Keystone Group

NAME
OLD NAMES

Gold
PRINCIPAL ORE
MINOR MINERALS

T13S  R33E  Sec. 2

Grant COUNTY
Quartzburg AREA

ELEVATION

ROAD OR HIGHWAY
7 mi. Prairie City & John Day Hwy.

DISTANCE TO
SHIPPING POINT

PRESENT LEGAL OWNER (S) ..................... Ed Powell
................................................................ John A. "ard

ADDRESS ........................................ Nyssa, Ore.

OPERATOR ........................................

Name of claims Area Pat. Unpat.
5 lode claims x

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EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY

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NAME: Key Stone Group

OWNERS: E.J. Powell and Ward Powell, Prairie City.

LOCATION: See 5-T12S < R33E

AREA: 5 claims (Key Stone 1 to 3, New Deal, and Benanaza)

GENERAL: A new shaft has been driven 85 ft. below the third level. In 1933 they sank on the vein from the surface, exposing a 9 ft. width with 4 ft. of low grade ore assaying $8.50 for the base ore. Loose talc on each side of the vein. Washings inaccessible.

EQUIPMENT: The whole mill consists of an automatic feed 6 ft. Rotary roll mill. 5 x 5 ft. amalgamating plates. 1 cylinder diesel engine. Wilfley table, and gas engine. The crusher has gone.

INFORMANT: E.J. Powell. THIS MINE WAS NOT VISITED.

DATED: October 16, 1938
KEYSTONE GROUP (Gold)  

Quartzville District  

Quartzville Area

Owners: Eddie Powell and John A. Ward, both of Nyssa, Oregon.

Location: In sec.2, T.13 S., R.33 E. in a gulch west of the West Fork of Dixie Creek 7 miles from Prairie City.

Area: 5 unpatented lode claims.

Miscellaneous: "The Keystone vein, with the exception of having much calcite in it, is similar in strike, dip, width, values and mineral content as the Present Need Mine. The developed ore is practically exhausted to creek level and there has been little activity at the mine in the last few years". 1/

"The old Keystone workings were entirely inaccessible in 1930." 2/

"The old Keystone, now idle ... was worked in 1882, during which year the small veins of Quartzburg produced about $12,000 ... about seven levels were run. In 1883 it is reported that 500 tons of ore at $40 per ton were worked at a cost of $8.50 per ton. In 1889 the mine is credited with a production of $5,800. The vein strikes northeasterly and dips southeasterly. It is 4 feet wide between walls, the pay forming a narrow streak on the hanging, on the foot, or on both. The gangue contains much calcite, but otherwise the ore is similar to that of the Present Need." 3/

Since 1930 a new shaft has been sunk 85 feet below the third level. In 1933 a shaft was sunk on the vein from the surface, exposing a 9/foot width with 4 feet of low-grade ore assaying $8.50 for the base ore. Loose talc occurs on each side of the vein.

Informant: J.E.A. 10/16/38 (not visited).

References: 1/ Parks and Swartley 16:137  
2/ Gilluly, Reed and Park 33:93  
3/ Lindgren 01:710  

Swartley 14:196