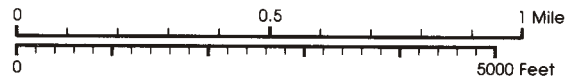


LaChance Quarry

Town: Brunswick, Cumberland County
Base map: Lisbon Falls South 7.5' quadrangle
Contour interval: 10 feet



Type of deposit: Granite pegmatite.

Collecting status: Open for collecting, but permission must first be obtained from the owner, Geoffrey LaChance, whose house is located just north of the mine road on the west side of Highland Rd. (207-725-7745).

Minerals observed: albite, almandine (garnet), beryl (aquamarine, golden), biotite, columbite, fluorapatite, microcline, microlite, muscovite, quartz, schorl (tourmaline).

Comments: The mine was opened in 1920 by Geoffrey LaChance. In 1926, General Electric Co. purchased clear quartz

that was mined here and used it in making the mirror for the giant telescope on Mt. Palomar in California (G. LaChance, personal communication)! Gemmy aquamarine beryl and scepter quartz crystals have also been found at this locality.

Directions: *Driving:* From the jct. of U. S. Rte. 1 and Highland Road (approximately one mile into Brunswick from the Freeport town line), drive south on Highland Road for 1.35 miles. Park on right at entrance to woods road leading to mine.

Walking: Walk southwest for 660 feet (220 paces) to the mine.