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# EAGLEHAWK COMPANY

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## Location

WESTGATE ROAD ARMSTRONG, ARARAT RURAL CITY

## Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0035

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 6809

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: By the end of 1868, Ararat's mining registrar was reporting the region's first quartz mining boom with interest being shown towards reefs at Ararat, Moyston, Armstrong's, and Rhymney. One of the most promising mines to emerge from what turned out to be a 'disastrously unsuccessful' boom, was the Eaglehawk Company, at Armstrong's. This company installed steam-powered machinery (including a stamping battery) and sunk to 250 feet. The company could not mine profitably and closed down in 1870. The Eaglehawk Company's lease was then taken up by a succession of companies and tributing parties during the late nineteenth century, all of whom failed to make a go of the mine. The most substantial of the later ventures took place in 1888 when the Eaglehawk and adjoining Eldorado mining leases were amalgamated and worked by the Eldorado Company. This company installed new plant. The surviving foundations on the site would most probably belong to the Eldorado Company.

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