

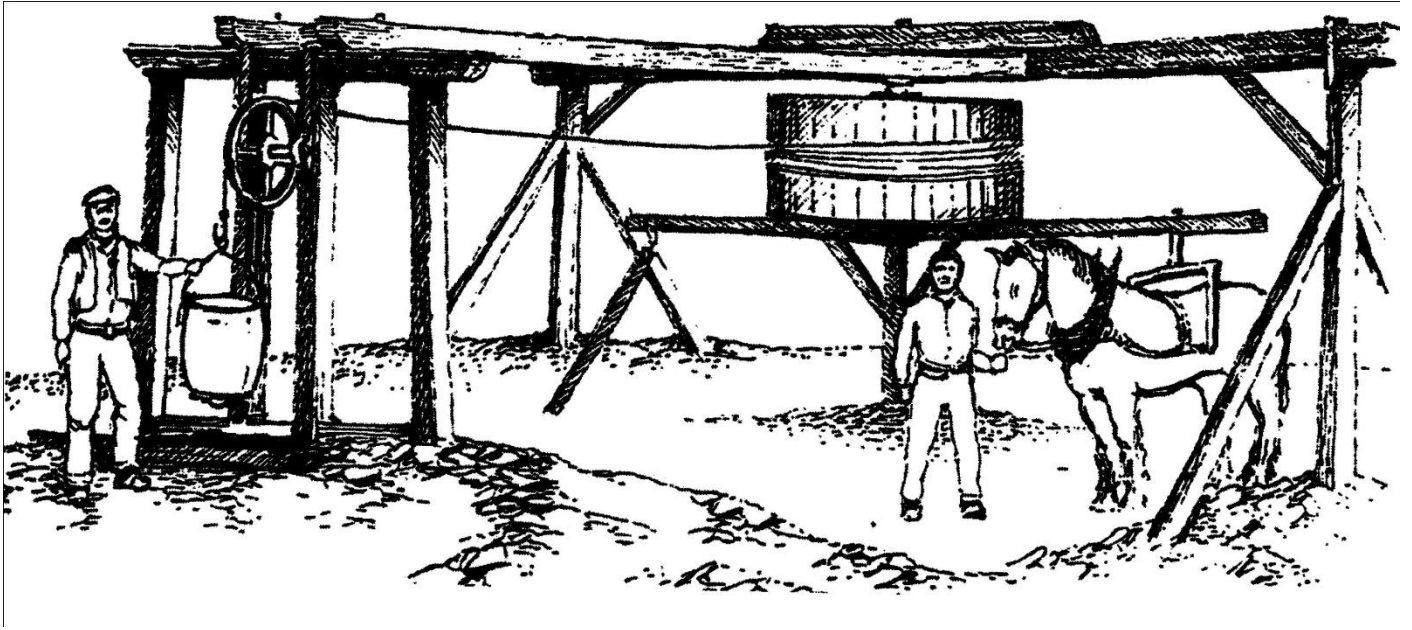
4R Inventory of Snailbeach Lead Mines

The following is an attempt to decipher the writing on the Inventory of 1770. The mine was a small enterprise at the time

	£.s.d
Horses	5.0.0
Surley	5.0.0
Jett	2.12.0
Bosee	4.0.0
Dolle	5.5.0
Jewell	6.6.0
Great Lyon & little Lyon	5.5.0
A Ginn	5.0.0
4 new Ginn Baskets	2.0.0
2 old ones	0.50.0
2 Barrels and 2 pairs of	0.10.0
A new rope	9.0.0
3 bays of new building	35.0.0
A small rope	2.10.0
A engine	140.0.0
A Smith Shop and budle	10.0.0.
4 Drawing Baskets	1.10.0
A Chest	0.12.0
5 tons of waste	15.0.0.
A Beame & Shales	0.10.0
3 Bucklers	0.2.0
2 Hammers	0.3.0
1 Coalrake	0.1.0
One Sieve	0.5.0
2 Shovels	0.3.4
6 Corves?	0.9.0
One Wheel Barrow	0.5.0
Rails, boards & slabs @ sawpit	2.10.0
A Wagon	1.1.0
6 Shovels	0.13.4
Miners tools	5.0.0
Balance due to Snailbeach Co. at Ladyday 1770 and Xmas 1769	91.16.0

Inventory of <u>Snailbeach</u> Lead Mines		£	s	d
7 Hinges	Sturdy	5	0	0
	Soft	2	12	0
	Rope	4	0	0
	Holle	5	5	0
	Jewell	6	6	0
	Great Lyon and little Lyon	5	5	0
	A Ginn	5	0	0
	4 new Ginn baskets	2	0	0
	2 Old ones	0	5	0
	2 Furne Barrels and Two pair of Stoves	0	10	0
	A new Capry Rope	9	0	0
	3 Bays of New building	35	0	0
	A small Capry Rope	2	10	0
	A Engine	100	0	0
	A Smith Shop & Bundle Flour & and bings	10	0	0
	4 Drawing baskets	1	10	0
	A chest	0	12	0
	five Irons of Waste	15	0	0
	A Beeme and Shaler	0	10	0
	Three Buckers	0	2	0
	Two Hammers	0	3	0
	One Calera he	0	1	0
	One sieve	0	5	0
	Two Shovels	0	3	4
	Six Corves	0	9	0
	One Wheale Barrow	0	5	0
	Nailes boards and Slogs at Sawpitts	2	10	0
	A Wagon	1	1	0
	8 Shovels	0	13	4
	Thinners Tools	5	0	0
	100 watt			
	Ballance Due to Snailbeach Co.	91	16	0
	at Ladyday 1770. at Xmas 1769			

The prices are in pounds sterling, shillings (twenty to the pound) and pence (12 to the shilling and 240 to the pound).



The mine owned a 'GINN' which was probably something like the illustration. A horse is driven around in a circle and winds a rope on to the drum in the centre. This raises ore and rock from the mine shaft in what are described as 'GINN BASKETS'. The ropes are amongst the most expensive items listed.

The most expensive item is 'A ENGINE'. Even £140 was probably not enough to buy a steam engine at the time, since these were very new. It was probably a water wheel.

The reference to a 'SMITH SHOP' is probably the Blacksmith's forge.

The date at the foot has been changed. 'Ladyday' is 25th March and had been, until earlier in the 18th century, regarded as New Year's Day. For that reason accounts were often settled around that day. The custom continues today, in that the tax year ends in April, rather than on 31st December. Here the amended date is Christmas.

There is no Lead Ore listed, so possibly working had stopped.

Thomas Lovett

Thomas Lovett appears to have worked here before he started the Snailbeach Company. He would invest £30,000 on developing the mine to the point where it produced 3,000 tons of lead ore a year. This Inventory shows the huge difference between the scale of the early operations and what happened when Lovett brought the industrial revolution to Snailbeach.