

## HAMBURG MINE

The Hamburg Mine and Mining Camp was located in upper Ramsey Canyon near the junction of the currently marked Hamburg, Pat Scott, Wisconsin and Comfort Spring Trails. The mine and camp were named for Henry Hamburg (one source gave his first name as “Henbert”), a German from St. Louis who was business manager of the Hartford-Arizona Copper Company (the company that owned the mine). The mine was also known as the Hartford Mine and as the Wisconsin Mine. The mining operation consisted of three adits: a 35+-foot long tunnel, a 45-foot long tunnel and a 200- foot long tunnel and produced about 100 tons of ore during the period from about 1900 to 1914. The principle minerals recovered were copper, lead, zinc, silver & gold

The Hamburg Mining Camp soon developed to support the operation. At one time, the camp had a hotel and general store owned by the mining company, boarding houses, livery stable and saloons and supported about 150 people. There was even a stage line that ran between Hamburg and Hereford. The Hamburg Post Office was established on 5 October 1906 but it is not known when it was disestablished. An Arizona Department of Mines report indicated that the Hamburg mines were active until about 1914 but it is not known when the mining camp structures were abandoned. In 2014, numerous relics and other remnants of the mining activity were still in evidence as indicated by the following pictures. Check out the following website for an excellent discussion of the Hamburg site relics:

<http://www.azbackcountryadventures.com/hamburg.htm>



Remains of a Structure



Concrete Base for a Compressor



Remnants of an Air Drill



Remnants of an Ore Cart

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