

# n°9 Sainte-Anne 2

The *Moulin Sainte Anne* company, headquartered on the Quai du Moulinet, just outside Fumay on the road towards Givet, opened this second site at the end of 1901, although the actual reasons for this are clouded in mystery. In addition to the difficulties of deploying worksites above ground, underground deployment was hampered by the nearby railway tunnel. One possible explanation is that the company may have felt the threat from other operators and been keen to mark 'its' ground.

This quarrying site is located in a part of the concession that cuts across the land exploited by the *Renaissance* slate mining company, which had been expanding rapidly since the late 1880s. Initial work focused on the workings taken over from the *Saint-Gilbert* slate mine, whose underground galleries adjoin the western part of the *Sainte Anne concession*. To the south of the latter, the *Pied Selle* site was opened up along the Fumay to Revin road. The site was created in 1894 in the wake of negotiations between the slate mining company and the *Société Anonyme des Usines du Pied Selle*, now a cable company, to exploit its subsurface. The site of this new pit head is today home to a supermarket and a car dealership.



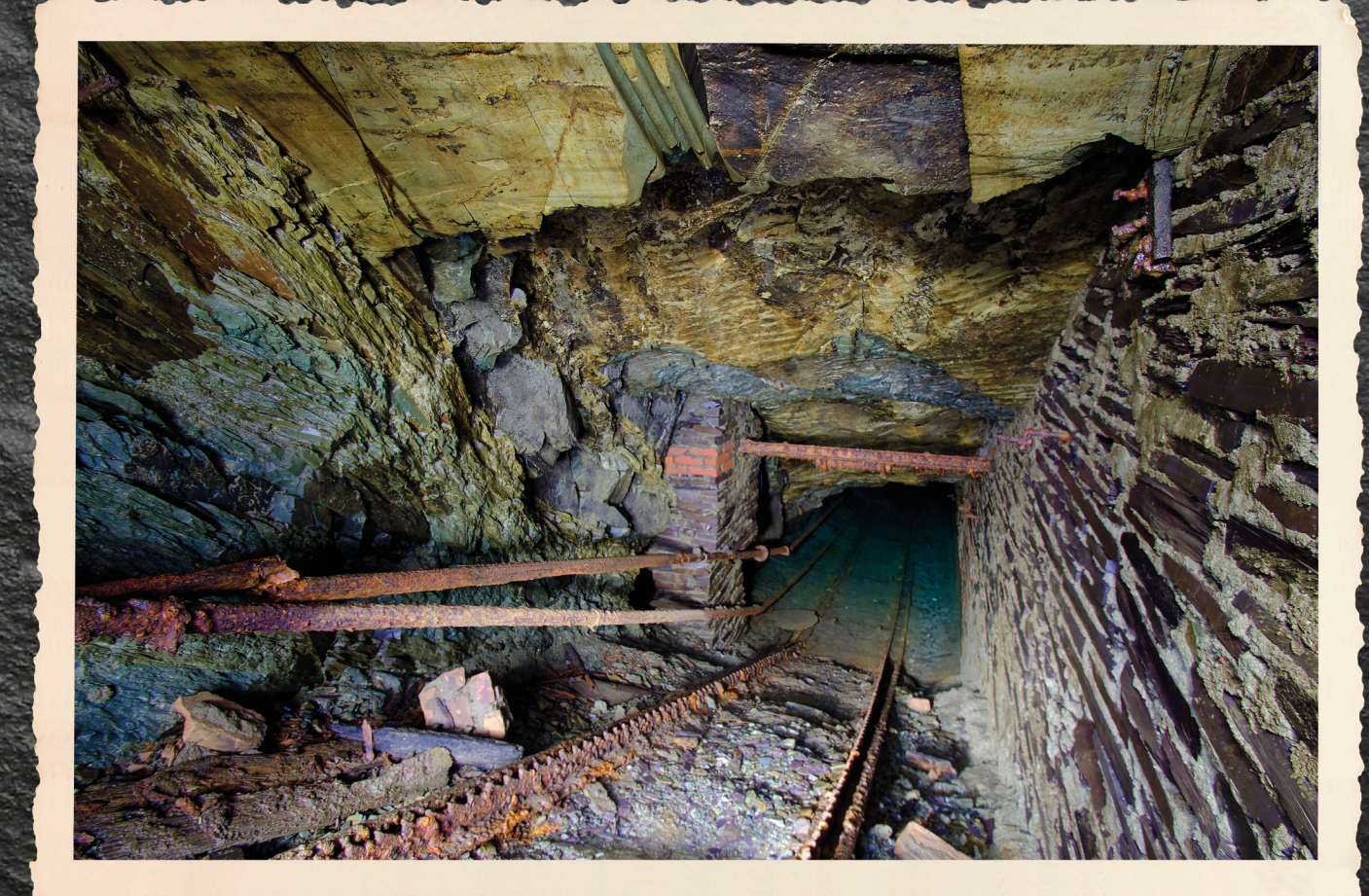
*In the flooded descent*



*In the descent*



*The descent and its technical equipments are still in place*



*In the descent : old rails and compressed air and water drainage pipes*

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