

State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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Portland, Oregon

NICHOLS (MRS. FLORENCE) PLACE UNCLASSIFIED DISTRICT WALLOWA COUNTY

Owner:

Mrs. F. W. Nichols, General Delivery, Grants Pass, Oregon

Location:

T. 5 N, R. 42 E, Sections 15 and 22----or on Cabin Creek and about 8 miles up the Grande Ronde River from Troy.

General:

The Nichols family homesteaded this property in the early 1900's, and reportedly found gold, silver and "radium" thereon. This mineralization was opened up by a series of pits and trenches. Nothing in the way of mining has ever been done in the property, nor has the Nichols family resided there for many years.

The "Request for Inspection" form indicated a lack of assay data and other evidence of worth such as is usually required before examinations are undertaken. However, in view of the fact that the Department possesses no geologic reports for this area of Wallowa County and Umatilla Counties this request was accepted by way of an excuse for making a reconnaissance swing through the area.

An attempt was made to make the examination in 1946 but an automobile accident prevented completion of the trip at that time. As is, the examination was made in the company of Mrs. Nichols on July 8, 1947.

On the property it was found that a dense growth of underbrush had covered the area in which the pits were situated. While what may have been one of the pits was found, none of the others were and efforts to scout them out were handicapped by Mrs. Nichols advanced age and infirmity. As is, she negotiated uncommonly difficult country in a truly admirable manner.

The area in which the pits were situated was underlain by basaltic lava.

For an account of minning observations along the route traversed in going to and from this property (Wallowa to Troy, to Tollgate to Elgin) refer to file of unorganized geologic notes.

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