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# BRITISH STANDARD FREEHOLD GM CO

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## Location

79 GREENBANKS LANE SNAKE VALLEY, PYRENEES SHIRE

## Municipality

PYRENEES SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0320

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

BRITISH STANDARD G.M. CO.

04.1858: ground first taken up by a cooperative party.

1858: This Co. mined on land subleased from Mr. Johnson, a well known speculator from Ovens, for a royalty of 10% of the gross yield of the gold obtained. Mr. Johnson having leased 300 to 400 acres from Mr. Russell at a nominal rental and a royalty of 7% of the gross yield of the gold obtained. The British Standard being just one of the companies which leased land from Mr. Johnson.

1865: Co. leased the ground from Mr. Johnson til 1865, by which time 4000 ozs had been obtained.

02.1865: company formed

12.09.1865: old machinery improved; machinery now consists of:a 16.25 inch by 36 inch horizontal high pressure

steam engine for winding and pumping, a Cornish flue boiler: 24 feet 6 inches by 6 feet, and 9 inch pumps; the old shaft down 118 feet;

new shaft down 101 feet, 3 compartments, 9 feet 6 inches by 3 feet; water struck at 96 feet, making at 550 gallons per hour; Contract let for erecting steam engine, setting boiler and building chimney stack with 9 foot square foundation and 47 feet in brick for £300; contract let for erecting poppet heads and fixing brace for £179 26.09.1865: No. 2 shaft: boiler and steam engine set in bluestone; chimney stack, 55 feet high, completed; poppet heads erected, 55 feet high and 29 feet to the brace

03.10.1865: rapid progress made in the erection of machinery

10.10.1865: contractors nearly completed erection of machinery

05.12.1865: tenders called for the supply of pumping gear.

16.01.1866: sinking resumed with the aid of a bucket; expect to sink without using pumps

23.01.1865: shaft bottomed, water drained, without the aid of pumps.

08.05.1866: to erect 2 puddling machines.

29.05.1866: bringing in heavy framing timbers for puddling machines.

26.06.1866: erecting puddling machines

24.07.1866: erecting puddling machines

09.1866: just finished sinking a new shaft.

03.1867: sold under a sheriff's order; purchased by a company who have amalgamated it with the ground of the General Kossiaski Co.

09.1867: results not very encouraging.

02.1865: recorded production of 4,000 ozs or 124.417 kg.

KOSSIASKI/GENERAL KOSSIASKI/GENERAL KOSIASKI COMPANY

03.1865: placed on the share market and sold.

1865: 1000 shares issued at £10 each; the claim consists of the old Hand in Hand Co., the Grey Horse Co. and the General Kosiaski Co.; lease is for 10 years and covers 4092 feet of ground; the poppet head is 58 feet high; two carpenters are employed at 1/6 per hour and eight men are employed at 1/- per hour; contract for setting boilers and building a 68 foot brick chimney is £238 18s 6d; 1000 tons of firewood at 4/6 per ton delivered; £85 for labour to erect the poppet head and capstan; contract for the frames for the pumps, winders and engines let for £76; the pumps and winding gear cost £736 with pipes being supplied by J. Martin and Co. Black Hill Foundry, Scarsdale; all the machinery was to be erected over the Hand in Hand shaft, which had bottomed at 135 feet.

06.1865: erecting their engines, which are fine examples of efficiency and durability.

09.1865: erecting permanent and efficient machinery.

12.1865: machinery erected and it seems well adapted to its task.

03.1866: entered the gutter and cleaned the old drives ready for work.

09.1866: being reorganised.

03.1867: new company has taken up this ground and amalgamated it with the ground held by the British Standard.

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