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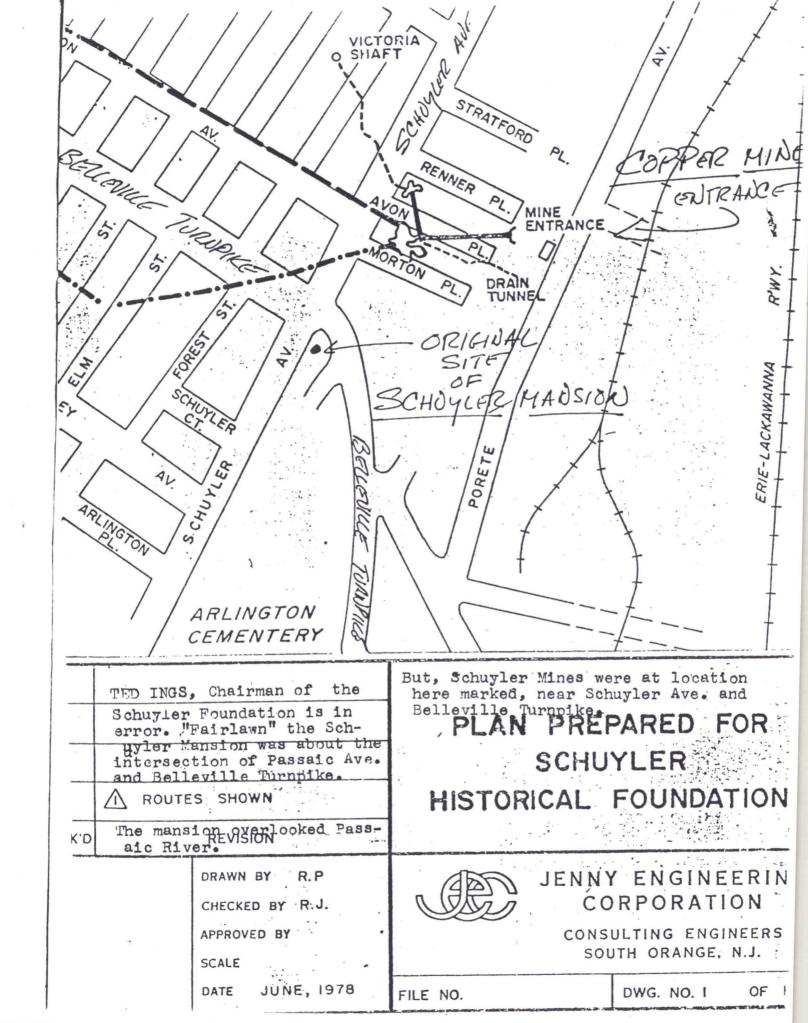


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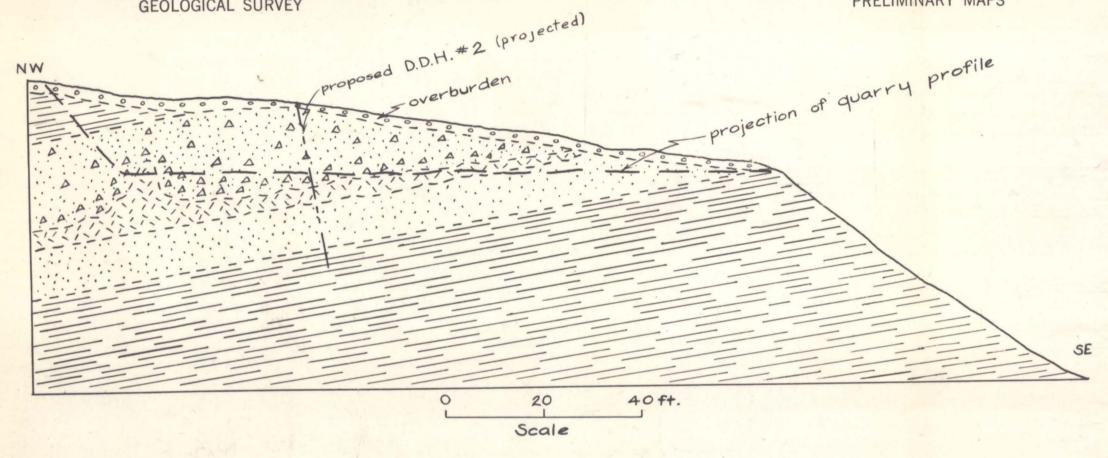


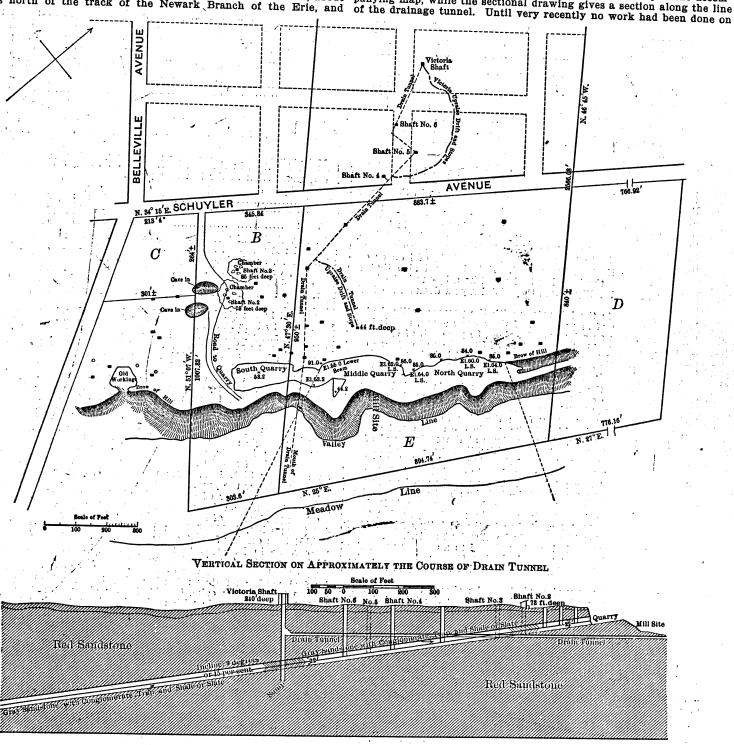
Fig. 1 Cross-section A-A; Arlington Copper Mine. Explanation same as Plate 1. Mineralization apparently most intense immediately above trap.

THE SCHUYLER COPPER MINES, NEW JERSEY.

Very few people are aware that one of the oldest copper mines in the United States is situated within sight of New York City. This is the property which has been locally known for many years as the old Schuyler Copper Mine. It is located in the town of North Arlington, in Bergen County, New Jersey, in the low ridge which separates the valley of the Passaic River from the wide expanse of salt meadows, which extend on both sides of the Hackensack River, and surround the upper end of Newark Bay. The mine is about 8 miles from the Hudson River, and lies about 1 mile south of the point where the Greenwood Lake Branch of the Erie Railroad crosses the ridge already mentioned, about 2 miles north of the track of the Newark Branch of the Erie, and

Watt, and was set up and operated by Mr. Hewitt, father of Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, who had been employed in the English shops.

The working of the Schuyler Mine was continued somewhat irregularly, and by various owners. About 1794 the property was held for a time by the New Jersey Copper Mine Association, but with all the changes in operation, the title remained in the Schuyler family. The extent of these operations may be understood from the fact that at different times 32 shafts were sunk upon the property, and a tunnel was run in from the eastern slope of the hill for a considerable distance. The deepest shaft is that known as the Victoria, which was panying map, while the sectional drawing gives a section along the line of the drainage tunnel. Until very recently no work had been determined to the section of the drainage tunnel.



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out 2½ miles from the point where the Delaware, Lackawanna & estern Railroad crosses the Passaic River, and enters the city of ewark.

The fact that copper existed at this point was first discovered tween 1695 and 1700, by Arent Schuyler, who owned a rige tract of land on the east bank of the Passaic River, under a Coloal grant. The exact date when he first began to work the deposit is tknown, but it was probably about 1700. No attempt was then made smelt the ore, but considerable quantities were mined and shipped Great Britain. At a later date some smelting work was attempted, d after the Revolution a smelter and rolling mill are said to have en crected on the west side of the Passaic River, not far from the vilter of Belleville. These works stood on the literature of Belleville.

the mines for over 40 years, and for a number of years before that the operations had been only occasional and desultory. Since 1858 no attempt had been made to take out any copper ore; the shafts had filled with water, and the tunnel workings were obstructed by rubbish and fallen stone. On the eastern face of the hill, however, a quarry had been established, and a considerable quantity of sandstone taken out.

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Recently this property was purchased by parties who believed that it could be worked at a profit for the copper values. The old tunnels and some of the old chambers from which ore had been stoped out were cleared out; the Victoria shaft—the deepest on the property—unwatered and the property put in a position where a careful examination could be made. Three experts have made such an examination. Prof. Robert

