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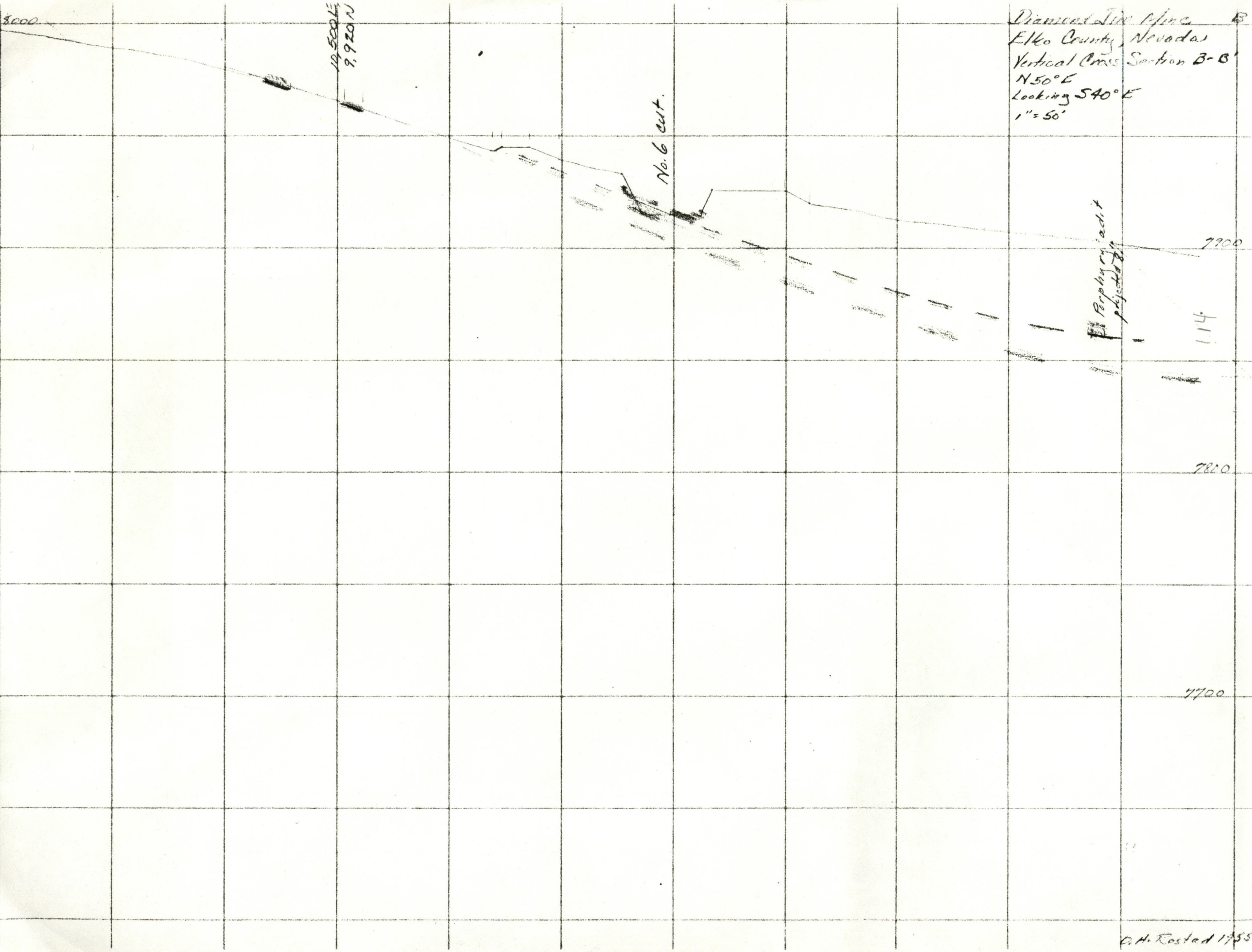
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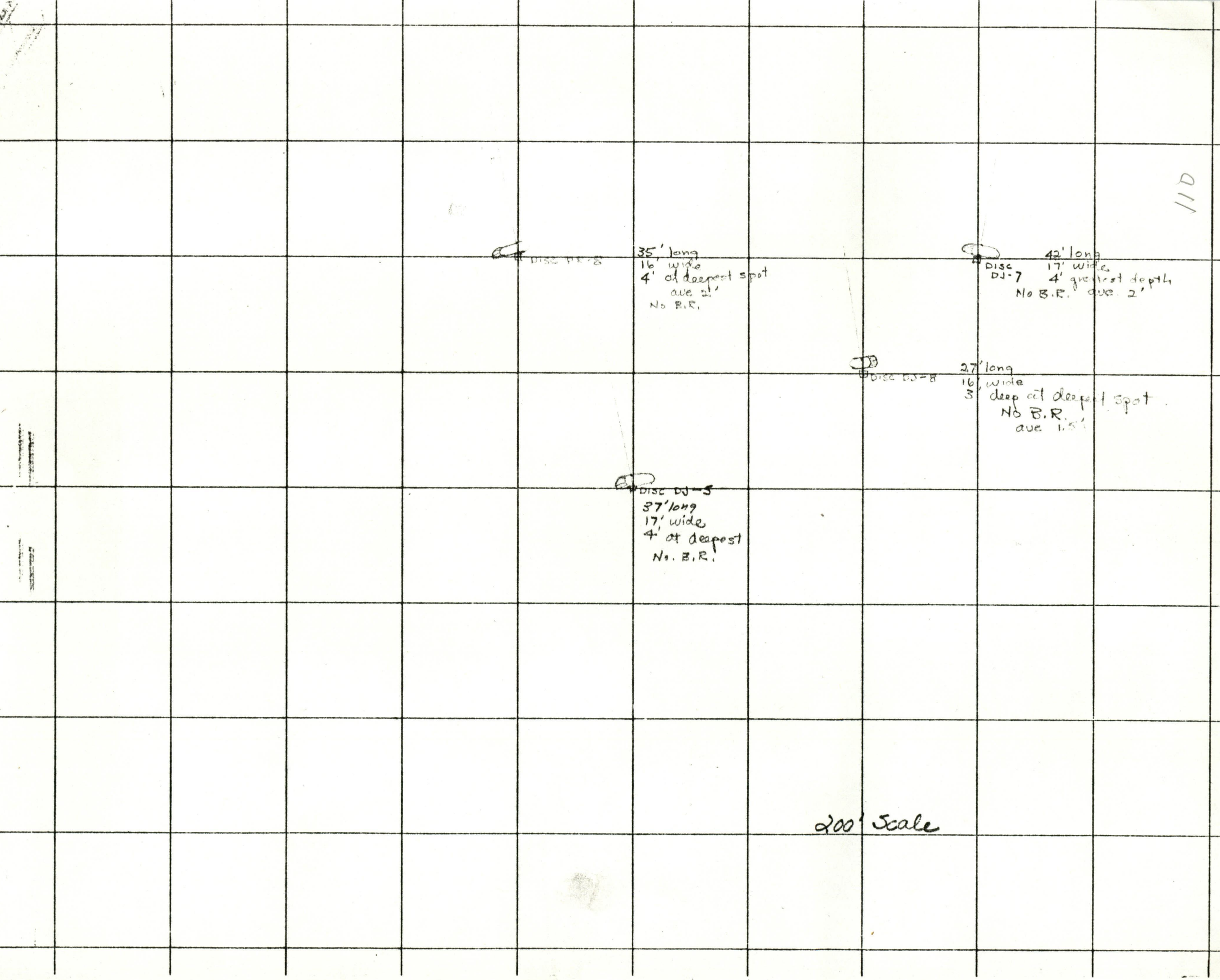
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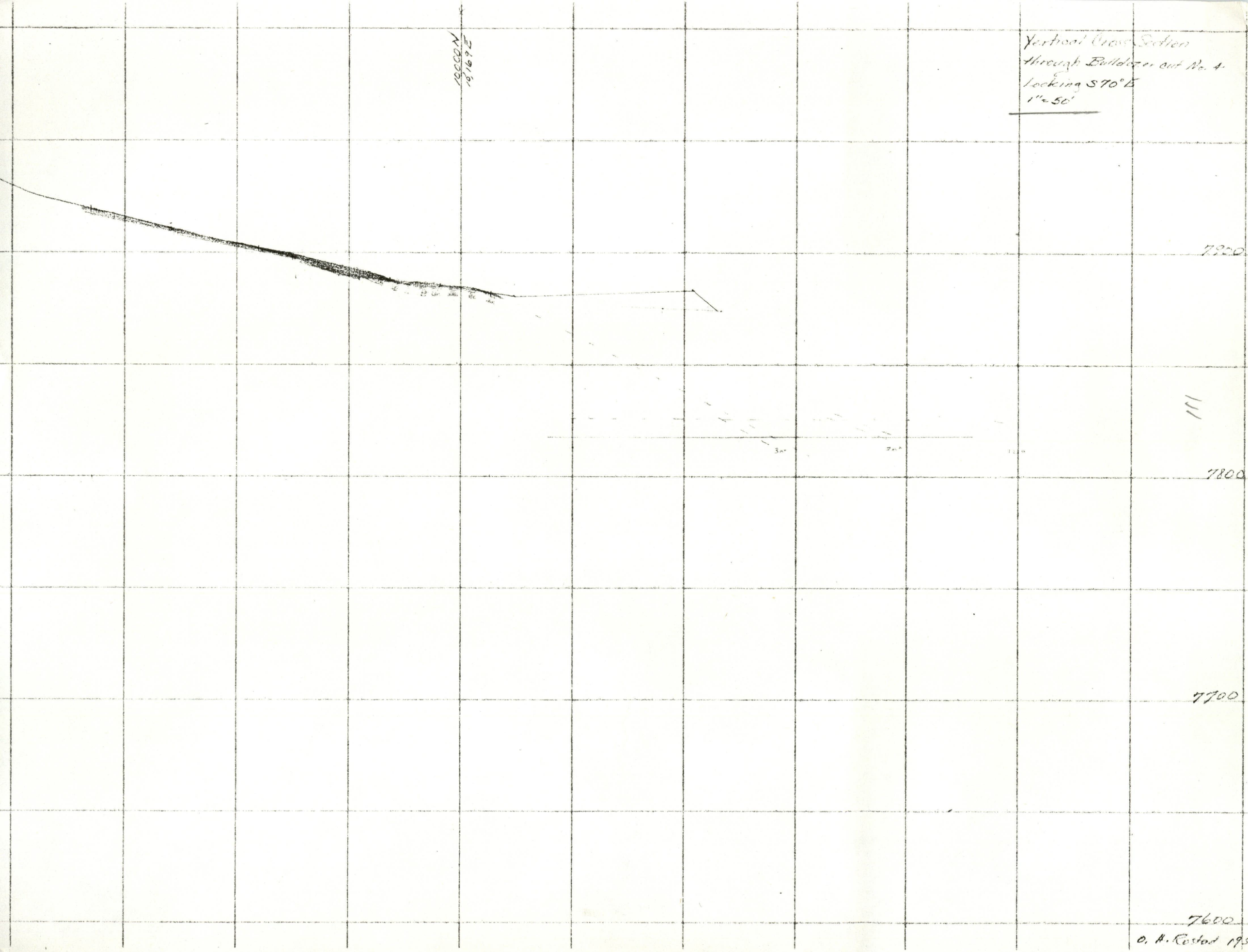

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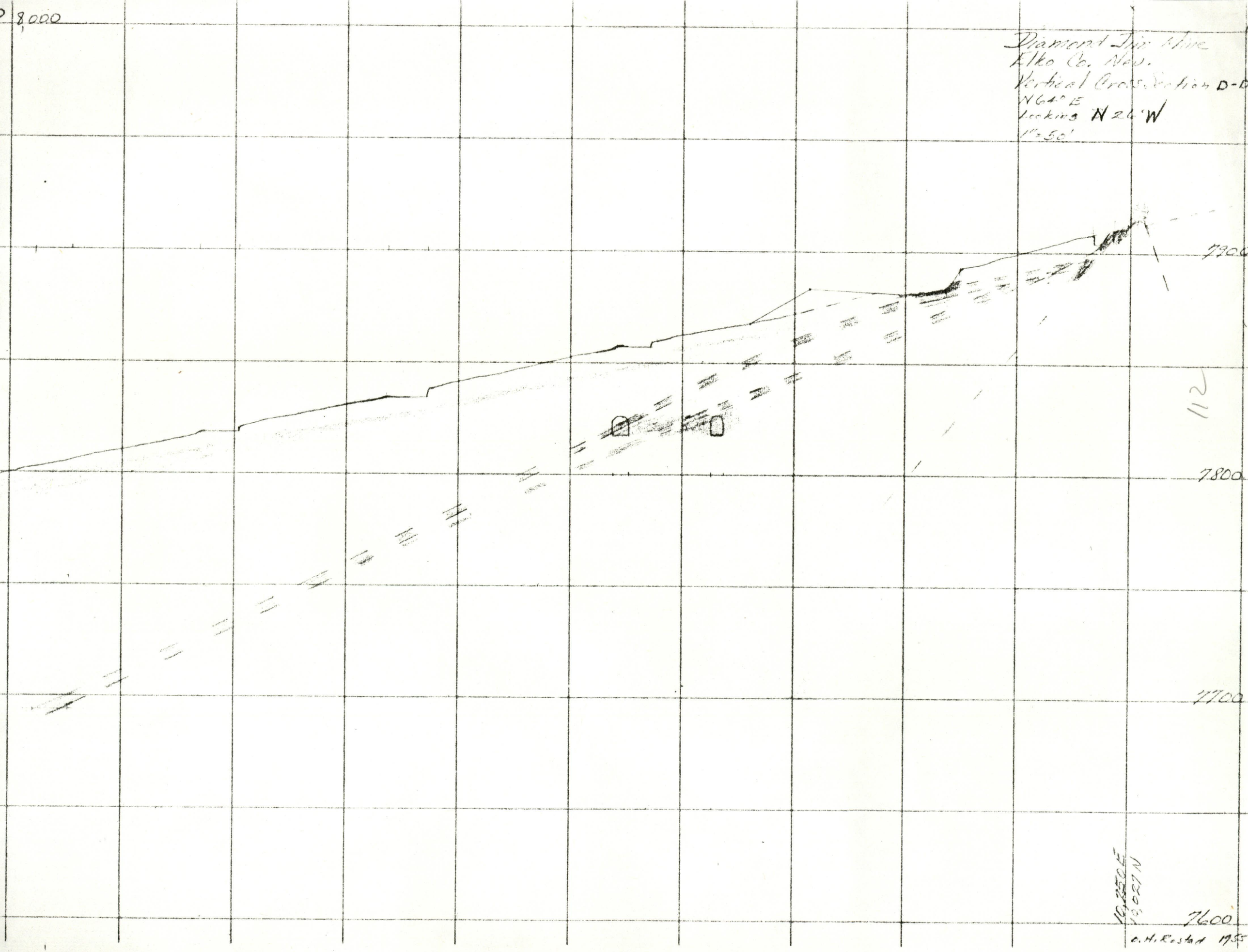
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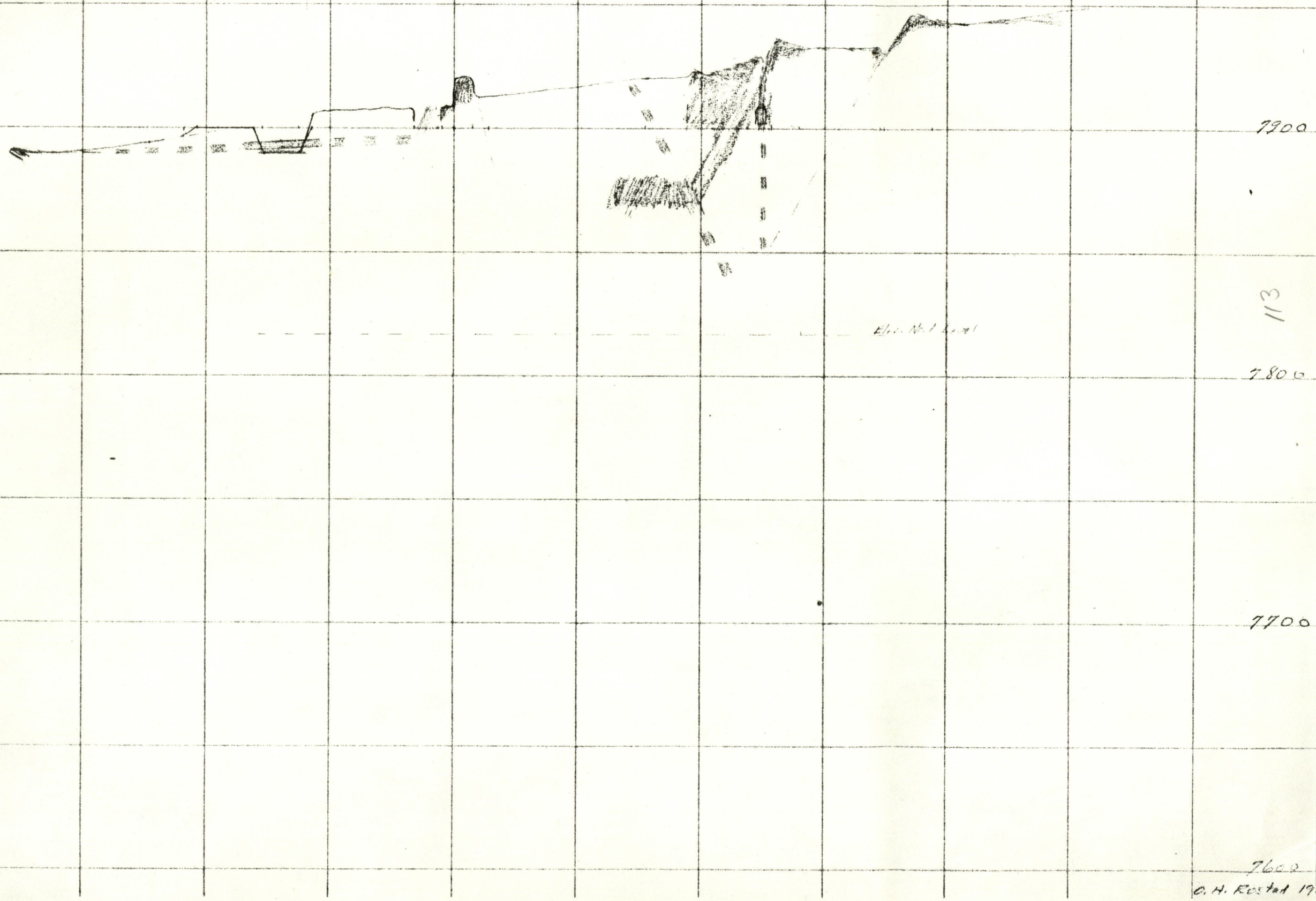

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Dear Mr. Lewis

Landwatch Real Estate now has an office in Jackpot. John J. Tolk Broker has been successful in the real estate business for over 24 years with offices in Idaho. He is a life long resident of the Magic Valley. Landwatch Real Estate can take care of your Farms, Ranches Residential or Commercial Real Estate needs.

My name is Sharon (Sam) Feltman, Sales Associate for Landwatch Real Estate, Jackpot office. I am a long time resident of Jackpot and have served on the Jackpot Advisory Board for many years.

While on the board I Have worked toward getting the Recreation center and Pool to Jackpot, sidewalks along Highway "93" and on other streets in Jackpot. I worked on upgrading our water and sewer system and on improvements to our parks and ball fields.

I feel there could be a market for property in Contact and if you would like to market your property or buy other property in Contact I could do a good job for you. I truly care about the growth of the area and am well aware of the severe housing shortage in Jackpot. I am available to show your property and am licensed in both Nevada and Idaho.

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22613 Woodrige Dr.
Hayward , Calif.

Dear Mr. Rollo:

It was surely nice meeting you and Mr. Travis and I appreciated the opportunity of hearing your plans.

They are good productive plans and that is the best kind.

I do hope the next time you come by that you are able to bring Mrs. Rollo with you. You talk so much about her, I feel almost as though I know her. My wife and I are hoping that we can all go out to dinner together, so I hope the next time you are not in so much of a hurry. Not that I don't realize when one is in a hurry and working, as I am like that myself.

Now I want to tell you and your Mrs. a story that I hope you enjoy:

This is the Story of G. W. Mardis.

Mr. Mardis arrived in the Elko area about 1870 to 1872. In that period. No doubt a young man - a boomer like many. The Mountain City area was booming then with much activity near cope. A town was started in the area now known as Martin Creek just above where the mill site is. This town was known as Bruno (no doubt a mis-spelling of the Bruneau, which is the name of the main stream in the area to the east, and named, I understand after the trapper who found the river even earlier than this period).
In the early days in order for a man to start out a town he merly layed claim to it much as we do a mining claim, surveys it, and then sells lots. A man by the name of George Klink founded Bruno City in this fashion.

G. W. Mardis bought a large number of lots in the town, and had a cabin there. I have a copy of his deed.

Mardis and several others located a claim on the Mardis Lode. Later it was sold to Hyram Hyde and thence to the Mardis mining company. The mine was located in 1872, and the mill site in a much latter time by the Mardis mining Company .

Mardis was a prominant man in the area. He had a wife and home in Mountain City, and at Charleston the Mining District was even named after him. The Mining District there is called the Mardis mining District. In the early survy of the establishiment of the Charleston District it mentinns the Mardis Mine and gives a description of its whereabouts.

Mardis also had a large band of Horses, and formed the Mardis Toll road which came from Bruno Town to the Breaun eau (now I don't know how to spell it eather) River. I have a copy of his old Toll road claim. I shows many interesting early day features, including crystal creek (now called Martin), and the old town.

Mardis used to do a little freighting and was known for his fine bay team of horses. He carried all manner of thmngs in his wagaon, an d carried gold from the placer camp at Gold Creek.
Around 1885.
A bucaroo came along the road and noted mardis's horses just Standing in the middle of the road. He naturally recognized the rig and as he did not see the owner he began to look around for him. Still he did not find him so he went to Gold creek Camp and notified the Sherrif. The town turned out a search party and they went to look for him.

Alas they did find him face down by the Creek. Penrod Creek.
They had no idea how he came to be there but he was shot dead.
The Sheriff found a six toed foot print by the creek so surmised that perhaps one of the Chinamen forom the camp had shot him.

The crowd put the Body in the wagon and went back to town to have a drink.

They had sevmal.
The deputy was not a regular sherrif anyhow, so when the suggestion was made that all the Chinamen in town be lined up and entarigated with their shoes off, it was consodered a good idea.

Lo, and behold, there was a six toed Chinamen.

They took him into the bar where they issued another round or several to the interigators. They continued to question him. As the poor man knew almost no english, they finally threw a rope up over a rafter, and lifted him up 3 times until he confessed.

The last time they snubed the rope up.

And that my good friends is the tunr story oggG. W. Mardis.
(at least it is supposed to be true.)

Good Luck,
Frank

FILE ELKO

Silver Exploration In Contact Area

CONTACT — Preparations have been made for a new silver exploration effort at the Silver Queen mining property near Contact.

The work will be done under an exploration and development agreement between Quantex Corp., of Salt Lake City, and Sunshine Mining Co. of Kellog, Idaho.

Sunshine has moved heavy euipment to the area and expects to be exploring by April 15, according to Donald C. Laub, Quantex president, who made a visit to the property last week. He said bulldozers are now putting a road to the mining property.

The Silver Queen property is nine miles south of Contact and 11 miles east, in the Knoll Creek region.

Laub said the mining property dates back to early silver mining days of Elko County, but most of the original mining was surface work. Last summer, he said, Quantex performed initial diamond drilling at the site. Three core holes of 300 foot depth revealed veins of 20 to 60 foot widths. Silver ore tested 20.4 ounce per ton, he said.

At the current price of silver, Laub said the operation could be profitable providing additional veins are revealed.

Laub said Sunshine will establish a mobile home village at the site with three geologists, two drilling rigs crews and several other euipment operators.

Under the agreement, Sunshine has a six-month lease on the property during which it will perform a minimum of $50,000 in on-site exploration. If the company feels further mining activity is warranted it will have three years in which to spend another $1.5 million or erect a mill and bring the property into production at the rate of at least 100 tons per day.

This will give Sunshine 60 per cent interest in the Silver Star mine with Quantex retaining a 40 per cent carried working interest in the property.

Under the agreement between Quantex and Sunshine, Sunshine may recover its investment out of first production at the rate of 90 per cent of the net profits until repaid.

MAGIC VALLEY

City Editor: Kevin Riche

Monday, January 25, 1999

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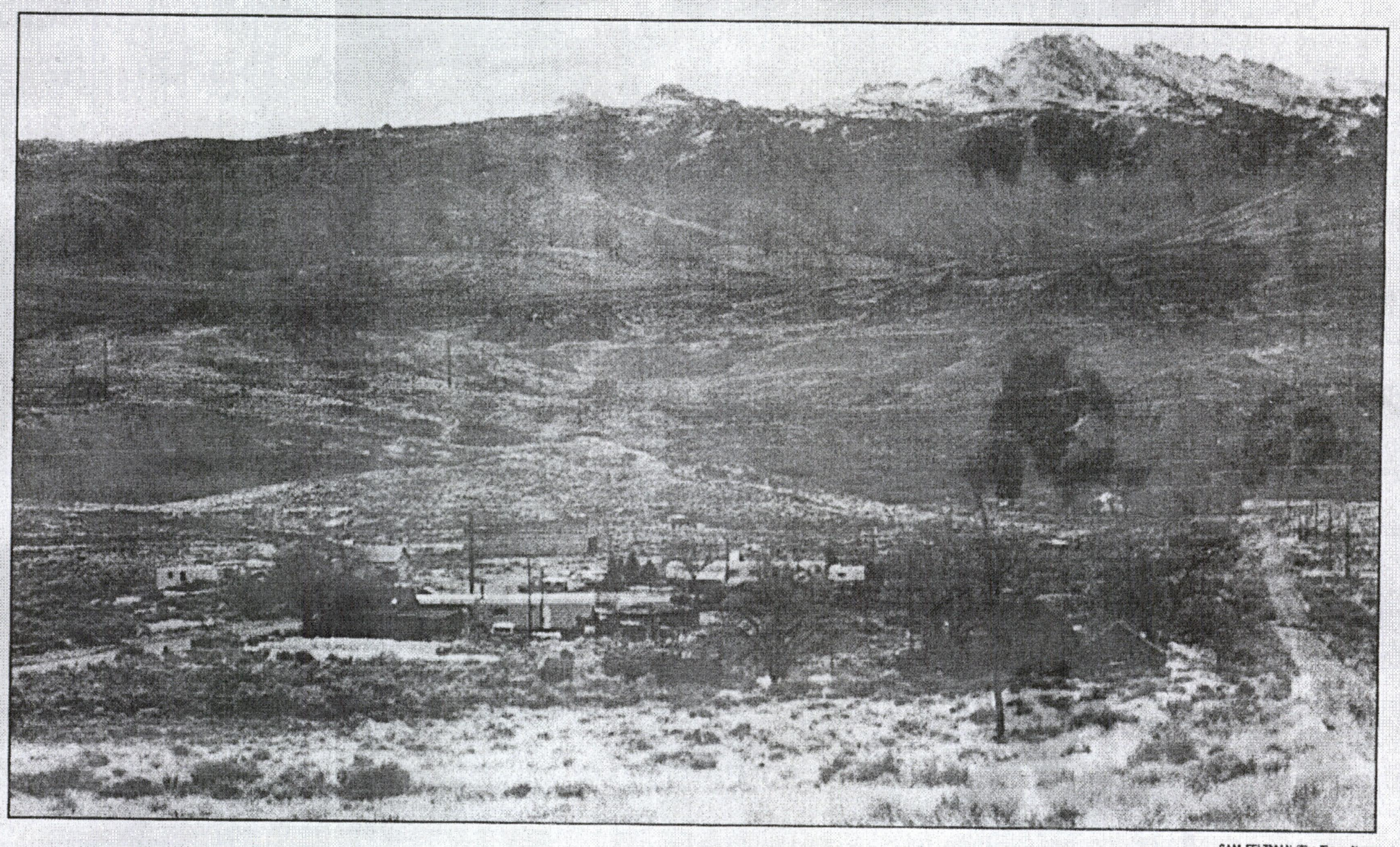

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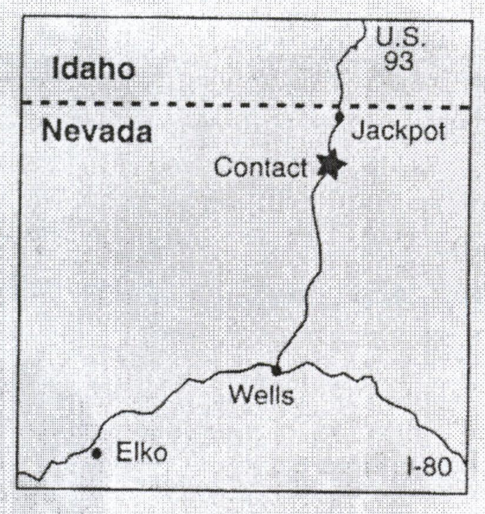

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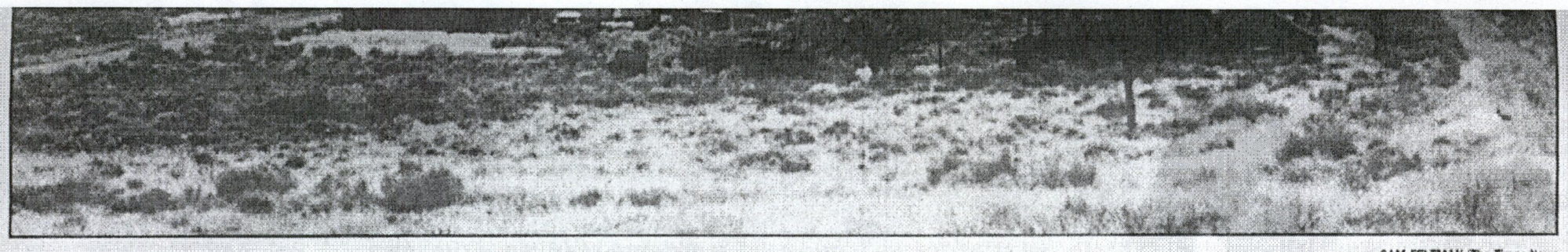

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The sisters have many humorous stories of their childhood. One time the sheriff put a bum in the Contact jail. The next morning their mother was hanging up the wash when an old bum walked by and asked for food and the way to the highway. Their mom was glad to feed the stranger and give directions. Later, she learned he was an escapee from the jail.

The escape was made easy by the community's children digging a hole through the jail's back wall and putting the falling rocks back in place to cover the hole. Of course, the gang of children included the two sisters, along with another brother and sister.

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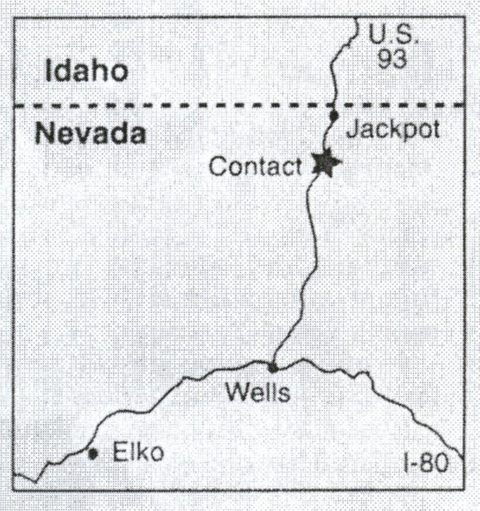

Contact, Nev., boasts rocky, colorful heritage

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Whatever kept Contact alive, it was brought to its knees many times before it finally died.

Marcia M. Browning, with the Northeastern Nevada Museum, said Contact had several peak years.

"Contact was originally known as the Salmon or Kit Carson District. The copper, silver and gold mining area of Contact was discovered in the 1870s," Browning said.

"By 1876, Chinese were working at China Mountain near Contact on a commission basis. In 1896-97 a five-ton copper furnace was erected to handle the ore; however, this proved to be an unsuccessful venture."

Maximum production of the Contact mines was reached in 1916-18 with additional peaks of production in 1928-30 and in 1942-46, Browning said.

Contact lies about 15 miles south of the Idaho line and fronts the west side of U.S. Highway 93 across from the Nevada Highway Department Substation.

The town was barely kept alive until the '70s by highway travel. When the last bar and restaurant closed and the building was torn down, nothing remained except a few old buildings, some old foundations and partial walls.

The town at one time boasted a hotel, stores, a school, a bank, taverns, brothels and several thousand people, although no one agrees on an actual number.

Contact's exact boundaries are a matter of debate, too. But Nancy Watson and her sister Margaret Forsyth, two of the few remaining residents, boast that only four people live in Contact, although several other families live in the vicinity.

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