

Name 1	MASONRY SUPPORTS
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ID number	002.106.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Centre, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Republic of Slovenia
Local / Original ID Number	/
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The entrance level of Anthony's Main Road, which was used as miners' entrance to the pit, is covered with masonry supports. The tunnel is in oval (semi-circular) shape with moulded stone, mostly limestone, blocks and mortar binder. Due to moisture, there are visible traces of moss and resilient mould on some parts. Large blocks are built-in in the lower part of the tunnel and small blocks in the arch.
Measures	In the Anthony's Main Road, there are three sections of masonry supports, which are 18 m, 52 m and 80 m long. With total length of 150 m.
Materials	Stone, mortar

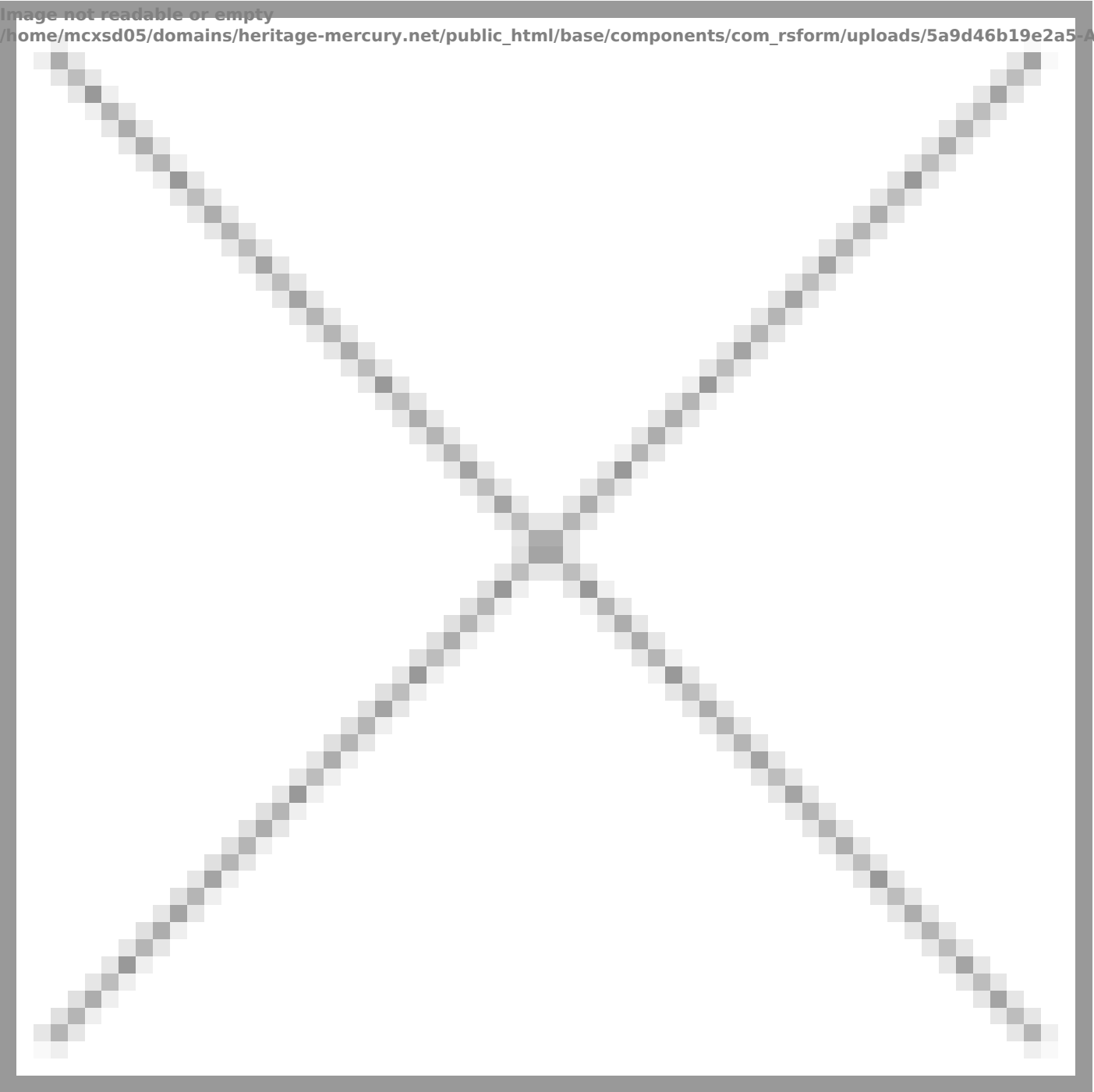
Dating

Second half of the 18th century

Author / Producer

Idrija Mercury Mine

Picture
attachments



Original use	All important entrance and transport tunnels were usually supported with a masonry supports. Stone blocks, which were mostly excavated in surrounding stone pits, were first formed and then used to support the tunnels. Mortar was used as binder. Normally, these support structures were oval or round.
Present use	The masonry supports are being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum display of the mine, called Anthony's Main Road. It presents the typical way of supporting entrance tunnels of the Idrija Mercury Mine. Due to the diverse geological structure of the ore deposit and different geomechanical hardness of rock, different support structures were used in the mine.
Original location	Entrance level of the Anthony's Tunnel, Idrija Mercury Mine
Present location	Anthony's Main Road, Kosovelova 3, SI-5280 Idrija

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The preserved part of the masonry support are well maintained. Security of the premises is ensured. In 1994, the damaged stone construction of the tunnel were replaced with steel supports. In 2006 and 2007, these were replaced with concrete coating.
Present state	good
Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

**Addresses /
collections / links
etc. where further
in-depth
information is
accessible:**

- CUDHg Inventory Book.

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