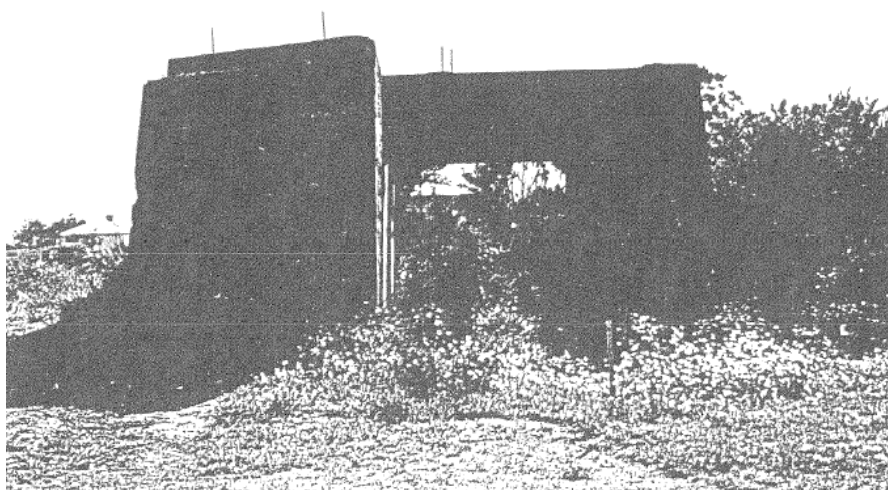


Rail Overbridge Supports, Waihi



Location: Station Road, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **B** - Heritage Feature. Regional or Sub-Regional Significance

Other: Recorded archaeological site (T13/310)

Physical Description: Remains of the former railway over bridge on Station Road and a concrete box section tunnel through which the Waikino-Waihi rakeline ran. Little else of the rakeline through Waihi or the railway exists.

Other known names: Martha Mine Rakeline

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: concrete

Date of Construction: c.1920s

History: The Waihi Gold Mining Company constructed an 8km rakeline (narrow gauge railway) for the transportation of quartz ore from its Martha Mine to the company's main battery complex at Waikino. It was completed in 1897, although the overbridge dates from the extensions of the government railway beyond Waihi to Taneatua in the 1920s.

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU275**

Heritage Category: **B**

Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1911-1940

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

Historic Heritage Inventory



Rail Overbridge Supports, Waihi

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU275**

Heritage Category: **B**

From Waihi, the rakeline followed the north bank of the Ohinemuri River before crossing a 185ft bridge immediately upstream of the Ohinemuri Masonry Dam. There were two rakes (trains hauling ore wagons) running on the line. They passed at about the midpoint where there was a passing loop and water tanks for refuelling. The rakes were hauled by two locomotives, the "Empire" and the "Dominion". A third, the "Waikino", stood in during maintenance of the other two. Three smaller locomotives, the "Albert", "Ohinemuri" and "Victoria" were used primarily for shunting.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: ruins

Integrity: substantially altered

Current Uses:

Former Uses: railway overbridge

Registered owner:

Legal Description: Sec 392 Pt Sec 393 Waihi Town

Reference Source: R. Irvine; W. Roycroft; Ritchie, N. (1990) *A Survey of Historic Mining Sites in the Thames and Ohinemuri Areas of the Hauraki Goldfield*. Department of Conservation.

Associated Pictures: