Chapter 5 – How to Find Old Goldmines with Goldmine Finder

5.1 Introduction – What does the Goldmine Finder Enable you to Do?

- Goldmine Finder provides locality data for thousands of old and historical gold mines in WA
- Goldmine Finder enables you to search the data that you want and then create a file to export to Oziexplorer or Google Earth
- Goldmine Finder is a desktop solution so you can take it with you prospecting without needing to access the web.
- You will be able to research those old obscure maps and goldmine names and put GPS points to their localities.

5.2 Open Goldmine Finder and the Filter Screen

- Open the goldmine finder by clicking on the short cut ikon on your desktop or going to “start” “All programs” “Goldmine Finder”
- click the “Gold Mines” ikon at the bottom of the Goldmine Finder opening page
- This brings up the Goldmine Finder “Mines Maintenance” page
- Click “Mine Finder” on the left hand functions menu and it will display the “filter Screen” where you will be able to search for thousands of Old Gold Mine names and Localities.
5.3 Put in Your Filter Criteria

Lets look at some live examples to describe the breadth that your research can cover.

Some Examples;

At 5.4 – How to Research using Gold and Ghosts Books information from mudmaps produced in the Gold and Ghosts books by W De Havelland.

But this type of research could be equally true for any old maps or information where you want to find actual GPS localities.

at 5.5 it is explained how to look for BULK data including GPS points for areas such as mining centres or whole districts.

Your research is only limited by your own imagination!
5.4 Gold and Ghosts Books Research

5.41 Search for a single site from the Gold and Ghosts Book Volume 1;

Here is an example of searching for a single site that might have interested you.

I have extracted a portion of Page 42 and 43 of the excellent book by W De Havelland “Gold and Ghosts” Volume 1. as an Example.

Here is an extract from page 43 of the volume 1 of Gold and Ghosts

You will notice that it refers to Brockmans area and that the “Golden Crown” Mine was situated in the centre of Brockmans. There is also reference to other mines such as “Ruby Queen” and “Faugh A Ballagh”
If you search Minedex you \textit{will not} find a reference to Brockmans Mining area so let’s look at a search for “Golden Crown”

OK So let’s start a search.

A Search for Brockmans in field 1 “Name “ (remember this is from the old 1954 publication “List of Cancelled Gold Mines Which Have Produced Gold”) returned nothing.

A search in the Minedex Data under item 14 “Title” also returned no results for Brockmans.

**5.42 Important Sidenote:**

Data in the Filter Fields that relate to the publication “List of Cancelled Gold Mining Leases, which Have Produced Gold” published in 1954 are the top 9 filter items that are
I have expanded the search and filters to search for “Golden Crown” as the name of the mine.
See below for the Fields I have used to filter the search;

This is the results that I get when I check the “Search Results” tab.
IMPORTANT SIDENOTE....

We are still manually matching up the “List of Cancelled Gold Mining Leases That Have Produced Gold” Data with Minedex Data so not all of it is aligned yet.

There is 11000 records to manually make sure we have correct.

Although a large proportion are done there is still some to do - so make sure you search for your mines in both the data which is provided from the 1954 Cancelled Gold Mines publication and if the GPS points are not there include a search using the Minedex Title Name (in Filter Item 14 “Title” see chapter 4 for explanation of data headings)

Now let's look at a search using the Minedex Data;
Now the results being returned show the GPS Points and the shut mines so we now can get locations for Golden Crown Historical Gold Mines.
5.43 What about Other Mines in the Brockman Mining Centre e.g. Faugh-A-Ballagh?

This search is for mines in the Brockman Mining Centre with a request for “Ore Treated Tons” and locality information.

The filter returns the following Search Results after clicking “OK”
These results are interesting because they are from the old publication “Cancelled Gold Mining Leases that Have Produced Gold” published in 1954.

How can you tell?

Remember the explanation of fields in chapter 4.

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The boxes down the left hand side of the page from 1 “Name” to 9 “Remarks” come from the “Listing of Cancelled Gold Mining Leases” Publication of 1954. All the rest come from the Minedex Database.

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You will get free upgrades of the data as this work progresses.

### 5.5 Bulk Data Access

Maybe you want to visit an area and you want to find out where all the old gold mines are in the area so you can align it to places you would like to prospect and with Tengraph
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lease information.

It is easy to do this by using “GoldMine Finder” by just manipulating the Filter Fields you want. Here is an example for the Kimberley Goldfield.

**5.51 All the Mines Published in the 1954 Cancelled Gold Mines Publication in the Kimberley Goldfield.**

In this search you are searching for all the names and localities of goldmines with their production in the Kimberley Region from the 1954 publication “List of Cancelled Gold mining Leases”.

That returns the following Search Results
5.52 What about the Equivalent Data in the MINEDEX Historical Goldmines Database?

See Chapter 4 for the data fields and explanations but what you require for this search is Section 19 “Project Title” and you need to enter “Historic Gold – Kimberley (80)” or “kimberley” as your filter.
The Filtered Results from the Minedex “Kimberley” search

Ok, so now that you have learned to search for and filter data read on to the next chapter to find out how to export those filtered searches to Oziexplorer and the following chapter which shows you how to export the data to Google Earth and overlay Tengraph Tenement Details.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS CHAPTER OF THE GOLDMINE FINDER DATABASE IN ISOLATION TO THE FULL INSTRUCTION MANUAL.

It has been provided as an example of the Goldmine Finder Database research capabilities prior to publication of the full Goldmine Finder database.

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