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SYNOPSIS OF TRIP TO EASTERN NYE COUNTY BY VICTOR E. KRAL

September 19 to October 1, 1949

9/19 Monday Left Sparks about noon. Stopped Fallon for supplies. Went on to the Illinois Mineand talked with Noel and Ed Phillips about their new work.

9/20 Tues. The Phillips' took me over the Illinois ground and explained the history of the various workings. Left early afternoon and went to Gabbs. Looked over the Standard Slag roasting plant; small but planned for enlargement. Went on to the Fairplay district and camped in the brush.

9/21 Wed. Looked over several properties in the Fairplay district including O. L Davis, Pfeffercorn, and Tom Burns properties. Followed the power line to Millers and lokked at the Big Blue turquoise mine in the Royston district. Went on to Tonopah that nite.

9/22 Thurs. Spent few hours in Recorders office getting addresses. Went out to Walter Bowler's lead mine in the San Antone district. A. B. Kirkendall whose business is lumber, and his wife are on the property. working by hand they have opened a little ore that may be mill grade but doubt that they can make this property pay. Not large enough for a large Co. either. In evening went out to the Peg Leg tungsten property 7 miles north of tonopah, owned by John Klaus, Chas. Joseph, Earl Mayfield, et al. This property may have some promise but the battery on the U. V. lite was low therefore will make another trip to the ground at later date.

9/23 Fri. Left Tonopah and went to Manhattan. Visited Pittser-Fehn-Johnson Placer; they are still going strong but Pittser believes they are losing an appreciable quantity of gold. He is experimenting with screen riffles below the jigs and is having some test work done on the cleaner jig tails. Went on to the Fletcher Mng. & Milg. Corp. lease on the Otero group east of Manhattan and met Mr. R. W. Fletcher who had just arrived from Chigago for an inspection trip. A typical example of people who know nothing about mining spending much to dig but not a nickel for professional advise. They have driven about 700 feet and found absolutely nothing except barren limestone. Also visited the Manhattan Gold Mng. Co. property which adjoins the Otero and has produced high grade stringers, the continuation of which Fletcher is trying to intersect on the Otero ground. Manhattan Gold is being leased to R. E. Williamson who I understand is going in the red.

In the company of F. D. Shuck of Manhattan made a trip in the late afternoon and evening to George Rong's tungsten property in Spanish Creek Canyon near the Birch Creek Ranch, Smokey Valley. As it was a long trip, arrived late but found the property. Mineralized-bed type with a fairly consistant showing from about 1 foot to 8 feet wide but appears to be only about 1/4 % WO_3 at its best. Its position, one mile from end of road and low WO_3 content makes this property extremely uninteresting. Returned Manhattan about midnite.

9/24/ Sat. Headed for Nyala via Warm Springs. Stopped at Twin Springs and talked to Fallini's about their varipus properties. Went on to Nyala and looked at Lynch property east of Nyala. Headed for Sharp and made camp on Cherry Creek grade.

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9/25 Sun. Went on to Sharp and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Huber. Looked at a Pb-Zn prospect NE of Sharp reported to belong to Combined Metals. Strong structure but mineralization is quite small and very refractory/ Headed south and looked at Roadside Mine and Perkins prospect SE of Sharp. Continued South and up Pine Creek to fluorspar prospects of Jim Perkins, Hubert Welch, and A. F. W. Carlson. Very remote area, widths up to 4 feet but all except minor ore shoots require either sorting or concentration. Returned north and camped on Cherry Creek NW of Sharp.

9/26 Mon. Unsuccessfully tried to get information about Quinn Canyon area from Nyala ranchers, Went to Troy Canyon where met P. A Lewis of A. S.& R. and looked over Old English property (lower). Went north to Blue Eagle Ranch and obtained gas for trip to Quinn Canyon and headed south. Rained most of afternoon and nite. "Camped" near Water Canyon.

9/27 Tues. Rained early morning. Continued south and looked at fluorspar property of Earl Mayfield and David Eason. Narrow veins, 2 feet to 8 inches, some shipping has been done. Returned to Water Canyon and unsuccessfully looked for May-Clark-Donahue fluorspar prospect. continued north and stayed with Bill Tarrell (watchman) in Troy Canyon.

9/28 Wed. Went north and looked at Paul Irwin's prospects in Irwin Canyon, low grade but has made small production. Continued north and talked with Emery Garrett at Currant about mining activity in that area. Went on to Duckwater and stayed with B. F. Roberts and family. Talked with Bill Hawkins about Willow Creek area (near Nyala). He has made some production and will go back to the property soon. During the summer he is the Water Master for the Duckwater area.

9/29 Thurs. In company of B. F. Roberts looked at his two uranium prospects. On the one which has the best showing he has done a good job of prospecting except for blind digging as the result of an M-Scope "survey" by Marty Hess. The radioactivity is along a fault in volcanics which overlie arkosic sandstones. The thickness of the volcanics is estimated to be 100 feet or less. The sandstones are somewhat radioactive in spots about a mile SE of this prospect. Visited the National Magnesite Co's. property NE of Currant on the Nye-White Pine County line. Returned Mr. Roberts to Duckwater and headed toward Tonopah. Missed the road near Lockes that goes to Silverton property therefore continued to Tonopah.

9/30 Friday Visited the Truba-Joseph Wonder Rock quarry 25 miles SE of Tonopah in the morning. Took colored pictures of this as the extent of the paterns is unbelievable. Returned to Tonopah and spent some time in afternoon obtaining additional information from P. A. Lewis on properties in the eastern part of the county. Later in afternoon went out to the Peg Leg tungsten property with John Klaus and Chas. Joseph. Stayed on ground until after dark and lamped the showings. Trenching exposes 8 feet to 30 feet tactite over about 200 foot length that may be quite consistent. Their assays average about .65% WO_3 or better. I would estimate .5% or slightly over. A good prospect bearing more investigation and exploration.

10/1 Sat. Spent about two hours with P. A. Lewis getting further information about Nye County. Headed for Reno stopping at Hawthorne to contact a prospector. Arrived Sparks about 8 P. M.