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# ALPHA CO

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## Location

LINTON-PIGGOREET ROAD PIGGOREET, GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0387

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11672

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Alpha Company: location given as east of the Try Again claim and north of the Grand Trunk:

03/1864: not yet into deep ground (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.728)

06/1864: struck the deep ground, some of which may be capable of yielding 20 ozs per machine (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.729. Robertson 1927 p6)

09/1864: obtains returns of about 60ozs per week, being a small company it produces a good profit (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.732)

12/1864: struck excellent ground and obtaining 13ozs per machine (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.734)

03/1865: one of the principal mines at Springdallah (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.738)

06/1865: not doing much at present (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.740)

09/1865: paying its way at present but is expected to do better (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.743)

1865: shares sold at £175 each, obtained 92 ounces in one week which gave a weekly dividend of £5 per share (Reference: Robertson 1927,p7)

03/1865-11/1865: recorded production of 3481 ozs 9 dwt 16 gr (or 108.289kg) (Reference: GEDIS Ballarat Mine Data, October 1993)

03/1866: nearly worked out (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.747)

06/1870: Grank Trunk, Golden Lane and Golden Horn companies have been flooded out; in addition to their own excellent pumping machinery the Golden Lake and Golden Horn Companies have erected powerful pumping machinery at the abandoned shaft of Alpha Co. (Reference: Mining Surveyors and Registrars Reports, Smythsdale Division, in P.Miller, TR 86/4, p.766).

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