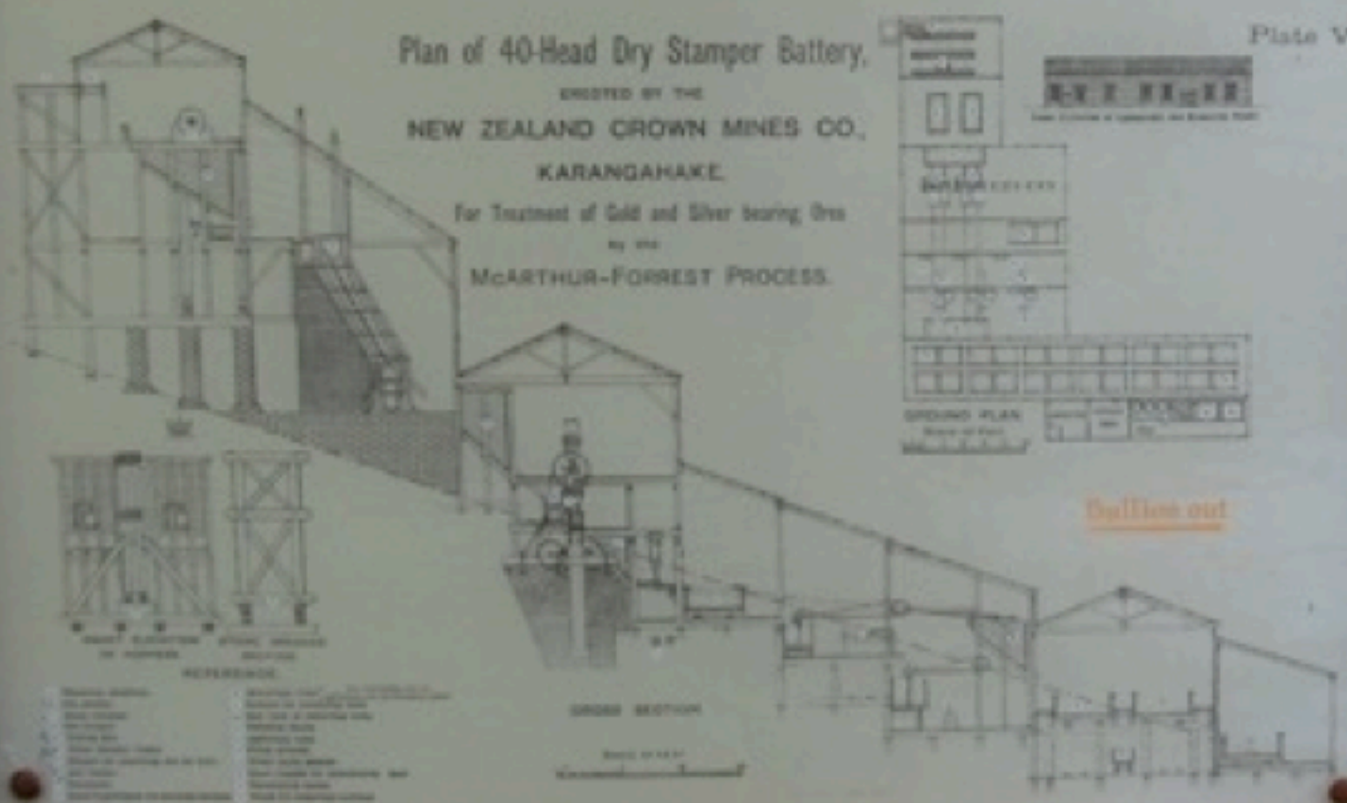
# CROWN MINES CO. and BATTERY

The stone and concrete ruins on this site are relics from the multi-level Crown Mines battery that once stood on the hillside. It was purpose - built to take advantage of the new cyanide process. In the plant's heyday, gold-bearing quartz was delivered by tramway to the uppermost level, then subjected to a series of crushing and grinding processes until it emerged at the lowest level as a fine-ground slurry. Cyanide was mixed with this liquid to draw off the gold.

Dry 30




Bullion out

From here, you may follow the track behind you to see foundations of the cyanide tanks and flooring. Or follow the signs to the mine entrance, 2km upstream in the Waitawheta Gorge.

Crown factory under construction

Crown factory looking downstream