

A race that stood the test of time

Golden Wall c.1864 – 1868

While the quartz reef was discovered in 1862 it was two years before it was opened up for workings. Initial prospecting proved profitable and a crushing machine was erected on the nearby Fulton's Creek in 1865. The machine was powered by a water wheel which in turn was supplied with water by a one mile water race. Twenty years later the race was still usable which said a lot for the time and effort which had gone into its construction.

By 1867 the reef was no longer profitable. Shareholders declined to fund operations further and the battery was sold to Messrs Yarra and Cox and relocated to the Scrat-a-bit mine near Walhalla.

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"A water wheel situated near Woods Point, similar to the construction that would have been used for the Golden Wall crushing machine c.1905"

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