

Recycling

In October 2006, I sailed as an official in the Government of Greenland from the south Greenlandic town Nanortalik to The Nalunaq Gold Mine.

The gold mine closed down in 2013, and maybe I this day in October 2006 got a sign of what could happen to the then active mine. Along the way we passed at close range to the island Amitsoq, where there previously had been established a graphite mine. This mine was in operation from 1911 to 1925.

To this very day, the rusty equipment from the mine is left behind in front of the mine entrance. No one has determined that these materials of iron may have an alternative use today. There is no residue left by the timber and building materials, which must also have been used at the mine.

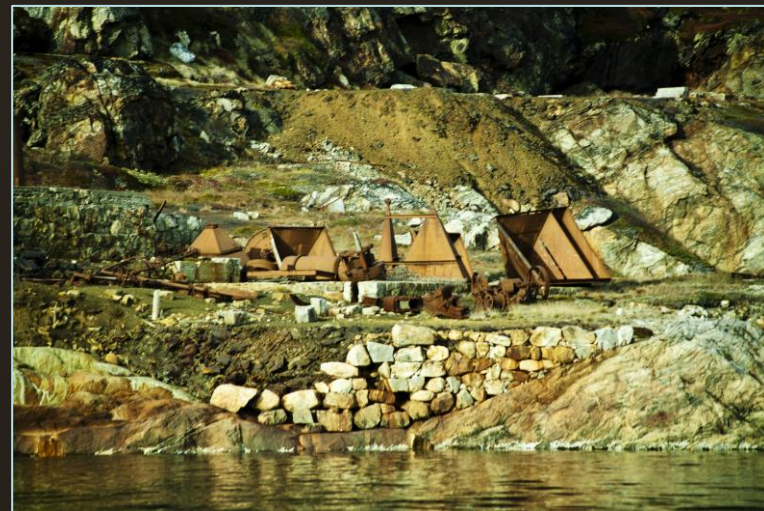
But what has that to do with this photo of the week, which shows a house in Nanortalik? This photo of the week is a picture of the little red house with the official number B 699. The house is located in the old part of the town Nanortalik.

Well, the fact is that this house hides the explanation of the use of the timber after the graphite mine Amitsoq was closed down. During World

War II a local hunter, Anasseeraq, built the little red house, and the building materials were brought home to Nanortalik from the closed graphite mine.

In this way, a thriving local hunter continued the recycling from previous generations: During World War 1 in 1914, a copper mine, Ivnatsiaq, further north closed down, and the buildings were moved to the new graphite mine, Amitsoq.

Today Anasseeraq's house in Nanortalik is renovated and is now owned by the Friendship Association Roskilde - Nanortalik.



Rusty equipment left behind, The Amitsoq Graphite Mine, October 2006



Anasseeraq's house, Nanortalik, October 2006