

Lake Creek - Hill's store, Colorado. June 14, 1945.

With H.C.Tuxbury, arrived here on Hill's small truck at 6.30 P.M.

Preliminary report on the Placer property of Ed. E. Hill, living at his store & Cabins. His Post Office address is Granite Colorado, in Chaffee County, Hope Mining District, in Colorado.

His placer mining claims are in both Chaffee and Lake Counties near the Twin Lakes and 18 miles south of Leadville and 3 miles north of Yale Station on the D.&R.G.W.R.R. The altitude is about 9,000 feet.

Mr. Hill states that he owns or controls, exclusive of the rights of way of the Highway and Railroad, and free of all encumbrances, the following which he has designated as Lot No. 1.:

Grubstake Placer Mining Claim	M. E.	2245	150.06	acres
Goff Mining Co	" "	Surv 116	79.84	"
Polygon Placer	" "	M. E. 2248	20.00	"
Comet	" "	M. E. 2249	160.69	"
Decagon	" "	M. E. 2252	151.99	"
Paragon	" "	M. E. 2254	159.03	"
OriOn	" "	M. E. 2256	151.99	"
Curlew & F.	" "	M. E. 2282	80.00	"
Hexagon	" "	M. E. 2262	153.08	"
Tenderfoot	" "	M. E. 2259	135.23	"
Oregon Gulch	" "	M. E. 482	158.86	"
Asteroid E. 80	" "	M. E. 2250	80.00	"
Total			1,480.77	"

Also. Lot No. 2.

Young America Placer Mining Claim	M. E.	2251	160.	acres
Meteor	" "	M. E. 2261	100.	"
Dippër	" "	M. E. 2255	100.	"
Starlight	" "	M. E. 2257	130	"
Key	" "	M. E. 3064	95.	"
All of Sec. 14	Fee land		640.	"
In Sec. 15	" "		200	"

Total 1,425 acres more or less making a grand total of 2,905.48 acres, excluding Highway and Railroad rights of way.

HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY

Most of the development in the past has been by hand labor to a superficial extent. Evidences of early day drift mining are found only on the claims of the Key and Young America, but no records are obtainable.

Very recently Mr. Hill has sunk a 6 ft. X 6 ft. shaft to a depth of 50 feet to water. ~~At the bottom of this~~ ^{Mr. Hill states} At the bottom of this shaft a bore hole was sunk in water to a further depth of $1\frac{3}{4}$ feet, ¹⁴ but did not reach bed-rock.

On the surface of this shaft to a depth of 25 feet, 33 cubic yards of sand & gravel were taken out and gold recovered by sluicing to the amount of \$31.68 which was an average of 96¢ per yard.

This sluicing was done in very cold weather, in Jan. & Feb. 1945, which made it impossible to obtain a full recovery. Mr. Hill has the gold in his possession recovered from this work. Gold in this district is usually about .865 fine. In another location on the Key placer about 1000 ft. north west of the shaft, Mr. Hill reported that he took from the surface 51 buckets of gravel estimated to be one & one eighth yards, from which he recovered ~~xxxx~~ \$3.24 in gold. Mr. Hill estimates that the values run at least 25 ft. ^{to 40 ft.} down from the surface of the Key and Young America placers.

Within 10 ft. of the location from where the 51 buckets of gravel were taken, a shaft was sunk to about 15 ft. 6ft. X 6 ft. and gold to the amount of \$850.00 was taken out by Clyde L. Balkwell who at that time owned a 1/3d interest in the Key placer. Mr. Balkwell died in 1937. These facts were well known at the time and can be verified by Mrs. King and others at Twin Lakes, all well known residents of this section. About 100 ft. from the hole last mentioned

in a S.E. direction a pit was dug by Dorsey & Edwards in 1937 and and measured by Mr. Hill who estimates there was not more than 1500 cubic yards in place from which the recovery was \$3,600.00 by Mint returns, which can be verified by Mr. Edwards who lives in Buena Vista.

In 1940, Mr. Hill let Jno. De Moss prospect and sluice at random for 2 months on the Key Placer and he made not less than \$45.00 a week with pick and shovel. Mr. De Moss who lives at Gardner, Colo, is available and will verify this. He gave up the work because his wife could not stand the altitude. In one place where De Moss worked he took out 15 yards and obtained \$58.00. Mr. De Moss will verify this.

The other claims adjacent to the Key and Young America are thought to be as good as ~~xxxxxxx~~ these,

The 12 claims of about 1480 acres lying south of Lake Creek are reported to have been tested many years ago and showed values of from 22¢ to \$1.00 per yard. There is plenty of water available.

Electric power is not now available, but expected to come in from Nathrop, Colo. soon after the war is over.

The locations are all on or adjacent to State Highway # 24.

There is a small hotel at the town of Twin Lakes. Furnished cabins are to be had at Hill's store.

Hollenbeck is placering with much success on the west end of the Derry Ranch, from where the N.Y. Engineering Co stopped work some years ago up to the foot of Mt. Elbert.