

"Famous Falcon Silver Mines"

Certification and History

Over One Hundred Years Recorded History

Transcript Of A News Article From The Elko Independent Newspaper In 1878: Rock Creek Mining District, Elko County, Nevada U.S.A.

"During the past summer a great deal of prospecting has been done in the vicinity of Tuscarora, ranging for several miles west and southwest of that place, in consequence of the very rich and important developments that have been made in Tuscarora this summer. Among others who have been prospecting are J.D. Hoover and Charles Wagener, who have been for some time strongly impressed with the idea that rich mines existed to the southwest of Tuscarora; and after prospecting for a considerable time they discovered, on the 20th of August, about ten miles nearly due west of Tuscarora, the croppings of what they supposed to be a quartz lode of great value, measuring some fifteen to sixteen feet wide, running north and south and dipping to the east. From the discovery croppings they broke off several pieces of what was supposed to be about an average of the rock, from which extraordinary results have been ascertained, by assays running from \$1,500 to as high as \$2,700 per ton. Upon ascertaining this result these gentlemen, with others from Elko, immediately returned to the place of discovery and located some four of the most prominent lodes, after which they organized a mining district by the adoption of mining laws and the election of a recorder. The district is known as Rock Creek District, situated in the County of Elko and about fifty-four miles northwest of the town of Elko. The following are the names of a few of the prominent locations made: The Falcon, which is suppose to be the Bonanza of the district, is about eighteen to twenty feet wide. The croppings are prominent and well-defined for about 150 feet, and can be traced for the distance of a mile and a half to two miles. The metallic formation of the district is granite, while the casings around and in the immediate vicinity of the vein are more or less porphyry. The general character of the ore obtained from all the lodes of the district are antimonial with some indications of ruby silver. I am informed by the discoverer of these mines that for a successful working of the same, the ore must be roasted. With the Falcon there are three other parallel lodes - the Eagle, Elko and Nevada."

The "Famous Falcon Silver Mines" were patented in August, 1883 and April, 1890, United States Patent numbers 8095 and 8096, signed by President Chester A. Arthur, and 16147, 16148, 16149 and 16150, signed by President Benjamin Harrison.



"Famous Falcon Silver Mines" Certification

The Famous Falcon Silver Mines Historical Society certifies that each piece of Silver Ore is guaranteed to be genuine Silver Ore from the United States Patented "Famous Falcon Silver Mines", Rock Creek Mining District, Elko County, Nevada, United States of America.