

# n°16 Fontaine Gobin slate mine

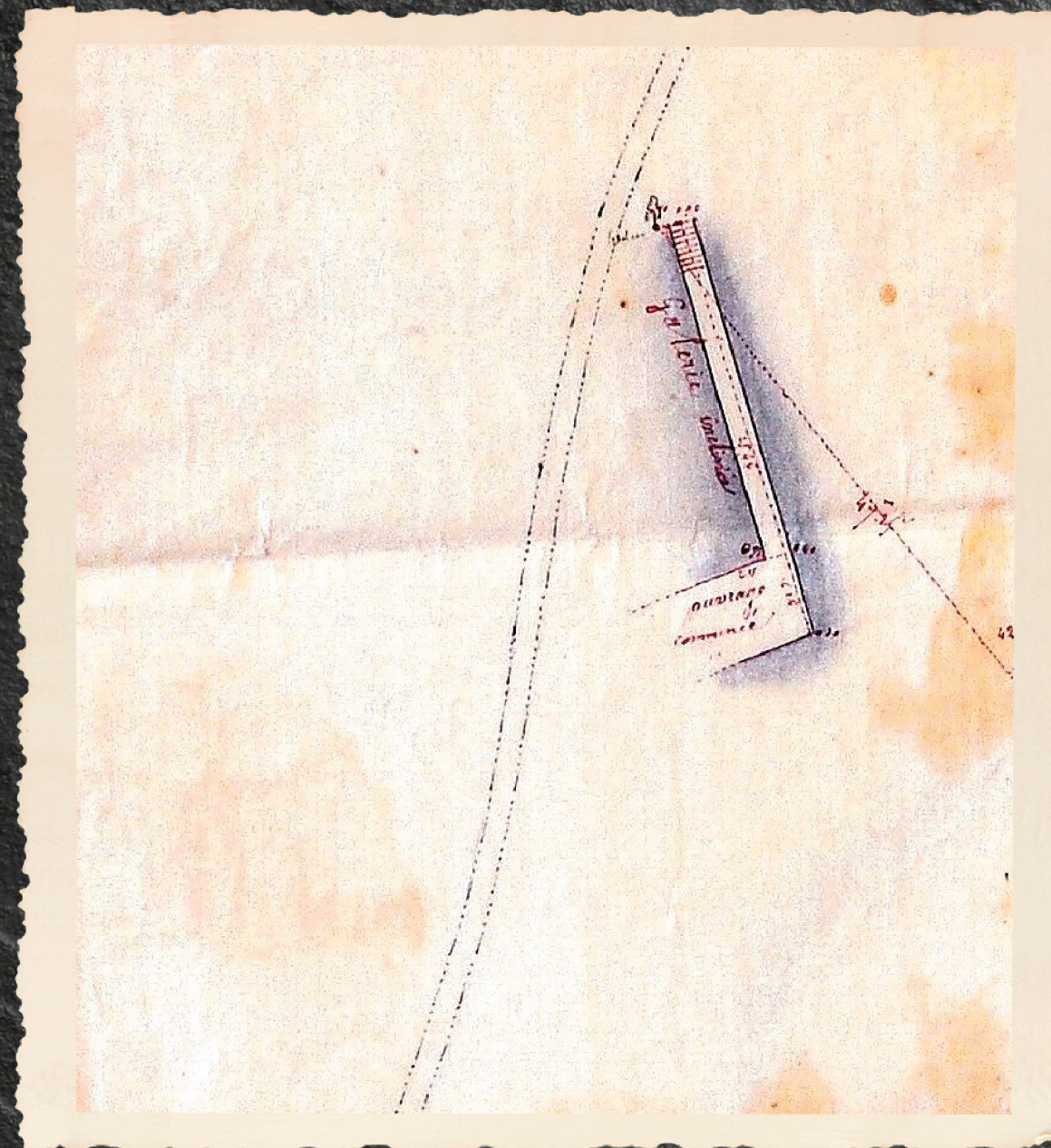
This small slate mine, which appears on an 1872 map, is part of the concession for the *Saint-Pierre* or *Fond d'Oury* slate mine (point 20), which lies some 200 metres below. The small volume of shale waste tells us that this slate mine was only in operation for a few years.

The main reasons for abandoning work on a slate mine were a lack of profitability, the depletion of the shale seam, bankruptcy or a lack of funds on the part of the company. The plan does say “work begun”, but it was never completed.

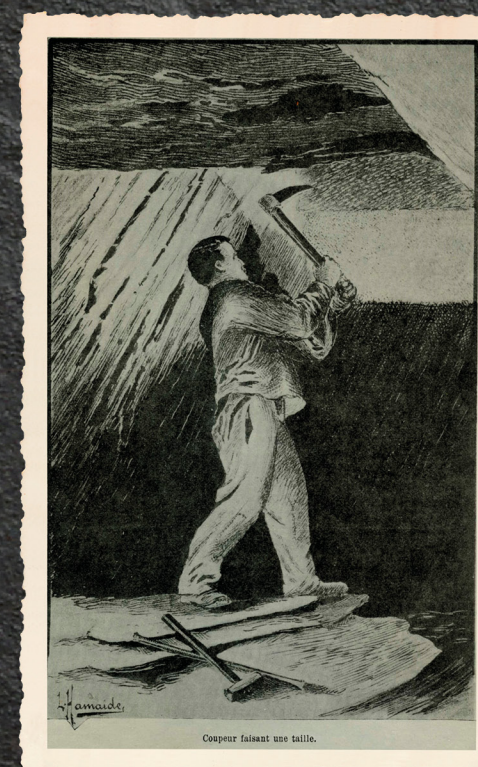
The boundaries of the operating site are still demarcated and are marked by a double perimeter of boundary stones. The small perimeter, one boundary stone being visible at the foot of the slag heap, traces the surface area that can be occupied by the mine.

The large perimeter outlines the maximum area of the subsurface.

The name of this small slate mine is linked to a spring, rather than the fountain referred to in its name, which rises from the ground around a hundred metres from here, known in days gone-by by the locals as the “*Fontaine Gobin*”.



Extract from 1872 plan of the Fontaine Gobin slate mine



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One of the boundary markers of the Fontaine Gobin slate mine  
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