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Mineral County (Nevada)  
on the crest of the  
mountains W of Hawthorne

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## PRELIMINARY REPORT ON MINES NEAR RAMONA

Presented By- Dr. Van Valin- Hawthorne, Nevada.

Location & Holdings- The property is about 12 miles SW of Hawthorne and about 3 miles north of the so-called Ramona Mine which is now operating. Other people own the property between this and the Ramona. Altitude about 7000'

Accessibility & Transp- It is accessible by truck over a crooked and hilly road. Hawthorne is the nearest point by railroad and main paved highway.

Geology- This vicinity is known as the Esmeralda and Mineral County district. There is evidence of considerable volcanic activity of probably the tertiary period. The country in general is hilly; one hill crest is granite, the adjacent hill diorite another andesite. This affords many contacts and qtz dikes thru the various intrusions or batholiths. In several places large outcrops of what is locally called opalite, a waxy lustered qtz is visible. The Ramona mine is located alongside of one of these opalite dikes or outcrops. These various rocks when weathered show up the country in numerous colors from dark to lighter colors such as pink, red, yellow etc.

Veins & Orebodies- The owner is a dentist and acquires claims as a hobby. He confesses that he knows very little of mining. These claims were apparently staked out on the strength of the Ramona find and the rumours that the Ramona would be a big mine some day. I did not see anything that had the semblance of an orebody. There was no development work on the property except a few holes dug in the surface soil or talus. His first values from these holes he said ran \$2.00 to \$8.00 but when he had them rechecked by another assayer they were only traces. These claims were staked out because the color here was similar to that surrounding the Ramona Mine and that it was near another opalite outcrop. The opalite outcrop is on the adjoining property.

Samples- I did not take any samples as I did not think there was anything there to sample, except outcrops of various rocks.

Development- none

Equipment- none

Wood, Water & Power- No wood; Water can be had by sinking a well, they claim; The power line is within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. This power line comes in from Calif. to supply Hawthorne.

Possibilities- None

Conclusions- Not recommended.

Date 4/27/39 For-Tonopah Mining Co.- By- E.J. Breton.

Note

This same owner has another property known as the Aurora Mine. I did not visit this mine as I dismissed this before we went out ~~xx~~. He wrote in and told us this mine averaged \$39.75. What he called ore was a narrow veinlet about 2 to 3 inches wide. I told him this was too small and was not interested.

E.J. Breton.