

Investigation into the paranormal claims at:

THE PHOENIX MINE



The Phoenix Mine has reports of Ghostly Miners and phantom Voices

The Mine was discovered in 1871 by a man named Miner who after making enough money to return to his home country (England) as a wealthy man. When he left the country he sold his discovery to a Cornish Miner who eventually abandoned the Mine.

A Real Estate investor bought the Mine for the remainder of the back taxes owed on in (20.00) and sold it to a Minnesota man named Gunderson in 1934 for 5000.00.

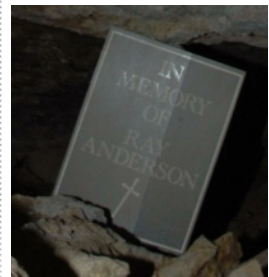
Mr. Gunderson was forced to close the Mine in 1943 because of the war. All US



Broken Timbers from past collapses



Old Equipment laying



A past visitor buried in the





Baxter checking out the back of the Mine



A bit of humor in the Mine

mining operations were stopped because of the Governments need for mining equipment to support the war.

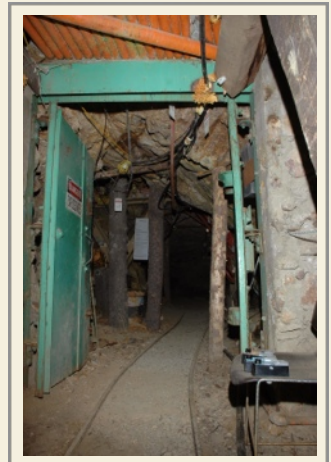
In the 1950's the Mine was leased to three men who never really worked the mine, but were said to have "swept the mine" and made enough money to buy a new Cadillac.

Mr. Al Simmons acquired the Mine in the 1950's and eventually sold the mine to Alvin Mosch in the 1972 for the price of 5000.00.

In the 1980's a group of Bishops and Cardinals from the Vatican visited the Mine, who in turn sent thirty Nuns from Cadonia Italy to visit. The Nuns were visiting to raise money for an orphanage for the orphans of Colorado Miners.

One couple who took the tour came back to have their marriage performed at the Mine.

A past tourist who had died of lung cancer requested that his funeral be at the Mine. His ashes are



The main tunnel



Exiting the Mine



scattered in a roped off area of the main tunnel.

According to the current owner, the Mine has had several fatalities during its many years of operations.

One of the deaths at the Mine happened during a collapse that can still be seen at the end of the main tunnel.

Data:

The average temperature in the Mine is between 42 and 54 degrees year round.

In 1871 the Mine reached the depth of 1000 feet and intersected the Phoenix Vein.

In the 1970's a tunnel was completed to reach the Resurrection Vein. The



naming was to represent the resurrection of the Mine.

Under the main tunnel there is a lower level known as the Winze. To access this area there is a ladder and small tunnel.



Area where a collapse happened in the past

Ghostly Claims:

On several occasions there have been reports of a "bright light" that would illuminate the main tunnel about halfway in. This has been witnessed by tourists as well as people working the mine.

People have reported seeing "Old Miners" behind them during the tours.



Ladder to another level



The main tunnel in the Mine



Electrical system in the Mine

Many people on the tours have reported being touched by an unseen hand.

Paranormal investigators have reported EVP's of voices saying many different things.

Several Ghost hunting teams have brought in "psychics" who have claimed that they communicated with past miners.

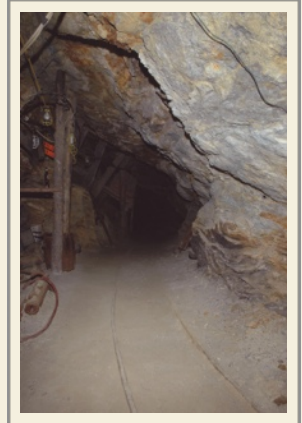
Many tourists and Ghost hunters have reported seeing mists and orbs in photographs taken in the Mine.

Investigation Conclusions:

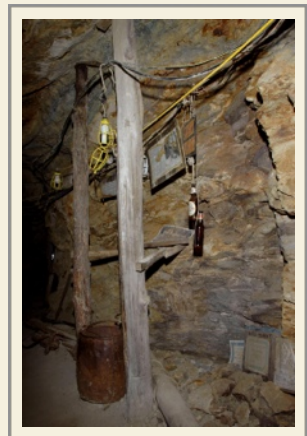
We were at the Mine for several hours. We used cameras, EMF meters and Seismometers.

Several of the reports of Ghostly activity were easily explained.

The bright light that is said to appear in the middle of the Mine is reported to come from an upper tunnel. Upon inspection the upper tunnel has an opening that exposes the area to direct skylight. On a specific day



Tunnel with tracks for cart



Equipment in the Mine



Area where the light that illuminates the main hall is said to come from



Closeup of the opening in the upper tunnel that allows light to come in

and time this would cause an alignment with the sun and make the middle of the main tunnel very bright with natural sunlight.

Seeing people wandering around in the Mine can be caused by several different things:

- 1- The Mine has several areas that have very low frequency vibrations in them. This low frequency vibration can cause the sensory experiences of shapes moving in peripheral vision. It can also create

the feeling of being watched.

- 2- The people that have these experiences are in a very unique situation when they are in the Mine. The Mine itself will act as a sensory deprivation device which will cause the mind of the person in the Mine to react to what it believes is possibly happening and even create its own sensory information due to the lack of normal sensory input. This will usually present

itself as whatever the experience is expecting. In this case when they are in a dark Mine and have been told ghost stories, their brain will fill in the blanks.

The EVP recordings taken by Ghost hunting groups are just another example of audio Paredolia or Apophenia which is the natural ability of the human mind to find order in chaos. The use of EVP recordings is something that has been proven to not work.

The Ghost hunting groups that are using psychics have the same issue as the ones that are using



EVP's, they are using a "tool" that has been proven to not work to prove that they have a haunted location.

While examining several of the "unusual" photographs that have been taken it seems that they are just the result of normal photographic errors and not something paranormal.

The reports of people hearing talking in the Mine can be explained by several things:

- 1- We tested the acoustics of the location and determined that when a person is talking at a slightly elevated tone near the entrance of the

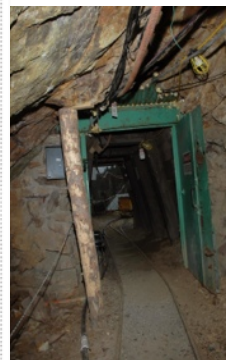


Mine, it can be heard at the back of the Mine.

- 2- The psychological conditions due to the sensory deprivation and the suggestibility of the people looking for ghosts will create the illusion of hearing voices from the normal sounds of the Mine.



Equipment in the main tunnel



A door in the main tunnel