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# BROWN REEF MINE

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## Location

WHITE QUARTZ ROAD FRYERSTOWN, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1234

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site    Brown Reef Mine in 1880-1881

Hermes Number            193366

Property Number

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## History

The discovery of a new reef about three quarters of a mile south of Fryerstown at Nuggety Gully in August 1880 created much excitement and gave fresh impetus to mining speculation in the district. The reef was discovered by George Brown and James Williams and it became known as Brown's Nuggety Gully reef. At surface level, a trial crushing of 14 tons of stone produced 30 ounces of gold. This was a very satisfying beginning. The next crushing was the best taken from the claim, 31 tons of stone gave a yield of 127 Y. ounces; 4 'Y. ounces per ton. Work continued with good results, to a depth of 300 feet when a geological fault in the country cut off the reef. Although work continued in search of the reef, it was never found again.

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