

Horse Whim and Arrastra

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Here are the two pictures of the combination whim - arrastra (I think). It is back in the wilds of southwest New Mexico, sitting next to an old fifty foot shaft. It is in a protected area and I guess this is the only reason it is still there. There was at one time a lot of wooden spokes on it and other wooden items but they have either disintegrated or fallen off. It appears to definitely be a whim which picked up a bucket out of the shaft and at the same time, the revolving motion may have been crushing ore with weights on the spokes. The mine appears to be on a metal seam which may have contained gold before the turn of the century. I can't imagine going to the work of setting up an arrastra on any other metal.



