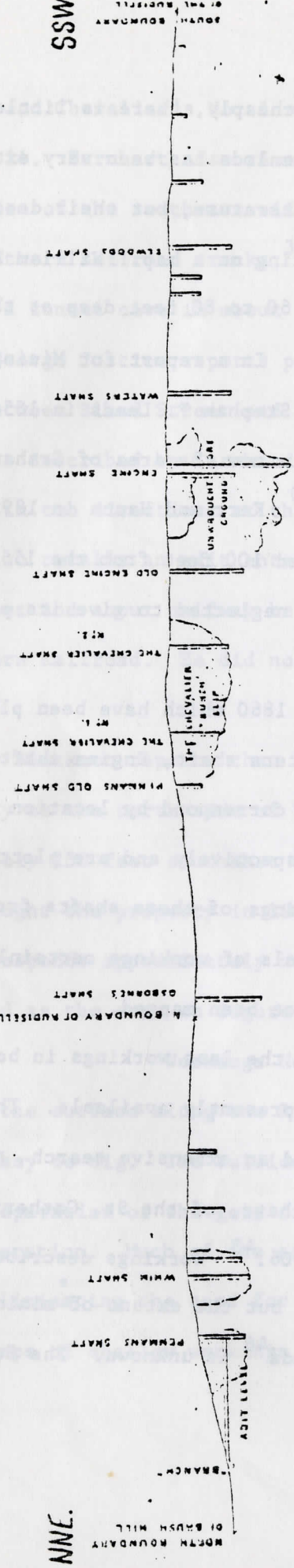


BRUSH HILL



Longitudinal Vertical Sketch.

The shaded parts show the ground worked away on some of the principal "bunches".

Figure 15. A longitudinal vertical section showing underground workings of the Brush Hill and Rudisill mines in 1860. Prospectus of the Rudisill Gold Mining Company of Baltimore City (1860).
 John D. Toy, Publisher, 1860.

mine has been closed since 1908.

There are contradictions between accounts of the extent and location of workings by persons who worked at the Rudisill mine between 1934 and 1938. Mr. Varne O. Slayton, a foreman at the mine, reports that between 1934 and 1936, when he left the project, all mining activity was on the 200 foot level and consisted of driving a drift and stoping along the vein to a distance of about 2,000 feet southwest of the Pump shaft.⁴⁷ Mr. Joe Brown, superintendent of the mine, reports mining on the same level but reports this work extending only 200 to 300 feet from the Pump shaft.⁴⁸ Mr. Fred Challis, and engineer at the mine, from 1934 through 1935 remembers that all work done while he was there was at the bottom of the inclined section of the shaft (350 foot level). He has furnished a pencil sketch plan view of the workings he drew at that time. A reduced copy of that map is shown as figure 10. Mr. Challis reports, that to his knowledge, no other maps were made.⁴⁹ In 1935 C. F. Park, Jr. visited the mine and examined the 250 foot level as part of a survey of gold mines in the southeastern United States.⁵⁰ It is probable that the level he visited was the one being worked.

PROBABLE PRESENT CONDITIONS OF UNDERGROUND WORKINGS

Early mining on the Rudisill lode was in relatively simple workings and are probably shallow, small, irregular and narrow. Fletcher Green described the early tunnels at the St. Catherine mine as being so low the miners had to creep along on hands and knees.⁵¹ George E. Price, upon reopening the Rudisill mine in 1905, reported the older workings resembled "rabbit borrows".⁵² The adit now exposed between Summit Avenue and Bland Street is probably typical of these early workings.