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LOT NO. 37.

Field Notes

of the survey of the

Gopher Lode

Situate in "Big Bug" mining district,

County of Yavapai and in Sec.         , Tp.         ,

Range         , of the Gila and Salt River Meridian,

ARIZONA.

Claimed by William Gavin.

Survey executed by E. H. Thomas. D. S.,

Under instructions dated November 19, 1875

Survey commenced January 22, 1876.

Survey completed January 22, 1876.

PRELIMINARY OATHS FOR SURVEYS OF MINING CLAIMS AND MILL-SITES.

WE James Foy and James Cook  
do solemnly swear that we will faithfully execute the duties of Chain Carriers;  
that we will level the chain upon uneven ground, and plumb the tally pins,  
whether by sticking or dropping the same; that we will report the true distance  
to all notable objects, and the true length of all lines that we assist in measur-  
ing, to the best of our skill and ability.

James Foy  
James Cook  
Sworn to day

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

of Jan, 1876

William McKernan  
Clerk Dist Court 3rd  
Judl Dist of Nevada at

I, Charles Thomas  
do solemnly swear that I will well and truly perform the duties of  
Deputy U.S. Mineral Surveyor according  
to instructions given me, and to the best of my skill and ability.

C. Thomas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day

of January, 1876

William McKernan  
Clerk Dist Court  
3rd Judl Dist of Nevada  
at

# Gopher Lode.

Beginning at the North East corner of Discovery Shaft,  
Feet. at centre of Claim, I run thence  $N 80^{\circ} 39'$  West to  
300 centre point of west line of Claim 300 feet to a post  
in monument of stones,  $3 \times 3$  feet square at base,  
3 feet 6 inches high. Post projecting 3 feet above  
monument.

750. Thence  $S. 29^{\circ} 56'$  W. 750 feet to S.W. Corner of Claim, and  
established corner, built a monument of stones  
 $4 \times 4$  feet square at base, 3 feet high. Post in  
mound projecting 3 feet above monument, marked  
as follows:

"37" Gopher Mining Claim, S.W. Corner located May 20,  
1875."

From this corner - a rocky ledge, on Freepost  
Butte marked X on North side, bears  $S. 11^{\circ} 5'$  East,  
7900 distant 179,754 feet

600 Thence  $S. 60^{\circ} 04'$  E. to S.E. corner of Claim distant 600 feet  
to a post in monument of stones  $3 \times 3$  feet square  
at base, 3 feet high. Post projecting 3 feet above  
mound, and marked as follows:

"37" Gopher Mining Claim, S.E. Corner located May  
20, 1875"

From this corner a rocky ledge on Freepost  
Butte marked X on North side, bears  $S. 6^{\circ} 47'$   
1750. West distant 1475.1 feet

From same corner a Juniper Tree 17 inches in  
diameter, blazed and marked with an X on N.W. side

313 bears  $S. 64^{\circ} 33'$  East, distant 313 feet

From same corner a Juniper Tree 18 inches in  
diameter, blazed and marked with an X on North  
300. West side, bears  $S. 81^{\circ} 30'$  East, distant 300 feet.

1500 Thence  $N 29^{\circ} 56'$  E. distant 1500 feet to N.E.  
Corner of Claim to a Post in mound of earth.  
Post projecting above mound 4 feet, and marked as  
follows: "37" Gopher Mining Claim, N.E. Corner located  
May 20, 1875.

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Feet.  
600

Thence N 60° W, distant 600 feet to N.W. Corner of Claim to mound of Earth & Stone 3 feet square at base 2 1/2 feet high - Post projecting above mound 3 feet, and marked as follows: "3<sup>d</sup> of Gopher Mining Claim, N.W. Corner located May 20, 1875."

Thence S. 29° 56' West, distant 750 feet to place of beginning, comprising 20-66-100 acres. Magnetic Variation 14° 18' East.

One main shaft has been sunk upon this vein and several prospect shafts averaging from 4 to 10 feet in depth; good prospects have been obtained at different points. Also a small shaft has been sunk upon a spur or dip of main vein - and situated 175 feet from discovery shaft & parallel to main vein.

About 18 or 20 tons of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class ore on dump.

The main shaft, situated at center of discovery claim is 54 feet in depth, 6 feet square at top, 3 feet 8 inches in length, 3 feet 6 inches in width at bottom of shaft. Width of vein at bottom of shaft, 8 inches, width of vein 30 feet from bottom of shaft 12 inches, width of vein near surface, 18 inches. - Shaft not timbered, this not being necessary, the wall rock, preventing caving and falling in of sides of shaft. Ladders extend from top to within 3 feet of bottom of shaft - a secure platform & windlass has been built at top.

In my opinion more than \$500.00 worth of work has been expended on this mine.

The Gopher Lode, is situated about 3 miles North East from Big Bug Quartz Mill, and about one or one half mile from wagon road running from Bowers Ranch, Agua Fria Valley to Big Bug Quartz Mill, and about same distance from road leading from Agua Fria Valley via Black Canon to Phoenix, and the Southern part of the Territory.

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It is in a granite <sup>and</sup> slate formation and in a rolling country covered with small foot hills upon which is a dense growth of small oak mesquite and juniper bushes. Water about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile below claim in winter.

Said claim situated in Big Bend Mining District. County of Yavapai. Territory of Arizona. Public land survey not extended to vicinity of this claim. No adjoining claims.

Local customs of this District allow claims to be in conformity to mining laws of U.S. as regards manner of location, ground, and time of recording.

D. H. Thomas

U. S. Dept Mineral Surveyor.

FINAL OATHS FOR SURVEYS OF MINING CLAIMS AND MILL-SITES.

A list of the names of individuals employed to assist in running, measuring, or marking the lines and corners described in the foregoing field-notes of the survey of Gopher Side

Big Bug Mining District, County of Yavapai

located in \_\_\_\_\_ mining district, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Arizona, showing the respective capacities in which they acted.

James Foy Chainman.  
James Cook Chainman.  
Heath Gudgeon Axeman.  
Thomas D Hawley Flagman.

We hereby certify that we assisted O. D. Thomas U. S. Deputy surveyor, in surveying "The Gopher Side"

claimed by William Gooin located in Big Bug mining

district, Yavapai County, and in Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Arizona, and that said Survey has been in all respects, to the best of our knowledge and belief, well and faithfully executed, and the boundary monuments planted according to the instructions furnished by the Surveyor-General.

James Foy Chainman.  
James Cook Chainman.  
He Gudgeon Axeman.  
Thomas D Hawley Flagman.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1876

William Wilkerson  
Clerk Dist Court  
3rd Judl Dist  
Yavapai Co, Ariz.

O. D. Thomas

I, \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Deputy Surveyor do solemnly swear that, in pursuance of instructions from John Wasson, U. S. Surveyor-General for Arizona, bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1876 I have well, faithfully and truly, in my own proper person, and in strict conformity with the instructions furnished by the Surveyor-

General and the laws of the United States, surveyed all those portions of \_\_\_\_\_

claimed by Gopher Side  
William Gooin

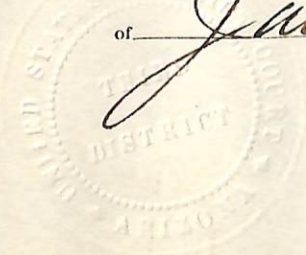
located in Big Bug mining district, Yavapai County, and in Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_

of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Arizona, as are represented in the foregoing field-notes as having been surveyed under my directions; and I do further solemnly swear that all the corners of said surveys have been established and perpetuated in strict accordance with the instructions furnished me, and that the foregoing are the true and original field-notes of such surveys.

O. D. Thomas  
Deputy Surveyor.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1876

William Wilkerson  
Clerk Dist Court  
3rd Judl Dist  
Yavapai Co, Ariz.





# Affidavit of Five Hundred Dollars Improvements.

Territory of Arizona, }  
County of Yavapai } ss.

F. A. Whitney and James Cook

of lawful age, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say that they are acquainted with the Gopher mining claim in Big Bug mining district, County and Territory aforesaid, for which William Grom and William Grom has made application for patent under the

provisions of the act of Congress approved May 10, 1872, and that the labor done and improvements made thereon by the applicant and his grantors exceed five hundred dollars in value.

James Cook

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January

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William McKesson  
Clerk Dist Court  
3rd Judl Dist. Yavapai  
County Ariz

U. S. Surveyor General's Office,  
Tucson, A. T. Feb. 19, 1876.

The foregoing field notes of  
the survey of the Gopher  
Lode mining claim, situate  
in Big Bug mining district,  
Yavapai county, Arizona,  
and claimed by William Gavin,  
survey executed by E. D. Thomas,  
D.S., under instructions from  
this office, having been crit-  
ically examined, and the nec-  
essary corrections and explana-  
tions made, the said field notes  
and the survey they describe  
are hereby approved.

John W. Mason,  
Surveyor General.

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"Gopher Lode"

New Notice of Location of the Gopher mining claims, same ground under same name with owners described,

In accordance with the provisions of an act of Congress of the United States approved May 10<sup>th</sup> 1872, and amendments thereto, the undersigned claims for mining purposes the vein or Lode called the "Gopher" situated about one mile north east of the Big Bug Mill, Big Bug mining district Yavapai County Arizona Territory.

Said claim is bounded and described as follows, commencing at a stake three hundred (300) feet north west of discovery shaft, running thence south west parallel with the vein seven hundred and fifty (750) feet to a monument; thence south east, at right angle with the vein six hundred (600) feet to a monument; thence north east parallel with the vein, fifteen hundred (1500) feet to a monument, thence north west at right angle with the vein, six hundred (600)

feet to a monument, thence south  
west parallel with the vein seven  
hundred and fifty (750) feet to  
the place of beginning  
Big Bug Mining District  
Yavapai County, Arizona  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 1875 William Gavin  
Witness

C E Hitchcock

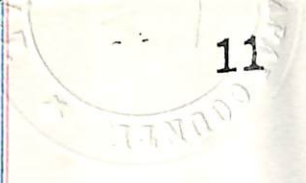
R H Hitchcock

Filed for record September 13<sup>th</sup> 1875  
at 8 o'clock a.m. at the request of  
Will S Southworth and duly recorded  
in Book C 3 of mines Records of  
Yavapai County Arizona at folio 360  
William Wilkerson  
County Recorder

Territory of Arizona }  
County of Yavapai } I William  
Wilkerson Recorder of Yavapai  
County A. T. do hereby certify the  
above and foregoing to be a full  
true and correct transcript of  
the Record of the Location of the  
"Gopher" Lode or vein, as appears  
upon Record in Book C. 3. folio 360  
of Mining Records Yavapai County  
A. T. now in my office

In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my





hand and affixed my  
official seal at Prescott

A. T. this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January A. T.  
1876

William Wilkerson  
Recorder Yavapai County A. T.

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"Gopher"  
Location  
Certified Copy of

Acres \$3.50

