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LOCATION:

The property is located on the Grouse Creek Fork of the Yuba River, one of the tributaries of the Middle Fork of the Boise River, in the Middle Boise Mining District, Elmore County, Idaho, and is about five miles due south from the town of Atlanta. The elevation is approximately six thousand feet, and the adjacent country is very wild and rugged, being in the Saw Tooth Range of mountains.

CLIMATE:

During the summer months the climate is delightful, but during the winter the snow fall is very deep. The cold is not severe, and the general healthfulness of the district can be considered good.

THE PROPERTY:

The accompanying map will show the claims and their position. The seven claims represented on the plan, and named Minerva, Minerva No.1 to No.6, and also the Hattie, have been patented. Recently the Company purchased an additional half claim, upon which the present milling plant is located. In all the holdings embrace something over one hundred acres.

GEOLOGY:

The initial rock or primary foundation of the district is a gray granite, or syenite, massive and with no clearly marked structural lines. At only one point in the district has any other rock been seen, and that is a basic cruptive dike which has cut the granite and, no doubt, beers some important relation to the formation of the vein. The dike makes its appearance about one mile to the north of the linerva claims, and is on the patented ground of the lonarch lines Company. The veins occur as simple fissures, with a general strike of about due east and west, and have a dip of approximately forty-five degrees to the north. In some parts of the district, and particularly to the north of the town of Atlanta, there is considerable evidence of faulting. Wy attention was called a few months ago to an old river channel which is now some two thousand feet above the present level of the Boise River, and about two miles northwest of Atlanta. This bed carries considerable placer gold, is all located, and, when water is available during the early spring, is worked on a small scale. The vein filling, or gangue, is principally quartz, but in places there is considerable gouge and talc. With the present depth attained no water level has been reached, and work is now being carried on in the zone of oxidized and also sulphide ores. The oxidation products in the main

are limonite and hematite, while the undecomposed ores contain pyrite, arsenopyrite, and some antimony. Silver predominates over the gold but only to a very small extent. The ground where the present active operations are being carried on is termed "swelling ground" on account of the instability of the walls. The accompanying map of a cross section of the mountain upon which the mine is located shows the position of the vein and foot and hanging walls.

DEVELOPMENT:

The mine is worked by a main cross cut or adit tunnel some eight hundred feet in length, and cuts the vein at a depth on the slope of about four hundred and fifty feet. Drifts have been extended east and west on the vein from the main cross out aggregating about two thousand feet, and stoping has been carried on as rapidly as the ground could be opened up, and the ore sent to the mill. At the present time three levels are being worked from the main cross cut. The ore is dropped from level to level by a system of chutes, whence it is trammed to the ore bin. Electric lights and fans have been installed. The latter greatly assist the ventilation of remote parts of the mine, while the main workings receive their air supply from an air raise through to the surface. The underground passages are all well timbered. A great deal of time has to be devoted to this phase of the work for the ground tends The following buildings are maintained at the entrance: blacksmith shop, timber framing shop,

powder house, store room, and a large ore bin, together with necessary accessories.

HISTORY - EAPLY AND GENERAL:

During the early sixties a great deal of prospecting work was done and at the present time much of this primary work is still intact. Considerable ore was mined at that time and treated in old arrastras, the remains of which are still in evidence on Grouse Creek near the Minerva Mill. The efforts of these early pioneers no doubt were concentrated on very rich pockets and seams, for the cost of mining and milling per ton of ore in the way that they were compelled to handle it precluded the handling of anything except high grade ore. The poorer material was left, and much of that is now being successfully treated. During the last few years the property has grown considerably in every way, which fact is largely due to the efficient management it has received since falling into the hands of W. J. Keough, who is now the General Manager. Last summer the mill was increased to twenty stamps, and Johnson concentrators installed. This alone increased the work in every department, particularly so in the mine, where double the quantity of ore had to be mined, and the force of miners increased. Naturally, as this work was rushed along a great many problems came up concerning the underground workings, and from time to time the management found it necessary to have surveys made of certain parts of the mine, and of which a few follow.

SURVEY LO. 1.

PROBLEM:

Find the length and bearing of a line that would join with the face of the "Old Powder Tunnel", and the top of raise in the east drift of the "A" level, at Bulkhead.

The accompanying map and notes of the survey will give an idea of the lay of the ground. The Old Powder Tunnel was run about the year 1870. It cross cuts the formation for a distance of about one hundred feet to the Minerva vein, and its distance, both horizontal and vertical, from the present operating tunnel is considerable, as will be seen from the plan of the claims, and also from Map No. 1. In surveying for this solution the Minerva Mine is entered by the Main Cross Cut from point "00", and a part of the traverse connecting this point with the face of the Powder Tunnel was made over a very rough country, and a portion of it is surface work. Both terminations of the survey are underground. Progress was slow in the traversing of the east drift. Considerable water was encountered and much of it came from overhead, which was a constant source of annoyance, particularly so in the narrow winding drifts where frequent sights had to be made and many readings taken. Mine work was suspended in that part of the mine during the time that the work was in progress.

DIVISION NO. 1

THE MINERVA MINE

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:

The economic conditions depend in a large measure upon the individual who has that phase to deal with. Timber suitable for all mining purposes grows in abundance. There is also sufficient water to develop power for all mining and milling purposes, and the same is utilized by all mines now operating in the district. Freight rates are not excessive. Supplies should be delivered during the summer months to get the best results from an economical point of view, for as soon as the fall snows come freight rates are increased. The headquarters for supplies is Boise, the capital of Idaho. Competent men for all departments of mining work are not hard to secure, and the salaries and wages raid are as good as at other camps and districts. The expense of installing heavy mine and mill machinery is very high, for the reason that all freight must come by wagon from Mountainhome, which requires time; and the other expenses attendant on the same make the cost of machinery, set up and ready to run, about twice what the first cost is on the outside. In the installation of a mill one should figure on double the factory cost by the time the same is installed and operating. The wages and salaries commanded in the district are:

Rate per day

Carpenters	-	00-	-	**		\$4.00		
Tram Hen	-	nds.	-	400.	Spain	4.00		
Hachinists	-	-	_	-	-	-4.00		
Shift Bosses -	-	-	-	**		-4.50		
Timber Framers	ngan .	100	_	-	***	+4.50		
Blacksmiths			-			- 4.50		
Wine Foremen -	-	-	_	-		6.00		
Will Foremen -	-		-	0-10	nin.	5.00		
Assayers		_		mplin		5.00		
Cooks			-	-		75.00	per	month

The cost of competent managers varies with different properties and can be placed at about \$250.00 per month and expenses.

The cost of supplies laid down is:

Mine timber, logs 7 cts. per running foot
Lumber 828.00 per M
Lagging 6 cts. apiece
Wood 35.00 per cord
Powder 20 cts. per 1h.
Fuse ct. per foot
Caps 31.00 per box
Candles
Shovels
Nails
Blacksmith Coal 60.00 per ton
Oils and gasoline 50 ets. per gal.
Shoes and dies 7 cts. per 1b.

The price charged for board is \$1.00 per day. The total costs attendant on mining and milling that have come under my observation while considering two mills are:

	Cost of Mining rer Ton	' Cost of ' Milling per Ton '	Total
10	1 2.90	1 3 1.24	- \$4.14
20	1.95	1 0.85	2.80
	1	T	1

The above cost table applies only to mines and mills working to their full capacity, and aided not only by good management, but by close attention to detail as well.

The usual wagon freight rate during the months of July. August and September is 2 cts. per 1b, direct from Boise, and $1\frac{3}{4}$ cts. from Mountainhome. Many of the teams avail themselves of the opportunity to load back to the railroad with concentrates at the rate of 1 cts. per 1b.

DIVISION NO. 2

PROPLEMS 1, 2 and 3, EMBRACING THE CHARACTER
OF ENGINEERING WORK DONE

APPENDIX

- 1. Name of Property - Minerva Group, Lode Claims
- 2. Locality - - Middle Boise Mining District,

 Mlmore County, Idaho. T.

 No. 5 N., Range No.11 E.
 - 3. Name of Claims - Minerva, No. 1, No. 2, No.3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6.

 Hattie, and the east half of the Gold King.
 - 4. Area of Claims - 100 Acres, approx.

SURVEY NO. 2.

PROBLEM:

- 1. Find a point in the "New Raise" in a vertical plane with the "Old Air Raise".
- 2. Whether the "New Raise" is above or below the "Old Air Raise".
- 3. Distance through to make connection.

The following map and notes show the relation of the tro raises one to the other. The Old Air Raise, which connects with the surface, had caved from a point in the drift up along its course for a distance of some thirty feet or more, making it impossible to enter or take any hearings from there. As a result of this filling, the ventilation of the mine, as well as the safety of the men, was endangered, it being the only outlet to the surface. The Foreman put through another raise, starting some distance west, and raising on the vein intended to intercept the "Old Raise" on the slope. After rushing the work for some time, he failed to find the Old Raise. The accompanying maps and notes will show how the matter was worked out, and how easy it is for one to become confused underground. The nature of the passages in this part of the mine made it impossible to safely use a transit, so a compass was substituted. Connection was made without any difficulty, and proved to be just where the solution of the problem indicated.

SURVEY NO. 3.

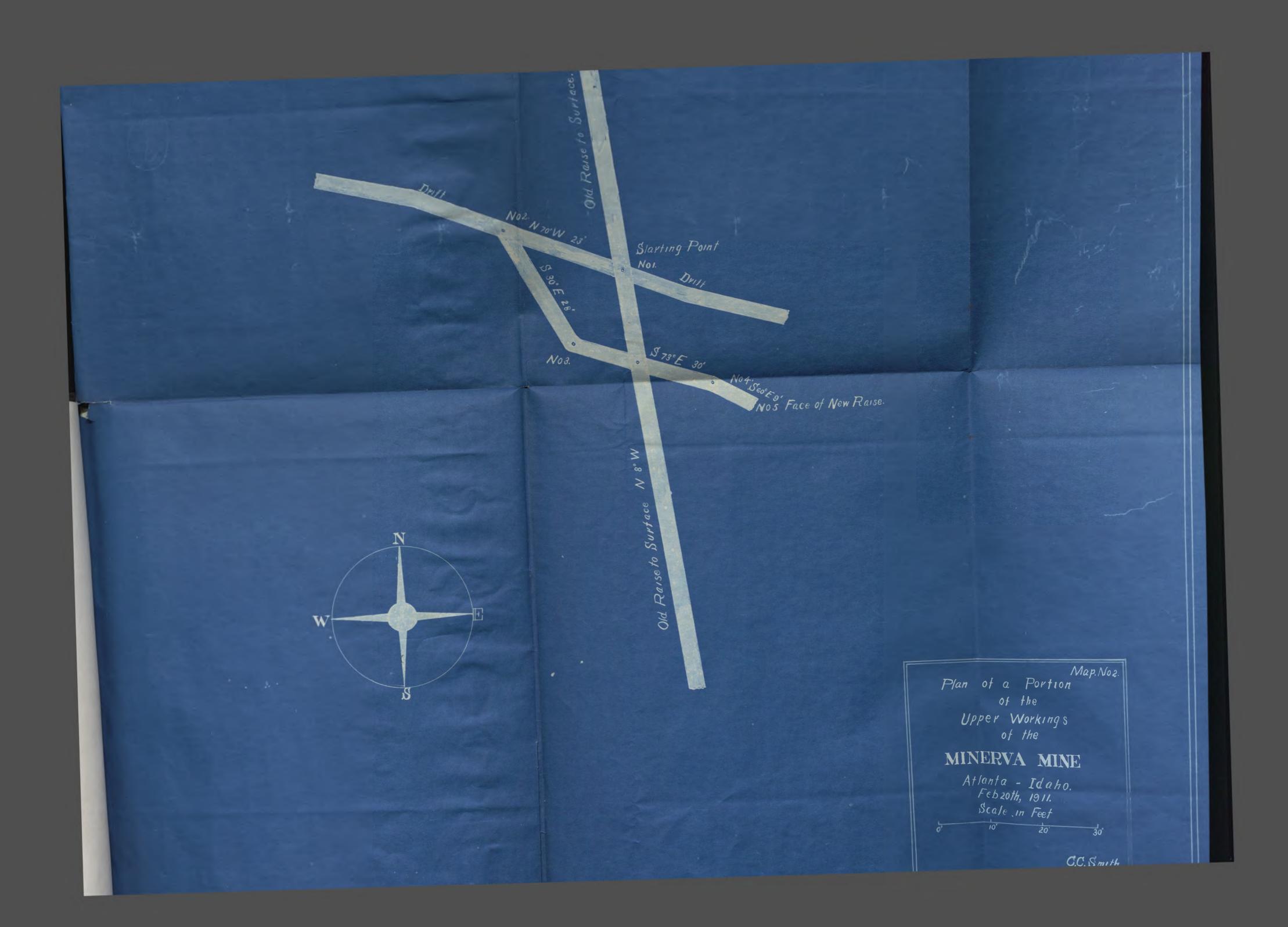
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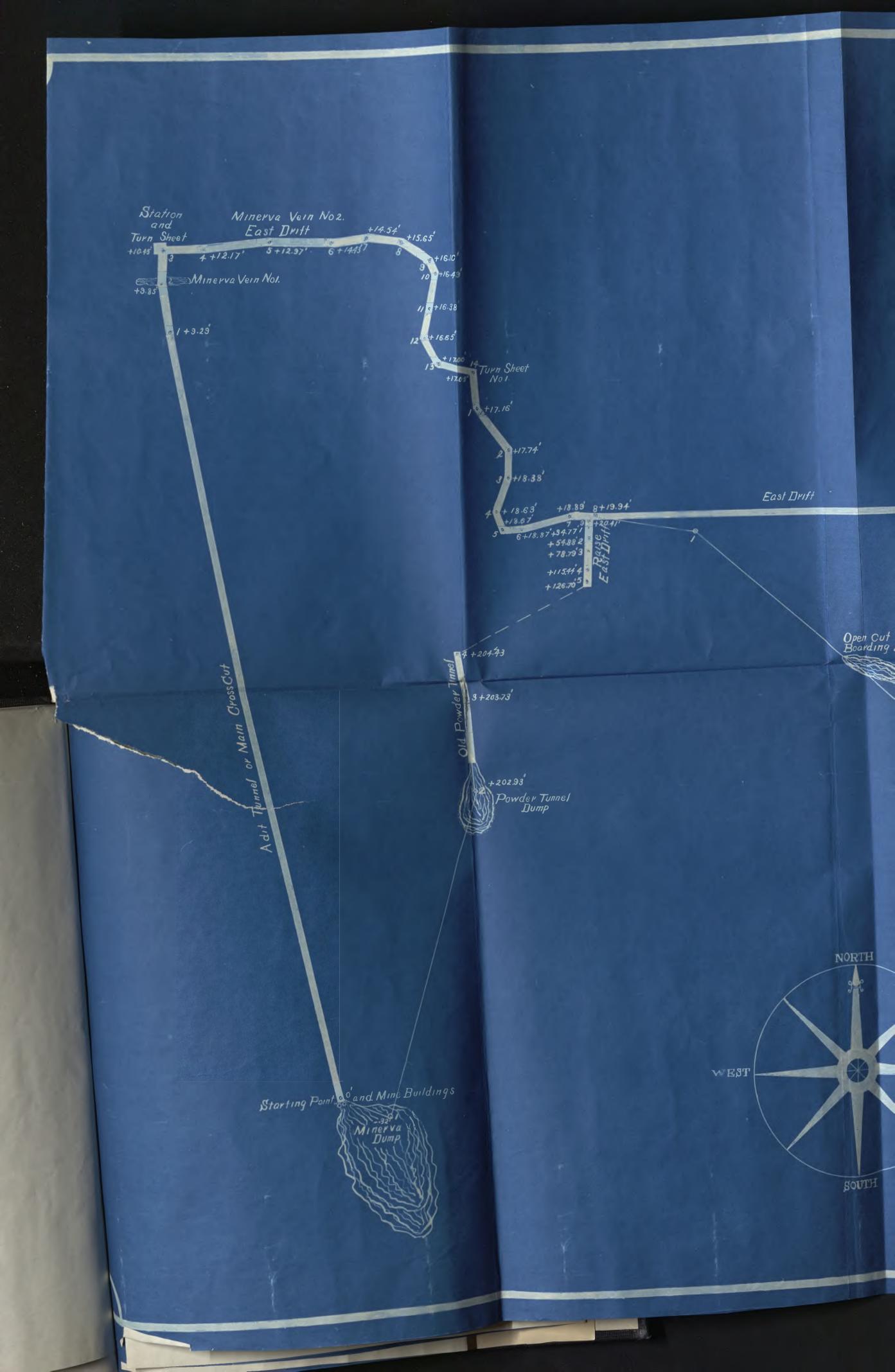
- 1. Find the point in the Minerva Adit Tunnel to cross cut and intercept station No. 5, East Drift, on the shortest possible line.
- 2. Find the azimuth, vertical angle, and also the length of line to make connection.

This traverse was commenced from station No. 1 in the main cross cut, and continued to station No. 5, beyond turn, sheet No. 1, east drift. The field was closed for a base line to work with, and the triangle solved for the required sides.

CONCLUSION:

In the making of these surveys, a Stanley London Trangit was used, and also one assistant. All stations were marked by a number of nails driven in the post supporting the cap, and corresponded to the number of the station, in which a screw sye was set. These stations were made visible by holding a candle directly back of a plum line suspended from the screw eye. The starting point for the survey is a peg driven firmly in the ground on the west side of the or track, and about thirty feet from the first timber set at the entrance of the main cross out tunnel. This peg was marked "00" and designated as the starting point, being given zero elevation. The true meridian had formerly been determined by a United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor, and was accepted as 0.K.





Present Face of Drift
1128' East of Station.

Open Cut at Mine Boarding House

Surface Point East of Boarding House Level with top Raise " Vein Out Crop.

Map. Nos.

Plan of a Partial Survey of the

SURFACE and UNDERGROUND WORKS

MINERVA MINE ATLANTA I DAHO

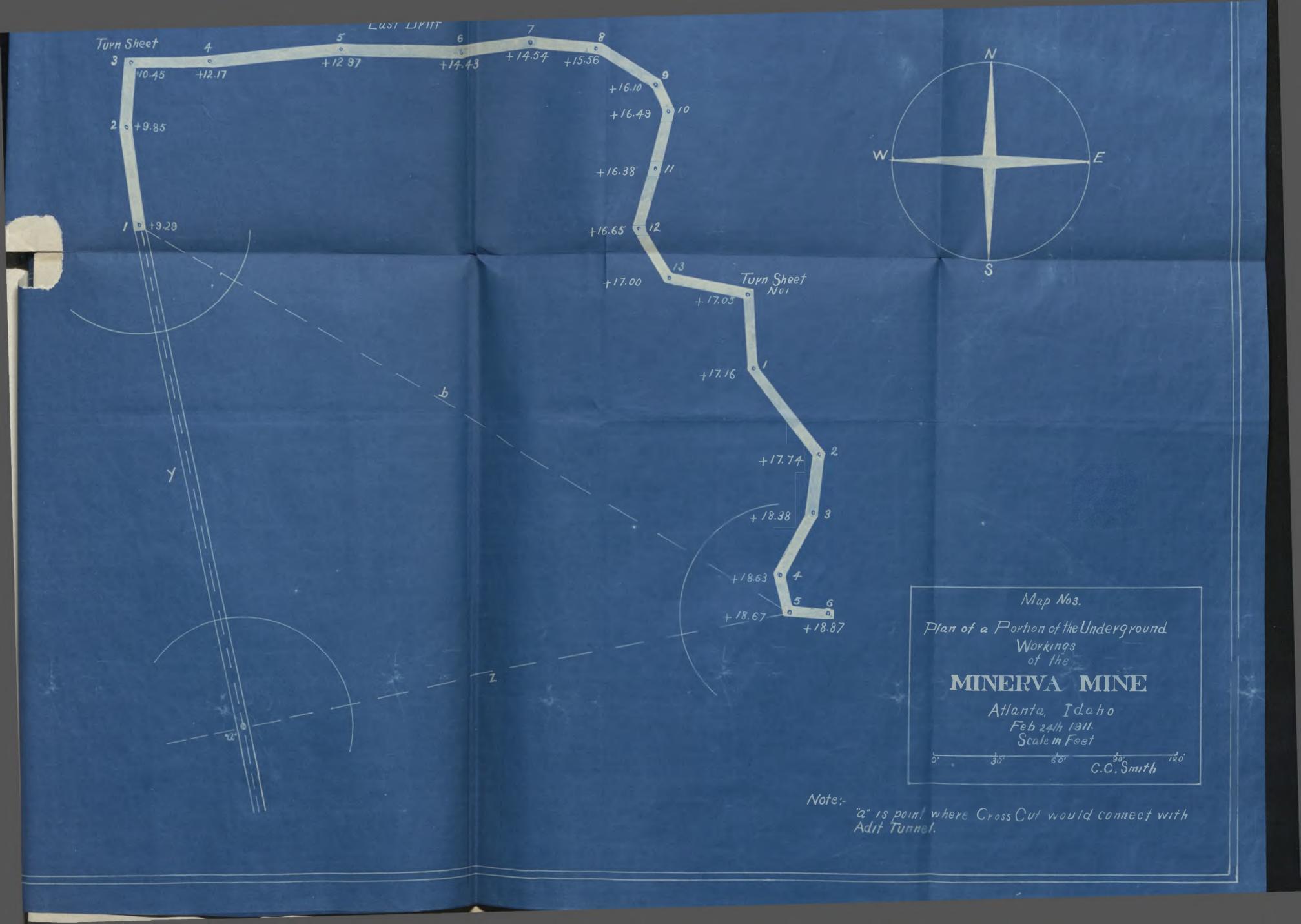
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SOUTH



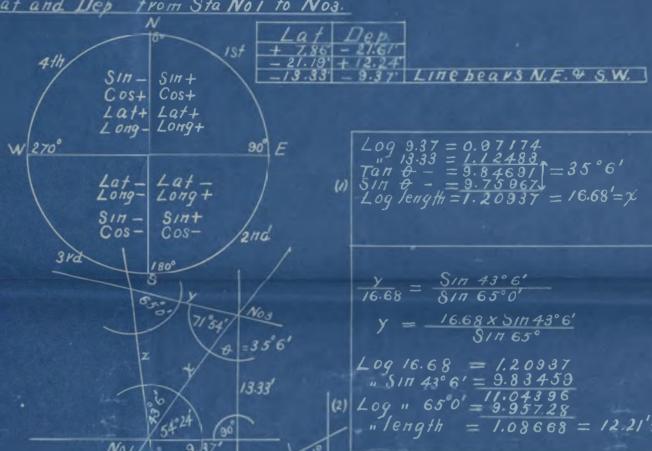
Problems

Map No 2. Atlanta Idaho

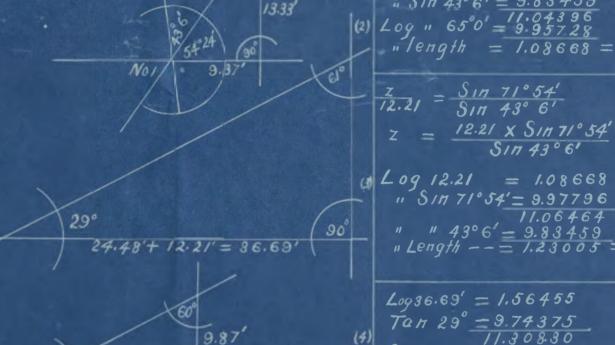
1) Point in New Raise in Vertical Plane with Old Air Raise,
12) Whether " " is above or below the " " " (3) Whether " " 13 above or below the

	St	a	Bea	2 F Of	Line	S/ope II.	HorD.	VertL	E/ev	Lat	Dep	Remarks
	10	2	N	70°	W	23'	23.00	+ 0"	0,	+ 7.86	-21.61	
2	#	3	S	30°	E	28'	24.48	+29"	13.571	-21.19	+12.24	New Raise
3	"	4	S	73°	E	30'	26.48	+ 29*	14.54			
4	4	5	S	60°	E	9'	7.87	+290				Face
1	н	2'	N	8°	W	_	-	- 30°	_	_		200

Lat and Dep from Sta No1 to Nos.



Sin 43°6'



16.99

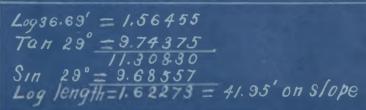
12.21

6.76

	$y = \frac{16.68 \times \text{Sin } 43^{\circ}6'}{\text{Sin } 65^{\circ}}$
	$Log /6.68 = 1.20937$ " $S/\pi 43^{\circ}6' = 9.83459$
(2)	Log " 65°0 = 1.04396 "length = 1.08668 = 12.21'= y.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
\text{Log 12.21} &= 1.08668 \\
\text{"Sin 71°54'= 9.97796} \\
&= 11.06464 \\
\text{" "43°6'= 9.83459} \\
\text{"Length --= 1.23005} = 16.99= z
\end{array}$$

SIN 43°6'



$$Tan 30^{\circ} \times 16.99 = 9.81'$$
" $29^{\circ} \times 12.21 = 6.76' + 13.57 = 20.32'$

	Elevation of New Raise = 20.32'
5)	Difference = 9.87' Less height of Raise timber 6.00' Distance through = -4.45'
	Less height of Raise timber 6.00'
	Distance through4.45

Results

(1) Measure on slope up New Raise trom point No2	_ 41.95
(2) New Raise is above "Old Raise"	
(3) Sink from "New Raise" at point slope 41.84' up from point No2	t on

Underground Traverse.

0	oo" to face of Powder Tunnel.								
7e	Dist	Vert Angle			Lat	Дер	Remarks		
	50.10°	3/° 15'-	- 0.32'	1/5°58'	- 2 2 32'	+ 45.03	Point on Minerva Dump		
		3/ /3 -	1203.25"	19° 23' 326° 22'	+ 3/3.69'		" Powder Tunne! Dump		
	93.20' 52.60'			351° 18'	+ 51.99'	- 5.90' -7.95'	" In " Length of		
	32,60		+204.43	331 /0	+436.37		Center of Face Powder Tunn		
		-33	120470		. , , , , ,				
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	761,36	0° 42'	+9.29"	349°47'	+749.17	-135.05	Adit Tunnes Mine Entrai		
	47.92		+0.56	352° 20'	+ 47.49'		Noi Vein		
	31.82		+0.60'	3°00'	+ 31.77	+ 1.66'	Turn Sheet East and Wes.		
	38.28		+1.72	88"28"	+ 1.02'	+ 38.26'	East on East Drift		
	63.64		+ 0.80'	83°56'	+ 6.72	+ 63.28			
	58.70		+ 1,46"	9/0321	- 1.57	+ 58.67	0 11 11 11		
	35.26		+0.11'	8/°/8'	+ 5.33'	+ 34.85	И и и и		
	33.86		+ 1.11	97°07'	- 4.19'	+ 33.66	-11 H H H		
	34.04		+ 0.45	122°40'	- 18.37	+ 28.65	11 11 11		
	14.40	-	+0.39	154°45'	-/3.02		To Sparks Foin! No12		
	34.00		-0.//	191048	-33.28'	- 6.95	From " " " to No		
	29.35		+0.27	193°14'	-28.56	- 6.7/	11 11 11 11 14 11 11		
	28.45		+0.35	/48°07'	-24.15	+ 15.02	Where " work ended Sta		
1	39.72	-	+0.05	102°00'	- 8.24	+ 38.85	Turn Sheet Noz East Drift		
	35.42		+0.//	174°45'	-35.22	+ 3.65	XCut to South		
	53.21		+0.58	141°55'	-41.88'	+32.8/			
	28./8		+064	/83°/0'	-28./4'	- 1.55	Turning West		
	34.63		+0.25	203°26 162°26	-1635	+ 5.49	Frail		
	18.20	-	+0.04'		- 0.79	+18.28	" Zast " " XCut to VeIII		
	18.30 49.48	,——	+0.02	77°06'	+/0.04	+48.23'	" " ACO! 70 FC!!		
	24.80		+1.05	90°42'	- 0.29	+24.79	Raise East Drift		
1	4.14		+0.47	219°30'	-3./9'	-2.63	Point in Cap under Rai		
	13.10	/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	+9.59'	182°42'	- 8.9/	-0.42	In Raise		
10.	23.00	6/000	+20.//	182°42'	-11.13	- 0.52'	" "		
1	27.90	59°00'	+23.9/	182042	-14.34	-0.67	n u		
1	41.51	62°30'	+36.65	182042	-/9.13°	-0.90	n n		
1	13.75	55°00'	+11.26	182°42'	- 7.87'	- 0.37'	Top of Raise Bulk !		
	2000	E TOTAL TOTAL	+/2/.93'			+/34.75'			
			+ 4.77	Inst heigh					
			+/26.70	2.73	, , , , , , , ,	Section 1	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH		
	N						Results.		
	Lai	(+ 7+	Add Line Tant	Length of Unknown Side Bearing "" Vertical Angle from Top of Raise + "" " Fowder Tunnel -					

Plan MINERVA - GROUP of - claims 1472' N. 88°27 E Elmore — — County — — Idaho

Area — 103.48 — Acres Scale - 300 - feel to the inch Variation 19°25 E MINERVA NO. 4 MINERVA NO. 8 S 88°27'W N 88°27'E 5/00 N 88°27'E MINERVA HATTIEL 5 88°27'W S 88°27'W N 88°27'E MINERVA NO.5 MINERVA NO. 6 5 88° 7' N 1500 1500 S 88°27'W

Survey Notes and Solutions Accompany Map Nos.

Problem:

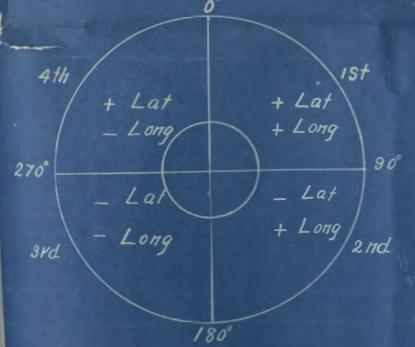
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(2) Required the Azimuth and Vertical Angle, also length of line.

Underground Traverse Starting Point Sta Noi. in Adit Tunnel 761.36' from Point "00"

Sta Bear of Line	Dist Elev	Azımuth	Lat Dep	Remarks
1-2 N 7º 40 V	1	' 352° 20'	+47.49' -6.39'	Not Vern
2-3 N 9° 00' E	3/.82' /0.45	3° 00'	+31.77+1.66	Tura Sheet East & West Drifts
3-4 N 88° 28 E	38.28' 12.17'	88° 28'	+ 1.02' +38.26'	East on " "
4-5 N 83° 56' E		83° 56'	+ 6 .72' +63.28'	11 11 11 11
5-6 S 88° 28' E	58,70' 14.49	9/ 32'	- 1.57 +58.67	11 11 11
6-7 N 81° 18'E	35.26 14.54		+ 5.33 + 34.85	11 11 11
7-8 \$ 82° 53' E	33, 86 15.56		- 4.19 + 33.60	1 11 11 11
8-9 S 57° 20'E		122° 40'	- 18.37 + 28.65	
9-10 S 25° 15'E	14.40 16.49	154° 45'	-13.02 + 6.14	To Spark's Point No 12
10-11 8 11° 48'V	/ 34.00 /6.38	191° 48'	- 33.281 - 6.95	4 11 11 11/4
11-12 5 130 141	V 29.35 /6.65	193° 14'	- 28.56 - 6.71	" " " 15
12-13 8 310 53'1		148° 07'	_ 24.15' + 15.02	End of Sparks Work
13-7.S. \$ 78° 00'L		102°00'	- 8.24 +38.85	Turn Sheef No2
T.S1 8 5° 55'E			_ 35.22 + 3.65	Cross Cut to South
1-2 S 38° 05E			-41.88 + 32.81	-
2-3 S 3° 10'V			- 28.14 - 1.55	-
3-4 S 23° 26'V	1 34.63 18,63	203°26'	-31.77 -13.77	
4-5 S 17° 34'E	18.20 18.67	162° 26'	-16.35" + 5.49	TUrning East Sharp Bend
THE STATE OF THE S			-192.41 +324.56	

Line bears N.W. & S.E.



$$Log 192.4/= 2.28423$$
" $324.56= \frac{2.51129}{2.51129}$
" $Tan A = 9.77394 A = 30°43'8"$
" $Sin A = \frac{9.70827}{2.57696} b = 377.53'$

$$\frac{y}{377.53} = \frac{\sin 40^{\circ}56'8''}{\sin 90^{\circ}}$$

$$y = \frac{377.53 \times \sin 40^{\circ}56'8'' \text{Log} 377.53}{\sin 90^{\circ}} = \frac{2.57696}{\sin 1000006}$$

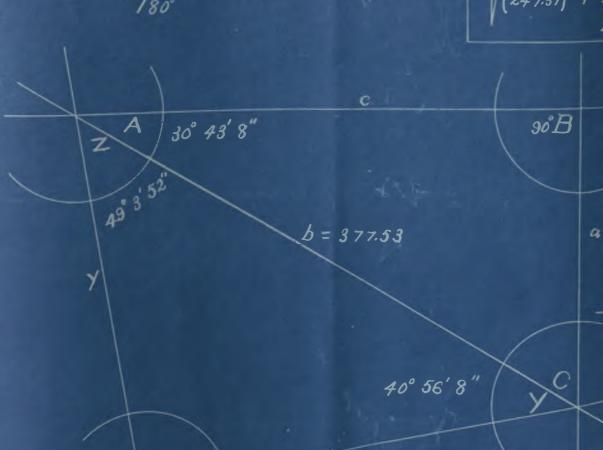
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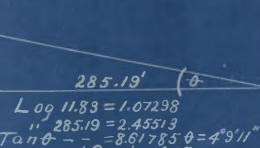
$$2.39334$$

$$2.99 \text{ y} = \frac{2.39334}{2.39334}$$

$$y = 247.37'$$

$$z = 285.19'$$





Elev Sta No! = 6.84, " " 5 = 18.67 Diff - - - 11.83

Tant - = 2.45513 Tant - = 8.61785 0 = 4°9'/1" JoGrado 4.15

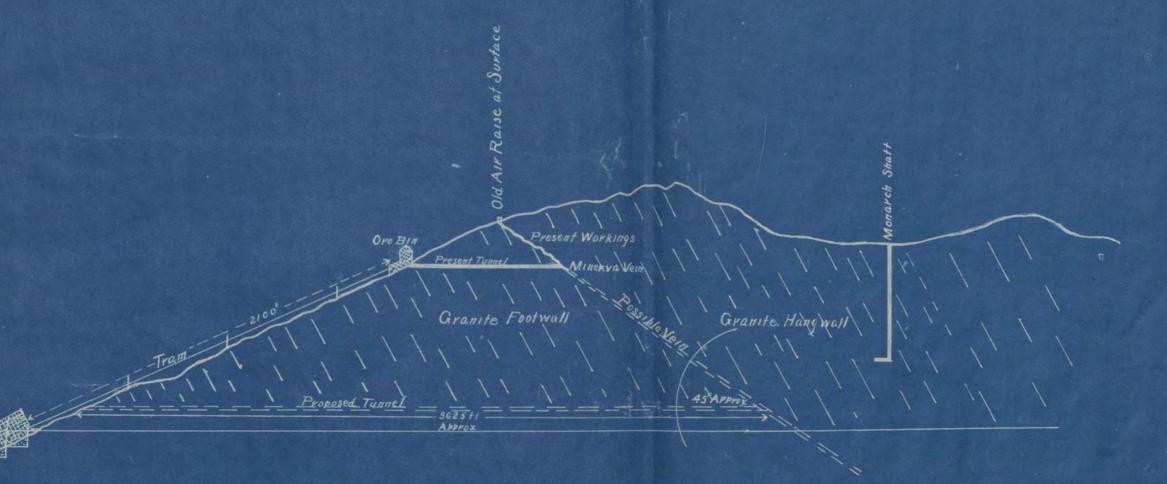
Results:

- (1) Measure South from StaNoi 247.37' or 5/3.99' North from Sta "oo" at entrance.
- Azimuth trom Adit Tunnes
 79°47.' Vertical Angle+4°9'11" From Adit Tunnel Length of Line = 285.19

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NORTH and SOUTH SECTION - MINERVA - MINE Atlanta - Idaho.

wse Creek



Scale: --- 1-inch = 50 ofeet

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