

Misceleanous notes on Coffee Creek from company records.

Most of the property K. L. Gravem speaks about in his prospectus of 1932 was not patented because there was no money to pay the ~~fees~~. The patented property was about one fourth of the total owned by Coffee Creek Mining Co. He also included Mueller's 600 acres of patented ground (1166) (Now owned by Lomen Mining and Commercial Co.)

Upper Coffee Creek has deeper ground- too deep for ground sluicing, but could be source of lode gold.

Quote from Carl Lomen July 31, 1937. "The boys did well (Grant Mining Co) to produce more than \$5,500.00 from their winter dump. That money would ease them off quite a bit and make it easier for them to prepare for the summer's work. No question but that there is some good ground on Coffee Creek."

Ralph Lomen's letter of April 7, 1948 mentions a party who is interested in getting a lease to put a dredge on the part of Coffee Creek that has been ground sluiced.

McDonald (formerly with Grant Mining Co) inquired about putting a dredge on Coffee Creek to work the tailings. Re: K.L.G's letter to Ralph Lomen April 8, 1948.

Appears to be gold in all of the creeks in this area.

"The Grant Mining Co. did some drilling on our lower ground, but it didn't show up as well as above and the gold is finer. It seems that the gold gets coarser as they work up the creek toward Wonder Gulch. From indications at the present time the main source of gold appears to be from the vicinity of Wonder Gulch although there are many quartz stringers carrying gold all the way down the creek. There are colors all over Mueller's patent (1166), but no pay streak found yet. Re: K.L.G's letter to Ralph Lomen June 11, 1947.

36 holes were drilled by Silver Bow Mining Co with encouraging results.

8 Some holes showed better than \$1.00 a yard. Re: letter to Carl Lomen from K.L.G. Jan 19, 1948. (Some of this ground was stripped, but was never mined.)

"He (Henry Wahrman) told me too that he let the Silver Bow Mining Co. work

9 #1 above Crouse's Discovery which had already been worked by Grant Mining Co. (17807) and to everyone's surprise had a very good clean up. Return since shows \$6,237.52"

Re: letter to Ralph Lomen from KLL.G. Oct. 1949.

10 1950-1951 mining on Coffee Creek came to a halt. Re: letters of those years between K.L.G. and the Lomens.

Tax free depletion. Only 1/2 has been recovered. Re: letter K.L.G.

11 to Carl Lomen July 16, 1963.

P. L. Reader, North Fork Dredging Co. seems to know all about Coffee

12 Creek and thinks it might pay to dredge the tailings as soon as present unsettled conditions improve. He has in mind a little steel dredge lying idle near Beaver Creek and Eldorado River." Re: letter K.L.G. to Carl Lomen July 1968.

13 Between 1938 and 1948 the Lomen family was paid \$12,833.10 in dividends.

14 "Thank you for your information and encouraging report. The average results of your drilling is better than anything the boys (Grant Mining Co.) had on the eight claims above you. Based on this showing Discovery should bring in \$65,000.00. and I believe that No. 1 should produce nearly as much." Re: letter to H.H. Jenks. Jan 15, 1951 from K.L.G. in reference to the unworked claims on the lower end.

Following is a quote from A.G. Blake (Surveyor of Coffee Creek Property for patent).

15 "I am glad to know that the Baron (Friedlander) is optimistic and wish every success in his efforts. I feel certain something will result from his hard work and I think it is a good time to promote any gold mining project as the whole world is seeking gold now, more than in the past as it is the only thing in the world which never goes below par and probably never will." Re: letter

A.G. Blake to K.L.G. Jan 26, 1932.

Take Blake's figures for water supplies from his report 1932.

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"Twelve thousand acres of placer ground between Coffee Creek and the Kougarok
17 River. Re: Letter to Alaska Road Commission Pres. Major Malcolm Elliot Jan 23,
1932.

"My personal opinion is that when the mining of the high benches placers or
gravels is undertaken, lode gold will be discovered that will make the estimated
contents of the gravels of Seward Peninsula look like 30 cents, and the estimate
18 of the gravel gold is rather formidable as Mr. Brooks estimated it to be about
\$325,000,000.00, but he says that there is no reason for changing it although
much more may be taken out as new and cheaper methods of extracting the gold are
being developed. Re: letter from K.L.G. to Col. Steese, Alaska Road Commissioner
Wash. D. C. Dec. 15, 1925.

Above notes compiled by Roy Gravem in 1975 from records of the
defunct Coffee Creek Mining Co. now taken over by Lomen Mining and Commercial Co.