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# A SUMMARY OF GOLD FINENESS VALUES FROM ALASKA PLACER DEPOSITS

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#### ABSTRACT

Gold fineness values for Alaskan placer deposits were calculated using mint return production records and the following formula for gold fineness:

Fineness =  $(Au/(Au + Ag)) \times 1000$ .

Past gold and silver production records from individuals and mining companies for the period 1900-1974 from 800 creeks in Alaska were examined and 550 creeks with production in excess of 100 troy ounces of gold were selected for data analysis. The data are summarized according to 41 mining districts and six regions.

The overall mean fineness for the 550 samples is 889, the standard deviation of the mean is 28.57, the 95% confidence interval for the mean is 880-898. The mean gold fineness values for the six regions studied are:

	Fineness	No. of Districts
Seward Península	908	9
Upper Yukon-Tanana	884	11
Chandalar-Koyukuk	898	2
Lower Yukon-Kuskokwi	im 880	9
Copper-Susitna	886	8
Southeastern	893	3

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The values for individual placers range from 567-995. Oneway analysis of variance among the six regions and the 41 districts shows that the regions and districts can't be distinguished on the basis of gold fineness. The Kantishna district is anomalous and has the lowest mean value of 789, the lowest individual sample value of 567 and a coefficient of variation of 16 versus the average coefficient of variation of 4.33. The Rampart and Council districts have a mean fineness of 915, the highest mean values of the districts. Several districts, Kantishna in particular, have bimodal distributions of fineness, suggesting different sources of gold or different processes affecting deposition.

We were unable to relate the gold deposits to particular host rocks or to discern clearly the relationship of intrusive rocks to the placer deposits.

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### Introduction

The expression of the relative quantities of gold and silver in a mineral deposit can be described by two methods; first as the simple ratio of gold to silver and second as the "true fineness" which is the ratio of gold to gold plus silver multiplied by 1000 (Boyle, 1979, p. 197). Note that "fineness" as generally defined is the parts gold per thousand parts alloy, which could include base metals. However, as used in this paper, "fineness" is the ratio of gold to gold plus silver times 1000.

Sample calculation of gold silver ratio and true fineness.

Au = gold Ag = silver

Gold to silver ratio = Au/Ag True fineness = (Au/(Au+Ag)) x 1000 EXAMPLE

Production record

Gold Creek

Au = 975 troy ounces

Ag = 105 troy ounces

Gold to silver ratio = Au/Ag = 975/105 = 9.29

True fineness = (Au/(Au+Ag)) x 1000 =

(975/(975+105)) x 1000 = 903

The advantage of using the fineness value rather than a simple ratio in statistical reduction of data has been reviewed by Koch and Link (1971). Although the use of fineness values is preferable in data reduction and analysis much of the literature deals with the simple Au/Ag ratio. In this discussion both

expressions will be utilized since much of the referenced literature deals with Au/Ag ratios.

Boyle (1979) has extensively reviewed the literature on the Au/Ag ratios of the various types of gold deposits and a summary of his conclusions are listed in Appendix I. The major conclusion bearing on this paper is that gold placers always have Au/Ag ratios greater than 1.

In this investigation production records from approximately 800 creeks in Alaska were reviewed. These production records were primarily mint returns reported by individuals and mining companies up through 1974. These records are not inclusive of all the production from Alaska nor do they include all of the production from a given creek. The records report the number of troy ounces of gold and silver produced and the last date of recorded production. Fineness values were calculated for each creek with a record of at least ten troy ounces of silver. By this method a sample size of about one hundred ounces was insured thus increasing the reliability of a given sample. Fineness values for 550 creeks were determined and are listed in this report. These fineness values represent past production records and should not be used as a basis for determining the fineness of current production on a given creek.

# Previous Investigations on Fineness of Gold From Alaskan Placer Deposits

Smith (1941) discussed in detail the fineness of gold from Alaskan placer deposits. The data base included 1534 samples from 84 different creeks or areas in 41 separate mining districts. The analysis of the data only included a determination of the ranges in values and the percentage of values within selected ranges. The values range from a low of 565 to 970 fine. Twenty-three percent of the records had fineness above 900; forty-two percent were between 850 and 899; twenty-six percent were between 800 and 849; and nine percent were below 800 fine. Smith (1941) did not attempt to interpret the significance of the data nor did he attempt to present data from every creek in a given mining district.

We have calculated mean fineness values for each of the seven major regions that were defined by Smith (1941). The values are as follows: Southeastern, 898; Copper River, 888; Cook Inlet, 898; Yukon River, 882; Kuskokwin River, 892; Seward Peninsula, 907; and Kobuk River, 884.

# Discussion of the Fineness of Placer Gold from Alaska by Mining District

The fineness values in Table 1 are tabulated by mining district (see Figure 1) in the same order as the gata presented by Smith (1941). The means and standard deviations of fineness values were calculated for each mining district. Histograms for each district with at least <u>eight samples</u> are displayed in Figures 2 through 25. Figure 26 is a histogram of all fineness

values listed in Table 1 and Figure 27 is a histogram of the means for all the mining districts. Both histograms in Figures 26 and 27 appear to be like that for a normal distribution. Note that the fineness scale (x axis) is <u>not</u> the same for all histograms. The means, standard deviations and ranges of fineness values for each mining district are listed in Table 2.

In Table 2 several statistics are calculated. These are the mean, standard deviation, standard normal variate and the coefficient of variation. The mean or arithmetic average measures the central tendency or most probable value, the standard deviation is a measure of the spread of the data about the mean. The standard normal variate  $z = \frac{x_i - x_i}{s}$ , where  $x_i$  is the value of the observation,  $\bar{x}$  is the mean, s is the standard deviation. z is measured in units of standard deviation and relates the observed values to the standard normal distribution from which probability statements can be made. The coefficient of variation is defined as

 $CV = (s/\tilde{x})$  100 and relates the spread of the values to the mean,

The values of the standard normal variate can be used to estimate the probability of obtaining a sample mean a certain number of standard deviations from the grand mean. On the average, we expect 68% of the values to fall between +- 1 s, 95% between +- 2s, and 99% between +- 3s of the mean. The probability of obtaining a value -3.5 s from the mean as in the case of the Kantishna values is 1 in 5000. Clearly, the Kantishna district values are anomalous.

From the above figures and Table 2 the following observations can be made:

1. The Circle, Kantishna, Koyukuk and Rampart districts appear to have bimodal distributions of fineness values, in that these three districts have samples with fineness values less than 750. Other samples in these districts had to be around 900 fineness.

2. The Kantishna district has the lowest single fineness value, 567, the lowest mean fineness value, 789, the highest standard deviation, 126, and the highest coefficient of variation, 15.97.

3. The Council district has the highest single fineness value, 995.

4. Of the districts with 4 or more samples, Gold Hill has the highest mean fineness, 920.

5. Of the districts with 4 or more samples, McKinley has the lowest standard deviation, 10, lowest coefficient of variation, 1.11.

In order to determine whether the districts could be distinguished by their fineness values, an analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted on the data in Table 1 using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences published by the University of Kansaş. The resulting F ratio is 4.314 and for 40 and 509 degrees of freedom (See Table 1a) at the 95 percent confidence level this value is significant. Under the Duncan procedure two subsets were determined. The first subset includes district numbers 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 31,

32 and 41 (see Table 2). The second subset included all the districts except district 22, the Kantishna district. Under the Tukey procedure the districts could not be divided into separate subsets. From the analysis of variance only the Kantishna district can be distinguished from the other districts by gold fineness value at the 95% significance level.

An analysis of variance (ANOVA) was also done on the means of the gold-fineness values from the different mining districts grouped according to geographic region. The data and groupings are shown in Table 3. The ANOVA was not significant at the 95% confidence level, meaning that the gold fineness values for the different regions are not significantly different.

The data in Table 3 show, however, that of the six regions examined, the Seward Peninsula districts have the highest mean fineness value of 905, and also tend to be the most uniform with a coefficient of variation of 1.02. The lower Yukon and Kuskokwin region, which includes the Kantishna district, has the lowest mean gold fineness of 880, and the greatest variability, as shown by a coefficient of variation of 4.14. The Southeastern region shows a greater variability but the samples making up the regional mean (3) and district mean (4), are so few that the variance is unusually high and is probably not representative of the region as a whole.

Without a detailed analysis of the regional geology of the individual mining districts, only a general hypothesis can be proposed to the account for the bimodal distributions and the dispersion of the data within individual districts. The dis-

tricts which demonstrate bimodal distributions generally contain both metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic rocks and intrusive igneous rocks. The metamorphic rocks are often host to massive sulfide mineral occurrences which tend to be high in silver relative to gold. Quartz-vein deposits are usually associated with intrusive igneous rocks and the gold fineness in quartz vein deposits is usually high. Placer deposits formed from the erosion of massive sulfide deposits would probably result in lower fineness values while the placer deposits formed from weathering and erosion of gold-quartz veins would generally have higher fineness values.

The dispersion in fineness values may be a function of source rocks however it may also be a function of depth of formation of the lode source. Quartz veins in or near an intrusive body would form at higher temperatures than those veins formed at greater distance from the heat source. Erosion of veins in the epithermal (low temperature) zone would produce placer deposits with a lower fineness than erosion of veins formed in the mesothermal (medium temperature) and hypothermal (high temperature) zone.

Forbes (1980) carried out scanning-electron microscope/xray spectrometric analysis studies on gold nuggets and found silver depletion rinds up to several microns thick on natural nuggets but not on man-made nuggets. The loss of silver in natural nuggets could be accounted for by the greater solubility of silver under atmospheric environmental conditions during and after placer formation. As grain size decreases the overall

surface area increases, and relatively more silver will be leached. The theoretical result of such selective loss of silver is to increase the fineness of the placer gold. These observations are connected with those of Koshman and Yugay (1972) who showed that chemical or mechanical treatment of samples of placer gold increase the fineness of the gold by dissolving or releasing chemical or mineral impurities. Viljoen (1971) has noted the opposite effect in gold grains from the paleoplacer deposits of the Witwatersrand System. In this case, the theoretical fineness decreases with decreasing grain size. The opposite effect may be a function of differences in environmental conditions during and after deposition in the 2.7 billionyear old sediments. In either case, the fineness of the placer gold has been affected by the depositional environment. The effects of depositional environments must be considered in any hypothesis that attempts to explain the differences in the fineness of placer gold. In Alaska, high-organic contents in the alluvial deposits and permafrost conditions will affect the relative solubilities of gold and silver and will be major parameters affecting the environments of deposition of placer gold.

## Areal Distribution of Placer Fineness Values in the Fairbanks Mining District

The rocks that crop out in the Fairbanks district are part of a sequence of metasedimentary and metaigneous rocks known as the Yukon-Tanana Uplands schist of Lower Paleozoic and or Precambrian age (Foster, et al 1973). The schist is both the host rock for the lode-gold deposits in the district as well as the

bedrock unit for the placer gold deposits. This unit is composed of a structurally complex sequence of quartz muscovite schist, quartz mica schist, feldspathic schist, chlorite schist, biotite garnet schist, carbonaceous schist, calcareous schist and crystalline limestone. Recent work has shown that the unit also contains a variety of gneisses, calc-magnesian schist, phyllite, amphibolite and eclogite. The metamorphic sequence is intruded by Mesozoic and Tertiary age rocks that range in composition from diorite to granite. Rocks of the Fairbanks district have been affected by at least two major deformational events. The first metamorphic event is associated with a complete recrystallization of the parent rock and with the development of metamorphic mineral assemblages indicative of the middle and upper greenschist facies. A later phase of metamorphism appears to have been less intense and associated with the development of retrograde metamorphic mineral assemblages. The early recrystallization is associated with west northwest-trending folds, while the later phase is associated with folding about northeasttrending axes. Fold styles associated with the early recrystallization appear to be isoclinal and overturned to the northeast. Some folds are arcuate and recumbant. The northwest-trending folds appear to be overturned and (or) recumbant, with axial planes usually dipping to the south. The degree and direction of overturning is variable and related to the superimposed northeast-trending structures.

Chapman and Foster (1969) described 188 lode mineral deposits in the Fairbanks district. These include: gold quartz veins

and fissure-zone replacement gold deposits, antimony, tungsten, lead and zinc mineralization parallel to the compositional layering and foliation of the Yukon Tanana Upland Schist and tungsten skarn mineralization in the schist adjacent to the Mesozoic and Tertiary intrusive rocks. With minor exceptions all the deposits contain at least trace amounts of gold and silver. Table 4 lists the host rocks for all the mineral occurrences in the district as well as those with only Hg-Sb-W-Au-Ag mineralization.

The placer deposits in the district are found along streams draining the Pedro Dome, Gilmore Dome and Ester Dome areas. Both Pedro Dome and Gilmore Dome are cored by complex intrusives, ranging in composition from granite to quartz diorite. Although no major outcrops of intrusive rocks have been mapped in the Ester Dome area numerous small irregular intrusive bodies and dikes have been mapped on the flanks of the dome. Since the placer and lode gold deposits in the district are restricted to these areas, earlier workers including Chapman and Foster (1969) thought that the intrusive rocks were the source of the gold. Whether the intrusives were the source of the gold or whether they simply provided the thermal energy to remobilize the precious metals in the Yukon Tanana Upland Schist, the intrusive center appears to have some spatial relationship to the placer deposits.

The role played by host rock and intrusive bodies in relation to the gold mineralization of the district is not clear. At pre-

sent, we are examining this important question and it is expected that ongoing studies may yield data bearing on this problem.

#### Summary and Conclusions

The expression of the relative quantities of gold and silver in a mineral deposit can be described by either a simple ratio of gold to silver or as a fineness value. The relative quantity of gold and silver in a given deposit is a function of the complex physiochemical conditions that existed during and after deposition. The determination of these complex conditions may be partial guides to the discovery of additional mineralization.

Reported fineness values from Alaskan placer gold deposits range from 567 to 995. Although the individual mining districts cannot be distinguished by fineness values alone, several generalizations can be drawn. The Kantishna district has the lowest mean fineness of 789 and the lowest fineness value of 567, and the highest standard deviation of 126. The Rampart and Council districts have a mean fineness of 915 which is the highest mean value for the districts with four or more samples. The Council district has the highest fineness value of 995. The Circle, Hot Springs, Richardson, Kantishna, Koyukuk, Marshall, Georgetown and Tolovana districts have large coefficients of variation, bimodal distributions, thus suggesting different sources for the placer gold. This is particularly true for Kantishna district.

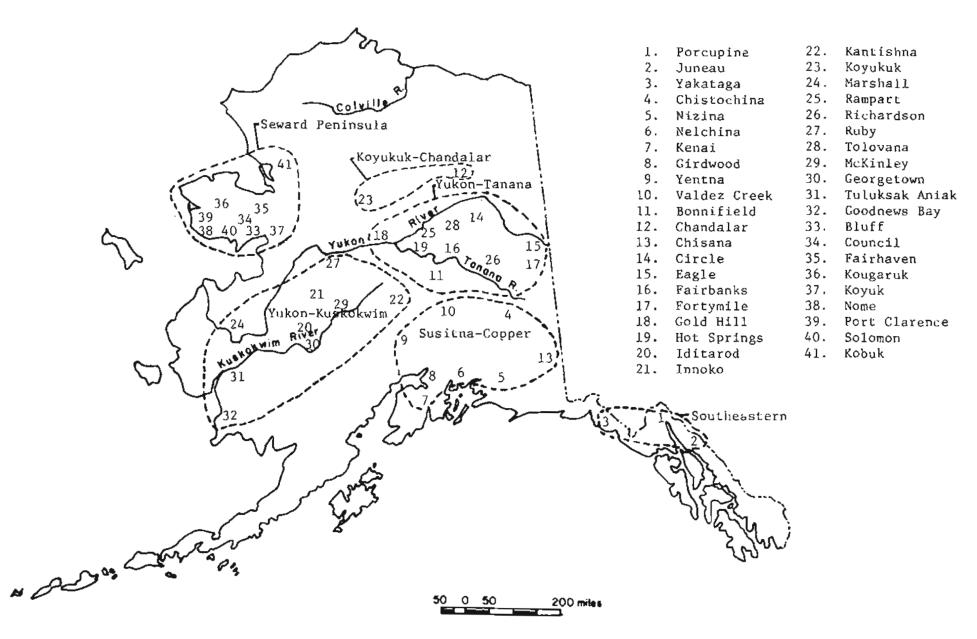


Figure 1. Location of major placer mining districts in Alaska.

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09	YENTNA	PASS	TALKEETNA	897
09	YENTNA	PODRMAN	TALKEETNA	896
09	YENTNA	FETERS	TALKEETNA	889
09	YENTNA	RUBY GULCH	TALKEETNA	900
09	YENTNA	SHORT	TALKEETNA	900
09	YENTNA	SLATE	TALKEETNA	902
09	YENTNA	THUNDER	TALKEETNA	854
09	YENTNA	WILLOW	ANCHORAGE	838
09	YENTNA	WILLOW	TALKEETNA	937
10	VALDEZ CREEK	LUCKY GULCH	HEALY	891
10	VALDEZ CREEK	VALDEZ	HEALY	951
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11	BONNIFIELD	DANIELS	FAIRBANKS	804
11	BONNIFIELD	DRY	HEALY	897
11	BONNIFIELD	EVA	FAIRBANKS	845
11	BONNIFIELD	GOLD KING	FAIRBANKS	862
11	BONNIFIELD	GRUBSTAKE	FAIRBANKS	870
11	BONNIFIELD	HOMESTAKE	FAIRBANKS	855
11	BONNIFIELD	LITTLE MOOSE	FAIRBANKS	878
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13	CHISANA	SKOOKUM	NABESNA	906 874
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14	CIRCLE	BONANZA	CIRCLE	784
14	CIRCLE	BOTTOM DOLLAR		888
14	CIRCLE	BOULDER	CHARLEY RIVER	915
14	CIRCLE	BUTTE	CIRCLE CHARLEY RIVER	907
14	CIRCLE	COAL	CIRCLE	828
14	CIRCLE	CROOKED	CIRCLE	824
14	CIRCLE	DEADWOOD	CIRCLE	902
14	CIRCLE	DEEP	CIRCLE	879
14	CIRCLE	EAGLE	CIRCLE	910
14	CIRCLE	FAITH	CIRCLE	721
14	CIRCLE	HALF DOLLAR	CIRCLE	825
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19	HOT SPRINGS		TANANA	868
19	HOT SPRINGS			878
19	HOT SPRINGS		TANANA	787 788
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19 19	HOT SPRINGS HOT SPRINGS	PATTERSON	TANANA	825
19	HOT SPRINGS	PIONEER RHODE ISLAND	TANANA	792
19	HOT SPRINGS	ROSA	TANANA	924
19	HOT SPRINGS	SEATTLE	TANANA	782
19	HOT SPRINGS	SULLIVAN	TANANA	893
19	HOT SPRINGS	THANKSGIVING		984
19	HOT SPRINGS	TOFTY	TANANA	820
19	HOT SPRINGS	WOODCHOPPER	TANANA	848
20	IDITAROD	BLACK	IDITAROD	925
20	IDITAROD	CHICKEN	IDITAROD	863
20	IDITAROD	CROOKED	IDITAROD	919
20	IDITAROD	BLACK CHICKEN CROOKED DONLIN ELAT	IDITAROD	972
20	IDITAROD	FLAT GLEN GULCH GRANITE HAPPY JULIAN	IDITARDD	902
20	IDITAROD	GLEN GULCH	IDITAROD	894
20	IDITAROD	GRANITE	IDITAROD	867
20	IDITAROD	HAFPY	IDITAROD	944
20	IDITAROD	JULIAN	IDITAROD	857
20	IDITAROD	MALAMUTE	IDITAROD	888
20	IDITAROD	MOORE	IDITAROD	883
20	IDITAROD	OTTER	IDITAROD	885
20	IDITAROD	PRINCE	IDITAROD	881
20	IDITAROD	QUARTZ	OPHIR	<b>9</b> 27
20	IDITAROD	SLATE	IDITAROD	855
20	IDITAROD	SNOW GULCH	IDITAROD	919
	IDITAROD	TRAIL	IDITAROD	900
20	IDITAROD	UFGRADE	IDITAROD	871
20	IDITAROD	WILLOW	IDITAROD	898
21	INNOKO	BEAR	OPHIR	. 901
21	INNOKO	BEAVER	OPHIR	910
21	INNOKO	BEDROCK	OPHIR	844
21	INNOKO	BOOR	OFHIR	909
21	INNOKO	COLORADO	OPHIR	884
21	INNOKO	CRIFPLE	OFHIR	906
21	INNOKO	DODGE	OFHIR	911
21 21	INNOKO	ESPERONTO	OFHIR	864
$\frac{21}{21}$	INNOKO Innoko	ESTER FOX GULCH	OPHIR	841 90 <i>8</i>
21	INNOKO		OPHIR	853
21	INNOKO	GANES GOLD RUN	OFHIR	
21	INNOKO		OFHIR	834
21 21		LITTLE	OFHIR	860
21	INNOKO	MACKIE	IDITAROD	946
21	INNOKO	MADISON	OPHIR	881
21	INNOKO	OPHIR CRAW DING	OPHIR	905
21	INNOKO Inndko	SPAULDING	IDITAROD	837
21	INNOKO	SPRUCE VICTOR GULCH	OPHIR OBHIE	873
~ 1		VILIUK BULLH	OPHIR	890

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NO.	DISTRICT	CREEK	QUADRANGLE	(AU ∕(AU+AG)) × 1000
21	INNOKO	YANKEE	OPHIR	900
22	KANTISHNA	CARIBOU	MT. MCKINLEY	677
22	KANTISHNA	CROOKED	MT. MCKINLEY	881
22	KANTISHNA	EUREKA	MT. MCKINLEY	906
22	KANTISHNA	FRIDAY	MT. MCKINLEY	806
22	KANTISHNA	GLACIER	MT. MCKINLEY	773
22	KANTISHNA	GLEN	MT. MCKINLEY	896
22	KANTISHNA	LITTLE MOOSE	MT. MCKINLEY	584
22	KANTISHNA	MOOSE	MT. MCKINLEY	812
22	KANTISHNA	STAMPEDE	MT. MCKINLEY	567
22	KANTISHNA	TWENTY-TWO FUP	MT. MCKINLEY	875
22	KANTISHNA	YELLOW	MT. MCKINLEY	878
23	KOYUKUK	ARCHIBALD	WISEMAN	900
23	KOYUKUK	BIRCH	WISEMAN	889
23	KOYUKUK	CREVICE	WISEMAN	865
23 23	KOYUKUK KOYUKUK	EIGHTMILE	CHANDALAR	891
23	KOYUKUK		WISEMAN	902
23	KOYUKUK	FAY GULCH Fay Pup	WISEMAN Wiseman	908 864
23	KOYUKUK	GARNET	CHANDALAR	894
23	KOYUKUK	GOLD	WISEMAN	890
23	KOYUKUK	HAMMOND	WISEMAN	901
23	KOYUKUK	HAMMOND RIVER	WISEMAN	905
23	KOYUKUK	HOGATZA	HUGHES	950
23	KOYUKUK	INDIAN	HUGHES	943
23	KOYUKUK	JAY	WISEMAN	926
23	KOYUKUK	JIN	CHANDALAR	973
23	KOYUKUK	KOYUKUK	CHANDALAR	956
23	KOYUKUK	LAKE	CHANDALAR	964
23	KOYUKUK	LINDA	CHANDALAR	914
23	KOYUKUK	MASCOT	WISEMAN	961
23	KOYUKUK	MYRTLE	WISEMAN	917
23	KOYUKUK	NOLAN	WISEMAN	924
23	KOYUKUK	PORCUPINE	WISEMAN	903
23	KOYUKUK	SHEEP	CHANDALAR	965
23	KOYUKUK	SLATE	CHANDALAR	920
23	KOYUKUK	SOUTH FORK KOYUKUK	BETTLES	914
23	KOYUKUK	SMITH	WISEMAN	942
23	KOYUKUK	SPRING	WISEMAN	961
23	KOYUKUK	SWITH	WISEMAN	962
23	KOYUKUK	THOMPSON PUP	WISEMAN	936
23	KOYUKUK	TWELVEMILE	WISEMAN	920
23	KOYUKUK	UTOFIA	MELOZITNA	849
23	KOYUKUK	UTOPIA	WISEMAN	734
23	KOYUKUK	VERMONT	WISEMAN	921
23	KOYUKUK	WAKEUS	CHANDALAR	923
23	KOYUKUK	WIL.II	BETTLES	901
24	MARSHALL	BOBTAIL	RUSSIAN MISSION	833
24	MARSHALL	BUSTER	RUSSIAN MISSION	853
24	MARSHALL	DISAPPOINTMENT	RUSSIAN MISSION	833
24	MARSHALL	ELEPHANT	RUSSIAN MISSION	848
24	MARSHALL	FLAT	RUSSIAN MISSION	840
24	MARSHALL	KAKO	HOLY CROSS	819
24	MARSHALL	MONTEZUMA	RUSSIAN MISSION	950

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ND.	DISTRICT	CREEK	QUADRANGLE	(AU/(AU+AG)) x 1000
24	MARSHALL	WEST FORK WILLOW Willow Wilson	HOLY CROSS	899
24	MARSHALL	MILLOW	RUSSIAN MISSION	873
24	MARSHALL	WILSON	RUSSIAN MISSION	953
25	RAMPART	WILSON BIGMINOOK DAWSON FLORIDA GUNNISON HOOSIER HUNTER LITILE MINOOK NEVADA GULCH QUAIL RUBY SLATE SOUTH FORK QUAIL BANNER BUCKEYE CARIBOU DEMOCRAT NO GRUB FYNE TENDERFOOT BEAR FUP BIRCH	TANANA	901
25	RAMPART	DAWSON	LIVENGOOD	883
25	RAMPART	FLORIDA	TANANA	908
25	RAMPART	GUNNISON	LIVENGOOD	883
25	RAMPART	HOOSIER	TANANA	967
25	KAMPAKI DAMPADT	HUNIER	TANANA	921 941
25 25	KARPAKI Pandat	LICTLE MINUUN		898
25		DIATI		894
25	RAMPART	RUBY	TANANA	917
25	RAMPART	SLATE	TANANA	915
25	RAMPART	SOUTH FORK QUAIL	TANANA	953
26	RICHARDSON	BANNER	BIG DELTA	737
2.6	RICHARDSON	PUCKEYE	BIG DELTA	693
26	RICHARDSON	CARIBOU	BIG DELTA	896
26	RICHARDSON	DEMOCRAT	BIG DELTA	928
26	RICHARDSON	NO GRUB	BIG DELTA	899
26	RICHARDSON	PYNE	RIG DELTA	911
26	RICHARDSON	TENDERFOOT	BIG DELTA	901
27	RUBY	BEAR FUP	RUBY	889
27	RUBY	BIRCH	RUBY	890
27	RUBY	CAMP	NULATO	840
27	RUBY	DUNCAN	RUBY	954
27	RUBY	FLAT	RUBY	872 879
27 27	RUBY	FOURTH OF JULY	RUBI	900
27	RUBY RUBY	GLEN GULCH	RUDY	929
27	RUBY	GRANITE GREENSTORE	RUBY RUBY	891
27	RUBY		RUBY	913
	RUBY	MIDNIGHT	RUBY	871
27	RUBY	MONUMENT	RUBY	908
27	RUBY	MOOSE	RUBY	928
27	RUBY	MEKETCHUM	RUBY	901
27	RUBY	OPHIR	RUBY	831
27	RUBY	POORMAN	RUBY	918
27	RUBY	RUBY	RUBY	907
27	RUBY	SHORT	RUBY	901
27	RUBY	SOLOMON	RUBY	988
27	RUBY	SPRUCE	RUBY	883
27	RUBY	STRAIGHT	RUBY	901
27	RUBY	SWIFT	RUEY	908
27	RUBY	TAMARACK	RUBY	872
27	RUBY	TENDERFOOT	RUBY	899
27 27	RUBY RUBY	TIMBER	RUBY	814
27 27	RUBY	TRAIL WILLOW		798 872
28	TOLOVANA	AMY	RUBY LIVENGOOD	918
28	TOLOVANA	GERTRUDE	LIVENGOOD	
28	TOLOVANA	LILLIAN	LIVENBOOD	920 926
28	TOLOVANA	LIVENGOOD	LIVENGOOD	928 934
28	TOLOVANA	LUCKY	LIVENGOOD	934 911
20		LOCKI	CIACKODON	711

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28	TOLOVANA	MYRTLE	LIVENGOOD LIVENGOOD LIVENGOOD MEDFRA MCGRATH OPHIR MCGRATH MEDFRA MEDFRA	933
28	TOLOVANA	OLIVE	LIVENGOOD	907
28	TOLOVANA	RUTH	LIVENGOOD	866
28	TOLOVANA	WILBUR	LIVENGOOD	818
27	MCKINLEY	BIRCH BULCH	MEDFRA	917
29	MCKINLEY	CANDLE	MCGRATH	902
29 29	MCKINLEY		OPHIR	907
29	MCKINLEY MCKINLEY	LAULE Utnden	MEDEDA	900 900
29	MCKINLEY	HOLMES		900
29	MCKINLEY	MOORE	MEDFRA IDITAROD IDITAROD	883
30	GEORGETOWN		TRITAROD	919
30	GEORGETOWN		IDITAROD	972
30	GEORGETOWN	JULIAN	IDITAROD	857
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK		RUSSIAN MISSION	
31	THE HERAK ANTAK	TIC) ( A X ( T A		<b>AAT</b>
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	CANYON	BETHEL	896
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	CRIPPLE	BETHEL	875
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	DOME	BETHEL	853
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	FOURTY-SEVEN	SLEETMUTE	814
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	GRANITE	RUSSIAN MISSIUN BETHEL BETHEL SLEETMUTE BETHEL BETHEL BETHEL BETHEL	920
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	MARVEL	BETHEL	888
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	MARY LOU GULCH	BETHEL	901
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	TAYLOR	TAYLOR MTS	830
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	TINY	RUSSIAN MISSION	
31	TULUKSAK-ANIAK	TULUKSAK BUTTE	RUSSIAN MISSION	922 898
32 32	GOODNEWS BAY GOODNEWS BAY		GOODNEWS BAY GOODNEWS BAY	878
32	GOODNEWS BAY	FOX GULCH Kowkow	GOODNEWS BAT	900
32	GODDNEWS BAY	RAINEY	GOODNEWS BAY	884
32	GOODNEWS BAY	SLATE	GOODNEWS BAY	877
32	GOODNEWS BAY	WATTAMUSE	GOODNEWS BAY	861
33	BLUFF	CALIFORNIA	SOLOMON	897
33	BLUFF	DANIELS	SOLOMON	921
33	BLUFF	SWEDE	SOLOMON	877
34	COUNCIL	AGGIE	SOLOMON	<u> </u>
34	COUNCIL	ALBION	BENDELEBEN	916
34	COUNCIL	CROOKED	BENDELEBEN	900
34	COUNCIL	DUTCH	SOLOMON	902
34	COUNCIL	ELKHORN	SOLDMON	908
34	COUNCIL	GOLD BOTTOM	SOLOMON	899
34	COUNCIL	MELSING	SOLOMON	932
34	COUNCIL	MISTERY	SOLOMON	937
34 34	COUNCIL	MYSTERY NIUKLUK	SOLOMON Solohon	966 838
34	COUNCIL	OPHIR	SOLOMON	838 995
34	COUNCIL	OTTER	BENDELEBEN	920
34	COUNCIL	SWEETCAKE	SOLOMON	842
34	COUNCIL	WARM	SOLOMON	908
34	COUNCIL	WILLOW	SOLOMON	889
35	FAIRHAVEN	BEAR	CANDLE	905
35	FAIRHAVEN	CANDLE	CANDLE	885
35	FAIRHAVEN	CUNNINGHAM	BENDELEBEN	895
35	FAIRHAVEN	DISCOVERY OULCH	BENDELEBEN	900

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35	FAIRHAVEN	GLACIER	BENDELEBEN	885		
35	FAIRHAVEN	GOLD RUN	CANDLE	885		
35	FAIRHAVEN	HANNUM	BENDELEBEN	901		
35	FAIRHAVEN	INMACHUCK	BENDELEBEN	905		
35	FAIRHAVEN	JUMP	CANDLE	852		
35	FAIRHAVEN	LAST CHANCE		917 917		
35	FAIRHAVEN	KOOFUK KUCPUK BILLER		922		
35	FAIRHAVEN	KUGRUK RIVER	BENDELEBEN	869		
35 35	FAIRHAVEN FAIRHAVEN		CANDLE	908		
		OLD GLORY Patterson	BENDELEBEN	908 910		
35	FAIRHAVEN KOUGAROK		BENDELEBEN Bendeleben	900		
36 36	KOUGARDK	ATLAS BENSON	SOLOMON	881		
36	KOUGAROK	BLACK GULCH	BENDELEBEN	900		
36	KOUGAROK	BOULDER	BENDELEBEN	891		
36	KOUGAROK	BUZZARD GULCH	BENDELEBEN	899		
36	KOUGAROK	COFFEE	BENDELEBEN	857		
36	KOUGAROK	DAHL	BENDELEBEN	899		
36	KOUGAROK	DICK	BENDELEBEN	903		
36	KOUGAROK	DOME	BENDELEBEN	893		
36	KOUGAROK	GARFIELD	BENDELEBEN	901		
36	KOUGAROK	GROUSE	BENDELEBEN	934		
36	KOUGAROK	HARRIS	BENDELEBEN	965 		
36	KOUGAROK		BENDELEBEN	850		
36	KOUGAROK	INDIAN	BENDELEBEN	901		
30 36	KOUGAROK	IRON	SOLOMON	907		
30	KOUGAROK	KOUGARÖK	BENDELEBEN	908		
30	KOUGARDK	MACKLIN	BENDELEBEN	965		
36	KOUGAROK	MASCOT GULCH	BENDELEBEN	914		
36	KOUGAROK	NORTH FORK KOUGAROK	BENDELEBEN	903		
36	KOUGAROK	NOXAPAGA	BENDELEBEN	909		
36	KOUGAROK	QUARTZ	BENDELEBEN	899		
36	KOUGAROK	TAYLOR	BENDELEBEN	920		
36	KOUGARDK	TRINITY	BENDELEBEN	938		
36	KOUGAROK	WINDY	BENDELEBEN	909		
36	KOUGAROK	WONDER GULCH	BENDELEBEN	951		
37	KOYUK	BEAR	CANDLE	910		
37	KOYUK	BONANZA	NORTON BAY	901		
37	KOYUK	DIME	CANDLE	962		
37	KOYUK	SWEEPSTAKE	CANDLE	855		
37	KOYUK	UNGALIK	NORTON BAY	932		
38	NOME	ANVIL	NOME	924		
38	NOME	ARCTIC	NOME	899		
38	NOME	BANGOR	NOME	900		
38	NOME	BANNER	NOME	887		
38	NOME	BASIN	NOME	918		
38	NOME	BEACH	NOME	918		
38	NOME	BOULDER	NOME	920		
38	NOME	BOURBON AND WONDER	NOME	983		
38	NOME	BUSTER	NOME	908		
38	NOME	CENTER	NOME	910		
38	NOME	CHRISTIAN	NOME	830		
38	NOME	CLARA	NOME	917		
38	NOME	COOPER GULCH	NOME	910		
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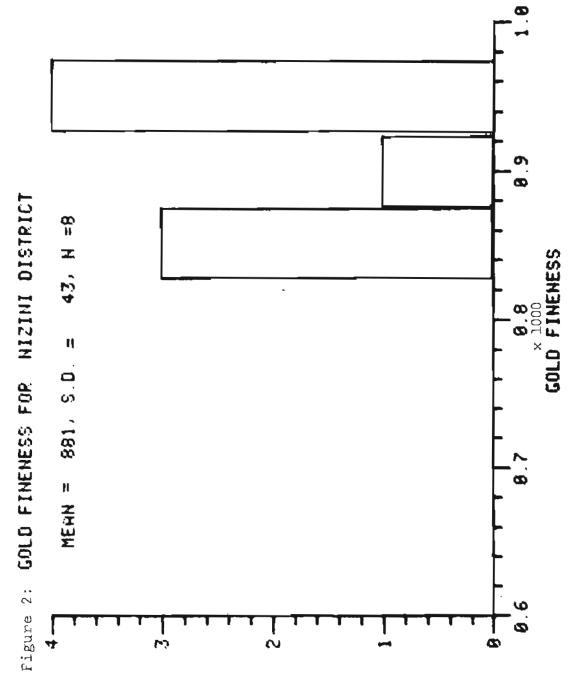
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38	NOME	DEXTER	NOME	921
38	NOME	DOROTHY -	NOME	869
38	NOME	DRY	NOME	924
38	NOME	FLAT	NOME	954
38	NOME	GLACIER	NOME	<b>900</b>
38	NOME	GRASS GULCH	NOME	921
38	NOME	GRUB GULCH	NOME	907
38	NOME	HASTINGS	NOKE	882
38 38	NOME NOME	HOBSON HOLYOKE	NOME NOME	910
38	NOME	HUNGRY	NOME	946 896
38	NOME	IRENE	NOME	900
38	NDME	JESS	NOME	890
38	NOME	LAST CHANCE	NOME	908
38	NOME	LAURADA	NOME	885
38	NOME	LITTLE	NOME	967
38	NOME	MANILA	NOME	907
38	NOME	MONUMENT	NOME	904
38	NOME	NEKALA GULCH	NOME	904
38	NOME	NEWTON	NOME	923
38	NOME	NOME BEACH (2)	NOME	930
38	NOME	NOME BEACH (3)	NOME	910 912
38 38	NOME NOME	NOME RIVER NUGGET	NOME Nome	938
38	NOME	OREGON	NOME	906
39	NOME	PELUK	NOME	878
38	NOME	FIONEER	NOME	917
38	NOME	FROSPECT	NOME	902
38	NOME	ROCK	NOME	910
38	NOME	ROCKY MT	NOME	810
38	NOME	ST MICHAELS	NOME	848
38	NOME	SAUNDERS	NOME	900
38	NOME	SHEPHERD	NOME	837
38	NOME	SNAKE	NOME	916
38	NOME	SPECIMEN GULCH	NOME	923
38 38	NOME NOME	SUBMARINE BEACH SUNSET	NOME NOME	901 919
38	NOME	TWIN MT.	NOME	921
38	NOME	WASHINGTON	NOME	891
38	NOME	WONDER	NOME	955
39	PORT CLARENCE	ALDER	TELLER	875
39	PORT CLARENCE	BLUESTONE	TELLER	879
39	PORT CLARENCE	BUCK	TELLER	934
39	PORT CLARENCE	BUDD	TELLER	887
39	PORT CLARENCE	COYOTE	TELLER	900
39	PORT CLARENCE	DESE	TELLER	975
39	FORT CLARENCE	DICK	TELLER	917
39	PORT CLARENCE	GOLDRUN	TELLER	893
39	PORT CLARENCE	IGLOO	TELLER	897
39 39	PORT CLARENCE PORT CLARENCE	MILLION SUNSET	TELLER TELLER	911 893
39	PORT CLARENCE	SWANSON	TELLER	912
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39	PORT CLARENCE	<b>WINDY</b>	TELLER	901
40	SOLOMON	AMERICAN	SOLOMON	900
40	SOLOMON	BEAVER	SOLOMON	901
40	SOLOMON	BIG HURRAH	SOLOMON	955
40	SOLOMON	BUTTE	SOLOMON	906
40	SOLOMON	CASADEPAGA	SOLOMON	901
40	SOLOMON	GOOSE	SOLOMON	912
40	SOLOMON	KASSON	SOLOMON	879
40	SOLOMON	LITTLE HURRAH	SOLOMON	908
40	SOLOMON	LOWER WILLOW	SOLOMON	872
40	SOLOMON	MOONLIGHT	SOLOMON	900
40	SOLOMON	PAJARA	SOLOMON	909
40	SOLOMON	FENELOPE	SOLOMON	947
40	SOLDMON	PENNY	SOLOMON	902
40	SOLOMON	SHOVEL	SOLOMON	9534
40	SOLOMON	SOLOMON	SOLOMON	924
40	SOLOMON	SPRUCE	SOLOMON	901
40	SOLOMON	WEST	SOLOMON	845
40	SULOMON	WILLOW	SOLOMON	889
41	KOBUK	CALIFORNIA	SHUNGNAK	871
41	ковик	CANYON	BAIRD MTS	901
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41	КОВИК	SHUNGNAK	AMBLER RIVER	899

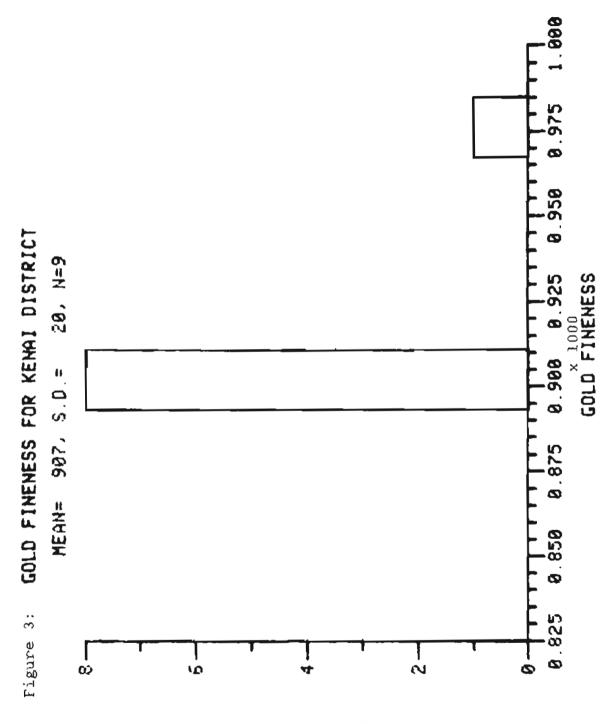
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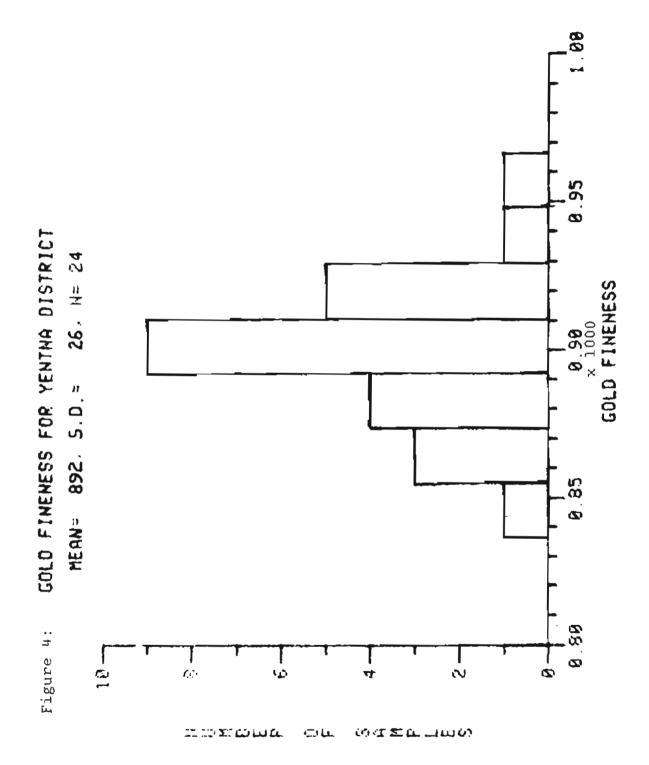
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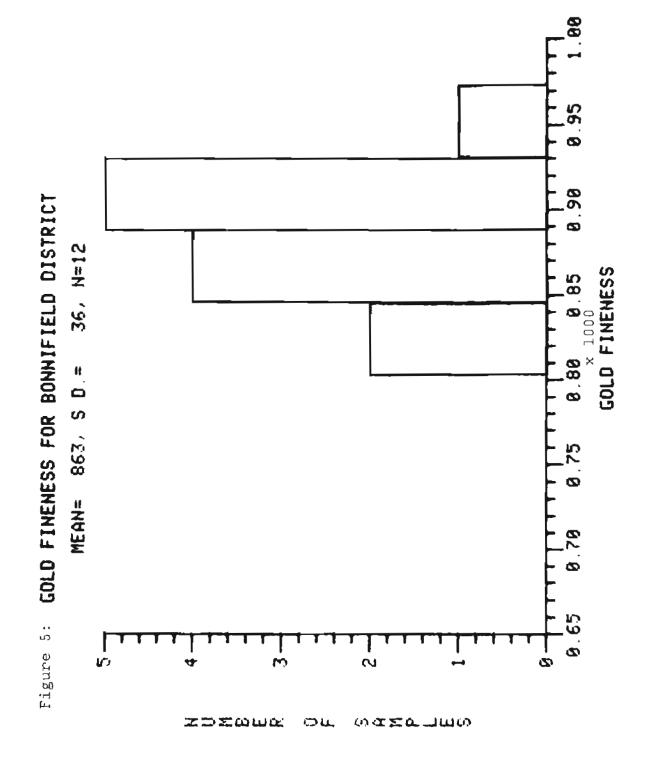


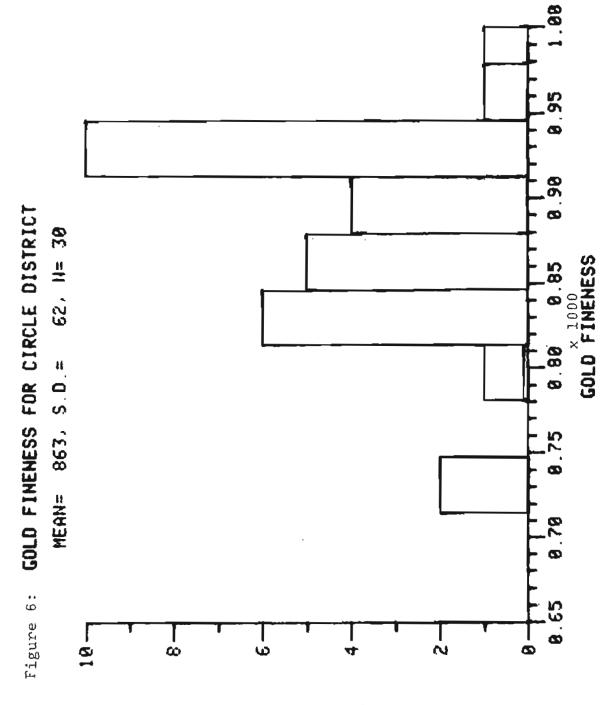
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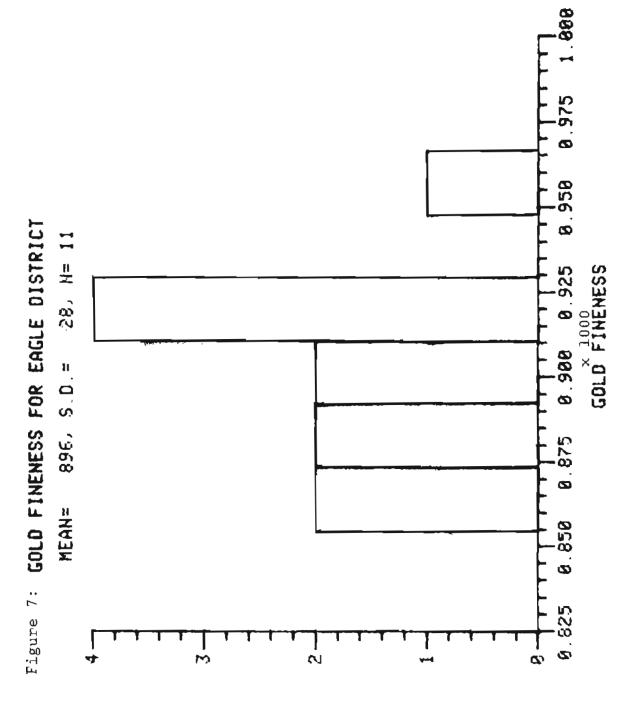




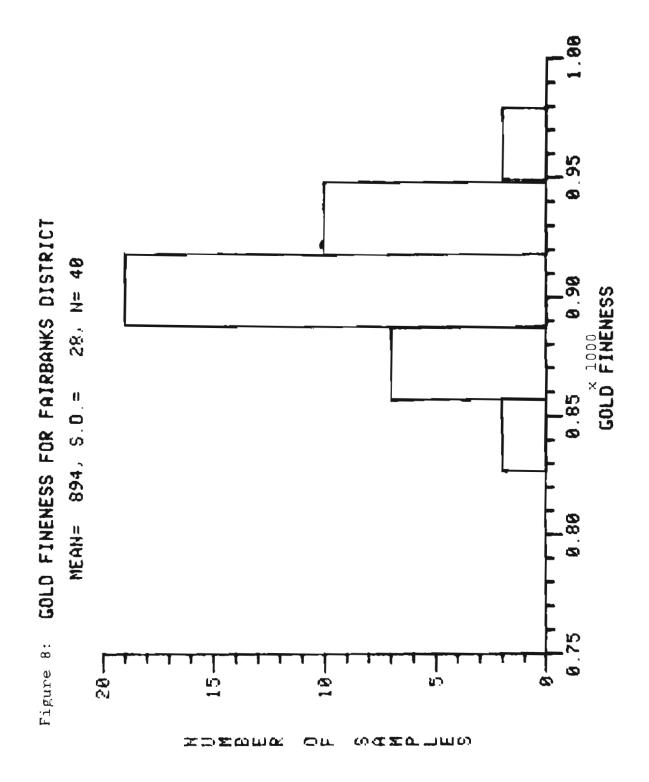


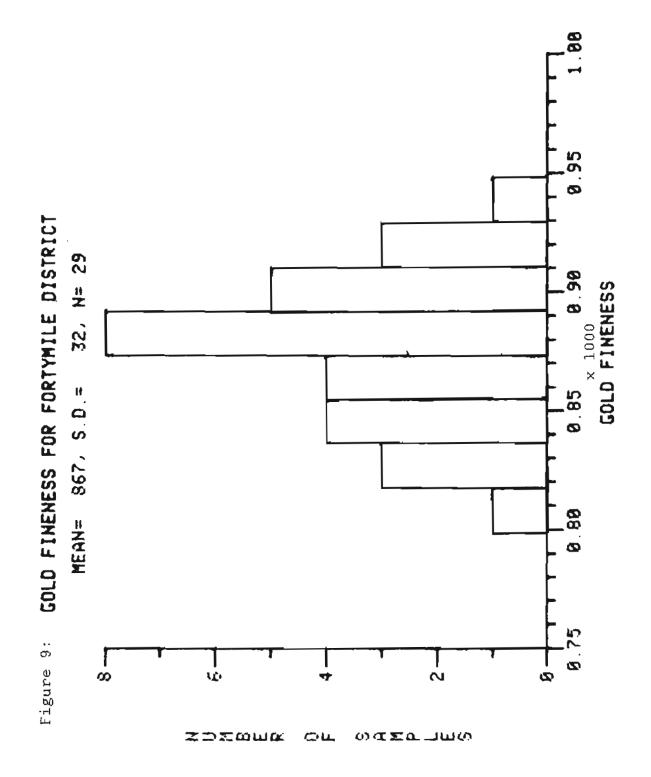


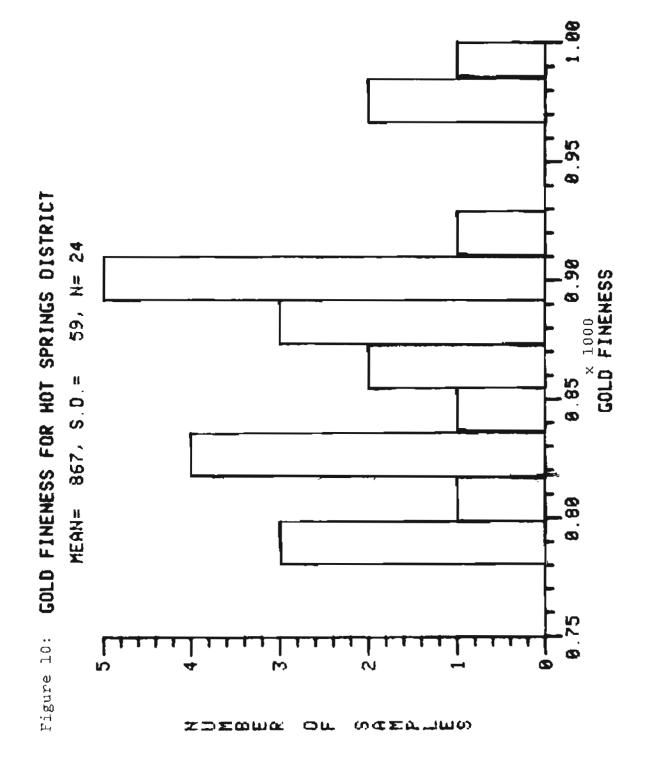


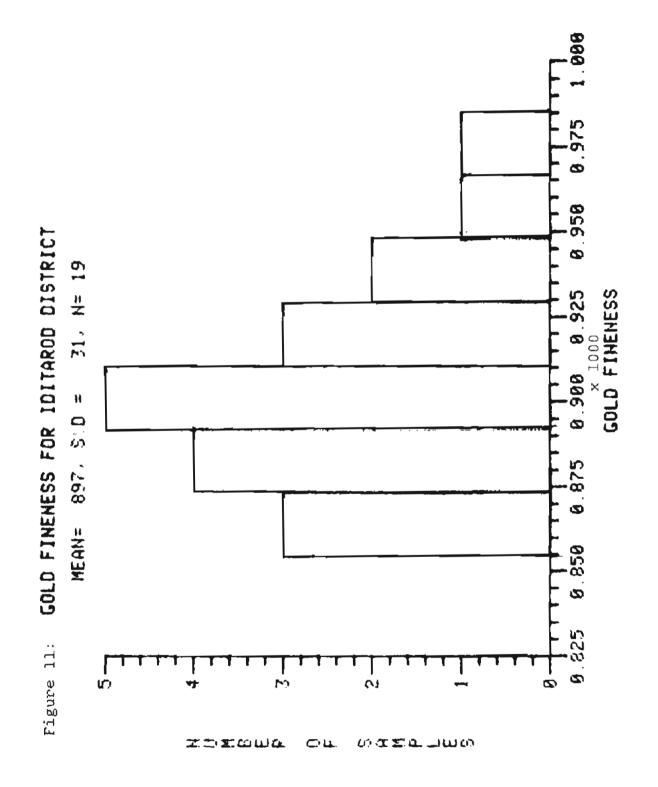


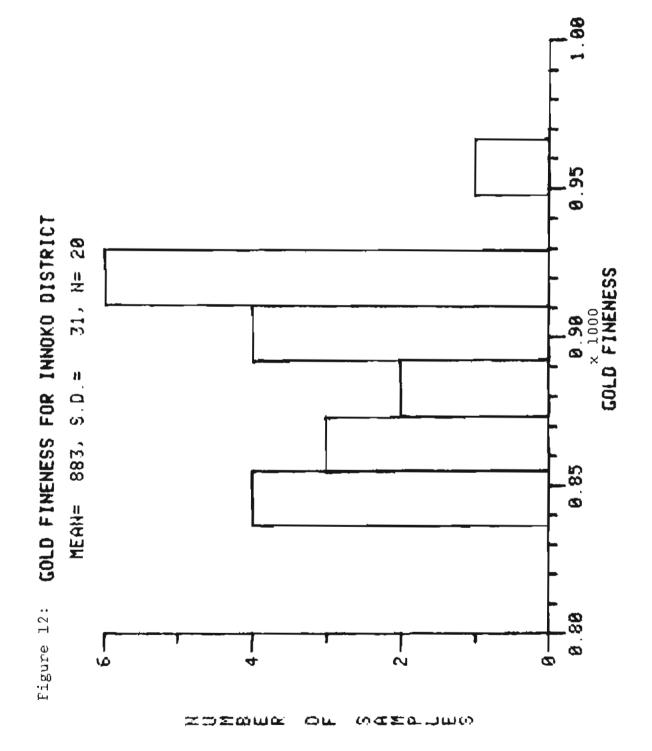
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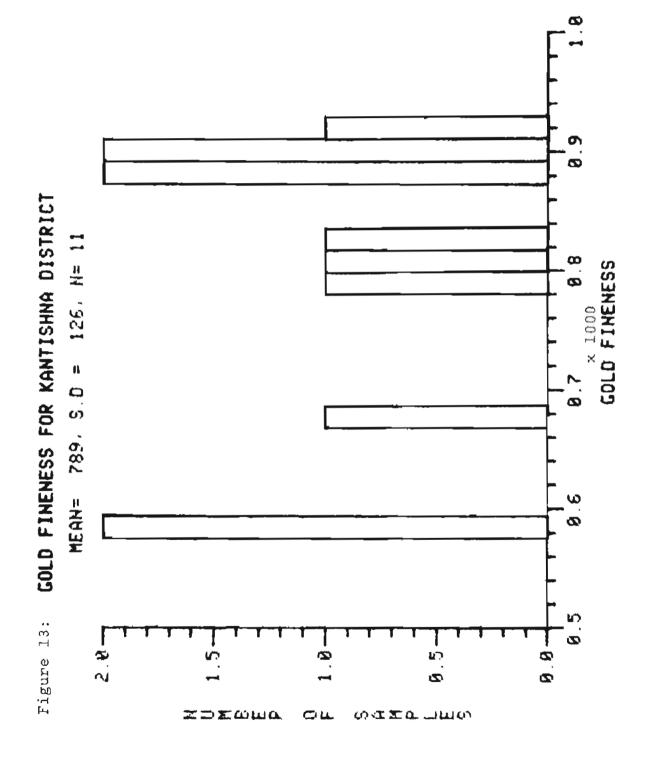


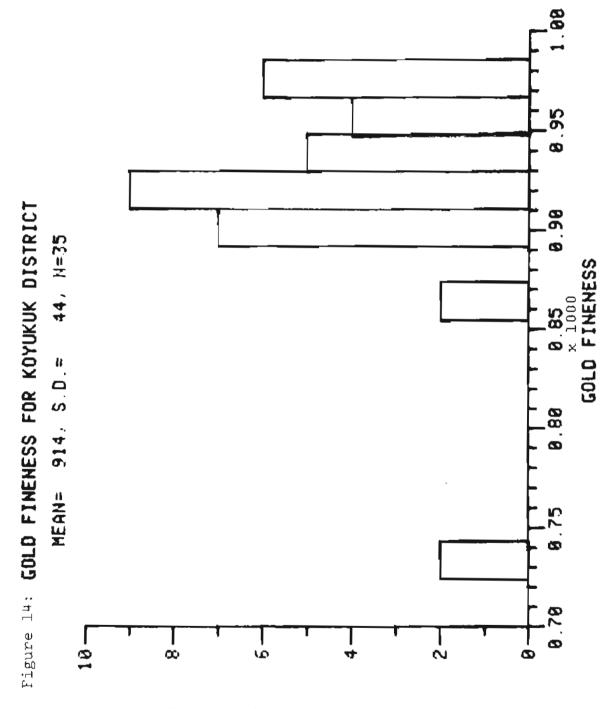




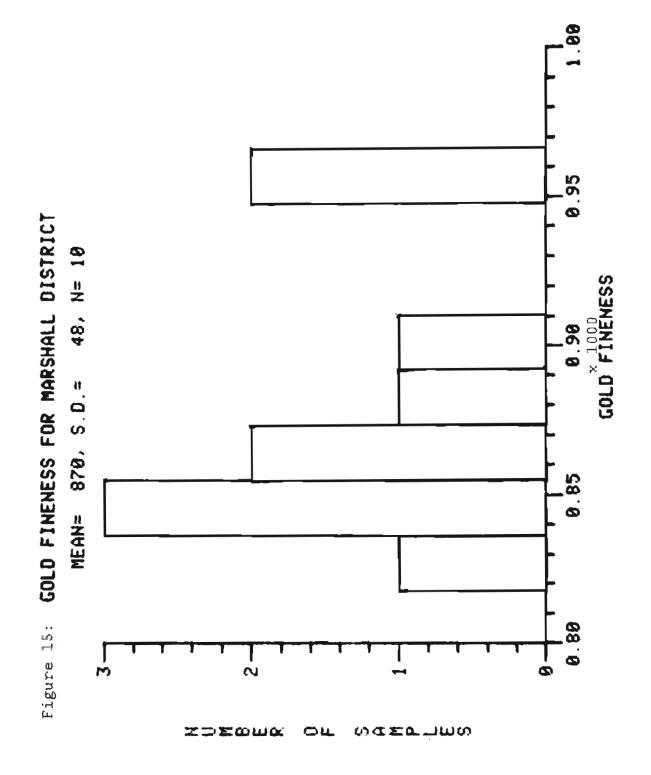


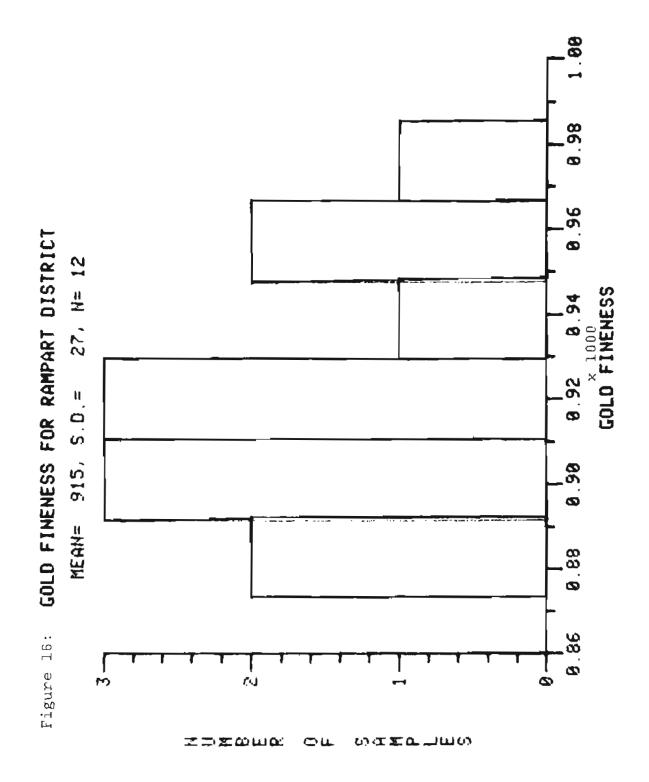


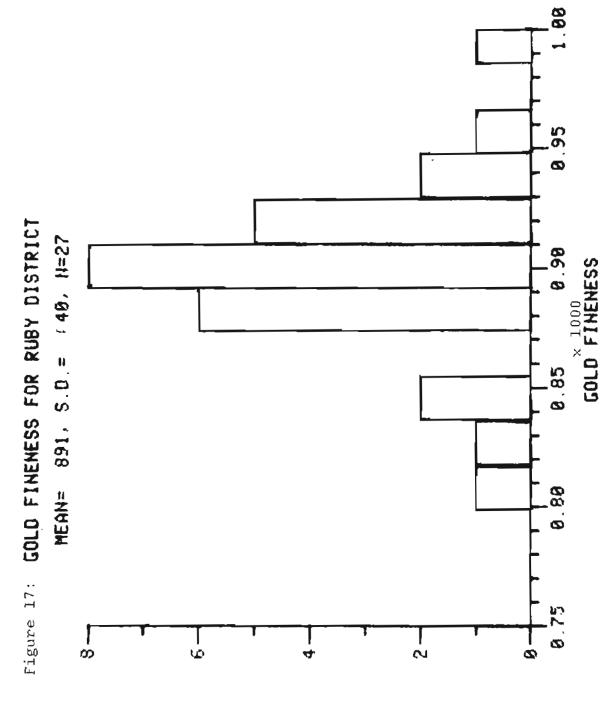




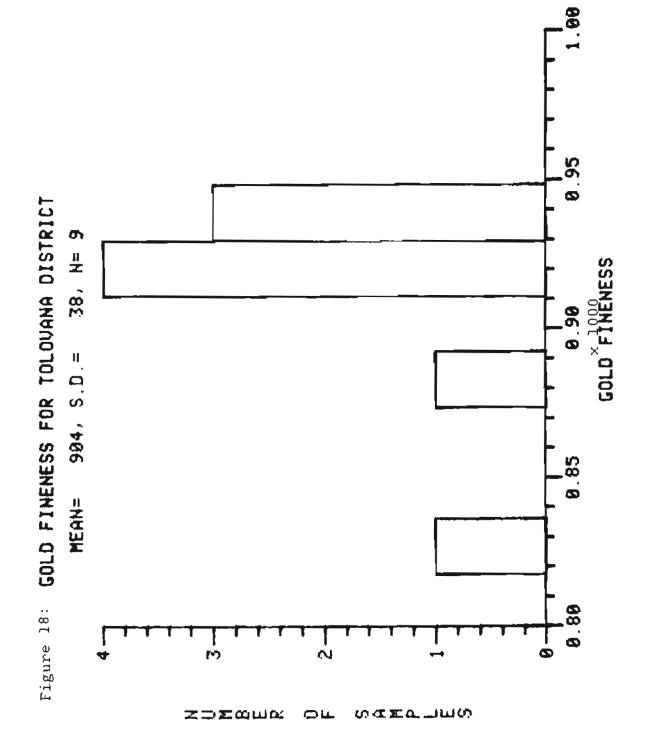
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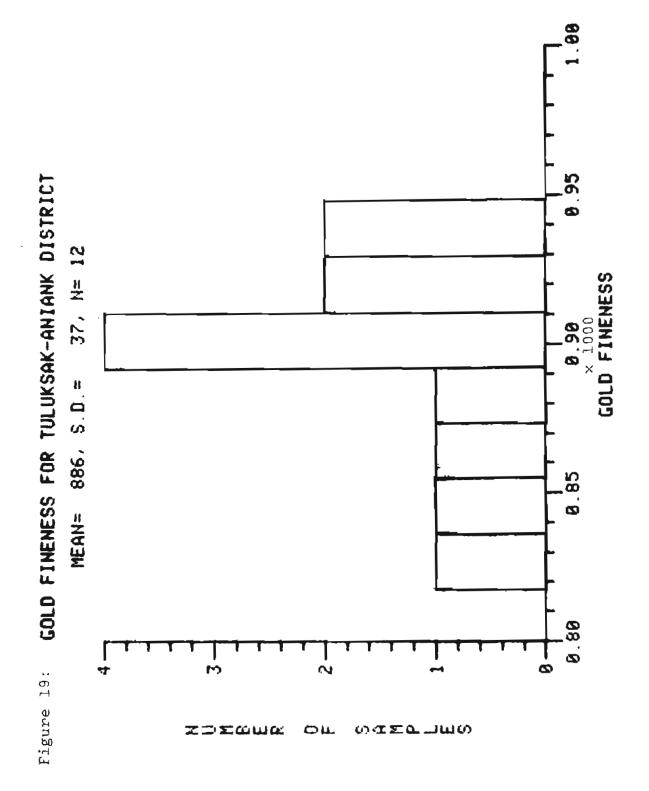


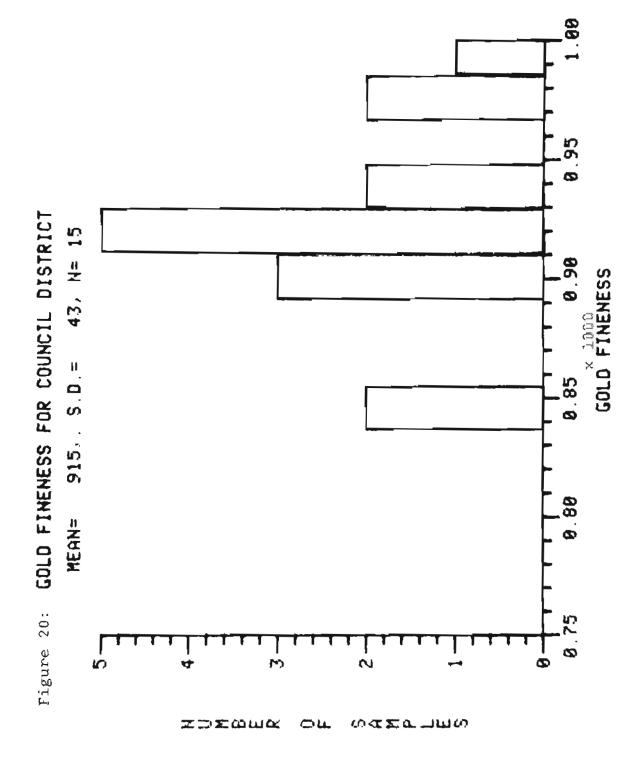


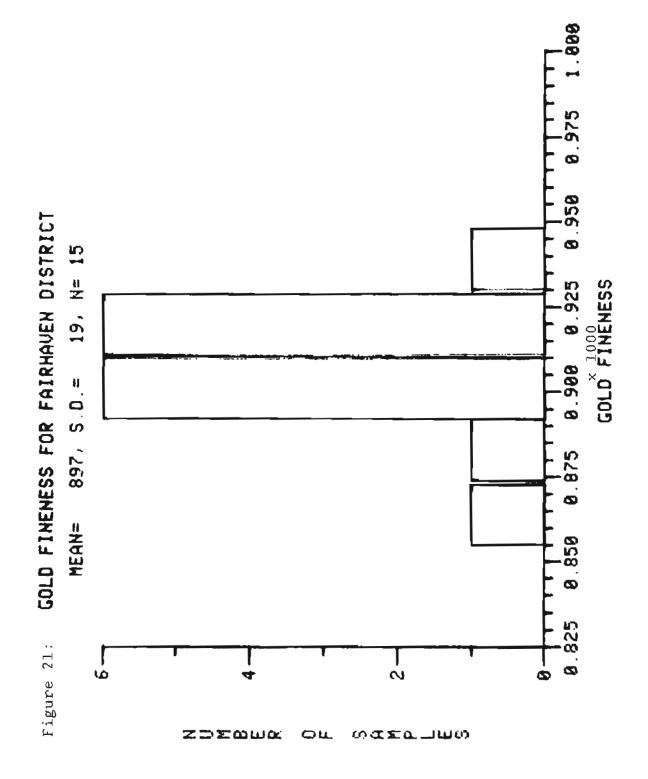


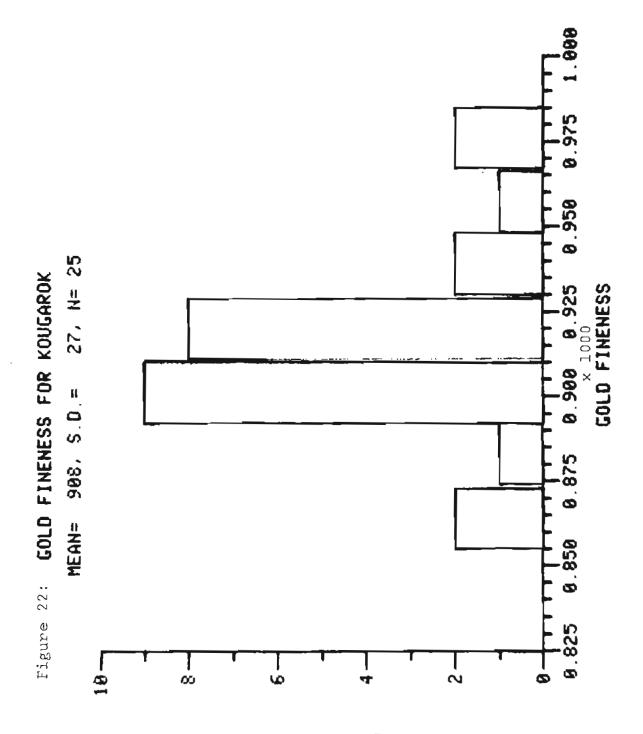
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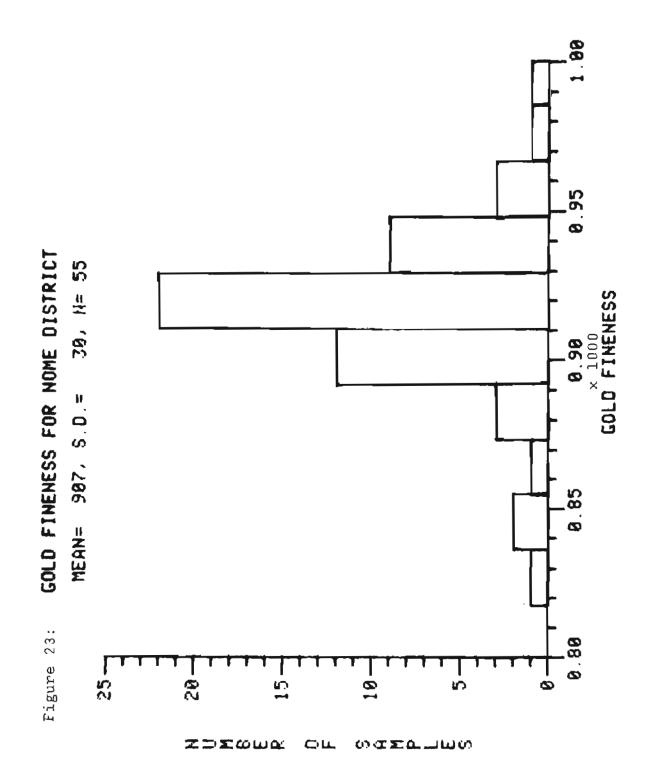


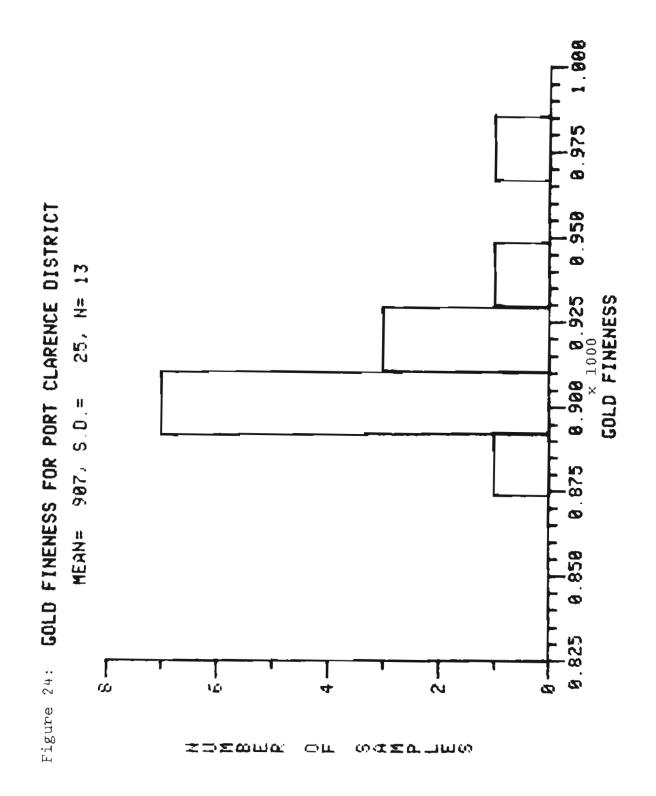


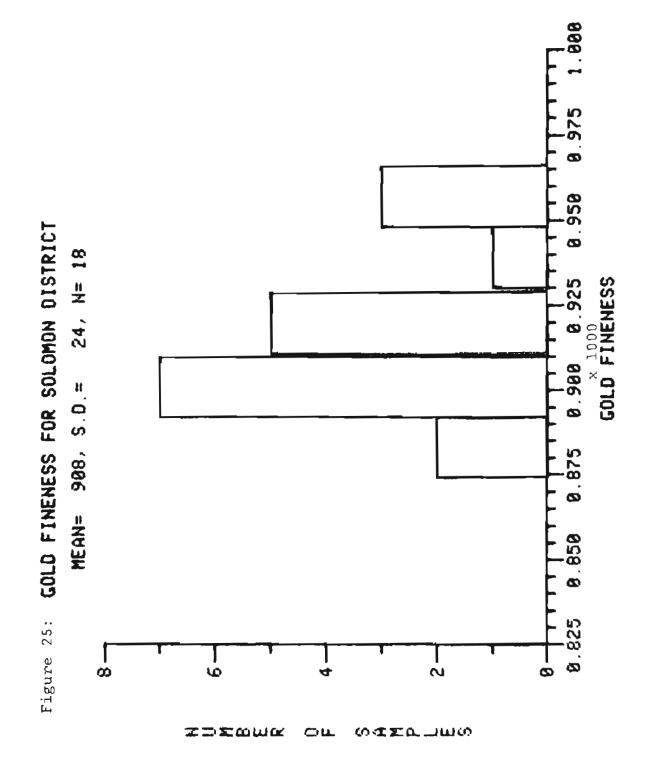


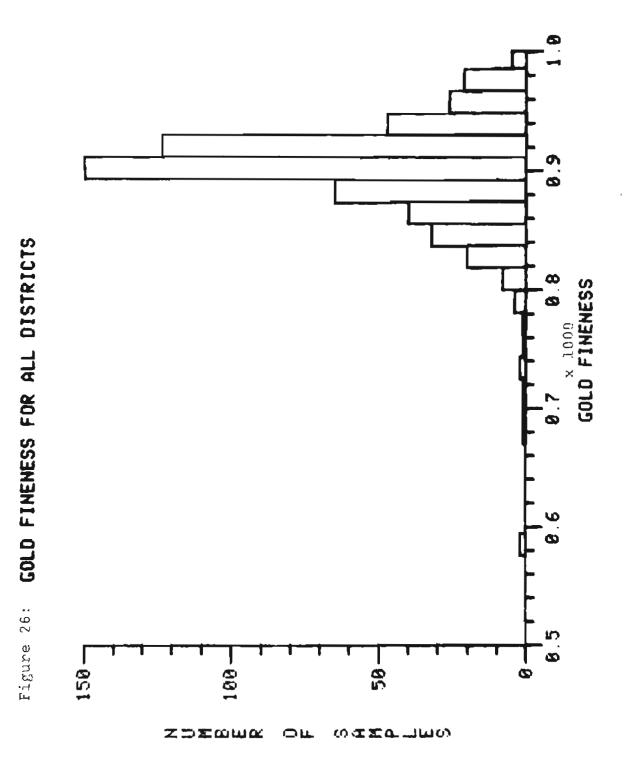


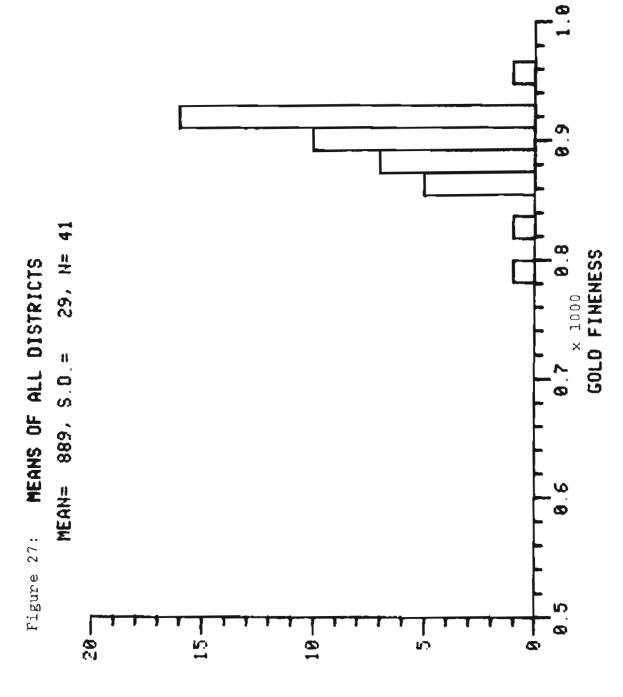
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District		No. of	Standard Score for Deviation from		Standard	Coefficient	
Number	District	Samples	Grand Mean	Mean	Deviation	Variation	Range
<u></u>							
01	Porcupine	1	1.820	941			
02	Juneau	1	-2.205	826			
03	Yakataga	2	0.805	912	16	1.75	900-923
04	Chistochina	5	0.700	909	24	2,64	866-924
05	Nizina	8	-0.280	881	43	4.88	820-926
06	Nelchina	1	-1.470	847	~-		
07	Kenai	9	0.630	907	20	2.21	899-959
08	Girdwood	1	-0.070	887			~
09	Yentna	24	0.105	892	26	2.91	838-956
10	Valdez Creek	3	0.875	914	32	3.50	891-951
11	Bonnifield	12	-0.910	863	36	4.17	804-926
12	Chandalar	5	-0.280	881	49	5.56	835-958
13	Chisana	5	-1.400	849	38	4.48	805-906
14	Circle	30	-0.910	863	62	7.18	714-984
15	Eagle	11	0.245	896	28	3.13	854-945
16	Fairbanks	40	0.175	894	28	3.13	824-961
17	Fortymile	29	-0.770	867	32	3.69	791-927
18	Gold Hill	5	1.085	920	26	2.83	892-952
19	Hot Springs	24	-0.770	867	59	6.81	782-984
20	Iditarod	19	0.280	897	31	3.46	855-972
21	Innoko	20	-0.210	883	31	3.51	834-946
* 22	Kantishna	11	-3.500	789	126	15.97	567-906
23	Koyukuk	35	0.875	914	44	4.81	734-973
24	Marshall	10	-0.665	870	48	5.52	819-953
25	Rampart	12	0.910	915	27	2.95	883-967
26	Richardson	7	-1.295	852	95	11.15	693-928
27	Ruby	27	0.070	891	40	4.49	798-988
28	Tolovana	9	0.525	904	38	4.20	818-934
29	McKinley	7	0.420	901	10	1.11	883-917
30	Georgetown	3	0.945	916	58	6.33	857-972

## Table 2. Mean, standard deviation and range of gold fineness values by mining district.

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31	Tuluksak Aniak	12	-0.105	886	37	4.18	814-931
32	Goodnews Bay	6	-0.210	883	15	1.70	861-900
33	Bluff	3	0.595	906	13	1.43	897-921
34	Council	15	0.910	915	43	4.70	838-995
35	Fairhaven	15	0.280	897	19	2.12	852-922
36	Kougaruk	25	0,665	908	27	2.97	850-965
37	Koyuk	5	0.805	912	40	4.39	855-962
38	Nome	55	0.630	907	30	3.31	810-983
39	Port Clarence	13	0,630	907	25	2.76	875-975
40	Solomon	18	0,665	908	24	2.64	865-955
41	Kobuk	5	-0.175	884	33	3.73	833-918

Grand Mean = 889.

$$S_{\bar{x}} = 28.57$$

95% Confidence Interval for Mean = 880.2 - 897.7 = 880 - 898

Region	Districts*	No. of Samples in Districts	Ave. Gold Fineness	Coefficient Variation	Standard Deviation of Average Value	No, of Regions
Seward Peninsula	33,34,35,36, 37,38,39,40, 41	(154)	905	1.02	9.23	σ
Yukon-Tanana	11,12,14,15, 16,17,18,19, 25,26,28	(184)	884	2.62	23.2	11
Chandalar-Koyukuk	12,23	(07)	898	2.58	23.2	2
Lower Yukon-Kuskokwin	20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32	(115)	880	4.14	36.4	6
Copper-Susitna	4,5,6,7,8,9, 10,13	(26)	886	2.92	25.9	α
Southeastern	1,2,3	(†)	893	6.70	59.8	e

Table 3. Average Gold Fineness Values for Mining Districts Grouped According to Geographic Region.

		cks for the mineralization in the Fairbanks district (data source: Chapman & Foster,			
			All mineral Occurrences	Hg/Sb/W Occurrences	
1.	Silicified schist a undifferentiated	and schist	121	49	
2.	Quartzite and grap	ite schist	9	7	
3.	Muscovite schist and muscovite feldspar schist		32	25	
4.	Biotite and biotite schist	garnet	3	2	
5.	Calc-schist		2	1	
6.	Marble		2	l	
7.	Greenstone and amp?	ibolite	2	l	
8.	Intrusive rocks and undifferentiated	lskarns	17	9	
		TOTAL	188	95	

#### APPENDIX I

Summary of Boyles' (1979) Conclusions Regarding Au/Ag Ratios for Various Deposits:

- "1. Only three types of hypogene deposits have Au/Ag ratio consistantly greater than 1. These are the auriferous quartz pebble conglomerate deposits, certain skarntype deposits and most, but not all, gold-quartz veins in Precambrian, Paleozoic, and Mesozoic rocks. Tertiary deposits in certain belts also have ratios greater than 1, but they are relatively uncommon. All Gold placers always have ratios greater than 1.
  - 2. The Au/Ag ratios in disseminated deposits in shales and sandstones (Kupferschiefer and red bed types) are generally low, indicating a relatively high degree of mobility and concentration of silver during the formation of these particular deposits.
- 3. In the auriferous quartz-pebble conglomerate deposits the range of the Au/Ag ratios is generally narrow, but there are some significant differences in some deposits such as the Witwatersrand, ....(Range 5.8-15.6).
- 4. There are few data on the gold content of the "Mississippi Valley type" lead-zinc deposits, and hence a precise knowledge of the Au/Ag ratios is not obtainable.
- 5. The Au/Ag ratios in skarn deposits are exceedingly variable and related to the mineralogy and hence the chemistry of these deposits.

- 6. Massive nickel-copper sulphides of the Sudbury type, generally associated with basic igneous rocks, seem to have a narrow range of Au/Ag ratios from about 0.03 to 0.07, ....
- 7. The porphyry copper deposits tend to have a relatively low Au/Ag ratio judging from the few good data available.
- 8. The massive polymetallic sulphide deposits (flin flon-Noranda-Bathurst type) nearly all have relatively low Au/Ag ratios, which average about 0.025.
- 9. The polymetallic veins and the native silver-cobaltnickel arsenide veins have the lowest ratios of all the various types of auriferous hypogene deposits, indicating an extreme mobility for silver and practically no mobility for gold during their formation.
- 10. Gold-quartz veins in Precambrian, Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks generally have Au/Ag ratios greater than 2, and these average about 4.2 (range 1.37 to 12.5).
- 11. Gold-quartz veins, lodes, and stockworks in Tertiary andesite, dacite, rhyolite, and other associated volcanic rocks generally have ratios less than 1 ....
- 12. Siliceous sinters precipitated from present-day hot springs generally have Au/Ag ratios less than 1.
- Gold placers always have Au/Ag ratios greater than 1 regardless of age of the source deposits.

- 14. Deposits in older geological formations are frequently richer in gold than those in younger formations.
- 15. The evidence that the Au/Ag ratio is an index of temperature of formation or recrystallization of deposits is conflicting. ... On a statistical basis, however, there is some evidence to support the contention that deep-seated (high temperature?) deposits have a higher Au/Ag ratio than those formed at intermediate depths or near the surface, presumably under conditions of lower temperatures.
- 16. There is considerable evidence to show that the Au/Ag ratio increases in primary haloes with proximity to ore shoots in most types of epigenetic gold deposits.
- 17. Shcherbina's (1956a) view that gold is predominant in telluride ores whereas silver is dominant in selenide ores appears to be true.
- 18. Gold and silica (quartz) show a marked association whereas silver tends to be concentrated in an environment where carbonates are abundant.
- 19. Evidence from many auriferous belts throughout the world indicates that there is a wall rock effect on the Au/Ag ratio, the ratio being higher where the wall rocks are basic than where acidic rocks are the hosts.
- 20. The Au/Ag ratio in deposits seems to depend on regional metallogenic peculiarities in a crude way, if only certain types of deposits are considered."

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