Fraser River Gold Mines and Their Place Names:
A Map from Hope to Quesnel Forks

Mines and mining infrastructure that are documented in the historical record. Dot colour indicates the decade the site is first referenced.

- 1858-1859
- 1860-1869
- 1870-1879
- 1880-1889
- 1890- early 20th c.
- No information

Settlements and other landmarks

- Fort/town
- Trading post, stopping house, or other settlement
- Other landmark

Placer-era creek and river names shown in brackets

Mine excavations that have been identified in air photos and through fieldwork. (Note: no attempt has been made to map mine excavations along Quesnel River)

Polygon style indicates confidence that the mapped polygon represents a true mine excavation.

- Nearly certainly mined
- Probably mined, poorly defined boundary
- Possibly mined

Associated labels indicate the type of mining suggested by site morphology

- *rb* rocker box
- *s* sluice
- *gs* groundsluice
- *h* hydraulic
- *d* dredge
- *m* modern

Elevation in metres above sea level: 720, 540, 360, 180

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0 1 2 3 4 5 km

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4 Mile Ck B7
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Agnes Hydraulic A7
Ah Fat Flat A7
Ah Giu and Ah Lack B10
Ah Keet claim B3
Ah Low Co B4
Ah Sam's ditch B5
Albert Ck A2
Alexandra Bridge A4
American Bar A1
American Ck A1
Anderson River A6
Asjirt's Flat B1
Assim Flat A7
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Assu Bar A7
Assu's Flat A7
Austin's Flat A5
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Austrian Flat A8

B
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Bamboo Bar A4
Beruere's Claim B8
Big Bar B1
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Big Canyon A8
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Bridge River confluence B7
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Brown's Dry Diggings A8
Brown's Ck A2
Brown's Flat A9
Browning's Bar B4
Browning's Flat B4
Bulward's Bar A5
Bush Ck A4
Butcher's Flat A7
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C
Cameron's Bar A2
Cameron's Bar B3
Cameron's Bar Ck B3
Cameron's Flat B3
Canada Bar A1
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Canadian Bar A1
Canaka Bar A9
Cantlever Bar A10
Canyon Flat A6
Canyon House No. 2 A5
Canyon House No. 3 A5
Carson's Flat (north) B3
Cascade Bar B8
Cascade Ck B8
Cat Ck B5
Cataraque Ck A2
Causarea Flat A1
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Cayoosh Falls B5
Cayuse B6
Cayuse Ck B6
Chapman's Bar A5
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China Bluff A6
China Flat B2
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Chinese Bar B1
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Clark's Riffle A5
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Colado Flat A6
Cornish Bar A1
Cowello Flat A6
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D
Danish Flat A7
Davis Bar A9
Davis' Bar A4
Day's Bar B9
Deep Ck B8
Dennis Bar A4
Derouze's Spring B6
Dunn's Flat A9
Dutch Bar A5
Dutch Bend B2
Dutch Flat A2
Dutch Flat B2
Dutchman's Bar A5

E
Edinburgh Flat A10
Emory Ck A2
Emory's Bar A2
English Flat A7
Express Bar B10

F
Fargo's Bar A8
Ferry Bar B6
Ferry Ck A4
Fletcher's Flat A3
Fort Dallas B1
Fort Dallas Bar B1
Fort Dallas Ck B1
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Fort Dallas Flat B1
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Fort Yale A2
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Foster's Bar A6
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Fountain Bar B8
Fountain Flat A9
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Fountain Spring B7
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French Ck B7
French Flat A7
French Flat B2
Frenchman's Store B4
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G
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Gibraltor Bar B4
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H
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Hagar & Gardiner Co A7
Hanson's Flat B1
Hardie's Bar B4
Hardie's Ck B5
Hardie's Flat B4
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J
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K
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Kanaka Island A9
Kayoosch B6
Kelly Ck B9
Kelly's Ck B4
Kerrison's Bar A2
Killroy's House Flat B2
Knight's Flat A4

L
La Fontaine's B7
Lady Franklin Rock A3
Lamere Bar B8
Landeau Bar A2
Landsden's Bar A1
Larochelle Ck B5
Last Chance Bar A1
Last Chance Ck A1
Last Chance Ck B1
Last Chance Flat A1
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le Plateau Français A7
Lee's garden B5
Lenning's Flat A7
Leon's Ck B10
Leon's Ck trading post B10
Leon's House B10
Lessor Pass Tramway A3
Lillooet Hydraulic Mining Co. B6
Lillooet B6
Little Canyon A3
Lohse's Flat B2
London Bar B2
Lower Fountainville B7
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Lytton B1
Lytton Fraser ferry B1
Lytton Thompson ferry B1

M
MacKenzie's Bar B6
Maddison's Bar A4
Madison Bar A4
Madson Bar A4
Mameloose Bar A7
Manson's Farm B6
Manual Bar A2
Mariners' Flat A10
Maryborough Flat B2
Mayne Falls A2
McCartney's Flat B6
McCaw's Rapids A2
McComb's Gulch B9
McDonnell farm B5
McGillivray dry diggings B4
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McIntosh Flat B6
McKay Ck B9
McKerris' Bar A4
McLoughlin's Bar B5
Miners Flat A10
Monkey Bar A6
Moran Canyon B9
Mormon Bar B2
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Mosquito Bar A1
Munson's farm B6
Murderer's Bar A8
Murderers' Bar A1

N
Nelson's Ranch B4
New Brunswick Bar A10
New World Bar A3
New York Bar A2
Niagara Bar B1
Nicaragua Bar A5
Nicaragua Bluff A5
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Nicolas' Bar B6
Nicolas' Flat A8
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O
O'Malley's Bar B2
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P
Palmer's Bar B7
Palmer's Ck B7
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Picket's Bar A3
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Psalamon Ck B1
Puget Sound Bar A1
Puget Sound Bar A4
Purvis Ck B9
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R
Rancheria A4
Rancheria Bar B1
Rancherie Flat A7
Rip Van Winkle Bar B2
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Rip Van Winkle Flat B2
Rip Van Winkle Riffle B2
Roberts' Bar B4
Roberts' Ck B5
Roberts' Ck B4
Robinson's Bar B5
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Rocky Bar A5
Rocky Point A9
Rose's Bar A2
Rosey Bar A1

S
Sailors' Bar A3
Salmon River A8
Sand Spit Ferry A5
Santa Clara A2
Santa Clara Bar A1
Savage Flat A4
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Sierra Bar A5
Simpson's Flat A7
Siska Flat A10
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Siwash Bar A3
Siwash Bar A5
Siwash Bar A6
Siwash Bar A9
Siwash Bar B3
Siwash Ck A9
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Siwash Flat A9
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Spring Bar A10
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Spring Gulch B7
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Spuzzum Ck South A4
Stoney Point Bar A2
Strawberry Island A2
Stryen Ck ditch B1
Sullivan's Bar B4
Sullivan's Flat B4
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T
Tecoulous Flat A5
Tehama Bar A6
Texas Bar A2
Texas Bar B5
Texas Bar Ck B5
Texas Ck A2
Texas Lake A2
The Forks B1
The Great Falls B7
The Middle Ferry A6
The Wendell Co. hydraulic A7
Therese Spring B6
Thieffroy's Ranch B1
Thornton Ck A2
Tiffin Ck B8
Tim Ryan's house A6
Trafalgar Bar A1
Trafalgar Bar A3
Trafalgar Ck A1
Trafalgar Flat A1
Trinity Bar A2
Trinity Ck A2
Trinity Flat A2
Tscoulous Flat A5
Turnbull's Crags A5
Tzow Fow's Spring B5

U
Union Bar A1
Union Bar Flat A1

V
Victoria Bar A2
Victoria Ck A2

W
Washington Bar A4
Waterloo Bar A1
Watkinson's Ck B4
Weaver's Bar B5
Wellington Bar A4
Whaleboat Riffle Bar A8
White Rock Bar B3
William's Flat B2
William's Ck B8
Willow Bank B7

Y
Yale Bar A2
Yale Cemetery A2
Yale Hydraulic Co. A2
Yankee Bar A7
Yankee Bar B9
Yankee Flats A7

Panel A



Hydraulic mining. Lillooet, 1901. Photo: F.C. Swannell. BCA I-33350.



The Fraser Canyon today. View looking south from bluff above Kanaka Bar. Photo: A. Nelson.



Chinese miners running a sluice, between 1887 and 1889. Note the parallel rows of cobbles and distinct 2m scarp. Photo: C.S. Bailey and Company. BCA E-00382.



Shovel dredge operating at Boston Bar, 1897. Photo: Charles Bradbury. BCA A-07166.



An overgrown mine showing stacks of cobbles and general sluice morphology. Photo: A. Nelson.



Frederick Whymper, "View of Yale, on the Fraser River, British Columbia, in 1863," from George Monro Grant, Picturesque Canada: The Country As It Was And Is *(Toronto: Belden Brothers, 1882-1884). Hand-tinted engraving from private collection of Richard Mackie.*

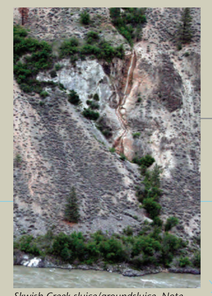


Boulder lag (large stones left behind by mining) in a groundsluice. The measuring stick, included for scale, is approximately 1.1 m long. Photo: A. Nelson.

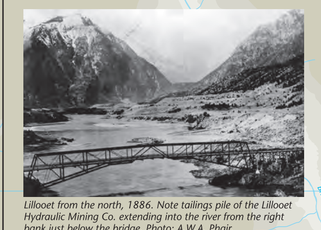
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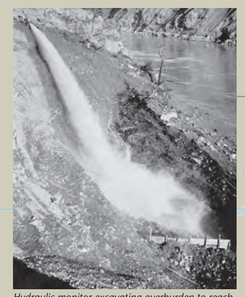
A small-scale sluice or groundsluice on the slope above the Fraser River. Photo: M. Kennedy.



Skwish Creek sluice/groundsluice. Note head scarp and gravel lag just above trees at river level. Photo A. Nelson.



Lillooet from the north, 1886. Note tailings pile of the Lillooet Hydraulic Mining Co. extending into the river from the right bank just below the bridge. Photo: A.W.A. Phair. Lillooet Museum collection.



Hydraulic monitor excavating overburden to reach bedrock and alluvial gravel at the Texas Creek Placers, 1934. Photo: unknown. ARMM, 1934.



Fountain (Palmer's) Creek ditch 2. Photo: M. Kennedy.



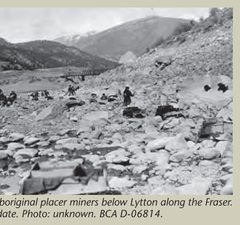
Deep sluice-style excavations at Browning's Flat. Photo: A. Nelson.



Siwhe Creek Sluice. Stones stacked to excavate a drain. The pictured researcher is Sam Robinson. Photo: A. Nelson.



Extensive field of mining (tailings) lag deposits. Photo: A. Nelson.



Group of Aboriginal placer miners below Lytton along the Fraser. Unknown date. Photo: unknown. BCA D-06814.

The Bliss No. 1 dredge at Lillooet, 190-. Photo: unknown. BCA I-55717.

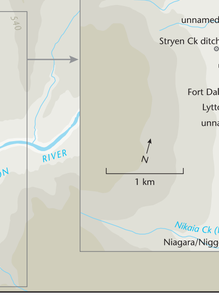
The wreck of the Bliss No. 1 dredge, c. 1920s. Photo: unknown. Neil Smith Collection.



Cameron's Flat, a large sluice site. Snow highlights the geometry of parallel cobble stacks. Photo: M. Kennedy.



Lytton, 1901. Note placer mine excavations at the terrace edge on both sides of the Thompson River. Photo: unknown. ARMM, 1901.



Siwhe Creek Sluice. Stones stacked to excavate a drain. The pictured researcher is Sam Robinson. Photo: A. Nelson.