
BEEHIVE MINE AND WORKINGS

Location

DRY DIGGINGS TRACK DRY DIGGINGS, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-0676

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 8278

Property Number

History

Heritage Inventory History of Site: Alluvial mining in the headwaters of Middletons Creek (known as the Dry Diggings) during the late 1850s led to several shallow quartz reefs - including Beehive, Sportsman, and Parkers Specimen - being opened up. Several shafts sunk on these reefs found extremely rich gold down to 100 feet. Mining beyond this depth proved to be unprofitable. Beehive Reef was being worked by Thomas and Company in 1860. This company did not erect its own crushing mill, but were carting ore to Mr. Wilson's machine on Middletons Creek. The only relatively large scale attempt at mining Beehive Reef was undertaken during the early 1900s. In 1906, the Mikado Company, installed a steam-powered winding winch and erected a poppet head over an old shaft. This shaft was de-watered and cleaned out to 150 feet. The company could not mine profitably; and in 1909, the Beehive Company took over the lease and erected a crushing battery. This company were equally unsuccessful.

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