

## **Boosbeck Ironstone Mine**

Two shafts were sunk at Boosbeck by Messrs. Stevenson, Jacques & Co. to the Cleveland Main Seam at a depth of 300 feet by 1872. Extensive underground workings were developed and compressed-air powered drilling machines used to supply ironstone to the company's Acklam Ironworks in Middlesbrough. However, early in 1887 a feeder of water was struck which gradually overtook the pumping capacity so the mine was abandoned. By 1900 Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co. were concerned about the threat posed by this underground reservoir to their North Skelton mine workings which were to the dip so acquired the leases and commenced to unwater the mine. This work was successfully completed and the workings became incorporated into that company's South Skelton mine. One of the original shafts was filled in 1916 and the other in 1986. The original Boosbeck Mine was located where a new school has recently been built & no remains are visible today.