OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES
Grants Pass Oregon Field Office

MEMO REPORT

TOMBSTONE PROSPECT (Gold)  
Tiller Drew District  
Douglas County

LOCATION:  On ridge in saddle at road junction 2,720 ft elevation SW¼ Sec. 5,  
T. 31 S., R. 3 W.

OWNERS:  Fred Mingea and associates of Glendale, Oregon and Red Bluff, California

HISTORY:  The prospect was rediscovered while gathering evergreens for Sherwood Forest  
Farms plant at Quines Creek about 3 or 4 years ago. There was a shallow  
discovery cut and beginnings of an adit about 10-ft deep along with rusty  
pick and shovel with rotted out handles. Mingea was familiar with the story  
of the lost "Red Blanket" prospect discovered by Ed Shieffelin just before his  
death in 1897, and thought it highly possible that this could be the long-lost  
prospect Shieffelin wrote about in his diary; hence the name Tombstone.

A road has been recently constructed through the saddle covering up the  
old prospect so that all that is visible is the dump.

GEOLOGY:  The prospect was visited on a cold, rainy day so no time was spent looking  
closely at the rocks. The country rocks appear to be dark fine-grained meta-  
sediments, perhaps in part metavolcanics, which were mapped by Diller and  
Kay (1924) as Jurassic Galice Formation and greenstones.

Three samples of fractured iron-stained vein quartz were collected. Sample,  
AWG-1 was collected from the dump of the now covered discovery cut on the  
north flank of the new road.

Two other small quartz veins were exposed by the road construction about  
200 ft southwest of the old discovery cut. Each of these were also sampled  
(AWG-2 and -3) to be assayed for possible gold content.

Fred Mingea had some small specimens of high-grade from the prospect with  
pyrite, and visible gold. Nothing this good could be seen on this visit.

Further investigation of the area may be justified. Assay results are still pending.

VISITED:  11/22/88 with Fred Mingea

Report:  12/30/88 by Len Ramp
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