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Our 1982 Mineral Weekend Booklet is dedicated to:

DONALD "Don" McKECHNIE

1895-1982

Donald McKechnie retired from the New Jersey Zinc Company on December 31, 1962, after a mining career of more than forty years.

Don was the Zinc Company Superintendent of Mines and regarded as a key person in the company's operations. In addition to his contribution to the company, he was also regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community. Included in his activities were: Service on the Franklin Borough Council for two terms; four terms on the Board of Education of Franklin, including being President of the School Board for two terms; two terms on the Executive Committee of the State Federated Boards of Education; member of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce; officer and member of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Hospital; member of the Executive Committee for the Sussex Trust Company; director of the Wallkill Country Club; director of the Newton Country Club; member of the Sussex County Peace Officers; member of the Sussex County Field Trail Club; member of the Branchville Business Men's Club. He served in World War I and was a Second Lieutenant on his discharge in 1917.

With due respect for all his other accomplishments, we, in the Franklin Kiwanis, remember him as a charter member of our club. His leadership and personal efforts resulted in the mine replica being built for our first "Mineral Weekend" and the replica is still an important part of our weekend and our museum. He was President of the Kiwanis Club of Franklin in 1954-1955. His contributions to the club remain as part of our policies and part of our pride in being a "Franklin Kiwanian".

At his retirement dinner, Don was described as "everybody's friend". We Franklin Kiwanians regard him as a special friend of Kiwanis and the Franklin Mineral Museum. His death during the past year leaves a void which, for many of us, will be filled only by memories of his generosity and accomplishments.

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The FRANKLIN-STERLING HILL MINERALS

Edited from numerous sources by John L. Baum, Curator of the Franklin Mineral Museum, May, 1982, following the nomenclature of the $\frac{1980 \text{ Glossary of Mineral Species}}{1980 \text{ Glossary of Mineral Species}}$, and with special thanks to Pete J. Dunn.

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Acanthite Acmite Actinolite Adamite Adelite Akrochordite Albite Allactite Allanite Alleghanvite Almandine Analcime Anatase Andradite Anglesite Anhydrite Annabergite Anorthite Anorthoclase * Anthophyllite Antigorite Apophyllite Aragonite Arsenic Arsenopyrite Augite Aurichalcite Austinite Azurite

Bannisterite Barite Barium-pharmacosiderite Barylite Barysilite Bassanite Raumite Bementite Berthierite Biotite Birnessite Bornite Brandtite Brochantite Brookite Brucite Brunsvigite Bultfonteinite

Calcite Caryopilite Celestite Celsian Cerussite Chabazite Chalcocite Chalcophanite Chalcopyrite Chlorophoenicite Chondrodite Chrysocolla Chrysotile Clinochlore Clinochrysotile Clinohedrite Clinozoisite Conichalcite Connellite Copper Corundum Covellite Cryptomelane Cuprite * Cuspidine

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Epidote
Epsomite
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Esperite
Eveite

Fayalite Feitnechtite * Ferroaxinite Flinkite Fluoborite Fluorapatite Fluorite Forsterite Franklinite Friedelite

Gageite Gahnite Galena Ganomalite Ganophyllite Gersdorffite Gerstmannite Glaucochroite Goethite Gold Goldmanite Graphite Greenockite Grossular Groutite Grovesite Guerinite Gypsum

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Nasonite Natrolite Neotocite Newberyite Nickeline Nontronite

Norbergite

* Melanterite

Metalodevite

Microcline

Molybdenite

Monohydrocalcite

Mimetite

Mooreite

Muscovite

Ogdensburgite Ojuelaite Orthoclase *Oyelite

Pararammelsbergite Parasymplesite Pargasite Pectolite Pharmacosiderite Phlogopite Picropharmacolite Pimelite Powellite Prehnite Pumpellyite Pyrite Pyroaurite Pyrobelonite Pyrochroite * Pyromorphite Pyroxmangite Pyrrhotite

Quartz

Rammelsbergite
Realgar
Retzian - (Nd)
Rhodochrosite
Rhodonite
Richterite
Riebeckite
Roeblingite
Romeite

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Titanite
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Torreyite
Tremolite

Uraninite Uranophane Uranospinite Uvite

Vesuvianite

Willemite Wollastonite Woodruffite Wurtzite

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Total = 286 species.

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*Aragonite: white to cream, (green SW)
Barite: white, blue-white, cream, tan,

(pale green LW)

Barylite: pale blue

*Bustamite: red Cahnite: cream

Calcite: red,(pink, orange, cream,tan,

green, blue-violet, etc.)

*Celestite: cream
*Cerussite: yellow
Chondrodite: yellow
Clinohedrite: orange

*Corundum: red

Diopside: blue SW/cream LW

*Dypingite: blue

Edenite: blue, greenish-blue

*Epsomite: cream

Esperite: lemon-yellow

*Ettringite: pale blue, but coated

with cream-fl. gypsum

Fluoborite: cream

Fluorapatite: orange, blue

*Fluorite: green, blue-green, violet

Guerinite: white Gypsum: pale blue

Hardystonite: violet-blue Hedyphane: orange, cream

*Hemimorphite: white, (green SW)

*Hodgkinsonite: red Hyalophane: red *Hydrotalcite: cream Hydrozincite: blue Johnbaumite: orange Manganaxinite: red Margarite: blue

Margarosanite: blue, red SW/red,

cream, orange LW

Marialite: red, (pink, yellow-orange,

yellow, cream)

Microcline: blue, red

Mimetite: orange

Monohydrocalcite: green

Norbergite: yellow

Oyelite: violet and white

Pectolite: orange Phlogopite: yellow

*Picropharmacolite: white

Powellite: yellow Prehnite: "peach"

Scheelite: Yellow - Red

*Smithsonite: yellow, orange-yellow *Sphalerite: orange, golden orange,

blue, yellow

Svabite: orange
*Talc: cream
Thomsonite: cream

Tilasite: yellow, pink-orange (?)

Titanite: tan, orange-tan
Tremolite: blue, (yellow LW)

Uranospinite: green

Uvite: yellow

Willemite: green, (pale greenish

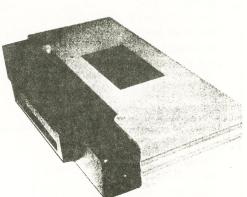
yellow to orange)

Wollastonite: orange to yellow

Xonotlite: blue
*Zincite: yellow
Zircon: orange

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ESPERITE (Ca,Pb)ZnSiO₄

GERSTMANNITE $(Mg,Mn)_2$ ZnSiO₄(OH)₂

HANCOCKITE $(Pb,Ca,Sr)_2(Al,Fe^{3+})_3(SiO_4)_3(OH)$

HARDYSTONITE Ca₂ZnSi₂O₇

HAUCKITE $(Mn,Mg)_{24}Zn_{18}Fe_{3}^{3+}(SO_{4})_{4}(CO_{3})_{2}(OH)_{81}$

HENDRICKSITE $K(Zn,Mg)_3Si_3A10_{10}(OH)_2$

HODGKINSONITE Zn2Mn(SiO4)(OH)2

 ${\rm HOLDENITE} \qquad \qquad {\rm (Mn\,,Mg)}_6{\rm Zn\,_3(OH)}_8{\rm (AsO}_4{\rm)}_2{\rm (SiO}_4{\rm)}$

JAROSEWICHITE ${\rm Mn_3Mn^{3^+}(AsO_4)(OH)_6}$ JERRYGIBBSITE ${\rm Mn_9(SiO_4)_4(OH)_2}$ JOHNBAUMITE ${\rm Ca_5(AsO_4)_3(OH)}$

KOLICITE $Mn_7Zn_4(AsO_4)_2(SiO_4)_2(OH)_8$

KRAISSLITE $Fe_2^{3+}Mg_4Mn_{44}Zn_6(AsO_4)_6(AsO_3)_4(SiO_4)_{12}(OH)_{36}$

LAWSONBAUERITE $(Mn,Mg)_5Zn_2(SO_4)(OH)_{12}$ 4H_2O

LEUCOPHOENICITE $Mn_7(SiO_4)_3(OH)_2$

LOSEYITE $(Mn,Mg)_4Zn_3(CO_3)_2(OH)_{10}$

 $\text{MAGNESIUM-CHLOROPHOENICITE} \\ \qquad (\text{Mg},\text{Mn})_{3} \text{Zn}_{2} (\text{OH})_{6} [\text{As}_{0.5} \text{H}_{0.5} (\text{O},\text{OH})_{3}]_{2}$

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MOOREITE $\frac{Mn_{16}Si_{12}O_{30}(OH)_{14}[As_{3}^{3+}O_{6}(OH)_{3}]}{Nn_{16}Si_{12}O_{30}(OH)_{14}[As_{3}^{3+}O_{6}(OH)_{3}]}$

OGDENSBURGITE $\operatorname{Ca_3ZnFe}_{6}^{3+}(\operatorname{AsO_4})_{5}(\operatorname{OH})_{11}^{5}$

RETZIAN -(Nd) Mn₂Nd(AsO₄)(OH)₄

SCHALLERITE $Mn_{16}Si_{12}O_{30}(OH)_{14}[As^{3+}_{3}O_{6}(OH)_{3}]$

STERLINGHILLITE Mn₃(AsO₄)₂ 4H₂O?

TORREYITE $(Mg,Mn)_5Zn_2(SO_4)(OH)_{12}\cdot 4H_2O$

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More than 250 species and more than 280 varieties have been found in the Franklin/Ogdensburg area, the greatest variety ever discovered in one place. As of 1976, twenty-one of these minerals have been found nowhere else in the world.

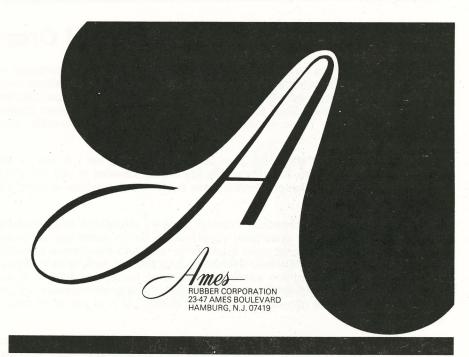
The wealth of mineral specimens at Franklin owes its abundance to a sequence of geological events never duplicated elsewhere. A billion years ago an ocean covered the area, and in quiet deep spots, iron, zinc and manganese accumulated and were incorporated into a thickening sequence of sediments and submarine lavas. Over 800 million years ago, depth of burial and folding transformed the rocks and their enclosed minerals into the layered materials we see today. Many of the rare minerals were formed during the first period of mountain building.

Subsequently, weathering of the new land down to sea level developed a beach at Franklin some 550 million years ago, and fragments of the newly exposed mineral deposit or ore body were incorporated in the beach sands. Again the land sank in the classic geologic pattern of submergence, deposition, uplift and erosion. Perhaps four periods of mountain building took place during repetitions of the sequence, each with an opportunity for deep fractures to allow introduction of new solutions and vapors to add to and alter the earlier minerals.

For the last 100 million years, the Franklin area has been undergoing erosion as the high ground of New Jersey has washed down the rivers and the coast to form Southern New Jersey and fairly recently, a million to 10,000 years ago, glaciation has aided the process exposing the ore bodies for discovery and mining. Meanwhile, minerals continue to form where weathering can alter the older minerals. The story is far from completed, and new minerals are being discovered continually.

The Franklin ore deposits were first discovered in the middle 1600's. These deposits continued to baffle the mining experts for the next two centuries because they were unlike any other known mineral deposits in the world.

Its principal metals are zinc, manganese and iron. All three are present as a complex oxide in the mineral known as Franklinite (named in honor of Benjamin Franklin). Zinc is also here as a silicate, known as Willimite (so named in honor of William, King of England), and as an oxide known as Zincite. Some veins contain all three of these minerals in a complex mixture while other veins consist of the three minerals in almost their pure form. The ore body is also quite unique in that it is relatively free from other heavy metals such as lead, cadmium and copper which are usually found in zinc ore deposits.



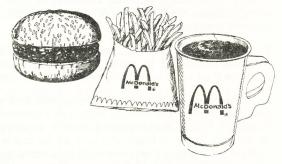
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The development of the Franklin Mineral Museum, from an idea to an institution, with somewhere between \$250,000 and \$500,000 and which is known world wide for its collections and research, has been a major achievement of our club. The museum will continue to attract thousands of school children and students from such educational centers as West Point, Lehigh University, University of Pennsylvania, Smithsonian Institute and other people from Europe and Asia as well as from every state in our country.

This next year will see the Kiwanis Club of Franklin pay the final payment of the mortgage on the Franklin Museum and insure, through proper management and support, the continuation of our famous local institutions.

With the mortgage paid off, the Franklin Kiwanians will be developing projects for our four town service area. We will need ideas, we will look for challenges and we will need members who have ideas and would like to help us meet the new challenges.

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SPEAKER PROGRAM

Saturday: October 2, 1982

1:00 P.M. Pete J. Dunn, Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC "Franklin-Chemistry: Little Crystals"

3:00 P.M. Alice L. Kraissl, Hackensack, NJ "Micro-Minerals of Franklin and Sterling Hill"

Sunday: October 3, 1982

1:00 P.M. Dr. Warren E. Miller, Spex Industries, Metuchen, NJ "Fluorescent Minerals of Franklin and Sterling Hill"



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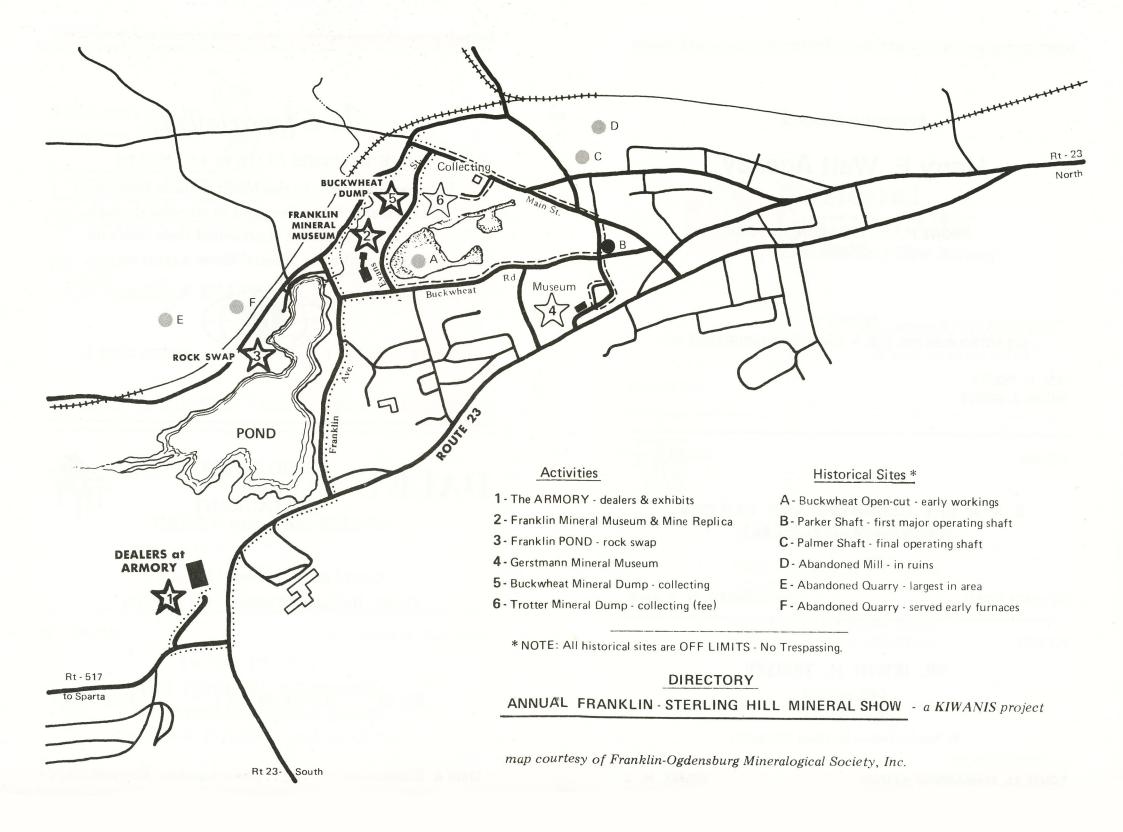
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HISTORY OF THE FRANKLIN KIWANIS FRANKLIN-STERLING MINERAL EXHIBIT

In 1957 the Board of Directors of the Franklin Kiwanis Club, after extensive deliberation, authorized a mineral show as an official fund raising project. Permission was obtained to use the Neighborhood House and the Boro Council further approved the operation of the Buckwheat Mineral Dump by the Kiwanis Club for the two days of the show. Members canvassed the townspeople for old dining room china cabinets and any other furniture suitable for the display of minerals. Local mineral collectors were asked to display their prize possessions. The lack of knowledge on how to conduct a mineral show was offset by the enthusiasm of the club members and townspeople. Even a light snowstorm on the final day of the show failed to dampen the spirits. The show was pronounced a great success by all who participated, and the club immediately decided that it should become an annual affair. At this point it was all too evident that standardized display cases would be a necessity for any future shows. A Committee was set up to work on this project. After much discussion a simple but adequate design was evolved and as the date of the second show drew near, club members met in a basement workshop and mass produced plywood parts for two dozen cases. These were assembled, glass covers attached, fluorescent fixtures installed, and on the eve of the second annual show a coat of stain was applied. The excellence of design and construction are attested to by the more than twelve years these cases have been in use. The second show drew a larger crowd than the first, but due to the cost of materials for the cases, the profit was small.

The Exhibit became too large for the Neighborhood House and in 1959 it was decided that the Franklin Armory was the most suitable location and appropriate arrangements were made.

Also, in 1959 the Replica Mine was erected at its present location with enlargements and improvements being made each year. For four successive years the popularity of the show increased.

After the 1963 show, sufficient funds were on hand to undertake the erection of a Mineral Museum. Plans were made, mortgage money obtained and the construction contract was let. Unfortunately, delays in construction prevented the Museum from being completed in time for the 1964 show.

Each year a bigger and better show has had the Armory bursting at its seams and in 1968 the traffic congestion was so bad that plans were made for the 1969 show to have a central parking and free shuttle bus service to the various places included in the exhibit. This feature proved so popular that it is to be expanded.

MINING AT FRANKLIN AND STERLING HILL — SYNOPSIS Clarence Haight, former Mine Superintendent

A mine is mysterious to many people because it cannot be seen in its entirety. If the Franklin mine was inverted and placed on the surface, it would require a building about a mile long, five hundred feet wide and one thousand feet at its peak to enclose it.

The "floors" are known as levels, and they are fifty or one hundred feet apart rather than the eight — ten feet of office buildings. There were eighteen levels at Franklin and twenty-five at Sterling Hill. The levels are connected by shafts containing the mining version of elevators for men and materials as well as wate and air pipes, and phone and electric cables.

The hallways from the elevators to the working areas were tunnels, called drifts. Tram cars were frequently operated in the drifts to haul materials and men. The drifts are occasionally intersected by cross-cuts, which are tunnels extending from the footwall to the hanging wall to provide access, remove broken ore, etc. (If drifts were the avenues, cross-cuts were the streets.)

Ore bodies do not occur in rectangular blocks as buildings do. The outerlimits of the ore bodies are usually at an angle with the horizontal. Standing within the ore body, the outer side of the body which would be above your head (has an acute angle with the horizontal) is the hanging wall; that which would be beneath your feet (forms an obtuse angle with the horizontal) is the footwall.

The method of mining is determined largely by the thickness and strength and attitude of the ore. At Sterling Hill, the long thin stringers of ore lend themselves to longitudinal stopes. Stopes are the working areas where the ore is being drilled, blasted and mined. At Sterling hill, they usually project upward at an angle, following the veins of ore. When the ore is thick, as at Franklin, it is usually mined by transverse stopes. Franklin was first mined by tunnels at fifty foot levels. After consolidation of the various mining companies, engineering studies led to mining by transverse stopes. In essence, this comprised removing ore in sections seventeen feet wide running from the foot wall to the hanging wall. Between each stope, a pillar was left. Each pillar was about thirty feet wide and ran from footwall to hanging wall (as much as 300 feet) and to the top of the mine (up to one thousand feet high).

When all the ore was removed except for the pillars, a system of top slicing was introduced to utilize the ore in the pillars. This comprised taking ten foot deep slices from the pillar, starting at the top of the pillar, across from footwall to hanging wall. In essence, a narrow opening of full height was first cut through the center of the drift to the hanging wall. The opening was then opened up to full (thirty feet) width from the far end and worked back to the original opening. As the load on the supports became too heavy, (at about ten foot intervals), the supports for the cleared area were blasted and the load above caved to minimize the load on the working area.

Franklin ore averaged about a ton for each seven cubic feet. Some twenty million tons of ore were removed at Franklin. The ore averaged 20% zinc. At Sterling Hill, the ore averaged about 17% zinc, with the probability that it may be higher in the future due to operational changes.

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