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Crystallization foliation (the parallel alignment of mineral grains) in the Mesoproterozoic rocks is an inherited feature resulting from compressional stresses during high-grade metamorphism in the Grenville Orogeny at 1090 to 1030 Ma. Foliation in the Mesoproterozoic rocks is somewhat variable in strike due to deformation by regional folds and also to drag along faults. In general, foliation strikes about N.40°E. (Fig. 2) and dips toward the southeast and less often toward the northwest, at 26° to 90°.

Folds

The Mesozoic rocks are deformed into a broad, upright syncline and anticline pair that plunges toward the northwest and dominates the structural geology of the Piedmont part of the map area. The Boonton Formation cores the syncline and Towaco Formation cores the anticline, with thickening of both units due to folding. The Mesoproterozoic rocks have been deformed by at least two phases of folding. The earlier folds have north-striking axial surfaces and are predominantly northeast-plunging upright to overturned antiforms and synforms. These folds have been refolded by northeast-plunging, upright to northwest-overturned antiforms and synforms that have east-northeast-striking axial surfaces.

The Ramapo fault is the dominant structural feature in the region, extending northeastward from the Peapack-Gladstone area (Houghton and Volkert, 1990; Drake et al., 1996) into New York State. The Ramapo fault has a complex and protracted history of movement that began in the Proterozoic. Multiple episodes of subsequent reactivation have left overprinting brittle and ductile fabrics that record kinematic indicators consistent with normal, reverse, and strike-slip movement. In the Pompton Plains quadrangle the Ramapo fault trends N.40°E. to N.45°E. The fault dips about 50° to 55° toward the southeast as indicated by borings drilled to the southwest at Bernardsville (Ratcliffe et al., 1990) and by a series of borings drilled for Route 287 between Montville and Riverdale (Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 1983). However, outcrops of ductilely deformed Mesoproterozoic rocks on the footwall proximal to, and west of, the fault consistently record mylonitic foliation of probable Paleozoic age that dips steeply toward the southeast at 60° to 85°.

Several northwest-striking, steeply northeast-dipping brittle faults of Mesozoic age that may be splays of the Ramapo fault cut the Boonton and Towaco Formations and Hook Mountain Basalt in the central and southwestern part of the map area. These faults are characterized by breccia and eroded gaps in basalt outcrops, and by close-spaced fracture cleavage in outcrops of sedimentary rock.

Mesoproterozoic rocks throughout the map area are deformed by a series of northeast-trending and, less commonly, by east-northeast-trending or northwest-trending faults. The fault just west of, and subparallel to, the Ramapo fault is characterized by a pervasive, steeply southeast-dipping mylonitic fabric. The rest of the faults cutting Mesoproterozoic rocks are characterized by brittle fabric that includes retrogression of mafic mineral phases, chlorite or epidote-coated fractures or slickensides, and

Joints are a ubiquitous feature in all of the bedrock units in the quadrangle. Joints in outcrops of Mesozoic sedimentary rock tend to be better developed in outcrops of sandstone and siltstone than joints developed in finer-grained lithologies such as shale. All joints formed proximal to faults are spaced much closer, typically on the order of <1 ft. Two joint sets occur in the Mesozoic sedimentary rocks. The dominant set strikes N.07°W. (Fig. 3) and dips steeply toward the northeast and less commonly toward the southwest. All joints are characteristically planar, moderately well formed, and unmineralized, except close to faults where they may contain quartz or calcite. Joint surfaces typically are smooth and less commonly irregular. All joints are variably spaced from <1 ft. to several ft.

Joints in the Mesozoic igneous rocks consist of two types, columnar (cooling) and tectonic. Columnar joints are present in all of the basalt formations in the map area. They are characteristically polygonal, arrayed radially and are variable in height and spacing. A comprehensive study of cooling joints in the Watchung basalts was performed by Faust (1978). Tectonic joints occur in all of the basalt formations but are commonly obscured by the more pervasive cooling joints. Tectonic joints are typically planar,



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INTRODUCTION

The Pompton Plains 7.5-minute guadrangle is located in Passaic, Morris, Bergen and Essex Counties within a mixed commercial, industrial and residential setting. The quadrangle is in the central part of the Passaic River drainage basin, and the Pompton and Passaic Rivers form the dominant drainages in the map area. The Pompton River drains the eastern part of the quadrangle from north to south, and the Passaic River drains its southern part from west to east. The southern and central parts of the map are underlain by large tracts of natural wetland areas, of which the largest is Great Piece Meadows that lies in Fairfield Township north of Interstate 80. The Bog and Vly Meadows underlie Lincoln Park. These poorly drained areas are underlain by unconsolidated sediments of Pleistocene age that are remnants of Glacial Lake Passaic.

The quadrangle straddles the Highlands and Piedmont Physiographic Provinces but is predominantly in the latter. The Ramapo fault traverses the quadrangle northeastward from Montville to Riverdale and provides a structural and physiographic boundary between the two provinces. Mesoproterozoic rocks of the Highlands underlie the northwestern part of the area, whereas Mesozoic rocks of the Piedmont underlie the remainder.

STRATIGRAPHY

The youngest bedrock in the quadrangle is Mesozoic in age and constitutes part of the Newark basin, a northeast-trending half-graben in northern and central New Jersey that contains approximately 24,600 ft. of interbedded Upper Triassic to Lower Jurassic sedimentary and igneous rocks. These consist of conglomerate, sandstone, siltstone, and shale of fluvial and lacustrine origin, and three interbedded tholeiitic basalt flows. However, only the upper part of this stratigraphic succession occurs in the quadrangle.

The general stratigraphic order of the Mesozoic units is one of progressively younger beds from east to west, although the stratigraphy is locally complicated by faults and broad regional folds. Sedimentary units from oldest to youngest are the Towaco and Boonton Formations of Lower Jurassic age. These form a muted topographic surface that is now largely covered by glacial sediments. Conglomeratic facies of the Boonton Formation crops out from the vicinity of Riverdale southwest to Montville. Conglomeratic facies of the Towaco Formation crops out west of Pines Lake. Mesozoic igneous units from oldest to youngest include Preakness Basalt and Hook Mountain Basalt of Lower Jurassic age. Both contain coarse-grained layers and local basaltic pegmatite at several stratigraphic intervals that are mapped as gabbroid. Gabbroid and pegmatite layers within the Preakness Basalt are interpreted by Puffer and Volkert (2001) to have formed through fractionation from finer-grained basalt. Gabbroid layers within the Hook Mountain Basalt likely formed through a similar process. The Hook Mountain and Preakness Basalts form the dominant topography within the Piedmont in the quadrangle.

Sedimentary rocks of probable Ordovician to Cambrian age that are tentatively correlated with rocks of the Jutland Klippe Sequence (Drake et al., 1996) are locally preserved along the Pequannock River at Riverdale. These highly deformed dark gray phyllonitic shale and thin, discontinuous siltstone beds occur as tectonic lenses on the footwall of the Ramapo fault. They are inferred to project into the Wanaque guadrangle to the immediate north, and a few miles to the northeast, in the Ramsey guadrangle, similar highly deformed phyllonitic shale is preserved on the footwall of the Ramapo fault along the west side of the Ramapo River north of Crystal Lake (Volkert, 2003).

Brittly deformed quartzite crops out along a small prominent ridge east of Lake Valhalla, where it is in fault contact with mylonitic Mesoproterozoic rocks in the west and with Hook Mountain Basalt in the east. The quartzite is lithologically similar to the Silurian Green Pond Conglomerate in the Green Pond Mountain Region to the west and is tentatively correlated with that unit.

Mesoproterozoic rocks in the quadrangle are intruded by thin diabase dikes of Neoproterozoic age (Volkert and Puffer, 1995) that strike toward the northeast. These dikes have sharp contacts and chilled margins against enclosing Mesoproterozoic country rocks. Diabase dikes in the New Jersey Highlands are interpreted to have an age of about 600 Ma and were emplaced during breakup of the supercontinent Rodinia (Volkert and Puffer, 1995).

The oldest rocks in the quadrangle are Mesoproterozoic in age and are part of the New Jersey Highlands. They include various granites, gneisses and marble metamorphosed under conditions of granulite facies at 1090 to 1030 Ma (Volkert, 2004). The oldest and volumetrically most abundant of these are calc-alkaline, plagioclase-rich gneisses mapped as quartz-oligoclase gneiss, biotite-quartzoligoclase gneiss, or hypersthene-guartz-plagioclase gneiss, and plutonic rock mapped as diorite, all of which constitute the Losee Metamorphic Suite (Drake, 1984; Volkert and Drake, 1999). Rocks of the Losee Suite are spatially associated with a layered sequence of metasedimentary rocks that include potassic feldspar gneiss, biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss, clinopyroxene-quartz-feldspar gneiss, pyroxene gneiss, and marble. These Mesoproterozoic rocks are intruded by hornblende-bearing granite and related rocks of the Byram Intrusive Suite (Drake et al., 1991) and clinopyroxene-bearing granite and related rocks of the Lake Hopatcong Intrusive Suite (Drake and Volkert, 1991), both of which constitute the Vernon Supersuite (Volkert and Drake, 1998).

The youngest Mesoproterozoic rocks in the quadrangle are unfoliated granite pegmatites and coarsegrained granite referred to informally as Pompton Pink Granite (Lewis, 1908). The latter cuts across other Mesoproterozoic rocks in the Riverdale area and contains xenoliths of foliated gneiss country

STRUCTURE

Mesozoic bedding Bedding in the Mesozoic rocks is somewhat variable in orientation and is influenced by the location of the outcrops in relation to folds that extend through the central part of the map area. In general, beds in the southwestern and northeastern parts of the quadrangle strike about N.30°W., and in the central part of the quadrangle N.60°E. (Fig. 1). Beds on either limb of these folds dip gently from 3° to 11°. However, dips on the east limb of the syncline near Pines Lake are steeper and range from 8° to 22°.

Proterozoic foliation

Faults

close-spaced fracture cleavage.

moderately to well formed, smooth to slightly irregular, steeply dipping, unmineralized, and variably



whitish-tan, or pinkish-white altered and retrogressively metamorphosed rocks with mylonitic to ultramylonitic fabric. Interpreted to be deformed equivalents of amphibolite, mafic-rich and mafic-poor variants of quartz-plagioclase gneiss, hornblende granite and microperthite alaskite. Rocks are too highly deformed to be mapped separately.

Vernon Supersuite (Volkert and Drake, 1998)

Byram Intrusive Suite (Drake et al., 1991)

- Hornblende granite (Mesoproterozoic) Pinkish-gray or buff-weathering, pinkish-white or light-pinkish-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, foliated granite composed of microcline microperthite, quartz, oligoclase, and hornblende. Minor variants contain much less quartz and are quartz monzonite or monzonite. Unit includes small bodies of pegmatite and amphibolite too small to be shown on map.
- Microperthite alaskite (Mesoproterozoic) Pale pinkish-white to buff-weathering, pinkishwhite, medium- to coarse-grained, moderately foliated granite composed of microcline microperthite, quartz, oligoclase, and trace amounts of hornblende and magnetite. Lake Hopatcong Intrusive Suite (Drake and Volkert, 1991)
- Pyroxene granite (Mesoproterozoic) Gray to buff or white weathering, greenish-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, massive, moderately foliated granite composed of mesoperthite to microantiperthite, guartz, oligoclase, and clinopyroxene. Common accessory minerals include titanite, apatite, magnetite, and trace amounts of pyrite. Locally includes small bodies of amphibolite too small to be shown on map.

Metasedimentary Rocks

- Potassic feldspar gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) Light-gray or pinkish-buff weathering, pinkish-white or light-pinkish-gray, medium-grained, moderately foliated gneiss composed of quartz, microcline microperthite, oligoclase, and biotite.
- Biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) Pale pinkish-white to gray weathering, or rusty weathering, pinkish-gray, tan, or greenish-gray, fine- to medium-grained, moderately layered and foliated gneiss containing microcline microperthite, oligoclase, quartz, biotite, garnet, sillimanite, graphite and pyrrhotite. Rusty variant commonly interlayered with thin, moderately foliated to well-layered quartzite that contains biotite, feldspar, and graphite.
- Clinopyroxene-guartz-feldspar gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) Pinkish-gray or pinkish-buffweathering, white to pale-pinkish-white, medium-grained, massive, moderately foliated to well-layered gneiss composed of microcline, quartz, oligoclase, clinopyroxene, and trace amounts of titanite and opaque minerals.
- Pyroxene gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) White-weathering, greenish-gray, medium-grained, well-layered gneiss containing oligoclase, clinopyroxene, variable amounts of quartz, and trace amounts of opaque minerals and titanite. Some phases contain scapolite and calcite. Commonly spatially associated with amphibolite (Ya), rusty biotite-quartz-feldspar gneiss (Yb) and marble (Ymr).
- Marble (Mesoproterozoic) White-weathering, white, light gray, or pale pink, mediumgrained, calcitic to dolomitic marble containing calcite, antigorite, phlogopite, and trace amounts of graphite and pyrrhotite. Chrysotile is locally developed along shear surfaces. Unit is spatially associated with pyroxene gneiss (Yp) with which it commonly has a gradational contact.
- Losee Metamorphic Suite (Drake, 1984; Volkert and Drake, 1999) Quartz-oligoclase gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) - White-weathering, light-greenish-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, moderately layered and foliated gneiss composed of oligoclase or andesine, quartz, hornblende and (or) biotite. Locally contains layers of amphibolite (Ya) too thin to be shown on map.
- Biotite-quartz-oligoclase gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) White or light-gray weathering, medium-gray or greenish-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, moderately well layered and oliated gneiss composed of oligoclase or andesine, quartz, biotite, and local garnet. Some outcrops contain hornblende. Locally contains thin layers of amphibolite (Ya) not shown on map.
- Hypersthene-quartz-plagioclase gneiss (Mesoproterozoic) Gray or tan weathering, greenish-gray or greenish-brown, medium-grained, moderately layered and foliated, greasy-lustered gneiss composed of andesine or oligoclase, quartz, clinopyroxene, hornblende, and hypersthene. Commonly contains conformable layers of amphibolite (Ya) and mafic-rich quartz-plagioclase gneiss (Ylo) too thin to be shown on map.
- Diorite (Mesoproterozoic) Gray or tan weathering, greenish-gray or greenish-brown, medium- to coarse-grained, greasy-lustered, massive, moderately foliated rock containing andesine or oligoclase, clinopyroxene, hornblende, and hypersthene. Thin mafic layers or schlieren having the composition of amphibolite (Ya) are common.

Other Rocks Amphibolite (Mesoproterozoic) - Gray to grayish-black, medium-grained foliated gneiss

composed of hornblende and andesine. Some variants contain biotite, clinopyroxene, or ocal hypersthene. Unit is commonly associated with rocks of the Losee Suite and also is intercalated with metasedimentary gneisses.

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

------ Contact - Dotted where concealed ------ Faults - Dotted where concealed

High angle fault - U, upthrown side; D, downthrown side. Ball and bar show dip of fault plane where known Thrust fault - Sawteeth on upper plate Folds in Mesoproterozoic rocks - Folds in foliation and layering Antiform - Showing crestline and direction of plunge Overturned antiform - Showing trace of axial surface, direction of dip of limbs, and direction of plunge Overturned synform - Showing trace of axial surface, direction of dip of limbs, and direction of plunge Folds in Mesozoic rocks - Folds in bedding Anticline - Showing crestline and direction of plunge Syncline - Showing troughline and direction of plunge Planar Features Strike and dip of crystallization foliation Vertical Strike and dip of mylonitic foliation Strike and dip of inclined beds Strike and dip of parallel bedding and slaty cleavage in Paleozoic rocks Linear Features \rightarrow^{20} Bearing and plunge of mineral lineation in Proterozoic rocks → 80 Bearing and plunge of crenulation lineation in Paleozoic rocks Other Features

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- Active rock guarry
- Abandoned rock quarry: B, basalt; S, sandstone; M, marble
- Abandoned graphite mine
- Water well- Rock type at bottom: B, basalt; S, sandstone, siltstone, shale
- C, conglomerate Form line - Shown in cross section to indicate foliation in Proterozoic rocks

BEDROCK GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE POMPTON PLAINS QUADRANGLE PASSAIC, MORRIS, BERGEN, AND ESSEX COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY **GEOLOGIC MAP SERIES GMS 10-1**



