

The History Of Cordova Mines

Cordova Mines village, situated on the boundary road between Hastings County and Peterborough County in the townships of Marmora and Belmont, was first known as Warriston. The post-office of Warriston, was one mile north of the present school house.

Cordova, as it is known now, was settled about 1898. Gold was first discovered by A. W. Carscallen, Captain John O'Neil of Marmora, Fred Lingham of Belleville and Harry Strickland of Peterborough.

The land on which the mines are located was purchased by the four men from a widow, Mrs Mary Jane Brown, for \$1500.00 for the 200 acres. They in turn sold their holding to an English syndicate who started the mining operation in 1898. Mr. J. Kerr was General Manager.

Three large shafts were sunk, one to a depth of 1150 feet with large drifts running away from the main shaft.

Several company houses were built, these were rented to the workmen. A large staff house and large double house in which staff members lived.

The waters at Deer Lake Falls were harnessed, a power house built near the falls, from which power was generated to supply the mine buildings $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles away.

A large flume, portions of which is still in existance carried the waters from the falls to the mine, this produced the steam to operate the machinery.

Tom Rogers an Englishman was the first power house operator.