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# SOUTH QUARTZ HILL PROSPECTING SHAFTS

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## Location

QUARTZ HILL TRACK CHEWTON, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1243

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site Two prospecting shafts which reflect mining operations which spanned 1852 to 1940s

Hermes Number 193571

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## History

1852: The Old Quartz Hill Mine. discovered in 1852 ... In 1852 when the claims were only 8 x 8. thousands of ounces were obtained from the surface downwards to 30 feet by breaking it with a hammer. and afterwards abandoned.

23 March 1855: On the opposite side of Forest Creek. also. many are actively engaged in erecting puddling machines. particularly at Sailor's Gully and the neighborhood of Quartz Hill

1867: Parties reporting yields from quartz crushings in 1867 - Ulster. Allen & Company. Vulcan and others

March 1869: On the Old Quartz Hill a fine engine. with winding and pumping gear for 300 feet in depth. is being erected; they purpose sinking to 400 feet forthwith

Dec 1869: The Chewton Company have ceased sinking. and are now driving toward the reef. as also following the old workings; their "country" and prospects are improving

June 1871: At the Old Quartz Hill. so long deserted. men are again employed. and excellent prospects obtained. Four companies of tributers have taken up the leases, and active operations have commenced.

Sept 1881 : The South Eureka, Kampfs. Old Quartz. and others of our old quartz reefs. are being again taken up.

30 March 1894: Old .Quartz Hill Co. - Shaft has been cut down to 202 feet. During the past half-year I have cleaned out an old shaft 2000 feet north of your main one - this shaft was worked to 110 feet in the early days with profitable results.

6 Jan 1902: Sth Quartz Hill . shaft is down 80 ft , it has been reported that an indicator has been struck in the shaft

19 Sept 1904: Work at Quartz Hill has been temporarily suspended.

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