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History of the Franklin Mine
by
John Leach Baum

The outcrop of the Franklin zinc-iron-manganese ore body was known from the earliest days because a portion of the deposit was exposed at the surface. Attempts to smelt the ore for iron in the local blast furnace used on the adjacent magnetite ore were futile. Early transfer of the property in order were King Charles II of England, to his brother James Duke of York, to Sir George Carteret, at inheritance tax sale to William Penn and eleven partners who founded an ownership association called the Board of Proprietors which subsequently sold to Anthony Sharp in 1750. In 1810 heir Edward Sharp sold to Dr Samuel Fowler and a partner (soon bought out) Franklin Mine Hill, site of the Franklin ore body. It was Dr. Sam who brought the property to the attention of science. His son, Colonel Samuel Fowler, acquired both the Franklin and Sterling properties to initiate the ultimate development of the deposits.

In 1810 the zinc content of zincite was published. The zinc minerals zincite, franklinite, and willemite being unique, many years of experimentation were to pass before their metal content could be recovered. Zinc oxide was the first product and the ancestral Zinc Company the first to manufacture ready-mixed paint. This was promoted as a superior replacement for poisonous lead-based paint which even today is an environmental hazard.

Due to unfortunate division of property titles based on poor understanding of the nature of the ores and their occurrence there were numerous mining companies working the Franklin outcrop. Legal challenges among the operators were so divisive that in 1897 all properties were combined and reorganization produced an increasingly successful venture under the title of the New Jersey Zinc Company. Additional favorable factors were the development of the ore at depth through the Parker shaft, invention of separation of the crushed ore into franklinite and willemite-zincite fractions and development of a mining method designed to effectuate total recovery of the ore reserves.

Efficient operation of the consolidated property required a new mill or concentrating plant, a revised mining method with relocated shafts and a new town complete with such services as would make Franklin a model mining community. To effect many of these improvements, Robert Catlin, a prominent mining engineer, was enticed to Franklin. He imported the finest mining talent, much of it from eastern Europe and Cornwall, England. As a result of the richness of the ore, nearly 20% zinc with substantial recovery of iron and manganese, and the dedication of management and workers, the venture was a complete success.

Scan courtesy of the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, www.FOMSNJ.org
Due to the orebody being essentially a steeply inclined slab, the mining method selected was calculated to allow the overhanging wallrock to subside under controlled conditions. Thus the orebody was divided into vertical segments across the width of the ore and then alternate segments were mined out from the bottom up. Each worked-out area or stope was filled with mill reject and remaining supporting slabs called pillars were mined downward in ten foot high slices, encouraging the overlying barren rock called the hanging wall to slump. Since much timber was used in pillar support while mining and a plank floor was laid just before the horizontal slice was advanced, collapse of the timber supports upon the floor allowed the overlying jumble of timber and planks and fill added from above to cushion the controlled subsidence of the hanging wall and provided a plank ceiling for the next slice to be mined below. In this manner essentially the entire ore body was recovered.

Concentration of the ore was important to enable a number of different products at the Palmerton, Pa. smelters, and all Franklin ore was so treated. The magnetic concentrate of franklinite was mixed with anthracite coal and roasted to recover much of the zinc as oxide and the residue was smelted to produce an iron-manganese alloy called spiegleisen, used in the manufacture of manganese steel. The willemite-zincite mill product was also mixed with anthracite coal and smelted in the absence of air to produce a zinc gas which condensed into zinc metal. A great pile of waste resulted.

Initially an ore body of limited value, Franklin's Mine Hill became a bonanza producing a half billion dollars worth of zinc over a period of 106 years. Obstacles to success were enormous but each was overcome by talented men who wrote nationally important mining law, developed markets for the first ready-mixed zinc oxide paint to replace lead paint, invented the zinc die casting business and created the alloys that made it possible, devised a mining method to recover all the Franklin ore body and perfected concentration and smelting of unique ores. Mining of the Franklin ore body was terminated on September 30, 1954.

In some respects, the history of the Franklin ores is the history of American mineralogy. Starting with the first described mineral for the United States, zincite, by Dr. Archibald Bruce in 1810, subsequently hundreds of species have been found here, many new to science and some unique to the locality. The science of mineralogy has benefitted immeasurably from the study of this great deposit. Concurrently with these studies and contributing to them, collecting mineral specimens continues. Closing of the mines has limited somewhat the availability of good specimens in quantity but collections become available with time and trophy specimens of rare or crystallized or spectacular fluorescent species bring ever higher prices.
The comprehensive list of minerals from the Franklin-Sterling Hill Area.

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The Franklin-Sterling Hill area Mineral Species List

Compiled from numerous sources by Pete J. Dunn of the Smithsonian Institution and John L. Baum, Curator of the Franklin Mineral Museum, following the nomenclature of the Glossary of Mineral Species (Fleischer, 1991). Procedures for adding species to this list are given in The Picking Table, 28. #1, pages 4-5 (1987).
Fluorescent Minerals of Franklin and Sterling Hill, N.J
A 1994 CHECK-LIST BASED ON OBSERVATIONS BY RICHARD C. BOSTWICK

FL = fluoresces; PH = phosphoresces; SW = shortwave ultraviolet radiation;
LW = longwave ultraviolet radiation

These descriptions are necessarily brief and hence simplistic. the ultraviolet wavelength (SW or LW) listed with a fluorescent response is the wavelength for which the response is stronger; many listed minerals fluoresce under both LW and SW. Unusual fluorescent responses are listed in parentheses. Fluorescent intensity and subtle differences in hue are not mentioned.

While mineral fluorescence is a powerful tool for rapid mineral identification, it should be used in conjunction with other identification techniques.

Albite: FL red SW
Aragonite: FL, PH cream LW
    (FL green SW)
Barite: FL cream SW
    (FL tan LW, green SW)
Barylite: FL violet SW
    conspicuous under iron arc
Bassanite: FL, PH violet SW
Bustamite: FL red LW
Cahnite: FL cream SW
Calcite: FL red w/red-orange PH
    (FL pink, orange, cream, green, blue, yellow, violet etc.)
Canavasite: FL, PH violet LW
Celestine: FL cream LW
    (FL violet SW)
Cerussite: LW yellow LW
Chabazite: FL green SW
Charlesite: FL pale blue SW, but coated with cream FL gypsum
Chondrodite: FL yellow SW
Clinohedrite: FL orange-yellow SW
Corundum: FL deep-red LW
Cuspidine: FL orange-yellow SW
    brief orange-red PH
Datolite: FL cream SW
Diopside: FL blue SW, cream LW
Dypingite: FL, PH, blue SW, LW
Epsomite: FL cream LW
Esperite: FL lemon-Yellow SW
Fluoroborite: FL cream SW
Fluorapatite: FL orange or blue SW (FL "peach")
Fluorapatophyllite: FL, PH white SW
Fluorite: FL, PH blue-green SW,
    LW or FL violet LW
Guerinite: FL white SW
Gypsum: FL pale blue or cream SW
Hedystonite: FL violet SW
Hedy; hune: FL cream or orange SW
Hemimorphite: FL, PH white LW
    (FL green SW)
Hodgkinsonite: FL deep red LW
Humite: FL weak pale-yellow SW
Hyalophane: FL red SW
Hydrotalcite: FL cream LW
Hydroxyapatophyllite: FL, PH weak white SW
Johnbaumite: FL orange SW
Junitolite: FL pale yellow LW
Magnesio-hornblende: FL greenish-blue SW

Mangananxinite: FL red SW
Margarite: FL blue SW
Margarosanite: FL blue and red SW
    (FL orange LW)
Marialite: FL yellow SW, pink LW
McCallisterite: FL cream SW
Melonite: FL pinkish-red SW (FL pink, orange, yellow etc.)
Meta-ankoleite: FL green SW
Metalodivate: FL green SW
Microcline: FL blue or red SW
Minehillite: FL violet SW
Monohydrocalcite: FL green SW
Nasonite: FL pale Yellow SW
Newberryite: FL cream SW
Norberlite: FL yellow SW
Oyeite-like mineral: FL violet and White LW
Pargasite: FL greenish-blue SW
Pectolite: FL, PH orange SW
Phiogopite: FL yellow SW
Picropharmacolite: FL white LW
Powellite: FL yellow SW
Prehnite: FL pinkish orange SW
Quarte: yellow or green SW
Roehlingite: FL red w/red-orange PH SW
Samfowlerite: weak red SW
Smithsonite: FL, PH white SW
Sphalerite: FL, PH orange, blue, yellow-orange or orange-yellow LW, poor FL SW

*Strontianite: FL violet SW, LW
Svabite: FL orange SW
Tale: FL cream SW
Thomsonite: FL cream SW
Tilasite: FL yellow SW
Titanite: FL yellow-orange SW
Tremolite: FL blue SW (FL yellow LW)
Tunearnareite: FL orange SW
Uranospinite: FL green SW
Uvite: FL yellow SW
Willemite: FL, PH green SW. Also FL, PH yellow, greenish-yellow, orange
Wollastonite: FL, PH orange to yellow SW
Xonodite: FL violet SW
Zincite: FL yellow SW
Zircon: FL orange SW
Znucalite: FL green SW

Total = 81 FL species reported

*added to list

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Species unique to Franklin and Sterling Hill

Of the sixty-nine valid species described from Franklin or Sterling Hill for the first time and listed in this volume, thirty-five remain unique to these deposits: they have not been found elsewhere. This is a changeable list; some of these species will likely be found elsewhere in the future. Those minerals with essential combined Mn and Zn, and those minerals having these elements in combination with As and Si, will likely remain unique to Franklin or Sterling Hill for some time. These unique species represent approximately 10% of those found here, and approximately 1% of all known on earth.

BOSTWICKITE
CaMn$^{3+}$$_6$Si$_3$O$_{10}$.7H$_2$O

CHARLESITE
Ca$_4$(Al,Si)$_2$(SO$_4$)$_2$[B(OH)$_4$](OH)$_2$.26H$_2$O

CHLOROPHOENICITE
Mn$_2$Zn$_2$(OH)$_4$[As$_3$H$_8$O$_4$](OH)$_2$]

CIANCIULLITE
Mn$_4$(Mg$_3$Zn$_2$)X$_2$.2-4H$_2$O

FRANKLINFURNACEITE
Ca$_3$Fe$^{3+}$Mn$^{2+}$$_3$Zn$_2$Si$_3$O$_{12}$(OH)$_3$

FRANKLINPHILITE
Ca$_2$Fe$^{3+}$Mn$^{2+}$$_3$Zn$_2$Si$_3$O$_{12}$(OH)$_3$

GERSTMANNITE
(Mg$_2$Zn$_2$)X$_2$.2-4H$_2$O

HARDYSTONITE
Ca$_2$ZnSi$_3$O$_7$

HAUCKITE
(Mn$_2$Zn$_2$Fe$^{3+}$)$_2$(SO$_4$)$_4$(CO$_3$)$_2$(OH)$_8$

HENDRICKSITE
K(Zn$_2$Mg$_2$)X$_2$Si$_3$AlO$_{10}$(OH)$_2$

HODGKINSONITE
Zn$_2$Mn(SiO$_4$)(OH)$_2$

HOLDENITE
(Mn$_2$Zn$_2$)X$_2$(OH)$_2$(AsO$_4$)$_2$(SiO$_4$)

JAROSEWICHITE
Mn$_2$Mn$^{3+}$$_3$(AsO$_4$)(OH)$_2$

JOHNBAMITE
Ca$_4$(AsO$_4$)$_2$(OH)

KITTATINNYITE
Ca$_4$Mn$^{3+}$$_3$Mn$^{2+}$$_3$Si$_3$O$_{16}$(OH)$_4$.18H$_2$O

KOLICITE
Mn$_2$Zn$_4$(AsO$_4$)$_2$(SiO$_4$)$_2$(OH)$_8$

KRAISSLITE
Fe$^{3+}$Zn$_4$Mn$_{10}$(AsO$_4$)$_2$(SiO$_4$)$_2$(OH)$_{16}$

LAWSONBAUERITE
(Mn,Mg)$_3$Zn$_4$(SO$_4$)$_2$(OH)$_{2.8}$H$_2$O

LENNILEAPEITE
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