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Reported by: N. S. Wagner
Informant: L. H. Sammons
Date: March 6, 1945

Sumpter District - Baker Co

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& MINERAL IND.

Name: Baker Development Company (Placer)

Owner-Operator: Mr. L. H. Sammons, Box 387, Baker, Oregon; - 4063 S. E. Pine Street, Portland, Oregon.

Location and Area: 2200 acres of leased farmland situated in the Valley below McEwen in T. 10 S., R. 38 E. This is 20 miles from Baker on the Baker-Sumpter road and at an elevation of about 4100 feet.

Development: Since October 23, 1944 a crew of five men have sunk 31 prospect shafts and drilled three 5" drill holes by way of sampling these holdings. The shafts are circular and start with a casing 48" in diameter.

In practice all top soil is discarded but all gravel below the point where the first pannings appear is run through a pilot recovery unit. Values per hole are figured in terms of the total quantity of material excavated.

This shaft work is done in a specially constructed house fitted with heating and hoisting facilities, etc., and on skids to facilitate moving.

A 5" Keystone drill has just been acquired, but it is planned to continue shaft exploration and use the drill only to augment shaft work.

The results of sampling to date are encouraging according to Mr. Sammons and as a consequence it is planned to continue this program till late summer.

Baker Lead Mine Co (Placer)

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10S 38E
T R S

PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Baker COUNTY

Sampter AREA

4100 ELEVATION

Baker - Sampter ROAD OR HIGHWAY

20 miles to Baker DISTANCE TO SHIPPING POINT

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) L.H. Sammons

Address 387 Baker or 4063 SE Pine St Portland Ore

OPERATOR L.H. Sammons

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY Keyton drill + prospect shaft hoist + casing + pumps

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Mr. Sammons advises me that his options to buy these ranches outright are paid up till December 1947 after which time he must start payments of 5% of a fixed buying price, excepting when the dredge gets on a given property - in which case full payment is to be made immediately.

Mr. Sammons states he intends to finance the proposed dredge himself - or at least largely so, and he talks in terms of a Yuba Dredge with jigs. The gold he has recovered to date is all fine, but testing areas at the mouth of tributaries where coarser gold may conceivably occur, is yet to be done.

This entire program is being carried out in a very workmanship appearing manner.

There is one joker in the stack as far as a dredge operation here is concerned and that is a proposed dam to be built within a very short distance downstream from the property. This dam would be designed for irrigation purposes and it has been considered and even surveyed several times during the past 20 years. Much interest is currently being shown in the idea again and this time it might well be constructed.

Sammons doesn't seem especially concerned about the dam which is in marked contrast with the attitude of Mr. Shelley of the Sumpter Valley Dredging Company.

Mr. Bodelson, Portland, formerly of Sumpter
who promoted the Sumpter Valley Dredging Co.,
promoted Baker Development Co. -