Billingsleyite $Ag_7(As,Sb)S_6$

Crystal Data: Isometric. *Point Group*: 23. As fine-grained aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Tenacity:* Slightly sectile. Hardness = 2.5 VHN = n.d.

D(meas.) = 5.92(2) D(calc.) = 5.90

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Dark lead-gray to black. *Luster:* Metallic.

Cell Data: *Space Group*: $P2_13$. a = 10.4760(8) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tintic, Utah, USA.

3.05 (10), 3.19 (7), 3.53 (6), 2.83 (6), 2.49 (6), 3.34 (5), 6.11 (4)

	(1)	(2)
Ag	75.59	72.84
Cu	0.02	0.25
Fe	0.06	0.06
As	5.73	6.32
Sb	1.50	1.53
S	16.28	18.73
rem.	0.61	
Total	99.79	99.73

(1) Tintic, Utah, USA; corresponding to $Ag_7(As_{0.86}Sb_{0.14})_{\Sigma=1.00}S_6$. (2) Tintic, Utah, USA; average of 6 electron microprobe analyses; corresponds to $(Ag_{6.94}Cu_{0.04}Fe_{0.01})_{\Sigma=6.99}(As_{0.87}Sb_{0.13})_{\Sigma=1.00}S_{6.01}$.

Occurrence: Believed to have occurred in a body of high-grade hydrothermal silver ore.

Association: Acanthite, tennantite, bismuthinite, galena, pyrite.

Distribution: From the North Lily mine, East Tintic district, Utah Co., Utah, USA.

Name: For Paul Billingsley (1887-1962), mining geologist, who discovered the North Lily mine, and collected the type material.

Type Material: National School of Mines, Paris, France; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (#110530) and the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA. (R18987); and the collection of the RRUFF project (deposition no. R070350; http://rruff.info/R070350).

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