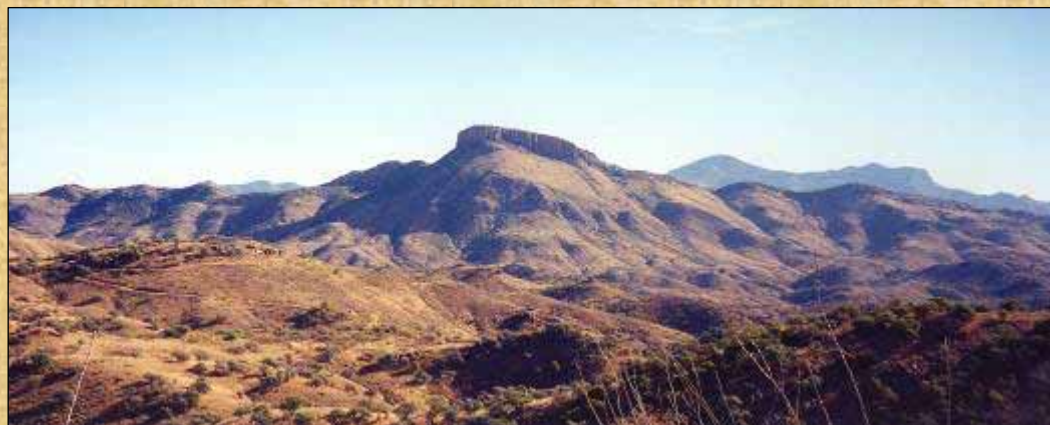


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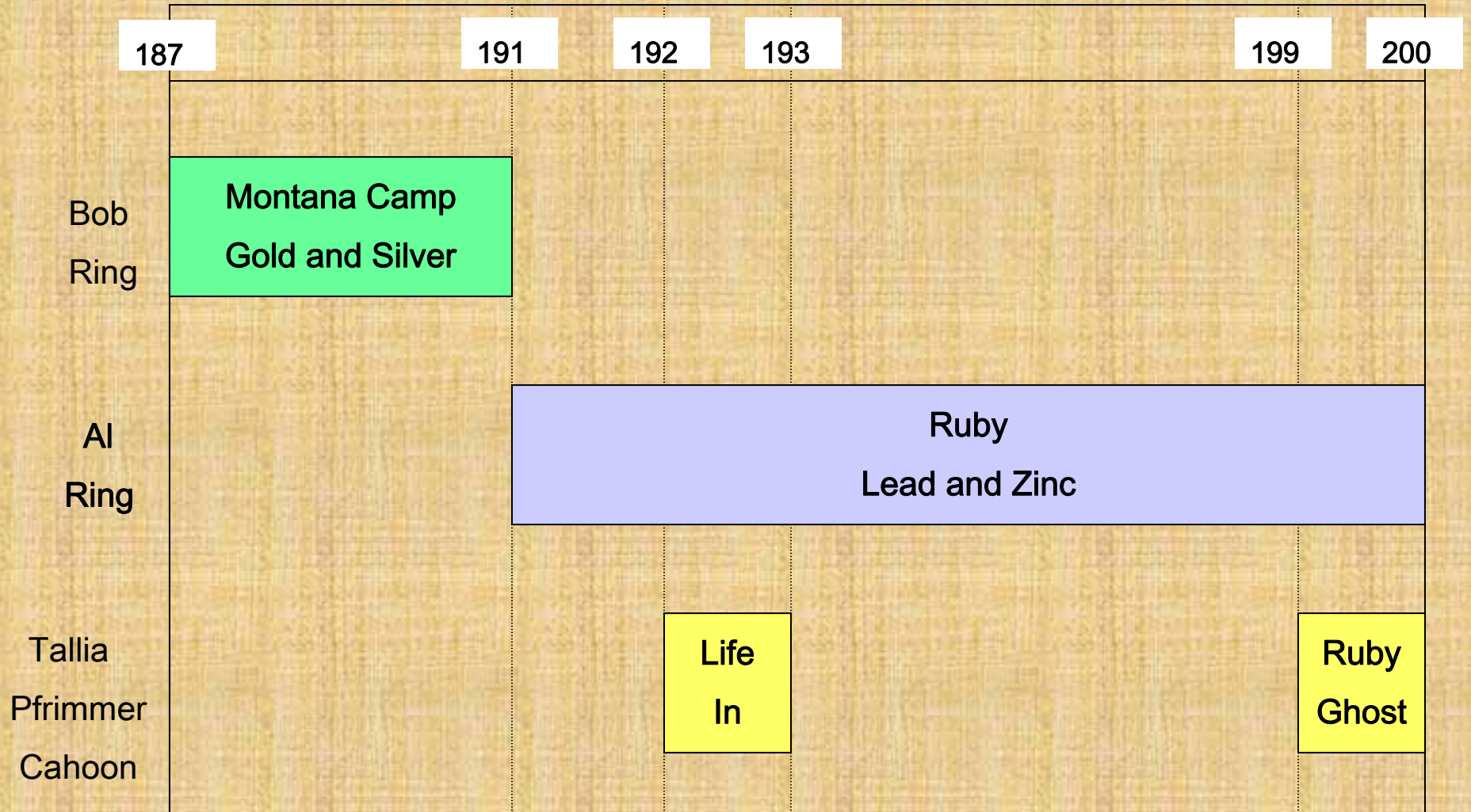


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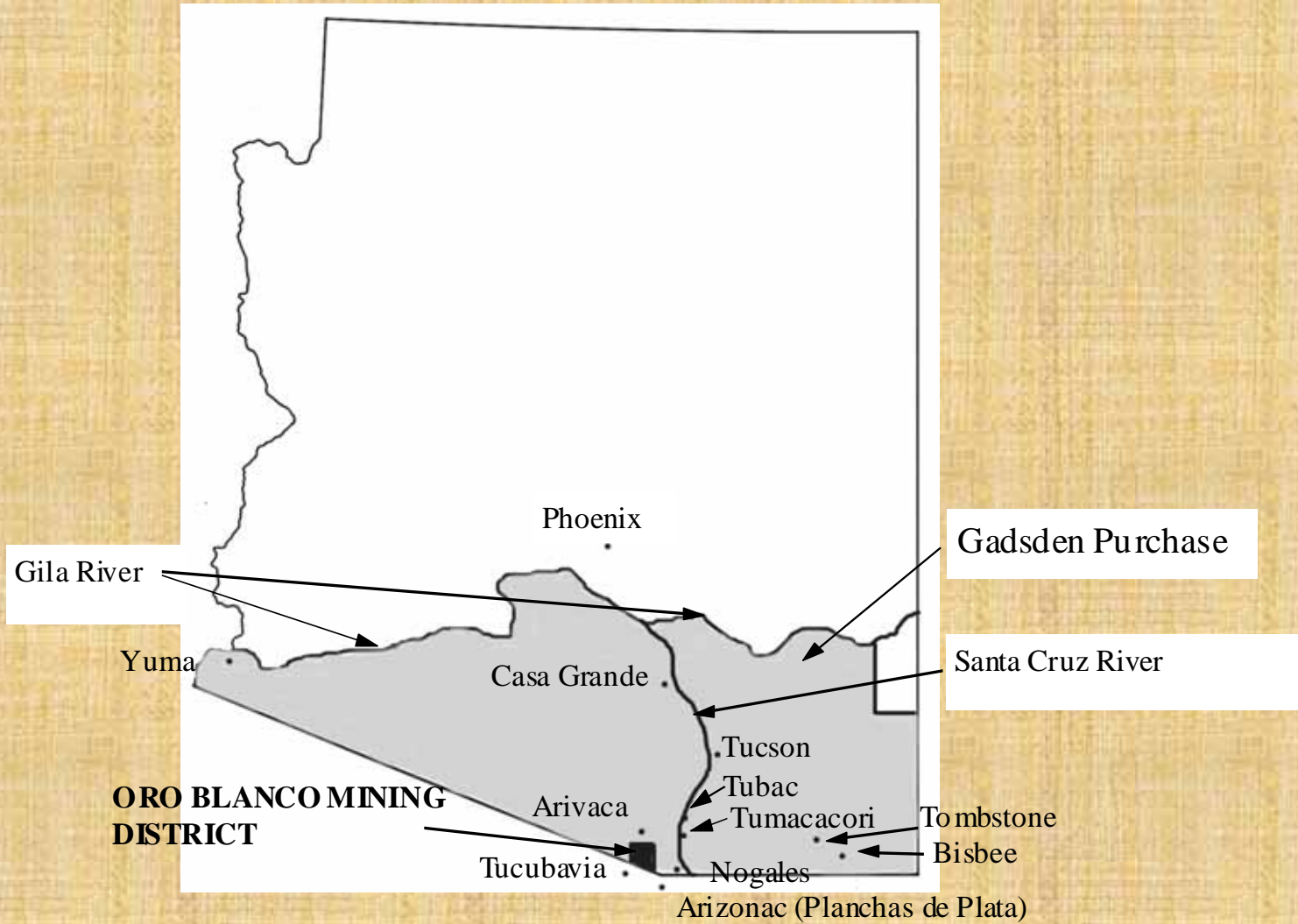
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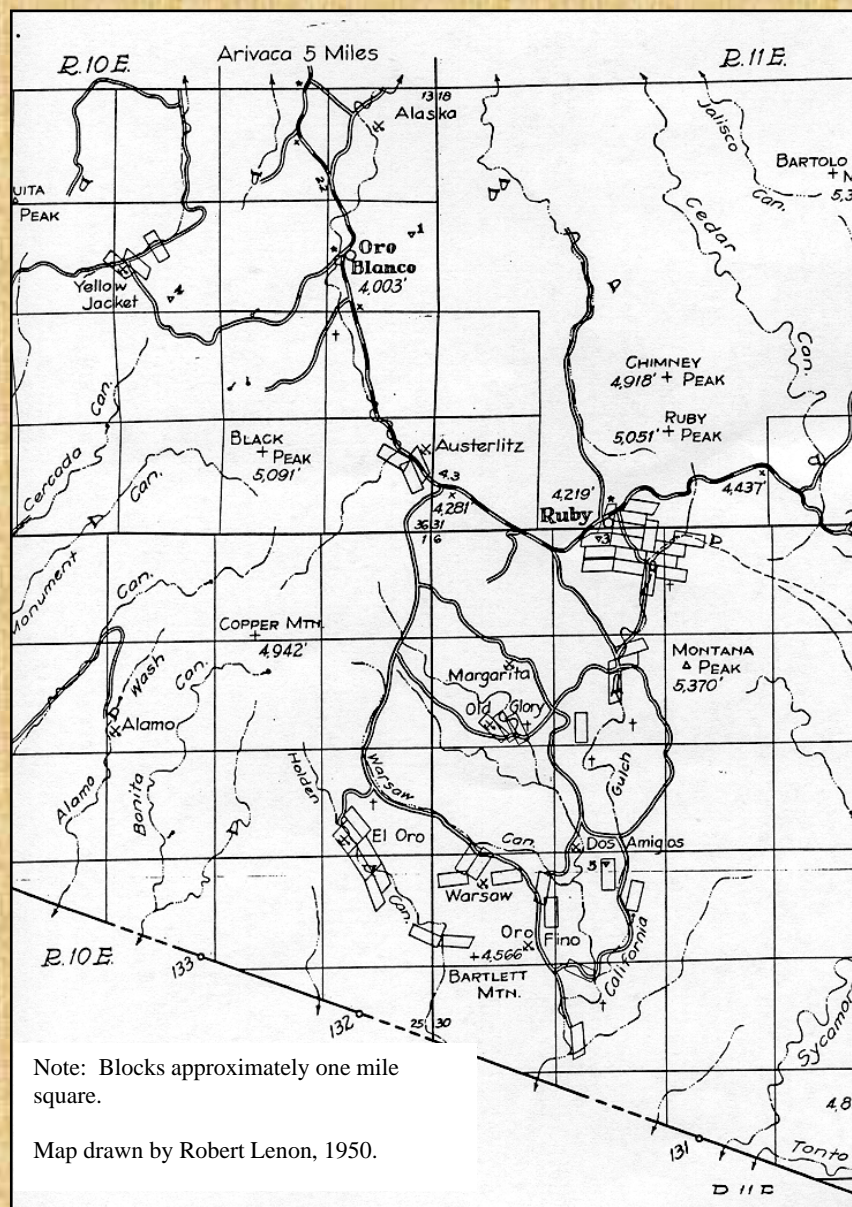
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Arizona Territory



Oro Blanco Mining District



Notice of Location

What: Montana Silver and Gold Mine

Location Date: April 10, 1877

In Accordance With: 1872 Congressional Mining Law

Size: 1500 x 600 feet

Mining District: Oro Blanco Mining District

Original Locators: J.M. Kirkpatrick, Isaac Flood

Stock Certificate - 1881

NOT ASSESSABLE

ISSUED FOR PROPERTY PURCHASED.

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MONTANA

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Gold and Silver

ORO BLANCO

PIMA COUNTY,



Mining Company

MINING DISTRICT

ARIZONA.

CAPITAL \$ 600,000 (left side) **SHARES \$ 2 EACH** (right side)

This Certifies that A. Feldpanche is entitled to
Twenty five Shares of full paid Capital
Stock in the MONTANA GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY
Not subject to assessment. Transferable on the Books of the Company by
endorsement hereon and Signature of this Certificate.

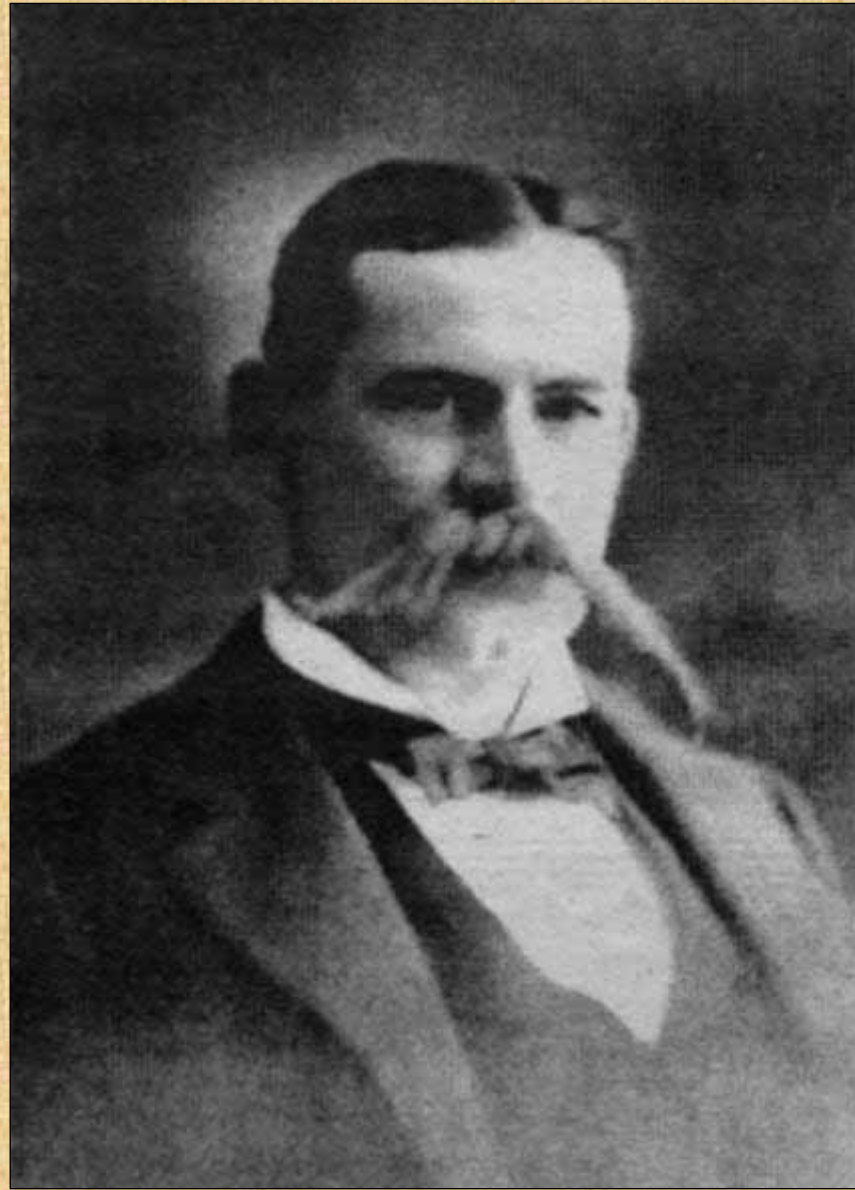
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the seal of the Company at Camden, N. J.
this Second day of June A. D. 1881

Henry King Treasurer L. W. Klack President

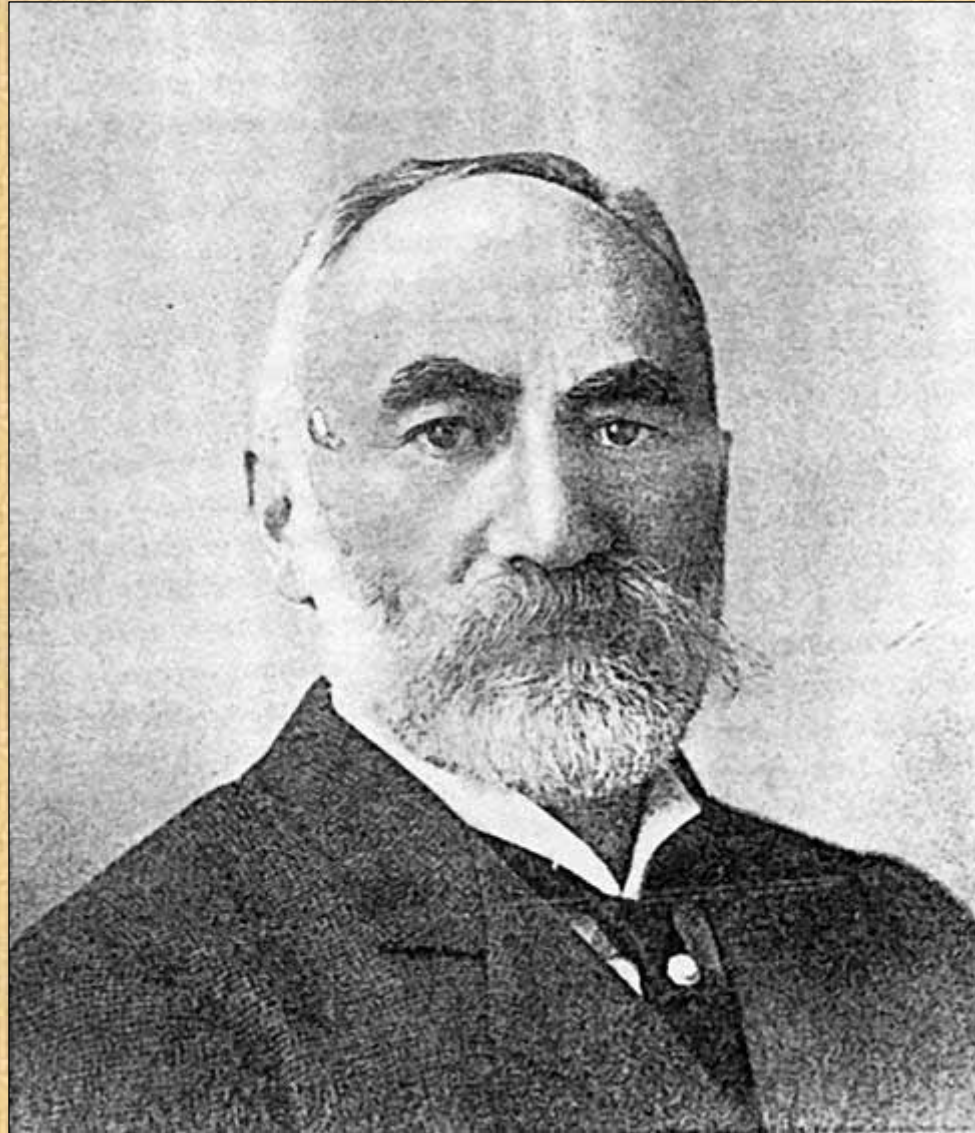
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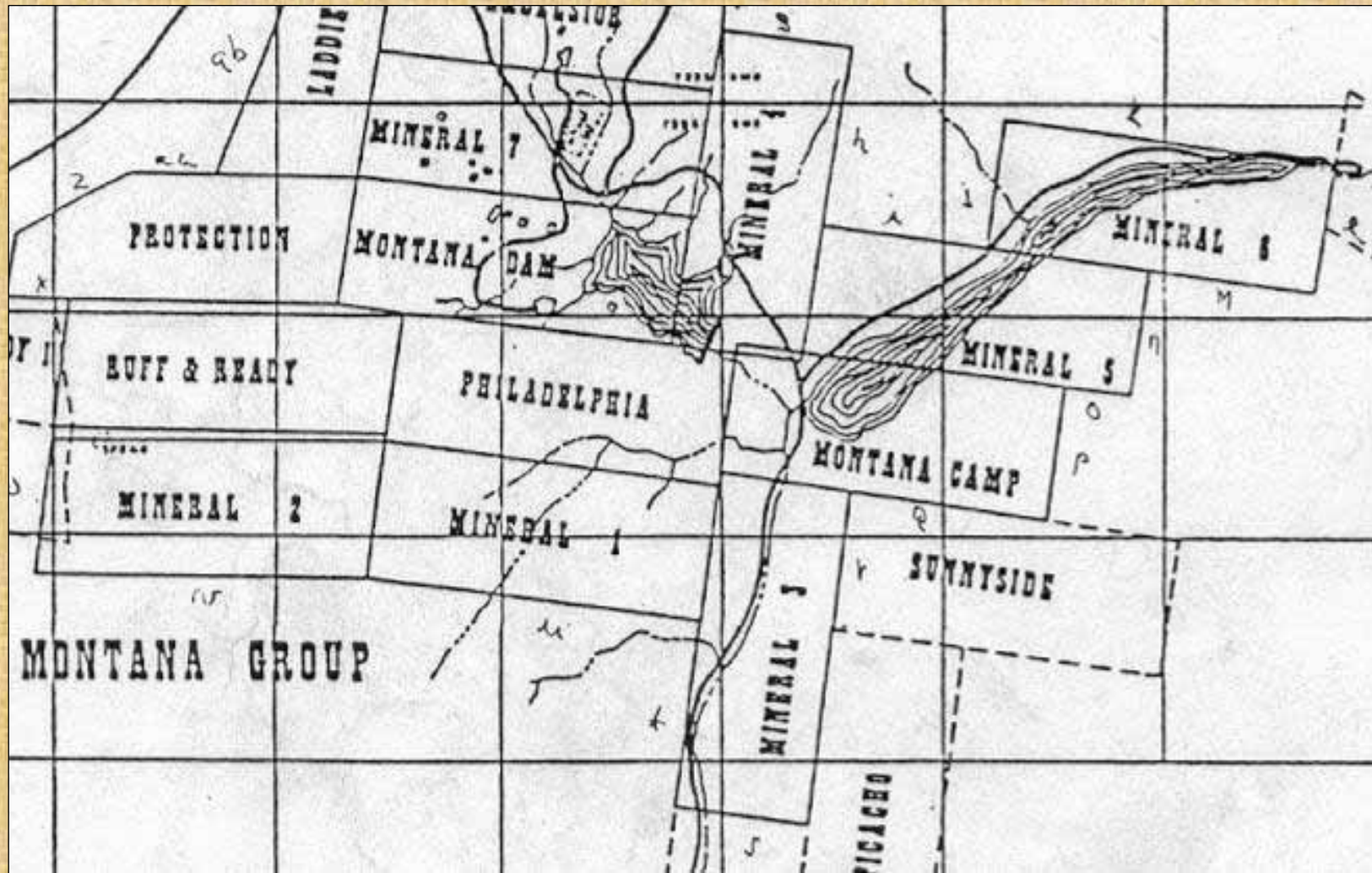
Louis Zeckendorf



Montana Mine Group - 1899

No	Mine	Original Location Date	Located By	Patent Date	Patented By
1	Philadelphia	May 13, 1889	W. J. Cheyney	April 23, 1907	Louis Zeckendorf
2	Montana Camp	January 4, 1893	George Cheyney		
3	Montana Dam	November 2, 1894	George Cheyney		
4	Mineral No. 1	December 29, 1898	J. N. Curtis		
5	Mineral No. 2	December 29, 1898	J. N. Curtis		
6	Mineral No. 3	December 29, 1898	J. N. Curtis		
7	Mineral No. 4	December 29, 1898	J. N. Curtis		
8	Mineral No. 5	November 6, 1899	J. N. Curtis		
9	Mineral No. 6	November 6, 1899	J. N. Curtis		
10	Mineral No. 7	November 6, 1899	J. N. Curtis		

Montana Mine Group - 1899



Montana Camp's General Store



Store Receipt - 1907

		Arivaca, Arizona	March 1 st	1907
M		Gold Boulder Mng. Co		
		In Account With		
		J. S. ANDREWS		
		GENERAL MERCHANDISE		
		HAY, GRAIN and FEED. MINING SUPPLIES		
		Location at Montana Camp		
Feb	10	To 10 th	Giant Powder	1 80
	15	"	Candles	25
	22	"	100 ft fuse	75
	24	"	2 Ball Hay ²⁵⁰ quart Machine Oil 20	2 70
	28	"	1 Ball Hay	1 25
	"	"	28 days Labor by Csedrio Padilla @ 1 ⁵⁰ per day	42 00
	"	"	4 " " Vicente Solito " "	6 00
	"	"	4 days hire of horse @ 50 c per day	2 00
				56 75
				567
				5108
				146
				52

Julius and Lille Andrews - 1938



As Statehood Approached

- Life in Montana Camp at the end of Arizona's territorial years was difficult
 - A few men owned their own diggings, most worked for others
 - Wages were small and money was scarce
 - Some families lived in adobe huts, but many had only tents
- From 1878-1912, the Montana Group of mines produced mostly gold and silver
 - No records of total value
 - But gold and silver mining was not very successful in the region
 - Low grade ore
 - Scarcity of water to process ore
 - Inefficient recovery of gold and silver from the ore

Was it fool's gold?

The frustration of gold miners:

“A gold mine is a hole in the ground
with a fool standing on top”

**With Arizona statehood in 1912,
and the rapidly growing value of lead and zinc,
the Montana mines were about to be reborn**