
ADAMS FREEHOLD ENGINE SHAFT

Location

610 OLD BALLARAT ROAD EVANSFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0287

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Third period of deep lead mining at Mount Greenock

Adams' Freehold Co. has taken up 800 acres of land under Mining on Private Property Act, 1884. Expected to bottom in a few days.

September 1885: South Greenock Co. have stopped work but a leases has lately been taken up close to the NE, by Richard Hull, under the Mining on Private Property Act. Already payable gold, which is supposed to be the real Mt Greenock Lead. Adams' Freehold Co. - 16 men employed main driving.

June 1886: Adams' Freehold Co. have sunk shaft no. 2 to 103 ft.

September 1886: Adams' Freehold Co. have just bottomed their shaft.

December 1886: Adams' Freehold Co. making slow progress.

June 1887: Adams' Freehold Co. - sinking third shaft. Loss of second shaft was great blow to company. Work would have stopped altogether without government grant.

December 1887: Hull and party tunnelling for the lead - on the same run of ground as Adams' Freehold Co. Have met with little success - ground poor and hard to work. Adams' Freehold Co. - on Mt. Greenock Lead, higher up than Rip Van Winkle Co. Just completed third shaft 172 ft deep. Eight miles west of Talbot. Has lost two shafts through loose and friable ground.

March 1888: Adams' Freehold Co. - another stoppage - breakage of engine shaft. Engine said to be too light for both pumping and winding.

June 1888: Adams' Freehold Co. - main drives silted up with heavy flow of water. Machinery working well.

September 1888: Adams' Freehold Co. - shaft 129 feet on bedrock. Heavy water.

December 1888: Ground held by this company has now been abandoned for the third time without having found the Mt Greenock Lead. Adams' Freehold Co. - after deciding to erect more powerful plant, have remained inactive.

March 1889: A co-operative party of 12 men have made arrangements with the owner to sink on Nichol's Plains. Sunk 45 feet, about 20 chains east of old South Greenwich (Greenock?) Co.'s workings.

References: Flett, J., The History of Gold Discovery in Victoria, 1979, pp245-55

Mining Surveyors Quarterly Reports: September 1886; December 1886; March 1887; June 1887; December 1887; March 1888; June 1888; September 1888; December 1888; and March 1889

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