



Slumach and the Pitt Lake Gold Mine
Saturday, July 16th
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20 OR 30 PITT LAKE GOLD HUNTERS DEAD

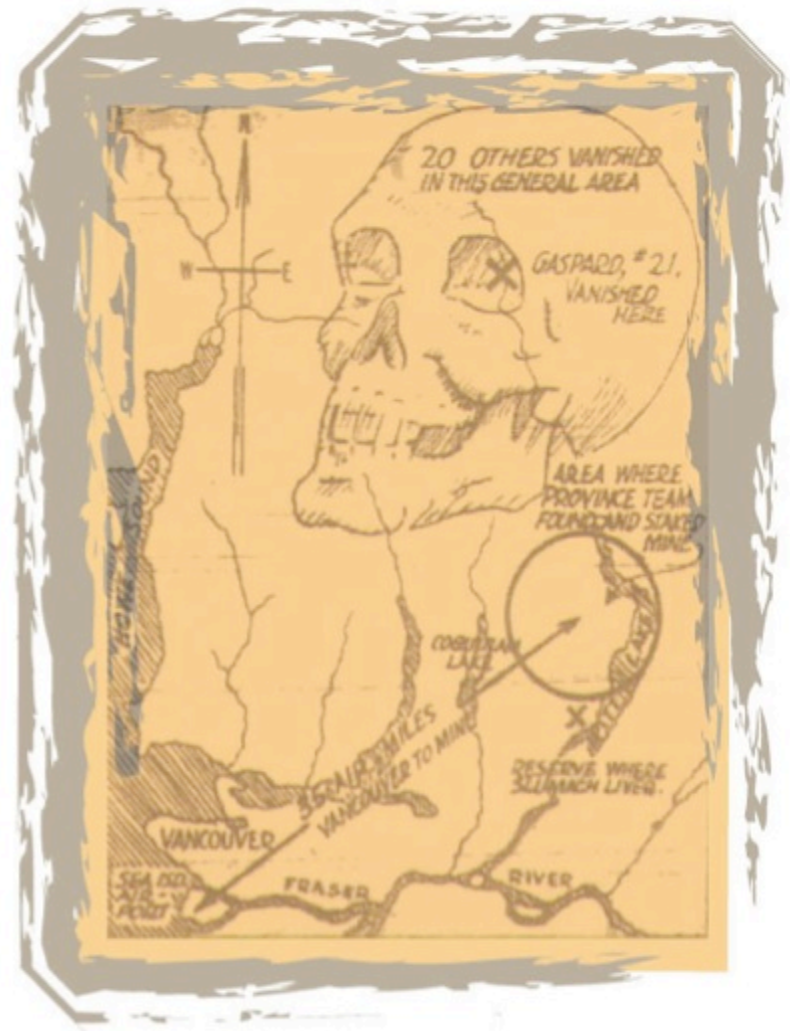
Reported by name are only four:

1910 -- **George Blake** of Coquitlam and his 19-year old son, George: crushed by a tree on the shore of Scot Lake.

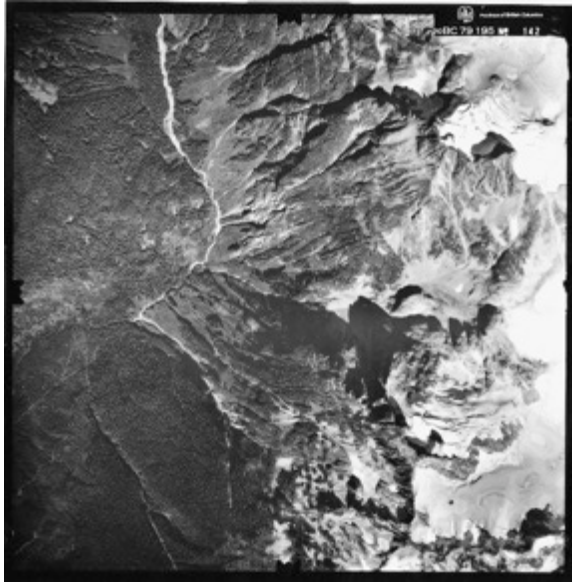
1932 -- **"Volcanic" Brown**, 86, disappeared in an exceptionally heavy snow storm.

1951 -- **Alfred Gaspard**, 60-year-old prospector. Disappeared.

1961 -- **Lewis Earl Hagbo**, 49, of Bremerton Wash., collapsed and died of a heart attack.



NATURE DOES NOT NEED A GHOST TO GUARD A MINE



Slumach's Curse

"Nika memloose, mine memloos,"
(When I die, mine dies.)



1941: A mine under a curse; gold better left alone.

Only in 1951 did the curse became known as "Slumach's Curse."

The Chinook words alleged to have been spoken by Slumach before his execution were quoted by Squamish Chief August Jack Khahtsahlano

He added that Old Slumach's ghost guards his mine and that it would be death to a *white* man to find it.

"The Lost Mine of *PITT LAKE*"

**Many had
narrow
escapes!**



Around 1916 Andy Hanson made his way out on some rough crutches he had fashioned.

Someone followed Volcanic Brown into the wilderness.

A few days in, Brown found the man with a broken leg and Brown took him back to New Westminster, getting him to a doctor.





ROBERT ALLAN BROWN

- “Doc” Brown
- “Sunset” Brown
- “Volcanic” Brown
- “Crazy” Brown

Flora Averill and her husband George, a dentist in Grand Forks, paying a visit to “Volcanic” Brown probably at his “Sunset” mine, Copper Mountain, in the Similkameen, in which she had a financial interest.



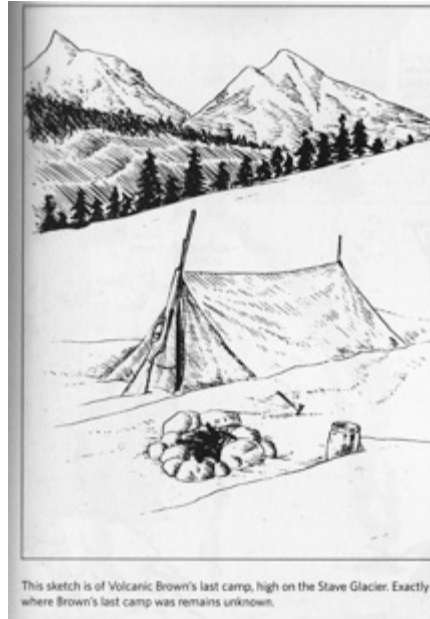


Said to show the rescue team that brought Brown out in 1926. Herman Gardner, BCPP Constable "Spud" (Eugene) Murphy, Alvin Paterson (for whom the small community of "Alvin" on the upper Pitt River is named), Caleb Gardner and Harry Corder.



1926

VOLCANIC BROWN LOST IN EXTRAORDINARY SNOWSTORM



This sketch is of Volcanic Brown's last camp, high on the Stave Glacier. Exactly where Brown's last camp was remains unknown.

In the fall of 1930 the old prospector failed to show up on schedule. A search did not find any trace of him.



In December 1954 George Stevenson recalled the search...

“This is it—this is Slumach’s mine”

Tommy Williams April 1952



Chief Coquitlam Williams, now ancient and blind, was, according to his son **Tommy Williams**, the last living link with Slumach.

In April 1952, a *Vancouver Province* journalist-photographer team, guided by **Tommy Williams**, went looking for the mine.

Tommy Williams says they reached the site, but the whole area was under deep snow. They staked a claim.

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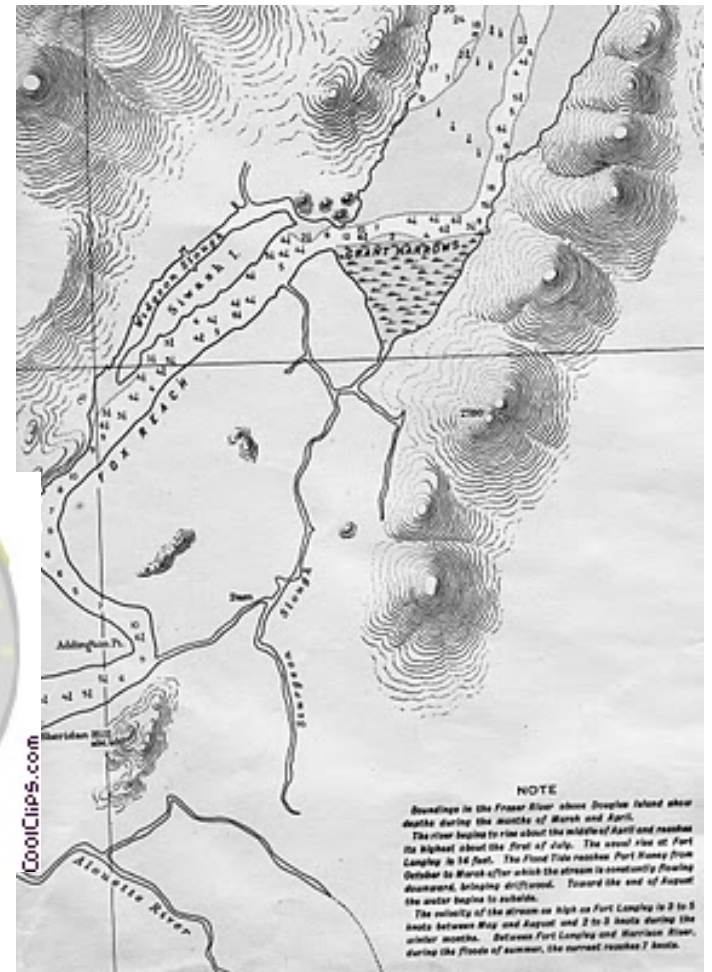
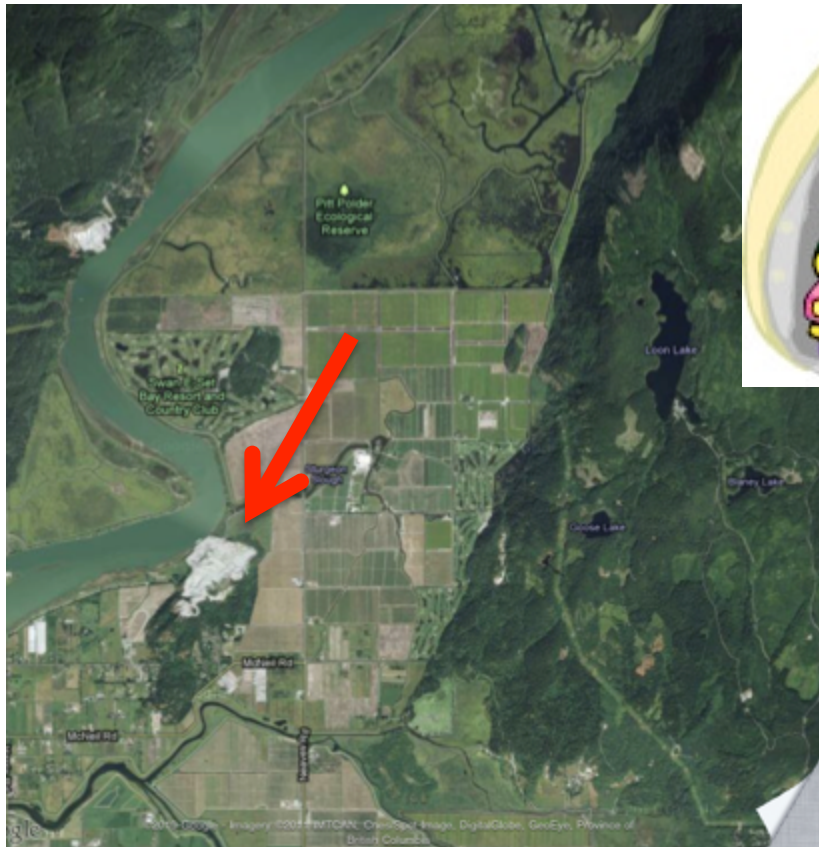


George A. Matousek
President

The purpose of this issue is to have a geological survey made...to prove or disprove all the
legendary stories. (Prospectus 3 September 1952)

Sheridan Hill Gold Rush 1961

British Columbian City Editor Elmer McLellan staked a claim in the area following a dream of Wally Lund of Haney.



PROVINCE & CKVU TEAM

"The Raiders of the lost mine"

Fall 1983

Prospector **Gary McIsaac**,
Abbotsford



Dale Robins
CKVU reporter
and expedition
leader



Jon Ferry
Province reporter



Richard Paris
CKVU Camera man



Dan Cook
Rescue expert

No photo:
Gord Anderson
CKVU sound man

Gerry Kahrman
Province camera man



Since 1965, prospecting of any kind has been banned in all provincial parks.

I wonder how you would feel if you had waded in gold nuggets up to your ankles or had dust in quantities that you would dip a three-gallon bucket full at one dip??

G. Stuart Brown to the Right Honorable Wm. Bennett,
Premier of British Columbia, 4 September 1978



Province of British Columbia
Office of the Premier

October 12th, 1978

File No: 20-1

Mr. G. Stuart Brown,
2713 Norberry Crescent,
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1V 6N3

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your letter of September 4th, 1978, and the information respecting your discovery of gold in Garibaldi Provincial Park. The legend of the lost gold mine in that general area is not unknown to me and I am interested in your extension of the story.

Unfortunately, parks which are created to preserve natural values for recreational enjoyment are not open for mineral development. I recognize that your discovery places you in a difficult position, but I am not in a position to allow mining in Garibaldi Park or to compensate you for past expenses in researching and prospecting in this area.

Yours sincerely,

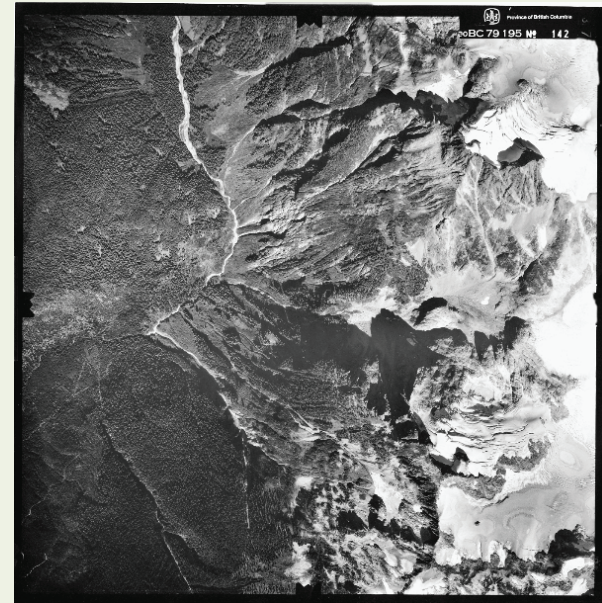


W. R. Bennett
Premier

G. Stuart Brown's Quest for the Lost Gold Canyon

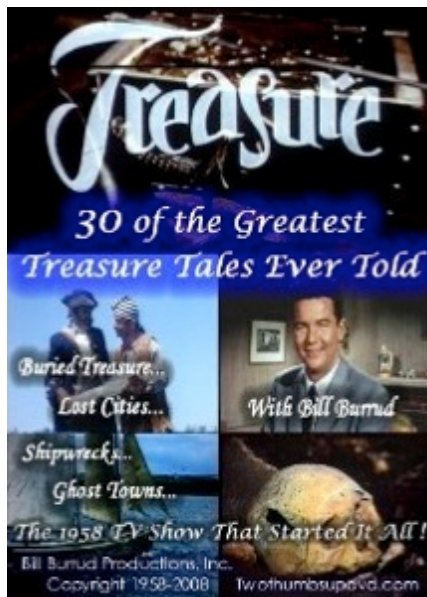
Stuart Brown, the elderly man who says he walked away from a billion-dollar fortune, is now part of the Slumach legend—gold or no gold.

MARK HUME, VICTORIA TIMES, 22 NOVEMBER 1978.

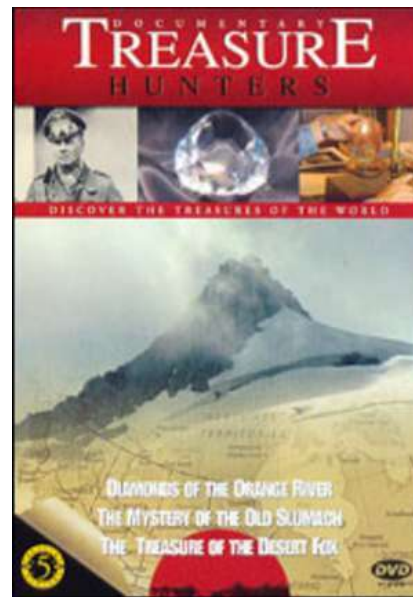


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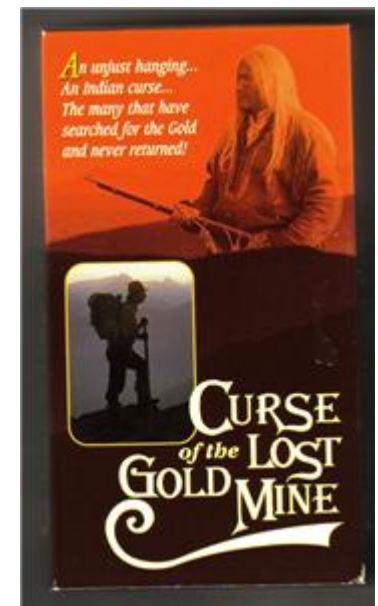
Bill Burrud 1958
Slumach's Gold



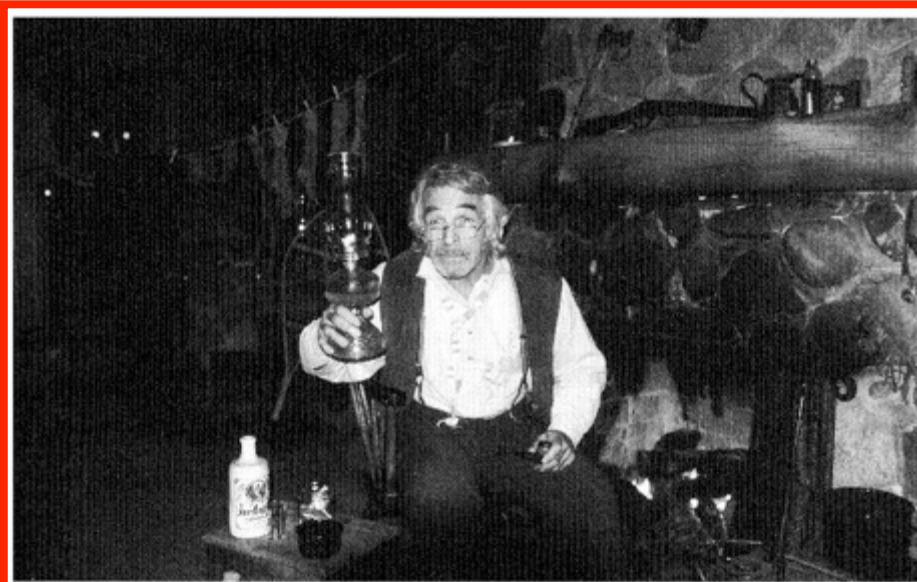
Silvio Heufelder 1991
The Mystery of Old Slumach



John Lovelace 1991
Slumach's Gold



Michael Collier 1994



Slumach DOCU-DRAMAS

Left: *Donnelly Rhodes* played an old prospector (the storyteller) in *Curse of the Lost Gold Mine* by Michael Collier.

Jackson finds the gold.



Frank Mirbach 2005

Der Fluch des Indianergoldes
(Curse of the Indian's Gold)



Slumach's last moments

GERMAN ADVENTURE GUIDE is feeling a bit sheepish after he had to be rescued from B.C.'s backcountry last week -- and not for the first time.

LENNARTZ says he has travelled to Canada 26 times to lead tours in the bush and backcountry, and he calls himself a survival trainer on his website. But he's triggered two search and rescue efforts in B.C. -- the first was in 2008. (CTV)





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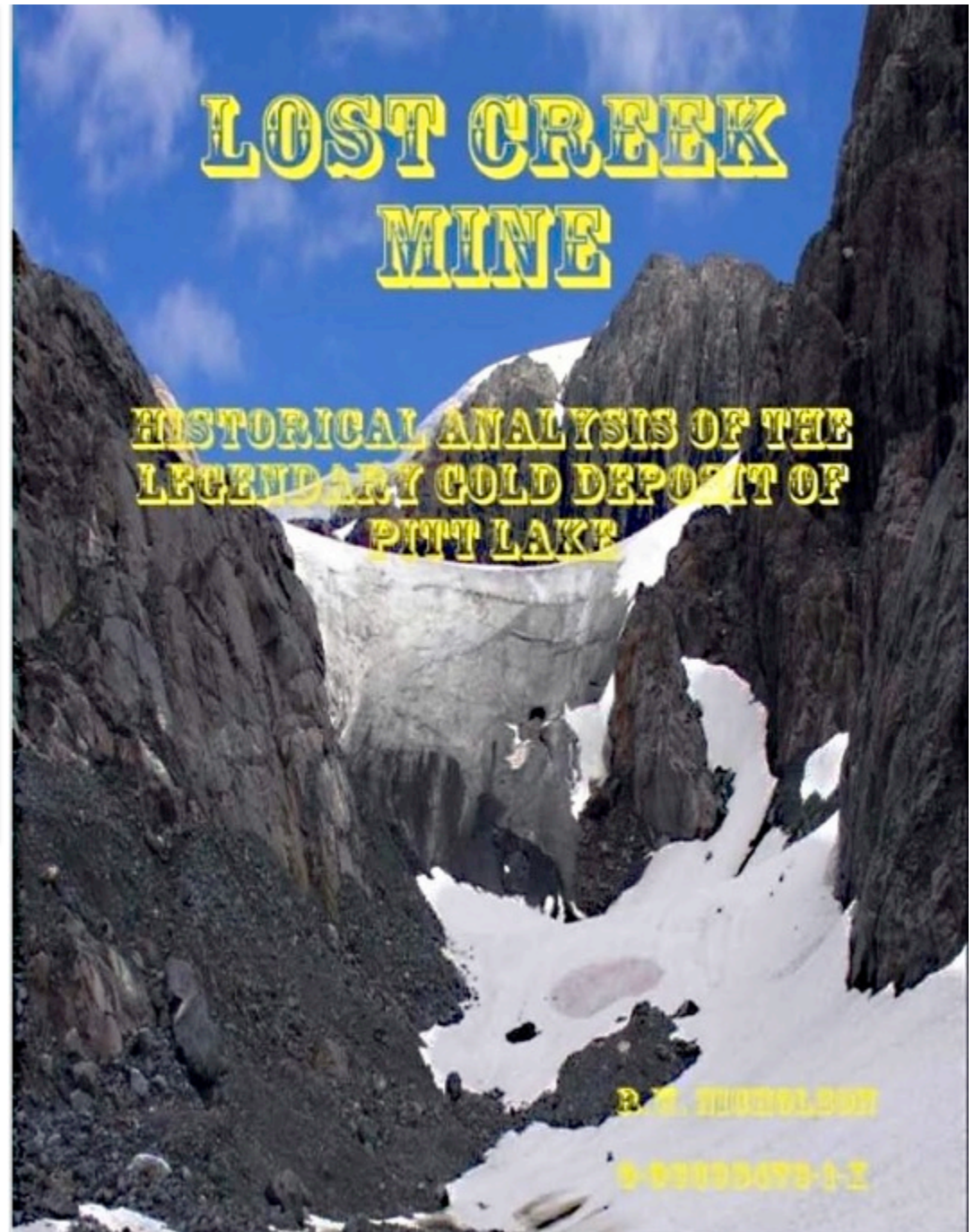
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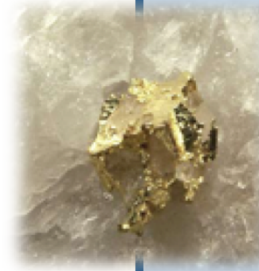
MIKE BOILEAU



Forbidden Treasure

*One Man's Quest for Slumach's
Lost Gold Mine of Pitt Lake*

by Mike Boileau



A man with a beard, wearing a red t-shirt and khaki pants, is crouching on a rocky shore. He is sorting through a green bucket filled with dark sediment. The background is a dense field of smooth, grey and brown rocks of various sizes.





Don Waite, Greg Henderson, Fred Braches, Adam Palmer and Evan Howard

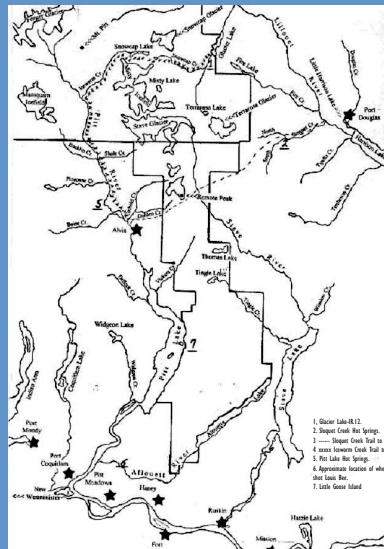
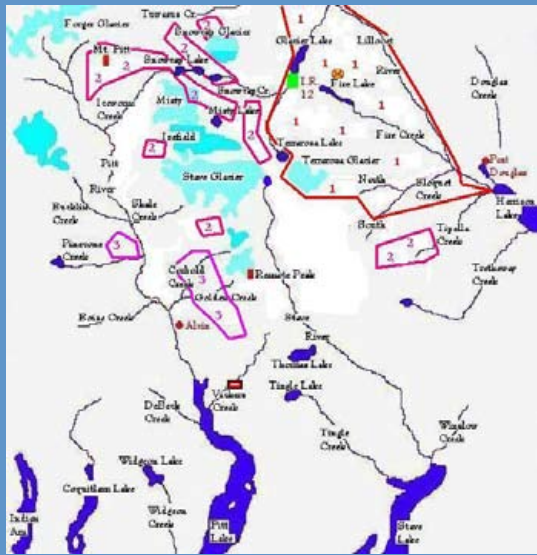






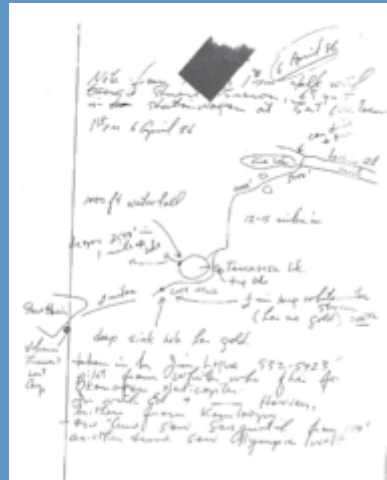
Tidying up the Prosser Mine.
GREG HENDERSON 2011





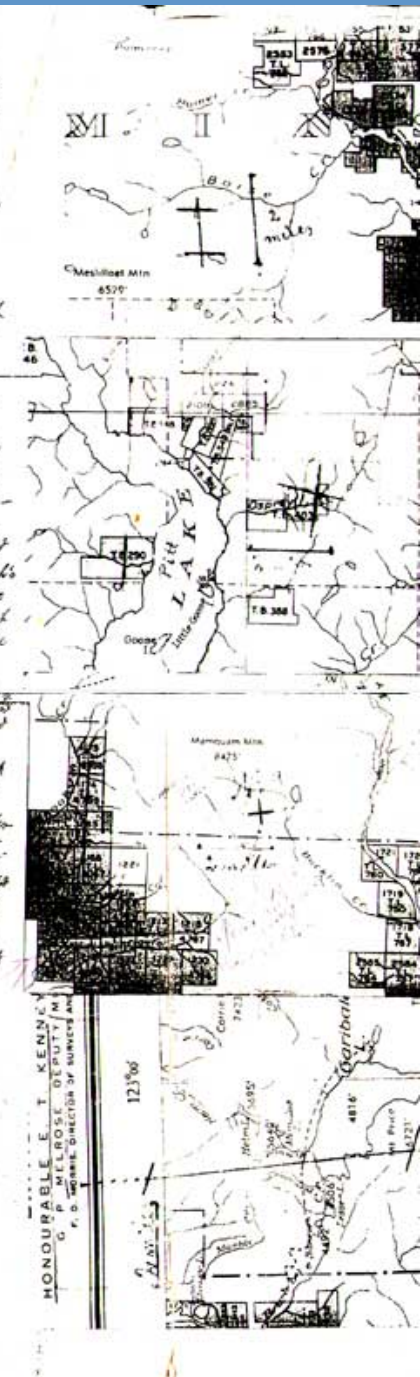
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Maps used by some to find the Lost Creek Mine



the gold being specifically to be found in the sand and much washed into the creek that could be emptied from time to time. It sounds very plausible, but in a practical practice - ?
 That Lost Creek Mine is there sure enough, but the country must be something awful in the ruggedness of the mountains that they wander off. A man at Laramie (Wash.) told me of a similar mine near Harrison Lake. Several men have perished in the attempt to rediscover it.
 Translation of Colonel Le Gall's book I shall be you know as soon as I get reply from Paris.

No. 4 of which I had no photograph made, is about halfway between No. 3 and 1 on an almost straight line. As you know, what this location is? It's impossible to say. Mr. Cooke, if I had not had any success on a small scale - with this map showing me that right here in Germany, I should have hesitated to tell you - its whereabouts place. Although the map does not give much topographical details I think it is a rather mountainous district. There are quite a few mountains and peaks some 1000 feet high, and it is a very fine view. My message never reached its destination. My letter had been addressed to a Catholic priest of high rank in Vienna. The other day I looked up Kimberly at the local library. It is near the frontier of Alberta. I shall post these lines tomorrow afternoon as I gave orders to make a photograph of the place. It is a very fine view of an antiquarian. I believe I have some local underground flow of Lost Creek. It runs due south into the headwaters of Crowfoot Creek. The mountain is covered by 5 inch points starting from the top.



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GOLD is where you find it



Greg Henderson

Don Waite

Willie Pierre

Daryl Friesen

Fred Braches

Brian Antonson

Mike Boileau

Stuart Pierre

Cyril Pierre

Alida Pierre

Rick Antonson

January 2009 – Second meeting of the Lost Mine of Pitt Lake Society in Whonnock

The inaugural meeting of the Lost Mine of Pitt Lake Society was held in April 1987 at Don Waite's place.

Third meeting of the Lost Mine of Pitt Lake Society, April 2010



Back row: Don Waite | Garnet Pierre | Dick Hamilton | Martin Lindgren | Stuart Pierre | Dale Miller | Archie Miller | Daryl Friesen | Fred Braches | Cyril Pierre

Front row: UNKNOWN | Greg Henderson | Katlyn Henderson | Andrea Lindgren | Alida Pierre | Brian Antonson | Karen Chan | Rick Antonson