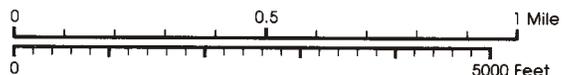


Bumpus Quarry

Town: Albany, Oxford County
Base map: East Stoneham 7.5' quadrangle
Contour interval: 20 feet



Type of deposit: Granite pegmatite.

Collecting status: The Bumpus Quarry is closed at present, but the new owners are planning to reopen it to the public as a mineral collecting site. There will also be an emphasis on the quarry's importance in the history of Oxford County feldspar mining. Further details will be posted here when available.

Minerals observed: albite (including var. cleavelandite), almandine (garnet), autunite/meta-autunite, bertrandite, beryl (aquamarine, golden), biotite, columbite, cookeite(?), euclase(?), fluorapatite, hydroxyl-herderite, microcline, muscovite, quartz (milky, rose, smoky), schorl (tourmaline), torbernite/metatorbernite, uraninite, zircon.

Comments: The Bumpus Quarry has produced some of the largest known beryl crystals from Maine (see Figure 4, p. 5). According to a reliable source (Neumann, 1952), the biggest crystal found here was extracted in 1949. It was 27 feet long, tapered from 4.5 feet wide at one end to only 9 inches at the other, and yielded 26 tons of beryl! Golden beryl crystals and large quantities of rose quartz have also been collected at the Bumpus Quarry.

Directions: *Driving:* From jct. of U.S. Rte. 2 and Rte. 5 in Bethel, drive south on Rte. 5 for 7.75 miles. Park on right, across road from mine. Quarry dumps are visible on east side of road.