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# OLD SPECIMEN HILL

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## Location

SPECIMEN HILL TRACK DAYLESFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0668

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 8270

Property Number

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## History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: The Specimen Hill Reef was discovered by a sluicing party (Woodburn, Fullarton & party) in 1857. For several years the reef was worked on a small scale, but in the mid 1860s the Specimen Hill Company was organised and a large amount of ground was taken up by the company. The company worked for profitably for a number of years, realising nearly a ton weight of gold. The company installed substantial new plant in 1869, when a large body of quartz was struck at the 349-ft level, which contained large quantities of iron pyrites; 20 tons of which yielded 55 ounces of gold. Another good shoot of gold was also struck in March 1878, at the 460-ft level. The Specimen Hill Company ceased mining in 1880 and the ground remained abandoned from then until the lease was acquired by the Victorian Star Company in 1906. During the years 1867 to 1880 inclusive, the company crushed 88,339 tons of quartz for 24,985 ounces of gold. The company's shaft reached a depth of nearly 600ft. Machinery installation on the Specimen Hill 1866 - the Specimen Hill Co. engaged in procuring and erecting additional powerful machinery 1869 - Specimen Hill Quartz Mining Co. - 17

heads of stampers, Hungarian mills, Chilian mill, and buddle; and also the furnace. 1876 - the Specimen Hill Company are erecting a fourth engine (winding).

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