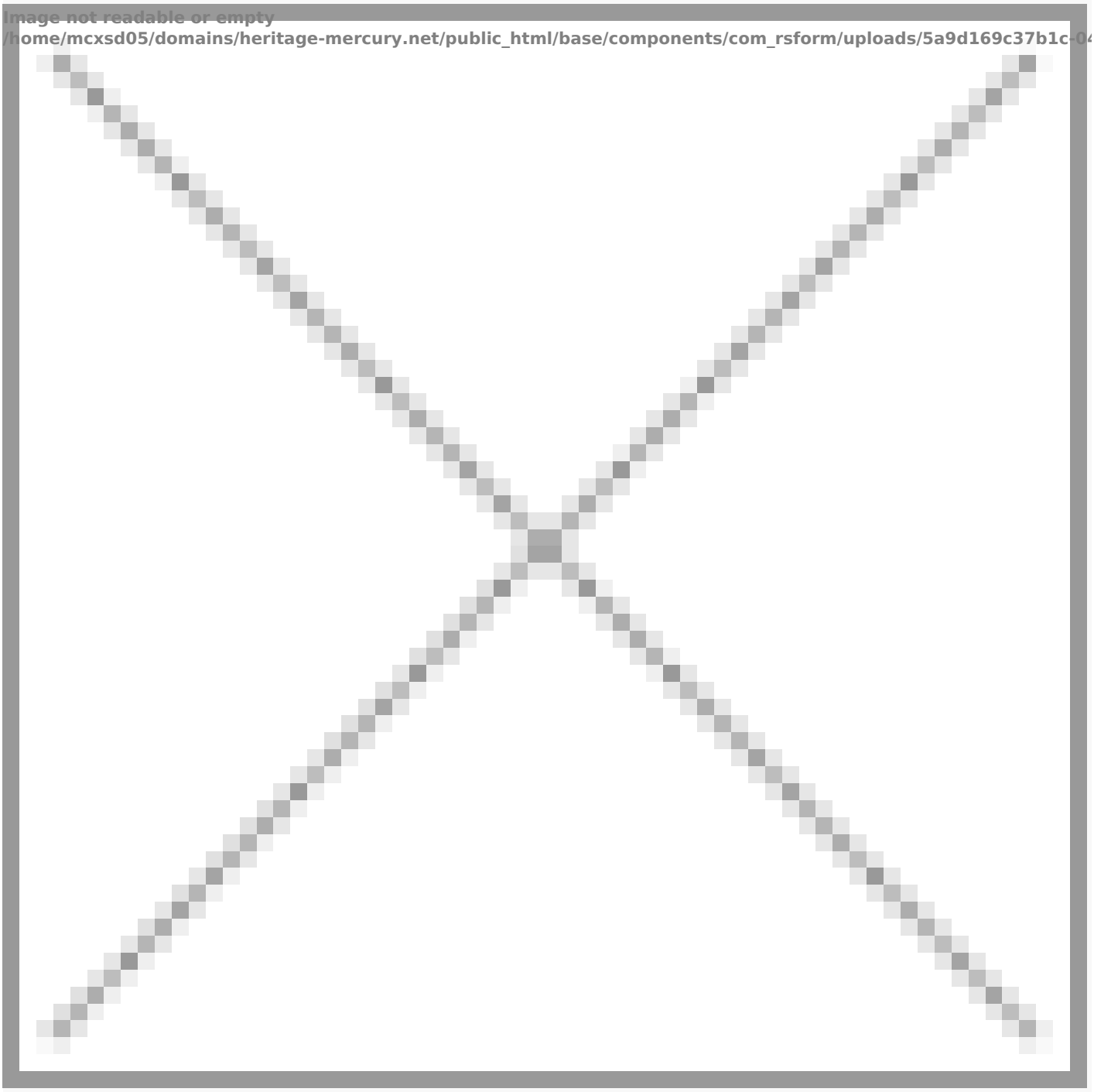
Name 1	DEATH CLOCK AND MARKS
Name 2	/
ID number	002.135.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Centre, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Republic of Slovenia
Local / Original ID Number	/
Type of Object	Mine

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The death clock is a square wooden board which has a table with numbers from 1 to 490 on it. Each number is equipped with a simple small L-shaped hook. Round metal plates – “markice” are hung on it. Each plate has a miner’s registration number engraved on the front side.
Measures	Length 99 cm, width 2 cm, height 85 cm.
Materials	Wood, steel
Dating	The beginning of the 19th century

Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known

Picture attachments



Original use	Before entering the pit, the miners gathered in the call room, a part of the entrance building of the individual shaft. The Idrija Mercury Mine has a history of pit accidents, in which a large number of miners lost their lives. Therefore, the wooden board with marks in the call room was called the death clock. The death clock with its marks, served as a control system and identification system for miners' presence in the pit and their safe return from the pit. Each miner took his mark with an identification number from the death clock and hung it back after his shift. If a mark was missing, they started rescuing the missing miner. If a miner forgot to hang his mark, and the rescuing mission was unjustified, he was sanctioned.
Present use	The death clock with marks is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the CUDHg mining collection. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum display Anthony's Main Road. It is a part of the presentation in the call room of the entrance building Šelštve, where the miners gathered before entering the Idrija pit.
Original location	The call room of the Idrija Mercury Mine
Present location	Anthony's Main Road (The call room), Kosovelova 3, SI-5280 Idrija

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The death clock with marks is well preserved. Therefore, no additional interventions are necessary. Security of the premises is ensured.
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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