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Yarker West Camp

Sept. 6/49

In conversation with Bobby Baird.

Onward ground was drifted up to upper limit of claim & stopped there - the extension is thought to be on To Chester lease - says that it was patented in 1906 at which time Veith & Boland split a gross of \$350,000 (17.40/oz allowed a profit of $\pm 25\%$ over expenses) handling) The overall average is said to have been 7oz per set (8 post cap)

Quartz Creek stopped suddenly on 12oz ground & no extension or stream found.

Stream shaft & drift down stream until forced to stop because of water was on 11oz ground. Then the Golden Gate shaft was sunk to the run - they hit drifting values on the way down but did not mine them at all - they continued down and broke out into the channel - Tom Adams was in charge and the ground was very stummy but had practically no values on bedrock

Veith handled all the gold from 1869-1906 & is said to have had a record of \$7,000,000 worth having come from Kitley Creek and about \$3,500,000 from Harvey Creek.

Talking to Jack Prebery Sun Aug. 22. 42.

Lower Golden Gate shaft ± 90

Upper " " " 85'

Rawley shaft - upper 75'

lower 75' by F. Kenney

skin.

uppermost Rawley by Tony Cohen 1500'
above other - run up to where starts to open cut
about 250' of adrock between upper Golden Gate shaft
lower Rawley shaft.

no fold in shaft - Fossil Snowshoe about
1 mile up from mouth.

pockets worked by Walton at Smalberg.

also a reel cut by Mitchell

no fold above Calvary dam above Smalberg

Main Snowshoe between mouth of Fossil & Little
Snowshoe not been worked much.

Jim Adams tunnel came up to just above
mouth of Fossil Snowshoe

Minitia's cabin formerly Yank's cabin.

Yank is buried on top of island by pit.

Jim hollow named after a Jew pedler who
came around - Yank told him that was the way
back to Keelley & found him wandering around in
the boat - saying the trail was getting better all the
time - gave Yank some round looking glasses - he
put them in trap house & caught only females!!

Yank's name was Luce (pronounced Lucey)

first name not known

A sporting girl said to have carried a saddle on way
to Antler - found it with \$75,000 in it in a tree - found by
Jack & his partner on the Sun claim but nothing in it.
\$75,000 would weigh over 200# - so story must be made up.
However it was a ladies saddle.

Jack first staked the Tin claim on the Blue
Grass.

One of the old timers on Snowshoe was Seeley now
in Durand.

Sain Pryor packed into the country and knows
some of the early history.

Seeley was camped near Haywood's cabin & a
man came in with coarse gold said to have come
from a creek on top of the plateau - went back
but by way of Hesper had a spell three days
but found nothing.

Nigger Basin at head of Nigger Creek - said to
have mined gold from quartz over there but camp never
found nor old cuttings -

Not much gold ever taken from other branch of
Little Snowshoe.

History known along creek below the forks even
though most gold found down there.

Jack himself placered above dam and found
practically no gold.

Conversator will Eines Long

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dark

Keittley gold - 855-865 - well worn

brassy Four Mile 840 - rough + some well pts.

very dark
copper color Snowhoe - bit better than Keittley 870.

Bear Cr gold very well waterworn - heavy nuggets

on the north fork gold is greenish cast

no veins ever seen in Kitchener pit

none in Four mile or O'wood pit.

not a single vein seen.

Galena vein in the old Hayward pit - pit
meand but seen by Archie Knapp who was
in charge of the work - stated by Charles Dawson
of Victoria.

Three veins, not very good looking, in the old
Ruby pit.

One vein well mineralized on one side in
pit pined in 1947. at mouth of Spanish Cr on bank

Two veins in soft gold at dam of Spanish
Cr. pyrites - not dam at Spanish side & some
good assays - take whole width.

Heavy galena in pits downstream from 1/2 mile.
on 1/2 mile practically all galena & very little
pyrites but upstream very little galena. Less
galena in O'wood & Kitchener pits.

On Keittley Cr - no workings above the
falls but all flats have been worked up to there.
Falls are about 1/2 mile below Howard John -
a drift on L. bank went in about 600 ft. and
went about 1 1/2 oz. to the set.

No pay in Weaver Cr. - old long pined in mouth
of old channel but no pay -

Deep ground not worked for Little Snowshoe
down to Kullby - the only shaft - the Pellet
above French Snowshoe had pay but couldn't
handle the steam -

French Snowshoe was very spotty - some
shafts but no continuous pay had worked -
Mendon drilled some 80' holes but no gold on
surface - small area of ore found by Snailby.

Conversation with Ernie Lang.

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On Keithley 110 oz to the sill at the Stonewall,
beneath the creek and about 200 feet downstream
from Place Engren section - averaged about
80 oz per set for some distance (possibly 200 feet)
at that section - possibly, 2 dual average - flat
sealy gold -

Kitchener nuggets layed were 3-3 1/2 oz.

In the onward run "old timer" got layed
\$2.50 - 2-2 1/2' gravel well shown above.

In China Pit at top of onward run - 8' of
gravel -

Two oz. nuggets in 4 mile channel - all four
mile gold was rough & some with white quartz.

Onward drifted 1898-1904 about

China pit drifted many years before &
was drifted downstream.

Bob Harrison found Kitchener Mine ^{on the banks} in 1912-13
up to 32 oz / set and averaged 15 oz. drifted
400 ft. - found in old Bob Borland's tunnel which was
1 ft. too low - saw muddy water in small crack in back of a
rock tunnel in the mine.

Laylander started hydraulicking Kitchener in 1919
by 1923 reached end of Harrison drifts - got into
virgin ground 1st cleanup 28,000 - total of 3 cleanups
\$55-60,000.

Pine Creek found by Bill Ryan about
1925 by driving a tunnel into the hill - found
himself & cabin when drunk celebrating discovery.

From just about 200 feet below Sedgwick pit
(the Marguerite) pay ran out & bottom of Keithley
Creek not worked until got to Onward shaft at
China down where Walker Harbrowd was working
in 1920. - pay above the Stonewall drifted
to about 2 oz per set and old timer quit there.

Conversation with Jack Pickering - Aug. 28/49.

Borland owned Snowshoe & possibly ran the
arrests - Griffin stated after Borland died
about 1928 -

then stated by Rheinholt about 1930

operated by Britannia

also returned first open before Britannia

Then sold to Fred Wells by Conkey who had open
from Rheinholt.

Hodgson - Talbot's partner found red boulder in Midea
which was the Allen vein - #7-8 from it

Hodgson was a partial partner - Talbot purchased

Deleau & found gold in Stokewat also near

survey in Antler trail - then had camp at

head of Calgary dam Cr. - then purchased the

Yander Belle - he was a good quality prospector

who always mortgaged his vein & promised that

would work on a vein when it found