INVESTIGATOR FREEHOLD CO

Location

345 LINTON-NARINGHIL ROAD LINTON, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0276

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 11809

Property Number

History

Contextual History: History of Place:

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07.1863: claim taken up.

10.1863: land purchased by the company.

12.1864: bottomed and have a good prospect; erecting puddling machines.

03.1865: the shaft is 8 feet 6 inches by 3 feet and has reached a depth of 181 feet;

machinery includes:a 14 inch by 30 inch steam engine for winding, pumping and puddling;a boiler: 20 feet by 6 feet;a 9 inch draw lift;2 Round's patent chains for trucks and cages;

erecting puddling machines with cast iron bottoms and wrought iron sides;

the steam engine and puddling machines were purchased twelve months ago from the now defunct North American Gold Mining Company for £550.

05.09.1865; the three compartment shaft is 8 feet 6 inches by 3 feet clear and has reached a depth of 180 feet; machinery includes: a 16 inch by 30 inch horizontal steam engine for winding, pumping and puddling, a Cornish flue boiler: 24 feet by 6 feet, a 9 inch draw lift, maximum stroke 9 feet, discharging into 20 foot by 20 foot by 6 foot feed tank at the brace, an iron puddling machine is operating and another is being erected, Round's flat chain with trucks and cages; the engine and boiler are housed under sawn timber.

06.03.1866: three day stoppage of pumps, water heavier; took from 2 to 28 February to drain mine; intending to sink a further 50 feet.

22.05.1866: machinery in good order.

06.1866: have now driven 200 feet for the gutter and expect to strike it soon.

09.1866: reached deep ground but no results as yet.

24.12.1866: air pipes fixed for ventilation; the 9 inch pumps are working at ten 4 foot strokes per minute; one puddling machine is operating and the framework for another is on the ground; intend erecting another steam engine.

12.1866: broken into the gutter and obtained a good prospect.

03.1867: have an encouraging prospect.

12.1866: the only recorded production is 12 ozs or 0.373 kg.

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