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# CHARLESON AND DAVIES NO 1 MINE

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## Location

220 CRESWICK-LAWRENCE ROAD BROOMFIELD, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7623-0043

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 7094

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The above relics probably located at Davies' Junction Freehold Company's No. 1 shaft. The following history was extracted from The Berry Deep Leads: an historical assessment, CF&L, October 1986, Charles Fahey. The Davies Freehold Company was formed in March 1879 by local speculators. By their fifth half yearly report the directors reported that the erection of the plant was complete. By September 1881 the shaft had been completed to a depth of 272 feet. Bores had also proved the existence of wash dirt in the southern portion of the claim, and a second shaft was sunk. The works had by October 1881 exhausted all capital, and the capital per share was raised to 24 shillings. The No. 1 shaft was eventually abandoned and the sinking of No. 2 shaft proved difficult due to heavy drift and influx of water. The first gold was recovered from No. 2 shaft in June 1884, and over the next four years the company produced 7533 ounces of gold. Significance The Davies Freehold Company was a minor producer of gold and a highly unprofitable mine.

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