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*Pacific Coast Timber Lands*

508 HENRY BUILDING

**Portland, Oregon.**

July 3rd, 1937.

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Report upon.

**MAY QUEEN and LONE STAR.**

Group of Placer Claims

**LOCATION** On Althouse Creek, (Josephine County) Oregon.

**TO REACH** By auto from Grants Pass to Cave City over the Redwood highway, thence by way of Bridgeview and Holland to the mines. The Holland P.O. is a distance of seven miles.

**NUMBER OF CLAIMS** Nine in MAY QUEEN and five in LONE STAR, comprising 280 acres.

**WAGON ROAD** Paved highway to Cave City, then a gravel road to Holland, then a fair dirt road to the mines.

**POSITION** Covering both sides of Althouse Creek for a distance of two and one-half miles.

**TOPOGRAPHY** This property lies along Althouse Creek with steep mountains on either side and has three benches varying widths sparsely covered with small timber and brush and this can easily be handled in mining.

**BARS** There are three gold bearing bars consisting of high and low bars with very little overburden, as the values are distributed throughout the whole mass. These bars average about 20% large boulders 30% small boulders, 25% gravel, 24% silicious sand and 1% black sand. The bed rock is soft but uneven which is better for hydraulic mining than even or smooth bed rock. Average value per yard \$.30. Gold is 900 fine.

**WATER** The water rights of this property consist of 77.5 second feet vested in the property by the State.

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- DITCHES** There are two ditches which belong to this property designated as ditch No.1 and ditch No.2. Ditch No.1 is one and three-quarters miles long, five feet on the bottom, 10 feet on the top and four feet deep. Ditch NO.2 is three-quarters of a mile in length. 18 inches on the bottom, three feet wide at the top and two feet deep.
- MACHINERY** The machinery consists of one No.2 Giant and about 800 feet 8 and 10 inch hydraulic pipe, sluice boxes, hand tools such as shovels, picks hammers, hand steel etc.
- BUILDINGS** The buildings consist of one house of hewn logs 18 feet by 84 feet, five rooms. One house 16 feet by 40 feet, hewn logs, three rooms, one stone house 18 feet square, one blacksmith shop, one tool house and one wood house 18 feet by 24 feet.
- ESTIMATE YARDAGE** There is estimated on the two properties thirty five million yards of gravel which from all work heretofore done, gave a value of \$.30 per yard as shown by the mint receipts and from the results from a number of test holes which have been sunk to bed rock.
- DUMP** Plenty of room for dumping all waste material.
- GRAVEL** The gravel consists of fragmental pieces of quartz, porphyry, a small amount of granite and serpentine, with a few fragments of rhyolite, slate and pebbles of iron and manganese. This gravel is known as blue gravel.
- TIMBER** There is plenty of timber for all mining, housing purposes and for wood and fuel.
- ESTIMATED VALUE** 35,000,000 yards at \$.30 per yard actually saved,  
\$10,500,000.
- REQUIREMENTS** One more Giant, about 1000 feet of pipe, 8" and 10". One donkey engine to use with high line to move the large boulders and stack them. One half mile 1/1/4" steel cable for high line.

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CONCLUSION I will say that this placer is the best one I have ever seen in either California or Oregon. Its accessibility, its amount of gravel, its water, dump and timber, and the ease with which it can be worked make it a very attractive property.

Dated this 16th day of July 1936.

By H. Porter Collins E.M.  
and J.D. Graham, E.M.

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Lone Star (placer)

*Waldo Bent Josephine*

Owned and operated by: George Maiden, Holland, Oregon

Location: 7 2/10 mile South of Holland on Althouse Creek in Sections 28 and 33, T. 40 S., R. 7 W., containing 5 claims.

Area: 100 acres held by location

History: This property has been held for some 80 years and worked by hand only. There is no record of its production. The present owner has had it 7 years.

Geology: Elevation 2600 feet. Gulch operation, very irregular porphyry and shale bedrock. At places there is considerable clay, lots of big boulders. 4 ft. maximum snow fall. The gold is derived from quartz veins.

Development: 1 pit which shows an average of 60%. There is 300 feet of ditch and flume. Their season of operation is from November till July 1. No equipment.

Confidential: The present owner has taken about 70 oz. out by hand and claims to have 35 million yards in sight.

Informant: J. E. Morrison

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*Waldo Best*  
May Queen Mine (placer)

*Josephine Co*  
Josephine County

Owned and  
Operated by: John Apple, Holland, Oregon

Location:  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles by road South of Holland on the Althouse  
and near the corner of Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34.

Area: 7 claims, equaling 140 acres held by location. The  
property has been worked off and on for 30 years.

Production: No record. About 2 acres has been mined which was  
thought to average about 30¢ per yard with giants. The  
Althouse Creek has been worked by hand, probably to the  
amount of 2 acres.

Water right: First priority or  $71\frac{1}{2}$  second feet out of the  
Althouse and Snow gulch, 2 ditches one from the Althouse  
 $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles and one from Snow gulch 1 mile. This property  
has sufficient water to operate the year 'round under  
normal conditions. At the present time he is operating with  
300 feet head.

Geology: Serpentine and porphyry bedrock, gulch and sidehill  
operation, very red clay and lots of fairly large boulders.  
The gold is coarse and is from quartz veins.

Equipment: One No. 2 giant and 1700 feet of 11 to 30 inch pipe.

Confidential: This placer operation appears to warrant a thorough  
examination. From this years operations it appears that this  
operation will run approximately 30¢ a yard. They have  
plenty of water with pressure and dump area. The drawbacks  
are that it is hard to get into and some winter's operations  
are interfered with due to the freezing of the water in the  
ditches.

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