

A New Location for the Hull City!

The Hull City Placer claim and mine are located at the northern end of the Vindicator Valley. Mining shafts on the Hull City were sunk in 1893. The nearby settlement was known as Hull's Camp. In 1894 the town was platted and renamed Independence. A metal headframe was placed over the Hull City shaft in 1903. This headframe was dismantled, possibly to be used for another mine, and the Hidalgo Mining Co erected the existing wood headframe in 1933 or 1934. The western portion ore sorting house appears to have been constructed around the same time. The final depth of the shaft was approximately 1200 feet and upon final closure of the mine in 1958, about \$5 million in gold had been produced.



During the planning phase for the East Cresson Mine Extension it became clear that the structures from the Hull City operation sat in the area of the surface mine. Half of the ore sorting house was of later construction and appeared to be in stable condition. And although the shaft collar was sinking, despite closure work, the headframe was in relatively good condition.

Lowe Billingsley, CC&V Technical Services Manager, saw the potential in these structures and begin looking into moving them to another location. Lowe contacted a professional building mover from Denver, who agreed that the newer half of the ore sorting house could be relocated. The Mine Operations group agreed to attempt moving the headframe.

CC&V consulted with the Southern Teller County Focus Group and the Teller County Planning Department based upon the short time frame for the East Cresson Extension. It was agreed that the best option for the Hull City structures would be to move them away from the mining area, store them for the duration of the mining operation, and reset them at the original location during the reclamation phase.

The building movers dug out the rock and timber foundation under the ore sorting house to be able to slide steel beams beneath the supporting structure of the

building. The building was jacked up the steel beams to insert wheels. The entire outfit was attached to a semi and the ore house was on the move!

The crack structure moving staff of Dan Edwards and Larry Page, Mine Operations, were able to pull the headframe over onto stable ground and gather it up to move also.

The structures were moved to the far end of the extension area and set off the side of the road to wait out the development and reclamation of the East Cresson Extension. As the East Cresson is backfilled, the Hull City ore sorting house and headframe will once again be an important feature of the Vindicator Valley.