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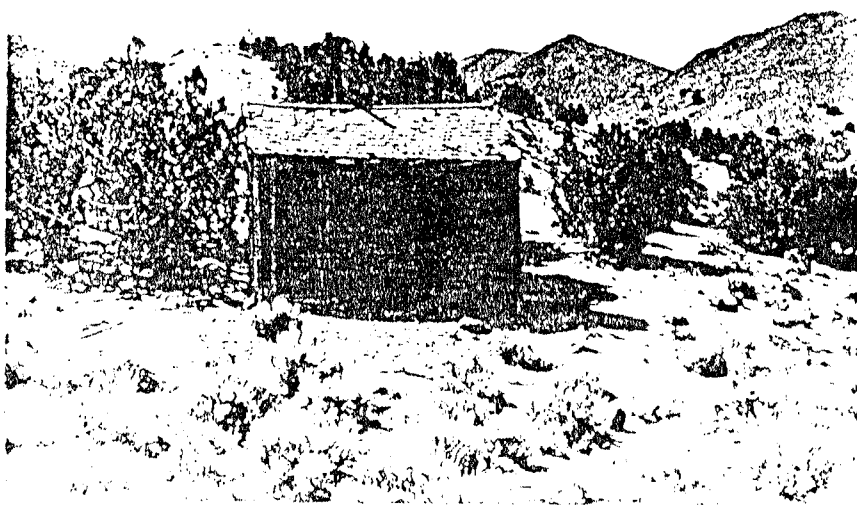
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Item 20

Location Number: NY 006

Location: San Antonio Mine
Coordinates: 38°20' / 117°15' T6N R42E
Elevation: 6800'
Map Sources: USGS San Antonio Ranch; Erickson County Map
References: Paher; Site Investigation 8/9/77
Photographs: PlusX-JMC#2: 14-15
Status: Potential National Register Site

Gold was discovered by Mexicans on the west flank of the San Antonio Mountains in 1863. Most of the high-grade ore was transported northward to be processed at Washington or at a ten-stamp mill at Indian Springs. Ore was also treated by horse-powered arrastras at the various mine sites. Mining activity was confined to the west flank with the exception of the San Antonio Mine, which is located on the northern slope of the San Antonio Mountains.

The San Antonio Mine area is found in three northwest-southeast trending canyons that are covered with sagebrush, juniper, and pinyon pine. The area is marked with stone walls of several structures. These ruins indicate that one structure was 18' x 14' in plan and another was 18' x 15'. These remnants are associated with nearby mine shafts.



The westernmost canyon has a wood-frame structure associated with rock dugouts. The 14' x 8' x 10 foot high cabin has its long axis oriented east-west. Rectangular metal cans have been cut, opened, flattened, and then applied as an exterior wall covering. The shingle-

covered medium-pitched roof has a sagging ridgepole. A bent 6-inch stovepipe rises 4 feet above the roof. The north elevation has a door located near the northeast corner that occupies 20% of the elevation. The east and west elevations hold one window each that made up 20% of those elevations. The cabin has mud sills which in turn are resting on rocks that function as piers. The floor is 1" x 12" wood that is covered with linoleum.