

November 12, 1980

Billy Pettit
202 Timberlane
Jacksboro, Texas 76056

Dear Mr. Pettit:

Your letter of October 23, 1980 to Pauline M. Shier of the Historical Society has been forwarded to our office for answering. Mrs. Shier had no information concerning the "lost mine". Also known as the Lost Badger mine.

Our information is sketchy and mostly rumor. We have been told it was located at the headwaters of Miller Creek in section 14, T. 37 S., R. 5 W. Also, we understand that it was later found and mined.

To reach Miller Creek, it is located off North Side Road from Murphy to Applegate. Highway 238 from Grants Pass to Murphy, then the North Side Road does not have a number. Topographic maps covering the area are the Grants Pass and the Gold Hill 15' topographic quads. These maps cost \$1.50 each if ordered from this office.

Sorry we can't be of more help.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Pavlat
Secretary

REP

February 18, 1981

Marie Retha Hester
Route 2 Box 220
Dewitt, ARK 72042

Dear Ms. Hester:

Your letter postmarked February 6th to Pauline M. Shier of the Historical Society has been forwarded to our office for answering.

Our information is sketchy and mostly rumor regarding Karl Meyer and his prospect on Miller Creek. We have been told it was located at the headwaters of Miller Creek in section 13 or 14, T. 37 S., R. 5 W., Josephine County. The prospect was also known as the Lost Badger Mine. Also, it has been reported to us that it was later found and mined, but we have no confirmation.

Miller Creek is located off North Side Road from Murphy to Applegate. Highway 238 from Grants Pass to Murphy, then the North Side Road (which does not have a number). The easiest access is from the North on Savage Creek Road which is off Rogue River Highway (Old Hwy 99). Topographic maps covering the area are the Grants Pass and the Gold Hill 15-minute topographic quads. These maps cost \$1.50 each if ordered from this office.

Parts of Sections 13 and 14 are on Bureau of Land Management lands and therefore open to prospecting and part is privately owned land. The best way to determine if a mining claim is located in the sections is by an on-the-ground inspection.

We trust this bit of information is helpful to you. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Pavlat
Secretary

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Pauline M. Shier
Historical Society
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Ms. Shier:

A recent issue of the Last Treasure magazine contained an article entitled "Wall & Bell." This story concerned the discovery of a rich gold deposit by Karl Meyer on or near Miller Creek in 1878.

You were listed as one of the 3 sources of the information contained in the article.

Would you please assist me as follows:

1. Furnish me a copy of any information you have concerning the above.
2. Provide me a map showing Miller Creek.
3. If no map is available tell me where I can locate Miller Creek on the official Oregon Highway map.

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Should there be a charge for any of the above, please let me know and I will forward payment by return mail.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Billy Pettit

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