
LALLAH ROOKH FREEHOLD CO

Location

SCARSDALE-PITFIELD ROAD CAPE CLEAR, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0110

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12004

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

LALLAH ROOKH GOLD MINING Co., Pitfield Plains, most southern claim in the Smythesdale Division

11.1864: ground first occupied

15.08.1865: 10 foot by 4 foot shaft, water struck at 65 feet; making at 500 gallons per hour; have Cornish flue boilers, 2 horizontal high pressure steam engines, and 12 inch pumps cast by Martin and Company of Scarsdale.

22.08.1865: using a 22.25 inch by 48 inch horizontal steam engine for pumping and (later) for puddling, a 14.25 inch by 36 inch horizontal steam engine for winding, 2 connected Cornish flue boilers both 26 feet by 6 feet 6 inches, exhaust steam feedwater heating, 12 inch pumps cast by Martin and Company of Scarsdale with a maximum stroke 6 feet 4 inches, winding done by buckets whilst sinking; Contracts let: for erecting poppet heads (200 pounds); for erecting machinery, fixing pump bobs, setting boiler and sinking bob pit (722 pounds 10

shillings)

14.11.1865: shaft down 165 feet in hard rock; pumps working 11 by 6 foot 6 inch strokes per minute.

06.03.1866: shaft down 180 feet; pumps working 6 x 5 foot 4 inch strokes per minute.

22.05.1866: shaft down 234 feet; pumps working 10 x 6 foot 4 inch strokes per minute; erecting tank and puddling machines.

12.06.1866: erecting puddling machines; pumps working 10 strokes per minute.

26.06.1866: plunger fixed, pumps stayed, boilers cleaned and machinery overhauled during the past 3 weeks; erecting 2 malleable iron puddling machines and large water tank

06.1866: repairing some damage to their machinery

09.1866: driven into the wash dirt, which is poor but should pay.

1865/6: formed under Fraser's Act with a capital of £20,000 in 2000 shares of £10 each; occupied a lease of 640 acres including a 18 acre allotment purchased for £7500; proved the gateway to the Pitfield Plains by boring; shaft sunk to 238 feet and powerful machinery costing £4031 was erected; constructed the main chamber and drive 200 feet north; after getting nice rough wash showing gold a lack of funds forced the company to stop work; the bank closed on the mortgage and sold the machinery.

NEW LALLA ROOKH FREEHOLD Co., Pitfield Plains, No. 4 or Southern Division

12.1884: will shortly commence operations.

1899: a new company has taken up this mine.

12.01.1900: contractor commenced erecting of two steam puddling machines.

23.03.1900: puddling machines will be complete in a fortnight.

04.05.1900: puddling machines completed.

04.01.1901: had a favourable position but did not produce up to expectations and the directors decided to suspend operations and the property has been sold off.

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