The Ben Franklin Mine

The lode mining property, known as the Ben Franklin, is located in San Juan Co., Colorado, 8 miles north east from Silverton and 2 1/2 miles north west from Eureka, which is the town and railroad station near the mine. (see general map below)


Title to the property is clear.


Descriptive of the Ben Franklin mine, pages 178 and 179, we quote "but all about 13 ft."

C.P. Hynie says there is an 8 inch streak for 100 ft. shaft on the Ben Franklin, that runs over 9,700 for ton. He also says there is a high grade streak of 15 to 20 inches in vein, 24 ft. 6 inches wide, that carries this vein 600 ft. with a grade over 83% lead.
This ruin just described is on the Hidden Head road, where it is crossed by the Tong Family.
History

The Ben Franklin Lode was discovered sometime in the sixties and formally located on file in 1872 at which time the town was organized. The claims were patented in 1871. An examination was made by Dr. C. E. Anthony, Mining Geologist, formerly connected with the U.S. Mint. Through this report the present owner, Mr. W. H. White, became interested in the property.

What happened between 1881 and 1894 when the lode was last worked?

In 1901, U.S. Geol. Bulletin No. 182, describes the Ben Franklin Lode, p. 77-159, as a map known as "The Abenaki Andrange (surveyed in 1900-1901) by the U.S. Geological Survey, shows the location of the Ben Franklin mine, etc.

A report was made on the lode by Arthur Rice E. M., dated Oct. 12, 1909.

Chas. B. Fagans made a casual inspection of the Ben Franklin in — 1915.
For 10.11 Plat as Benjamin Franklin in Jan 1883
Jas. Hyson Am. Also for 1657 & 660 +1657
W. Hunt Am. 14442 in 1901

Total acreage in 14442 = 12.254 acres

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\[ \frac{10.33 + 10.16 + 9.91 + 8.93}{51.484} \text{ acres} \]