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# BRITISH COLUMBIA CO

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## Location

BRUMBYS LANE SNAKE VALLEY, PYRENEES SHIRE

## Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0348

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11761

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMPANY

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD MINING COMPANY

(Wilson in his book, The Forgotten Goldfield, Snake Valley, has shown the Confederate, Alabama and Edinburgh mines in the vicinity of this site.)

03.1864: paying well

12.1864: one of the principal claims in this area where the working is good and the wash-dirt very wide, and where the dividends vary from £3 to £8 per man per week.

03.1865: placed on the share market and sold.

06.1865: sinking a new shaft and intend erecting large and efficient machinery.

08.1865: recorded production of 70 ozs 10 dwt or 2.193 kg.

12.09.1865: No. 1 shaft down 114 feet

No. 2 shaft down 117 feet; work suspended pending erection of machinery; making water at 450 gallons per hour erecting:

a 10 inch by 30 inch horizontal steam engine for pumping and puddling,

an 11 inch by 30 inch horizontal steam engine for winding,

a Cornish flue boiler: 25 feet by 5 feet 6 inches,

a chimney stack, 50 feet high

contract for erecting machinery and constructing chimney stack let for £299 10s.

09.1865: erecting permanent and efficient machinery

12.12.1865: erecting machinery

12.1865: erecting very costly plant

03.1866: has been idle for some time.

24.04.1866: machinery at new shaft nearly completed; to fix pulley and winding rope, making shoots to carry water from shaft to dam, fixing skids in shaft, laying down tramways for mullock and play sheets on the brace

15.05.1866: machinery working well

29.05.1866: shaft skidded, cages working well

06.1866: recently recommenced but have not yet puddled; a large company set up from a co-operative 15 months ago with the issue of script, since that time has been nearly idle.

09.1866: again in the hands of a small company and work has commenced.

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