
MADAM BERRY WEST NO. 3 MINE

Location

660 CRESWICK-LAWRENCE ROAD CRESWICK, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0026

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The following history was extracted from The Berry Deep Leads: an historical assessment, CF&L, October 1986, Charles Fahey. The Madame Berry west Company was formed in 1882, from the western portion of the Madame Berry lease. Prior to the 1890s the mine appeared to have produced little gold. The first major return of gold was in 1893, when 9681 ounces were produced. In the 1890s the Madame Berry West was a major employer of labour in the district: from a work force of 180 men and boys in 1893, the number rose to 350 in 1897. Thereafter the Madame Berry West mine was a regular producer of gold. In 1903 there were only two companies - Berry West and Berry Consols Extended - engaged in productive mining. These two mines worked until the First World War and both, at times, employed considerable work forces: eg., in 1906 the Madame Berry West work force averaged 145 men. By 1907 the Madame Berry West had produced 147,467 ounces of gold and paid £81,137 in dividends. Called up capital amounted to only £9,000. At this date foul air proved to be a major problem for the working of the mine. Machinery Madame Berry West Company - 3 shafts,

No's 1, 2 and 3. Shafts No. 1 and No. 2 'of this company 'are steamless' Significance Although we have little documentation on the Madame Berry West, the value of its gold production makes it a significant mine: only the Madame Berry and the Berry Consols produced more gold. The Madame Berry West was also highly profitable in the late 1890s, when most other mines were experiencing decline

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