

A: Proposed location of original Money Pit.

B: Proposed location of Shaft 2, dug in 1804 by the Onslow Co. to 110' after the MP filled with water upon reaching a depth of 93'.

C: Garden Shaft; possibly the third shaft sunk. An article published in the 10/16/1862 edition of the Liverpool Transcript suggests there was a shaft sunk in 1849 by the Truro Co. somewhere 20' from the MP before they discovered the drains at Smith's Cove. The shaft was dug to 94' before they hit water. This might be the only shaft dug in the immediate vicinity of the MP that did not have a tunnel running from it to the MP.

D: Proposed location of the Tupper Shaft, dug to 109' by the Truro Co. after the discovery of the drains at Smith's Cove.

E: Proposed location of the next Truro shaft, dug to 112' and referred to as the "Fanny-Young Shaft" after the proclaimed clairvoyant who selected its location. A later visitor to the site described three visible shafts, each about 8 X 12,' suggesting the first shaft had already been filled in.

E.5: First shaft put down by the Oak Island Assoc. in 1861, along the suspected path of the flood tunnel, to 120'. No flood tunnel was found. The tunnel depicted is the theoretical location of the tunnel they dug to the MP.

F: Proposed location of the third shaft sunk by the O.I.A. in 1861, commonly referred to as "Shaft 6." After sinking the first shaft, they apparently dug a shaft somewhere farther east and tunneled back to the previous shaft. After that, they reportedly dug a shaft 18' southwest of the MP (Shaft 6) and dug a tunnel to the MP, probably floored at 116'. A visitor to the MP in late summer 1861 described five visible shafts—the MP, and four surrounding shafts situated north, south, east and west, 10 - 20' from the MP.

F.5: The last shaft sunk by the O.I.A. in Dec of 1862, 22' north of the MP to a depth of 111' 6".

G: The Hedden Shaft, sunk in 1937 by Gilbert Hedden.

Note1: The crossed shafts (gray) are shafts that have been discovered in the MP area. The uncrossed shafts are purely theoretical.

Note 2: It looks as though all the discovered shafts were all more-or-less aligned with magnetic north, as the magnetic declination was around 20 degrees from the mid-19th century up until the turn of the 20th century.

Note 3: There is one item that doesn't quite fit the historical narrative: Shaft 2 is described as being 14' from the MP, about 4' further than the shaft in my diagram. But, who knows, both it and the MP shaft could have been a bit smaller from 1804 - 1849. I think the MP was probably cribbed for the first time in 1803, but that is just a guess. ©2025 Dave Conklin, Published 2/17/25, Revised 2/21/25, 3/08/25 https://daveconklin.net/Oak Island.html