

The Lost Cinnabar Lode Additional Information

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The facts of this story were told to me by Douglas Jones who has lived near the mouth of Mina Creek (*Upper Nestucca River Road db*). His grandparents homesteaded here in 1882 and fed the hungry coolies (*In the 19th century a coolie was an unskilled laborer from India, China and some other Asian countries. The term "coolies" is considered a derogatory term by many. db*)

The government surveyors plat of 1882 shows Lampsons's mining site and the water ditch leading to it. The site is located on the north and east sides of the corner to sections 11-12-13-14 T.4S, R.8W., W.M.

The year 1975 I made an exploration trip to find any evidence, if any was left, of this historical site. The old water ditch is barely visible as it traverses its 1/12 mile course. It terminates at the section corner mentioned. The mountainside that had been washed away is now healed over by growth of salmonberry, vinemaple and alder. The only evidence of the cabin is a stone fireplace still standing. I could find no evidence of any articles, though I did find a narrow slim shoe that had belonged to one of the Chinese laborers.