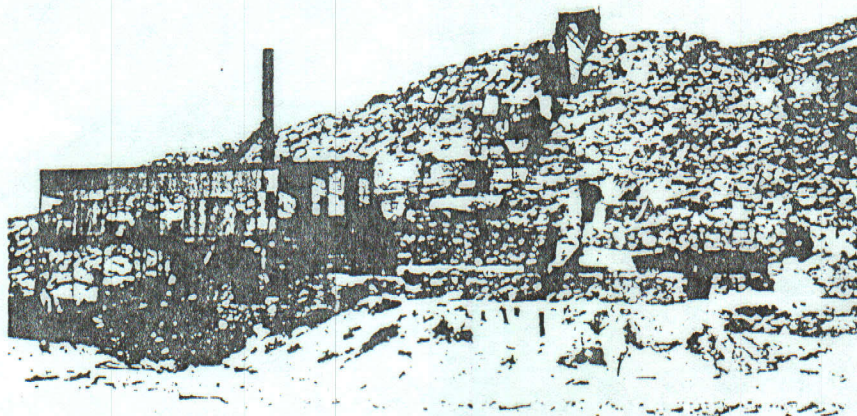


Location Number: NY 079

Location: Lippincott Lead Mine  
Coordinates: 37°12' / 117°08' T8S R43E S23  
Elevation: 4150'  
Map Sources: USGS Bonnie Claire NE 1:24,000; Erickson County Map  
References: Myrick; URS/Blume Files; Site Investigation 6/20/77  
Photographs: KR64-CK#9: 28-36; KR64-CK#10: 2-6; PlusX-JMC#1: 13-21  
Status: Potential National Register Site

The J. Lippincott Mill was built in 1913 on the site of the original Bonnie Claire Mill (for geographical and historical setting, see Bonnie Claire). The mill and its associated structures are found on the flank of a southeast-facing slope in an area having some loose rock.

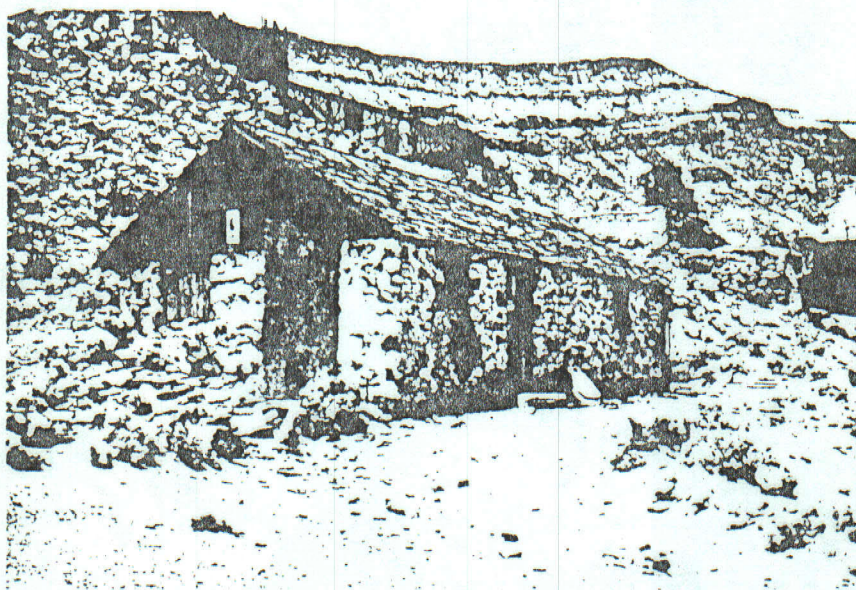
The mill complex consists of mill and residential structures. Most of the mill structures are built on the slope of the hill on stone leveling pads, some of which are unmortared. Some are supported vertically with metal and have stone and wood cross members. Near the bottom of the slope,



concrete foundations support the mill structure. Three stone residential buildings are built at the lower end of the slope. A tailing pile, also at the base of the slope, covers an area about 300' x 75'. Tailings and rocks have been piled to a height of more than 6 feet along the eastern border of the complex. The hillside is littered with rocks; metal tanks are scattered about the site; there are many lead pigs lying at the base of the mill.



The one-story residential buildings are all built with their long axes running north-south; all have stone walls about 28 inches thick; all have dirt floors. One, 32' x 15'-9" has a wood-shingle roof; another, 32' x 26' has only part of its roof; the third, 65' x 18', has lost its roof. Nearby is a 15' x 10' concrete and rock root cellar with a roof constructed of piled-up rocks and dirt. It has an opening in its east elevation.



The roofed residence is of mortared angular rhyolite and is in deteriorated to fair condition. It was painted, but much of the paint has chipped off. The 12-inch-thick walls are 6 feet 2 inches high and have mortared joints. Some attempt was

made to smooth the interior surfaces with mortar; the mortar shows some cracking. The flooring is 1" x 6" timbers on 2" x 6" joists. The medium-pitched roof has 2" x 4" framing; about half of the shingles at its west end are missing. There is an 8-inch stovepipe at the northwest corner. Fenestration in the north and south elevations is 30%; in the east, 20%; in the west, 15%. The door frames are 2" x 8" timbers; the window frames, 2" x 6". Door and window jambs are notched to receive the lintels.

At the mill site, a 50' x 50' steel-frame 2-story structure stands 35 feet high on a concrete foundation. Some of its corrugated metal siding is loose; its metal stack, approximately 25 feet high, is unguyed and sways in the wind. At the top of the slope is a 65' x 8' wood-frame tipple. It leans badly, and the wood siding of its chute has collapsed. Near the main structure are two metal hoppers and a 30-foot-high kiln. A metal slurry tank sits northeast of the mill.