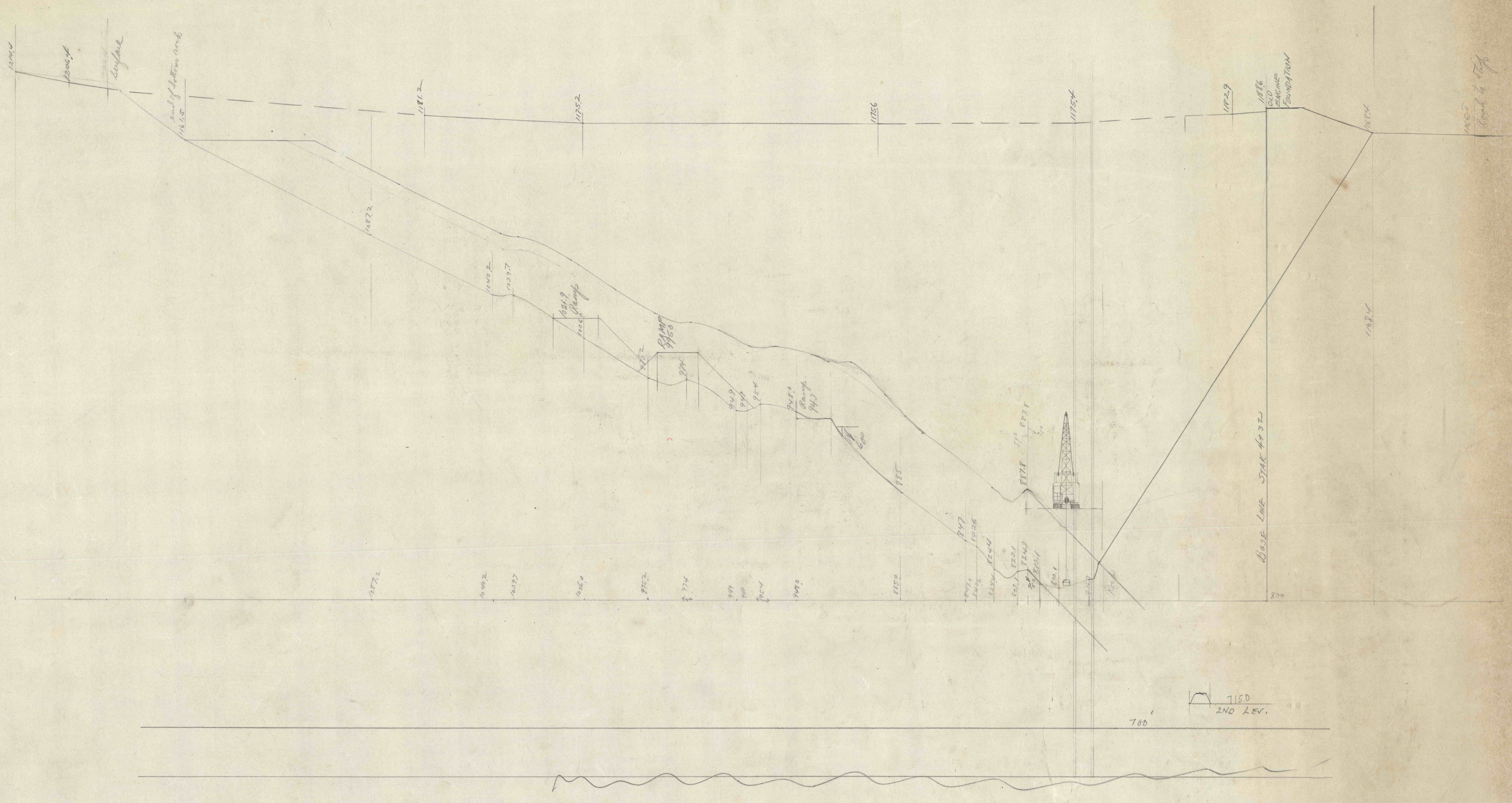LOOKING WEST