

COPPER MINE - RASSAL

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The ore (Bornite) was in a vertical rake vein running at or near the surface and extends for some 50 metres like a cut in the hillside above Rassal wood. It may have been worked on a small scale in historic times, but was certainly being mined before 1762 and when Williams visited around 1810, he stated “The copper at Kissern [Kishorn] is of the best quality, perhaps, of any ore of that metal found in Britain”.

It is likely that the vein was exhausted and operations ceased by the mid 19th century, but was definitely reported as abandoned by G.V.Wilson in 1921. Small amounts of Malachite and Brochantite can also be found.

Acknowledgements:

Williams, J. (1810) – “The Natural History of the Mineral Kingdom”
(pages 302/3 & 366-8)

Wilson, G.V. (1921) – “The Lead, Zinc, Copper and Nickel Ores of Scotland”
(page 145)