's Recommendations

We have no plans to develop the claim area for recreation, because of steep ground and no access. However, the north bank of the Illinois River may eventually become a campground if the claims in that area are proved invalid.

We recommend that a mineral examination be made on this claim. If the claim appears to be invalid, the claimants should be asked to sign a relinquishment of the claims and a request for a non-transferable Term Special Use Permit for their cabin. The term for this permit should be for 5 years, after which the improvements should be removed by the permittee and the permit closed.

If the claimants will not agree to this, we should bring the case to hearing. If the claim is then proved invalid, we feel the improvements should be removed by the claimants within one year and the case closed.

C. L. Swanson
District Ranger

1-25-65
Date

District Recommendations Approved:

A. P. Philbird
Forest Supervisor

2/3/65
Date

APPENDIX

1. Map of area 4"=1 mi.
2. Record of location notices and quit claim deeds.
3. Photocopies of location notices and quit claim deeds.
4. Photographs of improvements.

Record of claims and transfer of claims

Locator or Grantor	Type of Recording	Grantee	Name of Area	Date of Paper	Date Recorded	Vol.	Page
M.M. Grissom	Placer location			12-21-38	3-4-39	38	560
C. D. Serry	Placer location			7-1-47	7-7-47	45	30
C. D. Serry	Quit claim deed	G.D. Barnes A.D. Barnes		4-22-53	4-28-53	14	468
A. D. Barnes	"	O. Millard		5-29-53	5-29-53	14	476
O.J. & W.G. Millard G.D. Barnes	Placer location			2-10-57	3-13-57	59	208
O.J. & W.G. Millard) Gerald D. & Dientje) Barnes)	Quit claim deed	Edward & Bee Landis		3-2-60	3-3-60	16	92
E. & Bee M. Landis	"	M.R. McCargor Jerry C. Sparlin Jack Provolt Maurice Wright		8-10-61	8-11-61	16	224

Notice of Location of Placer Claim

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, citizen... of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, having complied with the requirements of Chapter VI of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the local customs, laws and regulations, did on the ... day of ... 19... locate ... acres of placer

mining ground, situate in the ... Mining District, Josephine County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

... BEGINS AT A POINT 2700 FEET EAST OF THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 2 AND 4 TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST IN THE CENTER OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER AS THE SAME NOW RUNS, SAID POINT BEING CORNER #1, THENCE COURSE SOUTH TO CORNER #2; THENCE 1500 FEET WESTWARD AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTER OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER AS THE SAME NOW RUNS TO CORNER #3, THENCE NORTH 60 FEET TO THE CENTER OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER AS THE SAME NOW RUNS TO CORNER #4; THENCE EASTWARD ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER AS THE SAME NOW RUNS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL BEING IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST

That the above described mining claim has been located by metes and bounds, as impracticable to locate by legal subdivision due to the course of the Illinois River and the banks along the same containing gold bearing gravel in place.

State of Oregon,
 County of Josephine,
 I, Ben W. Coulson, County Clerk and
 ex-officio Recorder of Conveyances, in
 and for said County, do hereby certify
 that the within and foregoing instrument
 was received for record at
 11:00 AM
 1957
 MAR 13
 INDEXED

and
 Recorded
 at Page 208
 of Vol. 59
 MINING
 BEN W. COULSON, Co. Clerk
 By *[Signature]* Deputy

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

Discovered January 10, 1957

Located February 10, 1957

Witnesses

[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]
[Signature]

Locator's

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Orval J. Millard and Winifred G. Millard, husband and wife, and Gerald D. Barnes and Dientje Barnes, his wife, in consideration of ----- TEN (\$10.00) ----- Dollars

to them paid by Edward Landis and Bee M. Landis

do hereby remise, release and forever QUITCLAIM unto the said grantees, Edward Landis and Bee M. Landis, husband and wife, and to the survivors of them as tenants by the entirety, and unto each of them, and assigns all our right, title and interest in and to the following described real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the county of Josephine, State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

That certain placer mining claim, location notice of which is recorded in Volume 59 of the Mining Records of Josephine County, Oregon, at page 208 thereof.

Together with all personal property now located upon and attached to said premises, including, among other things, the cable and cable car, clamps and attachments thereto.

Subject, however, to existing rights of way for roads and ditches, but including all rights of way now appurtenant to said mining premises.

And the grantors do covenant to and with the grantees that they have not allowed any liens or encumbrances to attach to the above mining premises.



To Have and to Hold the same unto the said Edward Landis and Bee M. Landis, husband and wife, their heirs and assigns forever. Witness our hands and seal this 2nd day of March, 1960

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Josephine

ss.

On this 2nd day of March, 1960, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Orval J. Millard and Winifred G. Millard, husband and wife, and Gerald D. Barnes and Dientje Barnes, his wife who are known to me to be the identical individual(s) described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year last above written

Carolyn K. Siegel Notary Public for Oregon My Commission Expires March 24, 1961

QUITCLAIM DEED



County of Josephine I hereby certify that the within instrument of was filed at o'clock M. the day of recorded in Records for Jose County Clerk By

By M. W. Colman Esq. Deputy Recorder of Josephine County Oregon



ESCROWS TITLE INSURANCE

PHONE GR 6-5348

PHONE GR 6-7272

Handwritten signature and notes at the bottom of the deed.

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Know All Men by These Presents, *that* we, Edward Landis and Bee M. Landis,
 husband and wife -----
 in consideration of Ten (\$10.00) ----- Dollars
 to them ----- paid by Jerry C. Sparlin, Jack Prevolt, Maurice Wright and
 M. R. McCarger -----
 do hereby remise, release and forever QUITCLAIM unto the said Jerry C. Sparlin, Jack Prevolt,
 Maurice Wright and M. R. McCarger -----
 ----- and unto each of their -----
 ----- heirs and assigns
 all our ----- right, title and interest in and to the following described parcel of real estate, situate in -----
 ----- County of Josephine ----- State of Oregon, to-wit:

That certain placer mining claim, location notice of which is recorded in
 Volume 59 of the Mining Records of Josephine County, Oregon, at page 208 thereof.

Together with all persons, property now located upon and attached to said
 premises, including, among other things, the cable and cable car, clamps
 and attachments thereto.

Subject, however, to existing rights of way for roads and ditches, but
 including all rights of way now appurtenant to said mining premises.

And the granters do covenant to and with the grantees that they have not
 allowed any liens or encumbrances to attach to the above mining premises.



TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the same, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances
 thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said Jerry C. Sparlin, Jack Prevolt,
 Maurice Wright and M. R. McCarger -----
 ----- and to their ----- heirs and assigns forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 10th
 day of August A. D. 1961.

EXECUTED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Edward Landis (SEAL)
Bee M Landis (SEAL)
 ----- (SEAL)
 ----- (SEAL)

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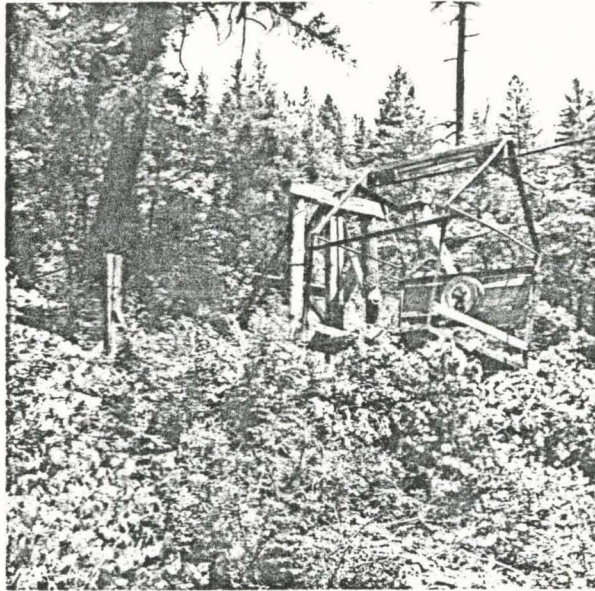


Photo #1. North end of cable crossing the river.

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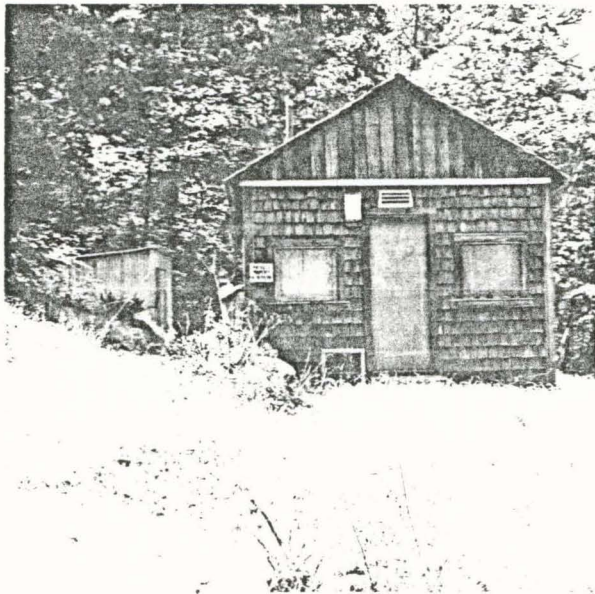


Photo #2. View of cabin looking west. The tool shed is on the left in the picture.

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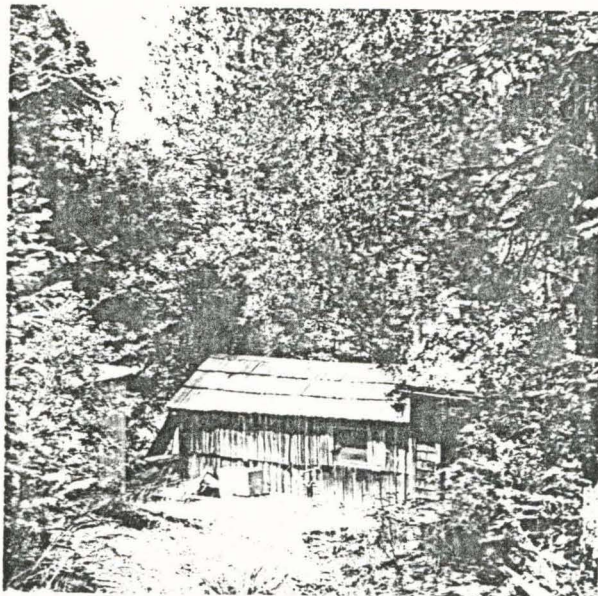


Photo #3. View of cabin looking North.