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Location

LEVIATHAN CREEK WOODS POINT, MANSFIELD SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8122-0020

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 10739

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Gold was found on the Leviathan Creek shortly after the discoveries on Standers Creek. The surface show was rich and by the end of 1866 a water turbine powered battery had been erected and crushing commenced. Yields progressively got poorer and by 1870 it appeared that the mine above the creek was worked out. In that year a shaft was sunk on the opposite side of the creek and a reef was struck at the 80 foot level. Yields were still poor, but the company succeeded in making the mine pay by letting to tributers until the end of 1873, when mining operations were suspended temporarily. Work was resumed in 1877 with a two man tribute party. They reworked the upper levels of the mine over the next ten years and took out small but rich parcels of vein stone which had been thought unprofitable by the company. Towards the end of 1888 the company was revived and the machinery and the battery at the site was renewed. It was probably at this time that the portable engine was replaced by the marine boiler. However, mining again ceased in 1888. The upper ground to the south of the main workings have been prospected in recent years, perhaps with a view to open cut mining, but apparently without success. Between 1866 and 1898 about 11 000 tons of stone were crushed for a return of little more than 8 000 ounces of gold.

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