

thence up said River to the mouth of Dry Creek thence up Dry Creek, to the place of beginning, Act 1st respecting quartz lodes. A Quartz Claim within the district shall not exceed 150 feet in length to each locator, (provided nothing in this article shall prohibit the holding of more than one claim by purchase and conveyance on any one ledge or lode, nor more than two hundred feet on each side of the ledge for improvements thereon. Provided however, all dips spurs, angles and variations are included.

2d. That each and every Quartz claim hold or owned by any Company or individual shall perform work or labor to the amount of forty dollars each year. *Provided* one-half of said amount shall be Expended within the first six months from the passage of this act. The remaining half of said amount to be Expended within the remaining six months thereafter. Or the whole amount of work or labor may be done at the option of the Claimant within the first six months. Provided nothing in the above section shall apply in this section to claims already having done work. Or improvements thereon to the amount of two thousand dollars.

3d. Any claim or claims owned by a company or individual failing to comply with the above regulations shall be forfeited and subject to relocation.

4th. Any person or persons entitled by the laws of the United States to hold a mining claim, Shall be entitled to hold one Quartz claim on each Quartz Lode or Ledge in this district by location. *Provided* that a locator may hold one additional claim by virtue of discovery of the same.

5th. Claims shall be signalized by a notice describing the same, placed sufficiently conspicuous to be easily seen with the name of each claimant attached thereto. *Provided* that no claim or claims shall be valid that is not recorded with the district Recorder within ten days after location.

6th. The annual meeting of this district shall be held on the first Monday in May of each year at which time new rules or regulations for governing this district may be made. *Provided* that a notice shall be published in a County newspaper at least ten successive days prior thereto or by three written notices. posted in public places within the district thirty days prior to such annual meeting. At the annual meeting each year a District Recorder shall be elected who shall have the custody of the records of this district and who shall file and Record all claims presented for Record and be entitled to receive 25 cents for each and every name of claimant in a company and 50 cents for his certificate to each location of a company.

7th. Any person or persons properly qualified according to existing laws may hold by location, One River claim, one Ravine Claim and one drift claim, provided that no person locate more than one claim on either of the same. One River or Bar claim shall be 300 feet in width on the River, and run back to the centre of the Hill. A Ravine claim shall be 150 feet long by 150 feet on each side of the centre of the Ravine. A Surface claim shall be 200 feet square, and the same rules and regulations as regards recording Quartz Claims shall also apply to River, Ravine and drift claims.

8th It will be necessary always for persons locating Surface Ravine or River Claims to post their notice in a conspicuous place, and to have a copy of the same on Record within ten days from date of location with the Recorder of said district.

9th All River, Ravine and Surface claims that are workable on which no work has been performed for the term of one month shall be deemed forfeited, unless work and labor preceding that time shall have been performed to the amount of five hundred dollars, which shall be sufficient to hold the same indefinitely.

10th Upon the removal by death or otherwise of the Recorder from the district or his inability to act from any cause it shall be competent for him to appoint some proper and discreet person, a resident of the district, to act as Recorder until the next annual meeting—

Moved and Seconded and unanimously Carried that these Rules and regulations be spread on the Records of the district by the Recorder.

J VITTE Recorder.

BUTTE COUNTY.—GREELY FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

DECEMBER 12, 1872.

Pursuant to a notice a miners meeting was held at Maury Ranch, in Greely Flat mining District in Ophir Township Butte Co. and State of California, on Thursday Dec. 12th, 1872 for the purpose of making new laws and regulations to govern the District and also to define its boundary—The meeting being called to order John Schneider was elected President and Geo. B. Baldwin Secretary—The following resolution was carried unanimously

Resolved that as there are no mining laws to be found to govern this district, the President do appoint a committee of three to draft new laws and also to define the boundary of this district.

William Forsyth, Thomas Gaffney and Geo. B. Baldwin were appointed. They submitted the following laws &c. which were unanimously carried by the meeting viz:

SEC. 1st That this District be called Greely Flat mining District and shall be bounded as follows; on the north by the centre line E and W of sec. 19 T 19 4 E M. D and on the East by the Eastern line of Sec. 19 and Sec. 30 T. 19. 4. E. M. D and the South by the South line of Sec. 30 and Fether River being its western boundary.

SEC. 2nd That all claims in this District shall be 200 feet long by 200 feet wide with a right of way to Robinson Hill, Strawberry Garden Bluffs or to Feather River of 20 feet wide for a cart road to ha the pay dirt for the purpose of washing it, with sufficient ground at the before named Bluffs or River for making dumps and for tailing—

SEC. 3rd That all claims are considered workable from the first day of March until the 1st day of December and from that date to the 1st March are not considered jumpable.

SEC 4th That all claims that are not represented from the 1st day of March to the 1st day of Dec. every 30 days are considered abandoned, consequently are jumpable.

SEC 5th That a copy of these laws and the proceedings of this meeting be recorded at the County Recorder's office of Butte county and all mining claims to be recorded at that office:

GEO. B. BALDWIN Secretary

JOHN SCHNEIDER President

Recorded at request of John Schneider Dec, 16th 1872 at 2 P. M.

W. H CHAPPELL Recorder
by JNO P. LEONARD Deputy.

BUTTE COUNTY.—LIVE OAK FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

At a meeting held at Live Oak Flat Butte County California on the 5th day of July A. D. 1872, pursuant to notice given F. W. Day was appointed chairman and J. A. Wardwell Secretary of meeting.

Upon motion a committee of three (3) were appointed by the chairman to draft laws, mark regulations and designate bounds of claims in said District. The committee appointed by the chairman consisting of Geo. B. Baldwin, John Griffith and I. Forsythe, who upon due deliberation submitted the following to be placed upon the records of Butte county.

1st Live Oak Flat mining District shall embrace the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 17, Tp 192, Range 4 East Mt. D. M. as per U. S. Survey, but not to come in conflict with the land granted for the town site of Oroville in said quarter section

2nd A mining claim in said District shall be as follows $3\frac{1}{2}$ chains running North and South and 20 chains running East and West. The front claim to commence at the West line of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 and run East 20 chains and the back claim to commence at the West line of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and to run $3\frac{1}{2}$ chains North & South and twenty chains East and West, Each claim or company of claims to have a notice posted on the ground and corner stakes set.

3rd The amount of work required to be done to hold each claim shall be ten (\$10) dollars for each claim and a company owning more than one claim can do all their work on any one of their claims providing they join together in one lot.

Resolved that a copy of these laws be recorded in the office of the Butte county Recorder in mining Records, and that all mining claims in said district be recorded in same office,

T. W. DUY *Chairman*

J. A. WARDWELL *Sec'y.*

Recorded at request of John Griffith Sept. 5th 1872, at 12 m. in Book A, Butte County mining Records.

W. H. CHAPPELL *Recorder.*

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.—BORAX LAKE MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting held at State Range mill on the 28th day of April 1873 by citizens interested in claims on State range lake—On the meeting being called to order Mr Wm B. Caldwell was nominated & elected president and W. Drew Sect'y of meeting. The following business was then transacted—

A motion was made to form a mining Dist which was carried unanimously—

Motion made to name the Dist "Borax Lake Dist—carried—

Motion made that the Presd't appoint a committee of five to define the boundaries of the Dist & draft a code of by-laws for same, carried—& the Presd't appointed Chas Leaming, Jno Searles, John McGilora & Samuel Harper—

Motion made that a meeting be called for next Thursday May 1, 1873 at this place at 10 a. m. that the com report at that meeting & the Sect'y be directed to have notice posted in three of the most public places in the Dist, carried—

Motion that the meeting now adjourn to Thursday next at 10 a. m. carried—

W. B. CALDWELL *President.*

WALTER DREW *Secretary—*

At a meeting of miners at Slate Range Dist San Bernardino County Cala May 1st 1873 in accordance with a public notice of the same given by being posted in three public places on said Lake

W. B. CALDWELL—*Presdt*

W. DREW—*Secty*

Whereupon the following mining laws were adopted—

SEC 1— This dist shall be known as the Borax Lake Dist & shall be bounded as follows—Commencing at a point one half mile north of the edge of the Lake on section line between George Dalton & Dan Steven's claim, from thence east to the foot hills to a point, thence along said foot hills in a southerly direction 14 miles to a point thence west to said section line to a point, thence to the place of beginning—

SEC 2—A mining Recorder shall be elected on the first day of May of each year who shall hold his office for a term of 12 months & until his successor is duly elected & qualified & he shall have power to appoint a Deputy whose acts shall be as legal as the Recorder & the Recorder or Deputy shall reside in the dist—

SEC 3—It shall be the duty of the Recorder to go & examine any claim that may be brought to him to be recorded & in case the same is not upon private property & has not been before taken up recorded & worked according to these laws, shall place the said party or parties in possession & post a notice in some conspicuous place on the claim or claims describing the boundaries of the same— & he shall take duplicate of such notice & record the same and give certificate therefor, for which he shall receive 50 c for each claim in such notice so posted & 50 c for recording & giving certificate of record—

SEC 4—Each locator shall be entitled to 20 acres upon any Borax Lode & kindred substances or deposits, but nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent any person from purchasing as many claims as he pleases subject to the laws of the United States governing said Borax lands. Each claim shall embrace all Borax, Soda & Kindred substances or deposits that may be situated within the limits of the claim—

SEC 5—Claims may be located jointly or severally & not to exceed 160 acres—\$25 worth of work may be done on each claim for every three (3) months & the work may be done for twelve (12) months at one time & in case more than one claim in company the

work may be done in one or more places for the whole & the work may consist of any kind that is intended to improve the claim & develop its resources—and provided also that when a locator or his legal agent shall have performed work to the amount of \$100—& produce satisfactory proof thereof to the Recorder, it shall hold the title good for one year—

SEC 6—Any person or persons holding claims failing to comply with section 5 such claim shall be forfeited & subject to relocation—

SEC 7—Any person or persons desiring to locate a claim or claims shall make application to the Recorder to be placed in possession thereof whereupon the Recorder after payment of his fees shall proceed to the ground & examine the same & if it is not upon private property & has not been located as described in Sec 3 & if the same has been taken up & recorded and is forfeited, he shall place the person or persons in possession, post a proper notice in a conspicuous place on the claim, take duplicate thereof & record the same—

SEC 8—All mining claims located & held prior to this date shall be worked & held under these laws & recorded within 30 days from this date—

SEC 9—All claims shall be recorded within 30 days after notice—

SEC 10—All deeds & transfers of mining property in this Dist shall be recorded in the Recorder's office in this District for which the Recorder shall receive 30 c for each folio of one hundred words—The Recorder shall be required to keep a well bound book for recording any claim & one for deeds & transfers—Also the Recorder shall keep a record of all work of assessment done on any claim & if found sufficient according to section 5, he shall when required give certificate therefor, for which he shall be entitled to 50 c for each certificate given.

SEC 11—It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep all books appertaining to his office in a safe place & allow interested persons to examine them at any time in his presence & not otherwise—

SEC 12—These laws shall go into effect on & after this date & shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of San Bernardino County, & can only be amended by posting notices in three of the most conspicuous public places in this Dist for the space of 30 days & publishing the same in one of the newspapers in San Bernardino County for same length of time—

At an adjourned meeting pursuant to call of the miners of Borax Lake Dist met at this place on Thursday May 1st 1873—

The minutes of last meeting being read & adopted, on motion W. B. Caldwell was re-elected President & W. Drew Secty The report of the committee was then read & each section adopted

Motion made to elect Recorder, carried

Motion made to have the vote taken "viva voce" & W. Drew was declared elected.

Motion made that the Presdt & Secretary of this meeting be authorized to call a meeting for business at any time by giving 30 days notice in three public places in the Dist or at the request of five miners interested in claims in the Dist—

Meeting adjourned.

W. B. CALDWELL, *Presdt*

WM DREW *Secretary.*

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.—BRIER MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting called on the 3d day of May 1873 pursuant to a public notice given of the same, being posted in three public places in what has been heretofore known as West Side of Borax Lake Dist. San Bernardino Co Cala—

BY-LAWS.

SEC 1—This Dist shall be known as the Brier Dist commencing at the North West corner of Borax Lake Dist from thence West to the foot hills to a point, thence in a southerly direction following the foot hills fourteen miles to a point, thence to the South West corner of said Borax Lake Dist thence to the place of beginning—

N. B—The laws comprise twelve sections all of which are the same as those of Borax Lake Dist—

C. O. THOMAS *Presdt*

C. LEAMING *Secty*

EL DORADO COUNTY.—KELSEY MINING DISTRICT.

MINING LAWS.

Adopted May 7th 1873. and are in conformity to the Mineral Law of Congress of May 10th 1872.

ARTICLE 1st This District shall be known as Kelsey Mining District and shall include Kelsey Township.

ARTICLE 2nd All Quartz Claims hereafter located whether located by one or more persons may equal but not exceed fifteen hundred (1500) feet in length along the vein or lode and shall extend three hundred (300) feet on each side of the middle of the vein or lode at the surface; the end lines of each claim shall be parallel. All Placer claims hereafter located shall conform to the U. S. Surveys and may equal, but shall not exceed twenty (20) acres to each person named in the notice but no company shall locate more than one hundred and sixty (160) acres.

ARTICLE 3. All notices of the location of Quartz Claims shall be in the form hereto annexed marked "A"

All notices of the location of Placer claims shall be in the form hereto annexed marked "B"—The notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the claim, and a copy filed with the Recorder of the District within twenty days after such posting—

ARTICLE 4 The Recorder shall note upon each notice filed with him the time when it was received stating the year, month day hour and minute, and shall record the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose which book shall be open to the inspection of all persons at reasonable hours.

ARTICLE 5. Any person or corporated company locating a mining in this District shall be required to have expended in actual labor upon each and every claim the sum of one hundred dollars within one year from the date of record and one hundred dollars in each and

every year thereafter, until they shall obtain a U. S. Patent therefor—Upon all claims located prior to the adoption of these By-laws, until a U. S. Patent is obtained therefor, labor shall be performed or improvements made in each year as follows: On Quartz claims ten dollars for each one hundred feet in length along the vein; and on Placer claims not less than one hundred and fifty dollars.

ARTICLE 6. The Recorder shall at the request of any party, go upon the ground and define the claim, measuring and staking the same. It shall also be his duty to go upon any claim at the request of the owner, survey the work required to be done by Art. 5 and to give his certificate, if he is satisfied the necessary amount has been done—

ARTICLE 7. The fees of the Recorder shall be as follows: For filing and recording each notice of a Quartz claim, for each one hundred feet 25 cents. For filing and recording each notice of a Placer Claim for each name 25 cts. For going upon the ground at the request of any person to define and stake a claim or to survey the work done, to include the certificate \$2.50 For travelling to and from his office to the claim for each mile 25 cts. For making copy of any notice from the record and certifying the same \$1 00. For each certificate issued by him except the above named 50 cts.

ARTICLE 8. The Recorder shall be elected by the miners of the District and shall hold office for one year from the date of his election and until his successor is elected—All elections shall be by ballot, and the polls shall be open not less than two hours.

ARTICLE 9 One month before the expiration of his term of office, the Recorder shall call a meeting of the miners to elect a successor—At the request of any ten miners of the District, the Recorder shall call a meeting to amend these laws twenty days notice shall be given for such meeting and the notice shall state amendments desired, but no amendments shall be adopted without the vote of two-thirds of the miners present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 10—The Recorder shall act as Secretary of all miners meetings, keep a record of the proceedings and preserving all papers and documents thereto belonging.

ARTICLE 11. The Recorder shall have power and it is hereby made his duty to appoint a deputy to act in his absence, but such deputy shall have no power when the Recorder is present.

ARTICLE 12. All mining laws heretofore made or existing in said District are hereby repealed.

BUTTE COUNTY.—MAGALIA MINING DISTRICT.

Whereas the Miners of Magalia Mining District in the County of Butte and State of California are desirous of adopting a code of Mining Laws suitable to the present condition of things and whereas the Old laws of this District have been long since lost and abrogated by the custom and usage of miners Now therefore resolved that we the Miners of Magalia Mining District in Meeting Assembled upon due notice given do establish and adopt the following rules and regulations for said District

The boundaries of said District shall be as follows to wit—Commencing at the southwest corner of Lovelock Mining District thence running East on the South line of said last named District to the mouth of the Little West Branch of the West Branch of Feather River thence continuing East to the top of the dividing ridge between the waters of Concow Creek and the West Branch of Feather River thence southerly down Sad Ridge to the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Companys ditch where it crosses the Ridge East of the West Branch of Feather River thence West to Mineral Slide and Middle Butte Creek thence North to the place of beginning.

ARTICLE 1st There shall be five classes of Claims known in this District to wit River claims Gulch claims quartz claims Flat claims and Hill claims.

ART 2d A claim for mining purposes in what is known and designated herein as a River claim shall be five hundred feet in length and extend from bank to bank.

ART 3d A claim in what is known and designated herein as a Gulch claim shall be five hundred feet in length and one hundred feet on either bank.

ARTICLE 4th Quartz claims and all lodes of precious Metals whether located by one or more persons shall not exceed one thousand five hundred feet in length and three hundred feet on either side of the middle of the vein or lode at the surface.

ARTICLE 5th Flat claims may equal but shall not exceed twenty acres to each individual claimant and shall so far as practicable conform to legal subdivisions.

ARTICLE 6th Hill claims shall be three hundred feet front running to the center of the Ridge back and the base of the Hill shall be the bank of the River creek or Gulch or depression adjacent thereto.

ARTICLE 7th No person within the bounds of this District shall hold more than One claim by location except on mineral Lodes or veins, may hold on Lodes, or veins, in conformity to the laws of the United States.

ARTICLE 8th The bounds of claims shall be Established and defined by Good and substantial stakes or monuments at Each corner Except as to Hill claims which shall be staked at the front corners or by monument of Rocks plainly to be seen and the side lines at convenient distances not less than three on Each side or trees in line blazed. A notice shall be pasted in a conspicuous place On Each claim or body of claims describing the same with convenient certainty and shall be recorded by the District Recorder in his office or in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County and a certified Copy of such notice shall be prima facie Evidence of the location of such claim or claims Such claims must be distinctly marked on the ground so that its boundaries can be easily traced All records of mining claims shall contain the name or names of the Locators the date of the location and such a description of the claim or claims located by reference to some natural Object or permanent monument as will identify the claim.

ARTICLE 9th On Each claim located not less than fifty dollars of labor shall be performed or improvements made during Each year. When claims are held in common such expenditure may be made on any one claim. Labor shall be reckoned at five dollars pr day. Claim holders shall be entitled to all the minerals in their boundaries

ARTICLE 10th A Recorder of this Mining District shall be chosen to hold office for the term of One year and until his successor be elected and qualified and shall be paid fifty cents for Recording each notice with one or two names and ten cents for each additional name The Recorder may appoint a Deputy Recorder. The Recorder or Deputy shall have the custody of the books and shall be open to inspection in his presence with the laws and proceedings of this mining District

ARTICLE 11th A failure to comply with the foregoing provisions the claims shall be deemed and held to be open to relocation

ARTICLE 12th All former laws are hereby repealed

ARTICLE 13 These laws shall be in force and take effect from and after their adoption by this meeting

ART. 14th Upon the location of any Mining Claims within this District said Claim shall be recorded within thirty Days thereafter and work commenced thereon with reasonable diligence

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.—CAJON MINING DISTRICT.

BY-LAWS RULES & REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of miners & citizens interested in mining claims in the vicinity of Cajon Cañon held at Mr Cablesons the 19th day of March 1874 in the County of San Bernardino State of California

The meeting was called to order and H. G. Cable chosen chairman & L. H. Warner Secty, the following resolutions were offered & unanimously adopted—

That the mining interests of this locality demand the formation of a mining Dist & that this meeting proceed to form a new district & enact such laws & regulations as shall in no way conflict with the United States Mining laws—

Resolved—That this district be called the Cajon Dist & hereafter to be known as the "Cajon Mining District—"

It was then moved & seconded that there be a committee chosen to fix upon boundaries for the district & draft by-laws & regulations for the government of the same—

In accordance with the above resolution the following com was chosen—H. G. Cable. J. J. Atkinson & L. H. Warner & after consultation reported as follows—

SEC 1—This District shall be known as the Cajon Mining District in the County of San Bernardino State of Cala—& shall be bounded as follows—Commencing at Martens station & following the toll road to J. M. Frears station, from thence in an Easterly direction to Mr Holdens ranch, thence to Jobo peak, thence to mouth of Devil cañon, thence to Martens station—

SEC 2d A Recorder shall be elected on the 19th day of March of each year who shall hold his office for twelve months, & until his successor is duly elected & qualified & shall have power to appoint a Deputy whose acts shall be legal as the acts of the recorder—It shall be the duty of the Recorder to record mining locations in this Dist when called upon so to do—

SEC 3—The Recorder or his Deputy shall reside in the Dist & shall be entitled to the fee of 75c for each & every claim located. All mining claims located within the limits or boundaries of this Dist must be recorded, a proper notice must be posted on a monument or in a conspicuous place at the time of location shall have been made & all locations must be recorded by the Recorder of the Dist within 30 days from date of location—

SEC 4—A written notice must be placed on a monument built for the purpose of distinguishing the vein or lode of each location & each notice must give full number of feet claimed with the name or names of the locators & date of location with each description of the claim or claims located, by referring to some natural object, or giving the points of compass of the running of the ledge or lode—No claim shall be more than 1500 feet in length nor extend more than 300 feet on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface, but not to conflict with other claims previously located—

SEC 5—Each locator of placer claims within this Dist may locate 20 acres for each individual claimant—

SEC 6—The amount of \$40 00 in work shall be done on each location in this Dist within six months from date of location & \$60 00 in work must be done during following six months to hold claim for one year—

SEC 7—Any claim or claims that have been located within this Dist prior to the adoption of these laws by posting a notice or notices on the same, the locator or locators thereof may furnish the Recorder a true copy or copies of such notice or notices for record within sixty days from the date of the adoption of these laws & when such notice or notices are so furnished for record & recorded, such claim or claims shall be deemed & held to be properly located

SEC 8—Mill sites or water privileges may be located within this Dist in a similar manner prescribed for locating mining claims with the following additional requirements—The party or parties desiring to locate such mill site or water privilege must state in writing in their application to the Recorder to be located, what particular purpose they wish to locate such water claim for & how long before they intend to take possession of the same for the purpose or purposes so stated—The Recorder shall place such application upon record & if the same is not upon private property & has not been previously located according to these laws or if the same has been located & abandoned, he shall post a proper notice in some conspicuous place or on a monument erected by the claimant, stating the name or names of the locator or locators the purpose for which the location is made & the length of time before they intend to enter upon & make use of the same, for the purpose in said notice, which shall not exceed five (5) acres of land—After a mill site or water privilege has been located & recorded in this Dist, if the locator or locators thereof do not apply such site or privilege so located to the purpose or purposes stated in their written application or make improvements on the same to the amount of \$25 00 within six months from the date of such location, the same shall be considered abandoned & subject to relocation—provided the party or parties are living on the claim so located it shall not be subject to relocation so long as said party or parties continue to reside thereon—But in case all the claimants are non-residents for six consecutive months & fail to put the claim or claims to use for which the same were located or expend on the same less than \$25 00 in improvements for six months or \$100 00 for twelve months, the same shall be considered abandoned & subject to relocation as aforesaid—

SEC 9—Deeds & transfers of mining claims & water privileges in this District shall be recorded in the Recorders office of San Bernardino County State of Cala—

SEC 10—These by-laws may be amended or changed by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the miners present & voting at a meeting called by the Recorder for the purpose of amending the same—A meeting calling for the change of the by-laws of this Dist must be called by public notice posted in a conspicuous place within the Dist for 30 days & signed by the Recorder of the Dist—

SEC 11—These laws shall go into effect from & after the 19 day of March 1874 & shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of San Bernardino Co—within 30 days from said date—

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the foregoing laws & regulations entire—

H. G. CABLE
L. H. WARNER
J. J. ATKINSON

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The meeting then proceeded to vote for Recorder, & L. H. Warner having received the largest number of votes cast for that office was declared duly elected

Meeting adjourned sine die

L. H. WARNER Secty

SAN BERNARDINO CO—CALA March 19th 1874.

H. G. CABLE Chairman

BUTTE COUNTY.—FORKS OF BUTTE MINING DISTRICT.

MINERS MEETINGS.

FORKS OF BUTTE MINING DISTRICT *May 1st, 1878.*

Meeting called to order pursuant notice of April 20th 1878 for the purpose of electing a recorder for this mining district viz, Forks of Butte

Geo. E. Green and Z. T. Wilcox received nominations as candidates for said position.

After considerable sparring it was decided to vote by ballot, Geo. E. Green receiving fourteen votes being a majority of all votes cast was declared elected and took the chair vice Geo. Boston and after returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him called the meeting to order and opened under the head of general business On motion made by Jno. Dix to have a committee appointed to consider and revise the present By Laws of this mining district and by acclamation Jon Dix, Jas Vary and N. L. Knowlton were appointed as such committee to consider and revise said By Laws and to report at next meeting.

On motion of V. B. Allen the said committee were authorized to furnish a book necessary for the purpose of receiving the records, laws, etc and other matters of business pertaining to this mining district motion carried by all present

There being no other business of importance to transact, meeting adjourned to meet the first day of June 1878 by order of Chairman

J. Y. CANFIELD *Sec*GEO. BOSTON *Ex Recorder*

MINERS MEETING.

JUNE 1st, 1878.

Pursuant to an adjourned meeting of the miners of this district held at Jno Dix camp May 1st, 1878, The miners of said district met this day to act on report of committee appointed at last meeting to consider and revise the present By Laws of this mining district.

Meeting called to order, Geo. E. Green in the chair, P. H. Hankins appointed secretary pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of committee on By Laws received and committee discharged

Articles in report were taken up and acted upon separately. With slight variations all articles were approved and accepted and ordered spread upon the records of Forks of Butte mining District as the laws by which it shall be governed.

On motion of M. J. Berdan a committee of one was appointed to take up collection to defray expense of purchase of book and a sufficient amount was recovered.

There being no other business of importance to transact motion to adjourn was carried sine die

GEO. E. GREEN *Chairman and Recorder*P. H. HANKINS *Secretary pro tem.**Mining Laws Forks of Butte Mining District, as revised and passed upon June 1st 1878.*

We the miners of above named district assembled this date June 1st 1878 for the purpose of revising and establishing mining laws of this district in relation to locating and operating mining claims have agreed upon the following code of laws which are to take effect on this First day of June A. D. 1878 and are to remain in effect until changed by a regular authorized meeting of the miners of this district.

ART. I The boundaries of this district shall be as follows viz. Commencing at a point opposite the Allen & Taber claim on main Butte Creek Running thence up main Butte Creek to the North line of Nimsheew mining District, thence along said line to intersection with the Cherokee mining ditch. Thence taking said ditch as East boundary line following same to head dam of said ditch; thence running due West to ridge dividing Big Chico Creek and the West branch of Butte Creek; thence in a Southerly direction following along said ridge to Allen & Taber claim; thence in an Easterly direction to point of beginning.

ART. II Mines or claims in this district shall be divided into and classified as follows viz: Quartz or Lode claims and Placer claims. Quartz claims being those wherein the deposit is found in a vein and shall be operated and governed in accordance with U. S. Mining Laws taking effect May 10th A. D. 1872. Placer claims shall be divided into two (2) classes viz: River and Hill claims. River claims being those located in the channell of Main Butte Creek and the West Branch of Butte Creek and shall not exceed Two hundred feet in length and as wide as the stream at a medium stage of water. Hill claims being those located at or above high water mark if in the neighborhood of any active stream and shall be of the following dimentions viz: Five hundred feet fronting on stream and extending back Fifteen hundred feet at right angles with stream. The side boundary lines being parallel to each other in all cases.

ART. III [Location] Any person or company locating a placer claim in this district shall comply with the following requirements viz: The location must be distinctly marked on the ground so that its boundaries can be readily traced and a notice of location containing the name or names of the locators. The date of location and such a description of claim or claims located by referring to some natural object or permanent mark as will identify the claim (The amount of ground and nature of claim to be governed by Art. II of this code of laws) It is also required that One hundred Dollars worth of work be done on each claim to hold same for one year. Notice as above to hold good Twenty days and at the expiration of that time if no work has been done on claim it shall be considered void and the ground subject to new location.

ART. IV. None but citizens of the United States shall be allowed to operate and locate claims in this district.

ART. V. No Chinese shall be allowed to operate mining claims of any kind within the boundaries of this district, either by purchase or location.

ART. VI. Election of a recorder and his duties. A Recorder may be elected by the miners of the district, One week notice having been previously given of such intended election by posting written notice in public places. A majority of those voting shall at all times elect. The term of office shall not be less than one year and shall continue thereafter until new election. His duties shall be as follows viz: He shall keep a true account of all claims recorded and shall see that the name or names of all locators appear upon notices of locations, also that the date of location and a legible description of the claim appear on same and that the description shall refer to some natural object or permanent mark by which the claim may be identified at any time. When so requested the Recorder shall accompany the locator to his claim and establish the boundaries for which he shall be entitled to an additional fee of Fifty cents for every mile traveled and the regular charge of One dollar for every claim recorded. He shall preside as chairman at all miners meetings in the district and shall keep a copy of United States and District laws and a record of all meetings.

ART. VII By a written request from three miners of this district, the recorder shall at any time call a meeting.

ART. VIII Only members of this district who are citizens of the United States shall be authorized to vote at miners meetings in this district

MINERS MEETING JUNE 19 1879

Special miners meeting held at John Dix Camp this date June 19th 1879 to take action in regard to ejection of Chinamen mining on Main Butte creek in Forks of Butte Creek Mining District.

Meeting called to order Recorder Green in chair on motion of Mr. Thompson V. B. Allen appointed Secretary pro tem. On suggestion of Chairman Mr. Hastings was called upon to state what had been done in way of ejection (He having claims in closest proximity to where Chinamen were mining) In answer Mr. Hastings briefly stated that he and his partner had called upon the Chinamen and notified them that they were not allowed to mine in *this* district and at the same time pointed out as accurately as possible the boundaries of said district, To which the Chinamen paid little or no attention.

That speeches were then made in favor of ejection without violence by Messrs. Knowlton Seecyle, Arper, Vary and others. After considerable sparring (18) eighteen miners present volunteered to go and notify the Chinamen in person that they must leave and upon motion of Mr Arper it was unanimously decided to meet at the Recorders office Sunday June 22d, 1879 at 8 o'clock a. m to proceed in a body to where Chinamen were.

On motion of Mr. Arper the Secretary, pro. tem, was instructed to obtain legal advice in regard to the matter from the U. S marshall.

No other business to transact on motion of Stuart Seelye meeting adjourned "sine die".

GEO. E. GREEN *Chairman*

V. B. ALLEN *Secy pro tem.*

BUTTE COUNTY.—INSKIP MINING DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Miners was held in Inskip Mining District, May 17 1879 at John Stokes Hotel, for the purpose of making laws, choosing a Recorder and transacting such business as they might deem necessary for a mining district.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

MAY 17th, 1879.

Meeting called to order by G. L. Nealley, H. H. Burnham was chosen President. J. M. Daggett was chosen Secretary.

The meeting proceeded to the enacting of the laws for said district and electing a recorder John Stokes recorder.

We the miners of Inskip believing that there are lands in this vicinity, among the richest in minerals and deeming it necessary to pass laws for the protection of mining in all of its forms do enact the following laws

ART. I. This district shall be known as the Inskip Quartz and Placer Mining District; bounded as follows Commencing at the reservoir at the head of the Dewey ditch now owned by the Cherokee Co. then running down the West branch of Feather river to a point due South from Powelton, thence in a direct line North by Powelton to Butte Creek, then up Butte Creek to Butte Meadows and thence in a direct line to point of beginning.

ART. II. Any miner in this District may by preemption hold the following claims, to wit, One Ravine or Creek claim, one surface Claim, One Hill claim and One Quartz Claim.

ART. III A Ravine or Creek Claim shall be one hundred yards in length and not exceed one hundred yards in width. A Hill claim shall be one hundred and fifty feet front and extend back to the centre of the hill. A Surface claim shall be one hundred yards square. A Quartz Claim shall be three hundred feet in length and fifty feet in width on each side of centre of ledge and shall include dips, spurs and angles within said limits.

ART. IV Any person discovering any of the above named claims on any *deposit* not previously discovered shall be intitled to one extra claim for discovery

ART. V All notices of claims shall designate the number of claims and be signed by each and every person claiming.

ART. VI All persons wishing to lay over their claims for any period less than twelve months may do so by having them recorded in the Record book of this district, and all claims not so recorded shall be considered abandoned and may be re-located.

ART. VII It shall be the duty of the Recorder, when requested, to survey and stake out all claims for which service he shall be entitled to and collect the sum of one dollar for each and every claim so surveyed and he shall receive one dollar for recording each and every claim.

ART. VIII All persons locating claims shall place a notice in plain view stating as near as possible the way the claims lay, and all Quartz claims located by notice shall have the same placed as near as possible over the vein or load, setting forth the direction of the same, and said notice shall be signed by each and every person so locating and all Quartz claims shall be recorded within ten days after location by notice.

ART IX Blank

ART X Work shall be duly performed when the Recorder has surveyed and certificate entered in the records. And the recorder shall receive the sum of one dollar as fee for every certificate he may issue on application.

ART XI All persons holding claims previous to the enacting of these laws shall be allowed thirty days in which to comply with the conditions set forth in them. And all claims not recorded as worked in compliance with these laws shall be considered abandoned and subject to re-location.

ART. XII. A Recorder shall be elected by the miners of this District, whose term of office shall continue four years or until his successor is elected, and in case of vacancy occurring, the miners of this District shall in regularly called meeting elect some competent person to fill the vacancy.

ART XIII The Recorder shall have the power to appoint a deputy during temporary absence, provided that such absence does not exceed four months, in which case the office shall be declared vacant, and all records after the expiration of that time shall be null and void.

ART. XIV. It shall be the duty of the Recorder when a copy of notice is filed for record to go upon the ground with the person locating, witness the posting of notice and if practicable to refer in recording the same to objects in land-marks indicating the position of the claim, so it may be easily recognized and his fees shall be one dollar for surveying and one dollar for recording.

ART. XV. The Recorder shall keep a book for the purpose of recording notices of claims, certificates of labor done on them. Transfers of mining property, minutes of miners meetings and all other matter usually recorded in a mining district and he shall act as Secretary in all regular meetings

ART. XVI. A notice signed by five persons and posted in three conspicuous places for at least eight days within said district setting forth as near as possible the object of the meeting shall render such meeting regular and legal and six persons shall constitute a quorum to transact business in such meeting.

ART. XVII. No Chinaman shall be allowed to hold mining property in this District and any person selling any mining property or in any way conveying the same to any Chinaman shall forfeit all mining property he or they may hold in the limits of this District, and in no case ever record or hold any mining property hereafter unless same may have been deeded to him or them from the U. S.

ART. XVIII. All previously existing laws and regulations in any way conflicting with the foregoing laws are hereby declared null and void.

ART. XIX. These laws shall be in full force from and after this date, May 17th 1879.

JOHN STOKES, *Recorder.*

REPORTER'S NOTE.—There are no records of any miners meetings. Each recorder seems to have destroyed his books as he went out of office.

MONO COUNTY.—HOMER MINING DISTRICT.

PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT AT MR LUNDY'S HOUSE MILL CREEK MONO CO.—HELD OCTOBER 9 1879.

LUNDY'S HOUSE,
Mill Creek, Oct 9th 1879.

In pursuance of a called meeting 61 Miners prospectors & mine owners met for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of a new district & effecting a permanent organization of the same.

Mr Averill called the meeting to order, whereupon W. Darling was elected President & James Slack Secretary.

Mr Darling extended his thanks in a few pertinent remarks & stated that he was then ready to hear suggestions from the gentlemen present.

It was moved by G. W. Green jr that we now disorganize ourselves from the Tioga Mining Dist & form into a separate & distinct district to be known and called the Homer Mining Dis't,

The motion being duly seconded, it was placed before the meeting & carried by a unanimous vote.

It was moved by G. W. Green jr & duly seconded that we adopt the Revised Statutes of the "United States Mining Laws" passed May 10th 1872 for the future government of the Dist.—Carried by a unanimous vote.

It was moved by Robert Cameron & duly seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the chair whose duty it shall be to define the boundaries of the District. The following gentlemen were appointed by the chair to form said committee:—A. F. Hector, Jas McDonald, O. J. Lundy.

It was moved by E. F. Hector that a committee of three be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to draw up a resolution relative to the reasons for dissolving our connection with the Tioga Mining District.

The above motion being duly seconded, it was carried by a unanimous vote.

The following gentlemen were appointed on said committee—G. W. Green jr, L. L. Homer, & R. A. Cameron.

On motion the meeting adjourned for ten minutes in order to give the above committees time to draw up reports & report to meeting.

On convening the Committee on Boundaries through their chairman made the following report, which upon being read was approved of & the committee discharged :

To the miners of Homer Mining District

GENTLEMEN—We the committee appointed to define the boundaries of your district would suggest that the dis't commence at one ¼ section corner, on the line between sections 15 & 16 in Township 2 North Range 25 East Mount Diablo Meridian running thence North to

Castle Peak district & thence West along Virginia Creek to the Westerly end of the Mono County line, thence South along the County line to the head of Levainin Creek & thence east along Levainin Creek to line of Section Post & thence north to the place of beginning.

Respectfully Submitted By the Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions—was then read & unanimously adopted.

Mr. CHAIRMAN & GENTLEMEN—Your committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a resolution setting forth the reasons we have of forming ourselves into a separate & distinct district & disorganizing ourselves from the Tioga, Jordan & Castle Peak Districts beg leave to submit the following resolution and ask your favorable opinion of the same—

Resolved that inasmuch as the Tioga Castle Peak & Jordan Dist's are such a distance from us and as such being the case & as it would impose great hardship & trouble on those who during the general course of Mining Business would be obliged to go to the above named Mining Dist's & as we are desirous of having our business transacted within the boundaries as set forth by the com. appointed for that purpose, we deem it expedient & advisable, for the benefit of the Miners Prospectors, Locators & Mine Owners in this immediate vicinity to dissolve our connections with the above named Dist's & form ourselves into a separate & distinct dist.

Respectfully submitted for the committee

By GEO W. GREEN JR
Chairman

Motion made & seconded that the fees of the Dist Recorder be fixed at \$5.00 for each location, to which an amendment was offered fixing the fees at \$2.00 for each location & 50c for each mile travelled. The amendment was adopted.

Moved & seconded that the records of this District be permanently kept between the head of Wasson Lake & the head of Mill Creek Canyon—Carried.

Moved & seconded that the name of Wasson Lake be changed to "Lundy Lake." Carried.

Moved & seconded that all locations made heretofore in Castle Peak, Tioga & Jordan Districts be recorded in this Dist by the Dist Recorder upon presentation of certified copy of such Record duly certified to by the Recorder of such Dist where such location has been recorded, free of charge. Carried.

Moved & carried that the Dist Recorder place upon the records the proceedings of this meeting Oct 9th 1879 upon his books he shall also place the laws governing the dist.

WILKIE DARLING, *Presd't.*
JAMES SLACK, *Sec'y.*

HOMER DIST, Oct 9th 1879.

Revised Statutes of the U. S. Mining Laws, passed May 10th 1872 & adopted at a meeting of the Miners of Homer Dist held Oct 9th 1879 for their future government.

NOTE.—A copy of the above is on file with the Records of the office.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Miners of Homer Mining Dist held Oct 1st 1880 at Kilkendales Hall.

W. O. Lundy called the meeting to order, whereupon Joseph Hanaver was elected presd't & J. T. Slack Secty.

It was moved by W. T. Havely & duly seconded that the by-laws of the last annual meeting & the boundaries of Homer Mining Dist be read to the Meeting—Carried.

It was moved by W. O. Lundy & duly seconded that the presd't now read the proceedings of the last annual meeting—Carried.

It was moved by Mr Travis & duly seconded that the Recorder be compelled to go on the ground to record a claim otherwise it shall not be valid—Carried.

It was moved & seconded that the article of \$2.00 for recording & 50c a mile for traveling be stricken out & the Recorders fees be fixed at \$5.00 for each claim visited & recorded—Carried.

YUBA COUNTY.—OREGON HILL MINING DISTRICT.

OREGON HILL QUARTZ MINING DISTRICT.

ART. I. This shall be called the Oregon Hill Quartz Mining District. The same shall be bounded as follows, commencing at Missouri Bar on the North Yuba River running thence due west to the summit of the ridge between the Indiana Ranch and Oregon Hill thence following the ridge to the New York House, thence the turnpike road to the Woodville House thence due east to the North Yuba River thence down the river to the place of beginning.

ART. II. There shall be a Recorder elected for one year or until his successor shall be elected and in case of death or resignation a special election shall be held to fill such vacancy by posting notices in three principal places in the district ten days previous to such election

ART. III. The Recorder shall keep the Laws and Regulations of the district and they shall at all times be accessible to any and every person seeking information from the same.

ART. IV. The Recorder shall keep a suitable Book or Books for Recording Claims and other transactions of the district.

ART. V. The Recorder shall receive one dollar for recording each claim and shall have the right to demand his fee before such Record is made

Arr. VI. A valid claim on any Quartz Ledge in this district shall consist of the following acts, posting a notice on the ledge at the time of locating having the same recorded within twenty days after the date of the notice and by performing one days labor for each claim per month shall hold the claim valid for one year; the labor may all be performed at one time.

Arr. VII. No claim or part of claims shall be held valid in this district by being Recorded in any other district.

Arr. VIII. A claim in this district shall consist of two hundred feet in length and one hundred feet each side of the ledge.

Arr. IX. No person shall hold but one claim on the same ledge by preemption and the discoverer of a new ledge shall be entitled to two extra claims by right of discovery.

(On the margin:) The opposite of what was meant.

Arr. X. These laws shall not be so construed as to conflict with any previous laws governing Creek, Hill or Placer diggings.

Arr. XI. All laws governing this Quartz Mining District may be altered by a majority vote of the people of the district in convention assembled and when such change or changes are deemed necessary, There shall be posted up in three public places in the district at least twenty days previous to such convention setting forth the changes contemplated, and it shall be the duty of the Recorder to post the notice when called on by at least ten persons.

Not signed nor dated The first recording done under these laws according to the book in which they were found was on the 17th of February 1864.

SISKIYOU COUNTY.—UPPER YREKA CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

MINERS MEETING.

A Miners Meeting was held at the Court House on Saturday evening for the purpose of making laws regarding mining claims in Yreka Creek from the North end of John Weiffenbachs Ranch to the mouth of Greenhorn Creek, W. J Paul was chosen President and John Rule secretary. The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That the camp be called the Upper Yreka Creek.

Resolved, That 50 yards square be the amount of ground contained in one claim.

Resolved, That no grounds naturally drained by the Yreka creek Drainage company shall be worked without paying a reasonable remuneration to said Company for drainage.

Resolved, That each claim shall have one days work done in six, or the same shall be deemed jumpable when it can be worked, and each claim be deemed workable when drainage can be had for said Claims

Resolved, That the boundary of this camp shall be as follows: commencing at the north end of John Weiffenbach's ranch and terminating at the mouth of Greenhorn Creek.

Resolved That no Chinamen shall be allowed to work, or to hold any mining Ground in this mining camp or to work for any white man in it at mining

Resolved, That the County Recorder be chosen Recorder of this camp

Resolved, That the secretary make out a report of this meeting and furnish it to the journals of this city

Resolved That these resolutions be cut out of the newspapers with the notice of the meeting and be placed in the book of the recorder.

Meeting then adjourned

W. J. PAUL, *President*.

JOHN RULE, *Secretary*.

SIERRA COUNTY.—WET RAVINE MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the miners held at Wet Ravine for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations Dr. W. E. Rust was called to the chair and John Williams secretary.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft Laws and Regulations

On motion. Neal. McMillan. Thomas Waterman and D. E. Ogden were appointed as the Committee

On motion the Committee Report being read was unanimously adopted which was as follows:

1st. That this District shall be called the Wet Ravine District

2nd. Said District shall be bounded as follows Commencing in Wet Ravine at the Northerly boundary of French Ravine Mining District and running thence westerly on the Northerly line of said District to the summit of the dividing Ridge between Oregon Creek and Wet Ravine thence Northerly along the Summit of the same to the North side of the Tavern House on Fred's. Ranch thence East to the summit of the Ridge between Wet Ravine and Kanaka Creek thence Southerly along said summit to the Junction of Kanaka Creek and Wet Ravine thence northerly along Wet ravine to the place of beginning.

3rd. The size of a claim shall be 60 ft front in the Ravine thence into the Hill without limits

4th. Such claim or claims of a company shall be worked once in every 10 days, and any company after having expended \$50 to the claim or each man's share may have the privilege of leaving his or their claims for the space of 3 months by posting notices of the same with the Recorder.

5th. There shall be a Recorder for the district and he shall be allowed 25 cents for recording each claim of 60 ft front

6th. Any man or woman may hold a claim in this District by Location and as many by purchase as they can show a *Bona fide* Title for.

7th. All claims must be Recorded or left for Record with the Recorder within 3 days after being taken up.

8th. Every person may hold claims in this District that the Laws of California allow to work in the mines.

9th. All disputes concerning Mining claims the owners or claimants are competent to settle as they may agree or by suit at Law as the Statutes of the State provide

10th. That all timber growing on the claims fit for mining purposes be held as part and parcel of the claim

On Motion Mr. John Williams was chosen Recorder.

On motion the meeting was adjourned *Sine die*

JOHN WILLIAMS *Secretary*.

NEVADA COUNTY.—GRASS VALLEY QUARTZ MINING DISTRICT.

QUARTZ MINING LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st. The jurisdiction of the following laws shall extend over all Quartz Mines, and Quartz Mining Property within the County of Nevada.

ART. 2nd. Each proprietor of a Quartz Claim shall hereafter be entitled to one hundred feet on a quartz ledge or vein; and the discoverer shall be allowed one hundred feet additional. Each claim shall include all the dips angles and variations of the vein.

ART. 3d. On the discovery of a vein of quartz three days shall be allowed to mark and stake off the same in such manner; by name of the owner and number, of the claim, or otherwise as shall properly and fully identify such claim. Parties having claims may cause a map or plan to be made, and a copy filed with the Recorder, if deemed requisite to more particularly fix the locality.

ART. 4th. Work to the extent of, one hundred dollars in value, or twenty days faithful labor, shall be performed by Each company holding claims, within thirty days from the date of recording the same, as provided for in Article 6th of these laws; and the duly authorized representative of a Company making oath that such money has been expended or that such labor has been performed, shall be entitled to a certificate from a county Recorder or deputy, guaranteeing undisputed possession of said claims for the term of one year; and for a like sum of money, or amount of labor expended or performed within twenty days, of each succeeding year duly acknowledged as herein named, shall entitle the claimants or company, from year to year, to further certificates of undisputed proprietorship and possession; and a company having a mill contracted for in good faith, to the amount of five thousand dollars for the working of its claim or claims guaranteeing to the claimants or company, their successors and assigns, undisputed possession and proprietorship forever under these laws, provided that nothing in this article, shall be at any time inconsistent with the laws of the United States.

ART. 5th. Whenever the requisite amount of money or labor as provided for in Article 4th has not been expended within thirty days from the adoption of these laws, the claim or claims thus neglected shall be considered abandoned, and subject to be re-located by any other party or parties

ART. 6th. Any person, a citizen of the United States, or any person having taken the necessary steps to become a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to hold one quartz claim as provided for in art. 1st and as many more as may be purchased in good faith for a valuable consideration, for which certificates of proprietorship shall be issued by the County Recorder.

ART. 7th. The regularly County Recorder of Nevada County shall serve as Recorder of this County in quartz claims, authenticating his acts by the County Seal; he shall appoint as his Deputy such person for Grass Valley, as may be Elected by the District of Grass Valley; and he shall pass his Records to his successors.

ART. 8th. The fees of the Recorder and Deputy shall be the same as the Statute fees for recording per folio.

ART. 9. No title to a claim hereafter taken up or purchased shall be valid, unless, recorded in the Books of the aforesaid County Recorder within ten days of its location or purchase.

After the passage of the laws the convention adjourned *Sine die*

JOHN DAY.

A true copy:

Recorder for Grass Valley district.

(Pass'd Dec. 20th 1852 at Nevada, Cal.)

At a meeting of the Quartz Miners of Grass Valley held at the office of Capt. J. Conn on Saturday Jan 7th 1854, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Quartz Mining Laws as they now exist in Nevada County, W. C. Grossett was called to the Chair, and A. Delano appointed Secretary.

On Motion of Judge Walsh, it was

Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed by the chair to meet on Monday at 11 o'clock a. m. to draw up resolutions, or to determine whether anything is necessary to be done at all.

The following Gentlemen were accordingly appointed: Walsh, Winchester, Delavan Southwick, Squire, Lamarque, Leaton and Day.

On motion the meeting adjourned till Wednesday Evening Jan 11 '54 at 7 o'clock p. m.

A. DELANO, Sec.

Report.

The Committee appointed at a Convention of Quartz Miners held at Grass Valley on the 7th inst, to consider the, propriety of, altering or revising the existing mining Laws, met on the 9th inst.

James Walsh was made Chairman of said Committee Said Committee recommend that no change be made in any of the Existing laws regulating the ownership of Quartz claims in Grass Valley District. They further recommend that the fee for Recording a Quartz claim, should be raised to fifty cents Each.

JAMES DELEVAN Secy.

At an adjourned meeting of the Convention of Quartz Miners held at Grass Valley on the 11th inst, the *above* report of the Committee appointed at the former meeting of said Convention was read and on motion duly seconded, and adopted.

There being no further business before the Convention it was adjourned *Sine die*.

G. R. MORRIS
Sec pro tem.

GRASS VALLEY Jan 11th 54

A true copy

JOHN DAY Recorder.

NEVADA COUNTY.—GOLD MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS & TRANSFERS.

Gold Mountain Laws Passed December 30th 1850.

ARTICLE 1st. These diggings shall be called Gold Mountain, and certificates of claims be headed accordingly

2d. Thirty by forty feet shall constitute a full claim

3d. A recorder shall be elected by the miners of Gold Mountain whose duty it shall be to number and record each claim when requested.

4th. Every claim when taken up shall be numbered, and the number of the claim with its date and the name of the owner must be placed upon record

5th. All persons can hold one claim by occupancy and any number by purchase.

6th. When a claim has been properly staked, numbered and recorded it can be held without tools being left upon it, or any work being done until the first day of April 1851 without interruption to the owner.

7th. When a claim shall change owners, a transfer of the same shall be placed up record

8th. To define the boundaries of a claim four stakes shall be driven upon it, one at each corner with a fifth in the centre which shall bear the number of the claim.

9th. The fee for recording a claim shall be one dollar, for a transfer fifty cents.

10th. All difficulties and suits arising out of claims trespasses &c shall be tried before the Recorder with two other miners, one chosen by each party. An appeal however may be had to the Justice of the Peace

11th. Any person who takes away or uses tools of another without permission of the owner, shall forfeit all his rights upon the mountain, if he has no interest, then he shall be made to pay twice the original value.

12th. Any one who throws dirt or rock upon the claim of another shall be made to remove it, or forfeit their right of claims on the mountain.

13th. Agreeably to the late law of Congress Foreigners, who have declared their intentions of becoming citizens can hold claims, none other except can hold claims.

Continuation from April to first of October 1851 the same as above—

ARTICLE 1st. All claims shall be recorded by or before the 10th of April 1851

The above was passed by the unanimous vote of the miners March 17th 1851

At a meeting of the miners of Gold Mountain, held this 29th day of September 1851 the following laws were passed.

ARTICLE 1st. That the present laws of Gold Mountain be extended to the first day of October 1852.

2d. That J. W. Fish be Recorder from this date 1st Oct. 1851

3. That all claims on Gold Mountain must be recorded by the 20th Oct 1851 on pain of forfeiture

4th. That every claim shall have a centre stake driven upon it, which shall be three and a half inches in width by one in thickness of the length of two feet and which must be driven at least one half of its length into the ground

5th. On application of any Miner it shall be the duty of the Recorder to rerecord for such miner any claim or claims which he may hold on this Mountain, and furnish him with a centre stake, bearing the number of the owner and his own name as Recorder.

ARTICLE 6th. That the fee of the Recorder for re-recording any claim shall be fifty cents and fifty cents additional when he furnishes stakes.

J W. FISH Recorder.

At a meeting of the Miners of Gold Mountain held this 5th day of October, it was

Resolved, That the foregoing laws in so far as they relate to Recording and Restaking of claims, passed on the 29th of Sept 1851 be repealed.

J W FISH Recorder

At a meeting of Gold Hill Claimants held pursuant to notice, at Messrs Crossetts & Scott's office Sept 29, 1852, Harrison Scott was called to the chair, and J. O Wilson appointed sec'y.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the laws now in existence with regard to claims on Gold Hill be extended to the first day of January 1854.

H. SCOTT Chairman

J. C. WILSON, Sec'y.

At a meeting of the claim holders on Gold Mountain held at the office of the Gold Hill Quartz Mining Company this day there were present John Judd, representing himself, I. N. Cummings representing W. C. Crossett, G. W. Sheridan representing Tho's Glen & Co, James Delevan representing himself, and the New Helvetia Qrts Mi Co., O. S. Sceptor representing himself and the Rocky Bar Mining Co, St George Scarlett representing himself and James Walsh representing the Gold Hill Qt. Mi. Co, Company & himself.

On motion of G. M. Sheridan and seconded by J. Judd, James Walsh was appointed chairman & Secretary of the meeting.

On motion of John Judd & seconded by J. W. Cummins it was

Resolved, That the present Laws governing Mountain be Extended to the first day of January 1860, and that the Recorder of Grass Valley district be requested to make the proper entry of the proceedings of this meeting on his books.*Resolved*, that the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the parties present.*Resolved*, that this meeting do now adjourn.

(Signed) James Walsh chairman & sec, James Delevan, G. W. Sheridan for Thos Glen & Co, John Judd I. W. Cummings for W. C. Crossett, Charles S. Layton agen R. B. M. Co. St George Scarlett.

Dec 15th 1853. I certify the above to be a true copy of the proceedings of said meeting.

JOHN DAY Recorder.

NEVADA COUNTY,—UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the miners of Union Quartz Mountain, held this 30th day of February 1851 G. W. Woodworth was called to the chair, and Wm. B. Cave appointed Secretary.

On Motion of Dr Monson the following Rules and Regulations were unanimously adopted.

ARR. 1st. These diggings shall be known and called as the Union Quartz Mountain certificates of claims be headed accordingly.

ARR. 2nd. Thirty by forty feet shall be and constitute a full claim.

3d. A Recorder shall be elected by the Union Quartz Mountain whose duty it shall be to number and record each claim when requested.

4th. Every claim when taken up shall be numbered and the number of the claim with the date and name of the owner must be placed upon the record.

5th. Any person can hold one claim by occupancy and any number by purchase.

6th. When a claim has been properly staked numbered and recorded it can be held without tools being left upon it, until the first day of June 1851 without interruption to the owner

7th. To define the boundaries of a claim, four stakes shall be driven one at each corner, with a fifth one which shall bear the number of the claim and stand near the centre.

8th. The fee for Recording shall be one dollar for transferring fifty cents.

9th. When a claim shall change owners a transfer shall be placed on Record

10th. All difficulties and suits arising out of claims trespass &c shall be tried before the Recorder with two miners one chosen by each party an appeal may be had to the Justice of the Peace

11th. Any person who shall take away tools, or use those of another without permission from the owner shall forfeit all his right upon the Diggings if he has no right, he shall be made to pay twice their value.

12th. Any person who shall throw dirt or rock upon the claim of another, shall be made to remove the same, or forfeit their right of claim.

13th. Agreeably to the late act of Congress Foreigners who have declared their intentions to become citizens, are entitled to hold claims, no others, except citizens are entitled to hold claims.

14th. We the Miners of Union Quartz Mountain agree to abide by and sustain the By Laws sustained in the foregoing articles

UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN *Jan'y* 30th 1851.

On Motion of W. C. Monson Mr. A. Burman was Elected Recorder agreeably to 3d article of the foregoing resolutions

On motion it was unanimously decided that the foregoing resolutions should also be posted in some conspicuous place on the above named Mountain for inspection by the public.

Upon motion it was decided that we do now adjourn.

G. W. WOODWORTH *Pres.*

W. B. CAVE *Secy.*

UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN. *May* 24th 1851

At a meeting of the miners of Union Quartz Mountain A. Clark was called to the chair, and W. C. Monson was appointed Secretary.

When upon motion of Mr. Patton the Boundary of claims was Extended to one hundred feet square.

Also resolved, that the Rules & Regulations of this Mountain shall be continued in force.

Also further Resolved, that those holding claims shall have an extension of time until the first of September 1851 by having them Re-Recorded by the tenth day of June next

Also A Burman was by unanimous vote continued in office as Recorder

A. CLARK *Pres.*

W. C. MONSON *Secy.*

UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN *Sept* 1 1851.

At a meeting of miners of said hill this day David Brooks was unanimously elected recorder in place of A. Burman gone to the States.

The following resolutions were also passed at said meeting :

1st. That an extension of ten days time from this date be allowed for Re-Recording, claims and that all claims not registered by that time shall be considered forfeited.

2d. That the time for working claims on said hill, be extended to the 1st day of April 1852.

3d. That no charge shall be made for Re-Recording claims,

Upon Motion the meeting adjourned,

R. T. HUDDART, *Chairman*

UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN, *April* 1st 1852.

At a Meeting of miners holding claims on said mountain P. Hays was Elected President and D. C. Jollison sec. It was Voted—

1st. To allow, until the first Saturday in Sept. next for Re-Recording and working claims.

2d. That all claims shall be forfeited, that are not Re-Recorded within ten days from this date.

3d. That the Pres. and Sec. sign the proceedings of this meeting

4th. Voted to adjourn until the first Saturday in Sept 1852.

PUTNAM HAYS *Pres*

D. C. JOLLISON *Sec*

UNION QUARTZ MOUNTAIN, *Saturday Sep* 4th 1852.

At the regular meeting of the miners holding claims on said mountain, Wm. S. McMurtry was duly Elected President & G. W. Woodworth sec.

The following resolutions were passed:

1st. That all claims shall be Re-Recorded within one week from date or be forfeited

2d. All claims being Re-Recorded within one week shall hold good without working until the next regular meeting Saturday April 2d 1853.

3d. That all claims taken up after this date shall include 100 feet in length on the Ledge with all its dips and angles, so far as they do not interfere with claims holding good of a prior date.

On Resignation of David Brooks Recorder G. W. Woodworth was duly Elected to fill vacancy

On motion of Mr Brooks the meeting adjourned to meet the first Saturday in April 1853

W. C. McMURTRY *Prest.*

G. W. WOODWORTH *Sec.*

UNION MOUNTAIN *April 2 1853.*

In pursuance to adjournment, Meeting of the Miners holding claims on said Mountain was called to order & D. Brooks appointed chairman & G. W. secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

1st. *Resolved*, that all claims shall be Re-Recorded within ten days from date or the same shall be forfeited Carried

2d. *Resolved*, that the time for working claims be extended to A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1860) first Saturday in April of said year.

3d. *Resolved*, That the present Recorder of Union Mountain be requested to transfer the Records of claims on said Mountain to the Township Recorder within one month from the date hereof

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn *Sine die*

G. W. WOODWORTH *Sec.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—KENTUCKY HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF KENTUCKY HILL.

ARTICLE 1st. This Hill shall be called Kentucky Hill.

ART. 2d. A Recorder shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to keep a correct list, of the names and number of each claim, the Recorder shall receive fifty cents for registering each claim and fifty cents for every transfer made

ART. 3d. Sixty feet square shall constitute a claim. Each miner shall be entitled to one claim by occupancy and to any number by purchase.

4th. Each claim shall have five stakes upon it, one at each corner and the fifth in the centre with the name of the owner and number, and no claim will be considered valid until thus staked and recorded.

5th. When a claim is transfer'd by sale or otherwise, the owner must give immediate notice of it to the Recorder, and have it transfer'd on his books

6th. Any person taking any tools from the Hill, without the consent of the owner, throwing dirt upon any claim or in any manner disturbing the Quartz of any miner shall forfeit his interest on the Hill (if a Miner) if not be prosecuted by the proper authorities.

7th. Any dispute or difference that may arise between miners shall be refered to a committee of three one chosen by each party the Recorder shall be the third person.

8th. A claim properly staked and Registered need not be worked, nor tools left upon it until the first day of August next.

Renewed until Jan'y 1st 1852.

MAY 1st 1851

True copy

JOHN DAY *Recorder.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—PROSPECT HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PROSPECT HILL.

ARTICLE 1st. This Hill shall be called Prospect Hill.

2d. A Recorder shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to keep a correct list of the names and numbers of each claim, the Recorder shall receive one dollar for registering each claim and fifty cents when a transfer is made.

3rd. Sixty feet square shall constitute a claim Each miner shall be entitled to one claim by occupancy and any number by purchase.

4th. Each claim shall have five stakes upon it, one at each corner and the fifth in the centre, with the name and number of the owner, and no claim shall be considered valid until thus staked and registered.

5th. When a claim is transfer'd by sale or otherwise, the owner must immediately give notice of it to the Recorder and have it transfer'd on his books.

6th. Any person taking tools away from the Hill without the consent of the owner, throwing dirt on any claim, or in any way or manner disturbing the Quartz of any Miner shall forfeit his interest on the Hill if a miner, if not he shall be prosecuted by the civil authorities.

7th. Any dispute that may arise between miners shall be refer'd to a committee of three one chosen by Each party and the Recorder the third.

8th. A claim properly staked and registered need not be worked nor tools left upon it until the first day of August 1851

May 1st 1851

M. E. AUSTIN *Recorder*

At a meeting of the claimants on Prospect Hill held at Richardson's Mill on the 29th July it was unanimously Resolved, that the time for working claims should be deferred until the first day of January next 29th July 1851.

M E AUSTIN *Recorder*

GRASS VALLEY, 17th Sept. 1851.

I have this day appointed James Delevan Recorder of Prospect Hill as I have removed from this place

MARCUS E AUSTIN.

GRASS VALLEY Feb'y 25th 1852.

I hereby appoint J. W. Fish Recorder of Prospect Hill as my successor

JAMES DELEVAN

NEVADA COUNTY.—SAUNDERS LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

SAUNDERS LEDGE LAWS.

At a meeting of the claimants on this Hill the following laws were adopted for the government of this Ledge.

ART. 1st. This Ledge shall be called Saunders Ledge.

ART. 2d. A Recorder shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to keep a Record of the claims, with the name and number of the same. He shall receive one dollar for Recording and fifty cents for transferring claims.

ART. 3d. One hundred feet on the Ledge with the dips and angles shall constitute a claim. Each member shall be entitled to one claim by occupancy & any number by purchase

ART. 4th. Each claim shall have a stake in the centre with the number & name of the owner thereon

ART. 5th. When a claim is transfer'd by sale or otherwise, the owner must give immediate notice to the Recorder and have it transfer'd on his books

ART. 6th. Any difficulty that may arise on this ledge between claimants relative to claims shall be refer'ed to three arbiters, one to be chosen by each party, the Recorder to act as umpire.

ART. 7th. A claim properly staked and recorded shall hold good without any work being done on it till the first day of Jan'y 1852.

June 6th 1851

W. J. SAUNDERS *Recorder*

A true copy

JOHN DAY *Recorder*

NEVADA COUNTY.—DAY'S LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS.

ART. 1st. Claims shall be Fifty feet along the course of the Ledge, with its dips, breadths, and angles.

2d. One stake in the centre of each claim, with the holders name and Recorders number

3d. Fee for Recording one dollar, transfer fifty cents.

4th. The above rules having been complied with, claims will be held good until the first day of May 1852.

JOHN DAY *Recorder*

CENTREVILLE GRASS VALLEY Oct. 21 1851.

At a meeting of the claimants on "Day's Ledge" the laws are hereby renewed and Extended until the first day of January 1853.

JOHN DAY *Recorder*

CENTREVILLE GRASS VALLEY April 26th 1852.

At a meeting of claimants on "Days Ledge" the Laws are hereby Extended until the first day of January 1854.

JOHN DAY *Township Recorder*

GRASS VALLEY Dec 10th 1852.

The laws for working claims on "Days Ledge" are hereby Extended till 1860

JOHN DAY *Recorder*

GRASS VALLEY Dec. 28th 1853

NEVADA COUNTY.—LAFAYETTE HILL MINING DISTRICT.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINERS OWNING CLAIMS ON LAFAYETTE HILL.

At a meeting held on said Hill on Monday the tenth day of November 1851 pursuant to a notice calling said meeting

1st. Proposed seconded and Resolved, that T. S. Thompson be called upon and requested to preside at the meeting

2d. Proposed seconded and Resolved, that Geo. A. Montgomery be requested to act as Secretary.

3d. *Proposed seconded and Resolved*, that each claim on this Hill be Eighty wide on the Ledge and that each claim shall be designated by two stakes so placed as to show the width or side boundaries of each claim that there shall be no boundaries as to the length of claims, that each person may follow the ledge found on his claim, with all its dips depths and angles, so that he does not interfere with claim or claims that may be next to his side boundaries each claim to have a third stake placed between the other two with the initials of the owner, and the number of the claim cut or marked thereon.

4th. *Proposed seconded and Resolved*, that Henric Lavanche the discoverer, be entitled to two claims.

5th. *Proposed seconded and resolved*, that a Recorder be appointed for Lafayette Hill who shall keep a book in which he shall enter from time to time, as persons may desire the name of the person having a claim on the hill and the number of their claim, and that any person owning a claim, when he sells the same shall give to the purchaser a bill of sale, duly witness'd, and the Recorder upon production of said bill of sale shall make an entry of such transfer, no sale to be considered valid and complete until entered in the Recorder's books, the Recorder shall be entitled to one dollar for the original Entry and fifty cents for the transfer

6th. *Proposed seconded and Resolved*, that persons holding claims on Lafayette Hill, and having the same duly Recorded shall be entitled to hold the same until the first day of July next without doing work or leaving tools thereon.

7th. *Proposed, seconded and Resolved* that Geo. A. Montgomery be chosen and appointed Recorder of Lafayette Hill.

8th. *Proposed, seconded and Resolved*, that a copy of these laws be made by the Recorder and placed in a conspicuous place on the Hill

THEO. L THOMPSON

Attest:

GEO. A. MONTGOMERY.

Transferred to the Township Recorder June 5th 1852

JOHN DAY T. R.

At a meeting of Claim Holders on Lafayette Hill held this second (2d) day of July 1852, Geo. A. Montgomery was called to preside.

Proposed, Seconded, and resolved, that the persons complying with the following resolutions shall be entitled to hold their claims without working, for one year from expiration of the late laws.

Proposed, seconded and resolved, that all claims on Lafayette Hill must be re-recorded on or before the tenth day of July or they will be forfeited

Proposed, seconded and Resolved, that the Helvetia tunnel and Quartz Mining Company do not work any ground outside of the circle contained within the blazed trees, showing the bounds of said Companys ground on Lafayette Hill.

Proposed, seconded and Resolved, that the above resolutions be handed into the General Recorder and that he be requested to transcribe them into his books, and that a copy be posted on this Hill.

GEO. A. MONTGOMERY *Chairman.*

Receiv'd and enter'd this second (2d) day of July 1852.

JOHN DAY *Township Recorder.*

According to notice of John Day Dep. Co. Recorder Nevada Co, A meeting was held on Lafayette Hill this 6th day of July 1853

C. Conway was chosen Chairman B L Lamarque Secretary.

Motion was made by N Navariene, and carried, that the claims on Lafayette Hill will hereafter be governed by the Quartz Mining Laws of Nevada County, as passed by the Convention held in Nevada City Dec 20th 1852.

Motion was made by A Navarriene that the meeting adjourn Sine Die, carried,

B. L. LAMARQUE *Sec.*

GRASS VALLEY July 6, 1853,

NEVADA COUNTY.—INDIAN SPRINGS HILL MINING DISTRICT,

LOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

Laws.

ARTICLE 1. A Recorder shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all claims taken on the Hill.

2. Any person taking a claim on this Hill shall be entitled to eighty feet square (80 ft) on which there must be one stake at each corner and one stake in the centre, with the owners name and number

3d. Every person taking a claim on this Hill must have the same duly recorded for which the Recorder shall be entitled to one dollar.

4th. Any person may be entitled to one claim by occupancy and no more but he may hold as many more as he may purchase.

5th. Any claim sold or transferred must be Entered on the books of the Recorder, and for which the Recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents.

6. All claims taken on this Hill according to the above rules and regulations may be held until the first day of August 1852 without labor or tools thereon.

GRASS VALLEY 17th Nov 1851

JAMES A. GLYNNE *Recorder*

In the absence of the above, S. Sanborn is Recorder

Transfer'd to me Township Recorder this 8th day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY T. R.

At a meeting of the miners on said Hill the laws were amended so as to give to Each claimant one hundred feet square, also Extending the laws till the first day of January 1853. All claims will be held good until that time without work being done on them.

O. K. HOLATING *Chairman*

At a meeting of the miners of Indian Spring Hill held on the first day of August 1853, it was unanimously Resolved, That the laws of said Hill should be extended and remain in full force until the first day of August 1857
GRASS VALLEY Aug. 1st 1853.

NEVADA COUNTY.—JEFFERSON HILL NO. 1 MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st. A Recorder shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the claims taken on the Hill.

ART. 2d. Any person taking a claim on this Hill shall be entitled to Eighty feet square, on which there must be one stake at each corner and one stake in the centre with the owners name and number thereon.

ART. 3d. Every person taking a claim on this Hill must have the same duly Recorded for which the Recorder shall be entitled to one dollar.

ART. 4. No person shall be entitled to more than one claim by occupancy, but he may hold as many as he can purchase

ART. 5. Any claim sold or transfer'd must be so entered on the Books of the Recorder, and for which the Recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents.

ART. 6. All claims taken on this hill according to the above rules and regulations, may be held until the first day of May 1852, without labor or tools thereon.

H. I. MILLER Recorder.

GRASS VALLEY Dec 16th 1851.

At a meeting of the claim holders of the above named Hill held on the first day of May last, it was Resolved to Extend the time of holding claims on Jefferson Hill until the first day of January 1853.

H. I. MILLER Pres.

JOHN I. MONETE Sec.

Notice.

At a meeting held pursuant to a call by the claim holders on Jefferson Hill, it was unanimously Resolv'd, to extend the Laws rules and Regulations of said hill for one year from the first day of January 1853.

H. I. MILLER, Pres.

I. WINCHESTER Sec.

GRASS VALLEY Jan'y 1, 1853.

At a meeting of the miners of Jefferson Hill held on the first day of Jan'y 1854 it was unanimously Resolved: that the Laws of said Hill should be Extended and remain in full force until the first day of January 1857.

GRASS VALLEY Jan. 1st 1854

NEVADA COUNTY.—MARY'S DIGGINGS MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Claim Holders of Mary's Diggings held at the house of James Walsh esqr Grass Valley Dec 31st 1851 T Wheeler was elected chairman and Joseph Woodworth was elected secretary

Whereupon Mr Lamarque moved and Mr Cronk Seconded that the laws of Gold Hill should be adopted, except that claims on Mary's Diggings should be sixty square

It was also moved by Dr Miller and seconded by Mr Cronk that the laws of Mary's Diggings be extended to the first day of January 1853.

It was also moved by Mr Cronk and seconded by Dr Miller that all claims shall be Re-recorded free of charge on or before the 20 day of Jan'y next in order to make them valid.

It was also moved by Dr Miller and seconded by Mr Lamarque that Jas. Woodworth be elected Recorder.

It was then moved by Mr Cronk and seconded by Dr Miller that this meeting adjourn *sine die*.

Signed by the chairman

L. WHEELER

Notice.

At a meeting of the claim holders on Mary's Diggings held this 31st day of December 1852, it was

Resolved, that the present laws of said Hill be extended to the first day of Jan'y 1854

The Laws for working claims on Mary's Diggings are hereby Extended till 1860

GRASS VALLEY Dec 28th 1853

W. C. CROSSETT Chairman

JOHN DAY Recorder.

NEVADA COUNTY.—REBECCA'S HILL MINING DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 1st. Claims on this Hill shall be one hundred feet along the course of the ledge with the dip breadth and angles.

2nd. One stake in the centre of each claim with the holders name and recorder's number.

3d. Fee for recording transfer fifty cents.

4th. The above rules having been complied with, claims will be held good until the first day of Jan'y 1853.

GRASS VALLEY, Jany 3d 1852.

Transferred to the book of the Township Recorder this Eighteenth day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY, T. R.

At a meeting of claimants the laws of Rebecca's Hill, are hereby Extended until the first day of January 1854.

JOHN DAY Township Recorder.

GRASS VALLEY, Dec 10th, 1852.

The laws for working claims on Rebecca's Hill are hereby extended till 1860

JOHN DAY Recorder

GRASS VALLEY, Dec 28th 1853.

NEVADA COUNTY.—WEEHAWKEN HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ART. 1st. This Hill shall be called by the name of Weehawken Hill.

2nd. One hundred feet on the Ledge or vein together with all dips and angles shall constitute a claim, no claim shall be valid until duly recorded in a Book kept for that purpose by the Recorder of claims for the Township of Grass Valley & staked as provided in article fourth which stake shall have upon it the number of the claim

3rd. Any person entitled to hold a mining claim may hold one by location on this Hill, and as many more as he may purchase in absolute right, subject to the laws and regulations governing the same

4th. Each claim shall have a stake upon it as near the centre as possible, upon which shall be written or marked the number of the claim as provided in the last clause of article 2nd.

5th. When a claim is transferred by sale or otherwise the same shall be noted upon the Book of the Recorder of Claims for the Township of Grass Valley and it shall be the duty of the owner to give notice accordingly to the Recorder.

6th. Any person being the holder of a claim or claims on this Hill who shall commit a trespass by the removal of stakes or otherwise on the claim or claims of any other person shall forfeit all his rights on the Hill, but no one shall be deprived of his rights unless Judgment be rendered against him on due evidence as provided in the section and it shall be competent for a party to appeal to a Justice of the Peace.

7th. All disputes between claimants on this Hill with regard to claims and all cases of trespass, shall be referred to three arbitrators two of whom shall be practical miners one to be named by Each party and the Recorder shall be the third.

8th. That all holders of claims on this Hill may have reasonable time to prepare for properly working the same it shall not be necessary that work be done until January the first 1853 but thereafter work shall be done by Each owner of one or more claims as often as once in sixty days, unless prevented by sickness or the weather.

9th. All claims properly staked and recorded as provided in these regulations shall be held without its being necessary to place tools thereon But work done by a Company upon one claim shall prevent forfeiture of any.

Dated June 16th 1852.

A true copy of the original entered this seventeenth day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY T Recorder

J. WINCHESTER, Pres't.

P. W. W. SMITH, Secy.

NEVADA COUNTY.—ROCKWELL HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

We the undersigned Claim Holders on this Hill subscribe to the following laws by which our claims on this Hill are to be governed.

1st. This hill shall be named and known as Rockwell Hill.

2d. No person shall hold more than one claim by location.

3d. No claim shall exceed one hundred feet square.

4th. Every claim not registered in the books of the Recorder within ten days after being taken up shall be liable to jump'd.

5th. All transfers shall be registered in the Books of the recorder.

6th. Each claim shall be worked at least one day during a period of at least sixty consecutive days, or otherwise be liable to be jumped Except a Company or Individual holding two or more claims, in which case it will be sufficient for said Company or individual to work one of their claims one day in each sixty consecutive days, but in case of sickness or being prevented from working said claim or claims by too much water, said claim or claims shall not be liable to be jump'd provided the same may be proved by at least one witness before the District Recorder

Signed by John Parker, Hughes, E. E. Cheeney Alexander Elder, A. H. Otis G. M. Sheridan John Hughes, G. C Jewell, J. P. Stone I. Slaght.

The foregoing laws of Rockwell Hill are a true copy of the Original taken this 17th day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY District Recorder

NEVADA COUNTY.—BROOKLYN HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

ART. 1st. This hill shall be known as Brooklyn Hill.

2nd. One hundred feet along the ledge with all dips, depths and angles, shall constitute a claim.

3rd. All claims can be held for one year from the date of these laws without work being done on them, say to the 22d June, 1852.

- 4th. Any person can hold one claim by location, and any number by purchase.
 5th. Claims must have a centre stake, with number of claim & name of owner thereon.
 6th. There must be a Recorder chosen whose duty it shall be to Record claims when requested.

The above laws were passed at a meeting of Miners of Brooklyn Hill this twenty-second (22d) June 1852.
 Received the second (2d) day of July 1852 the above Laws of Brooklyn Hill at 10½ o'clock a. m.

JOHN DAY *Township Recorder*

NEVADA COUNTY.—NEBOLD HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- ART. 1st. That this Hill shall be called Nebold Hill.
 2nd. *Resolved*, that each claim shall be one hundred feet on the ledge with all the dips and angles.
 3rd. *Resolved*, that the claims shall be designated by one stake with the name of the Company or persons holding claims on this Hill.
 4th. *Resolved*, that P. I. Mahoney, Wm. Hagneon, D. L. Luddington, I. I. Ball, F. H. Ball, W. W. Ball, P. Slick, A. L. Hamilton shall be entitled to hold two claims each, as being the first discoverers of this Hill.
 5th. *Resolved*, that the above names shall be entered on the Recorders book as a company and that the company be known as the Buffalo Mining Company.
 6th. *Resolved*, that no claim shall be forfeited on account of work not being done until one year from this date.
 7th. *Resolved*, that the above rules and regulations be recorded in the Town of Grass Valley, in the Township Recorder's office.
 A true copy. July 2d 1852 9 o'clock 30 m a. m.

JOHN DAY *Township Recorder.*

Dated JUNE 22, 1852.

NEVADA COUNTY.—MOUNT OLIVET MINING DISTRICT.

REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of claimants of said Mount held June 25th '52 the following rules and regulations were agreed to.

- ART. 1st. That this Hill be known by the name of Mount Olivet.
 2d. That one hundred feet square with the dips and angles to be considered a claim on said Hill.
 3d. That each man be entitled to locate a claim of 100 feet square by staking with a centre stake with the number of said claim.
 4th. Each and every claim shall be recorded in the Township Recorders book with the owners name and number of said claim.
 5th. Any man may hold by purchase any number of claims on said Hill, if said claims are found Recorded in the Town Records.
 6th. Any person purchasing claims as above specified shall have the transfer recorded on the Town records.
 7th. Any man locating and recording a claim, or purchasing any number of claims, shall be allowed to hold the same for six months from the Recording the same without working them.
 8th. If any difficulty in regard to the bounds of claims on said Hill shall arise, the same shall be referred to three men to be chosen from the owners of claims on said Hill one to be chosen by Each party, the other by the two chosen
 9th. Any person removing or pulling up stakes on said Hill, shall be subject to the penalty on the slide for the same offence.
 Signed June 25, 1852.

JOHN BROWN *Chairman*

AND COLE *Sec'y.*

The Mount Olivet Mining Company's Claims commencing on the Southeast corner at Stake No. 1, it being fifty feet north of Stake No. 597 on the slides, running from Stake No. 1, 600 feet northerly to a stake No. 6, thence turning and running Easterly 500 feet to Stake No. 25, thence turning and running southerly 200 feet, then turning and running westerly 400 feet then turning and running southerly 200 feet thence turning and running westerly 200 feet to the first starting point, being staked by centre stakes and numbered from 1 to 26 being twenty six of 100 feet square.

JOHN BROWN *Pres't*

GRASS VALLEY *June 26, 1852.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—UNION HILL NO. 2 MINING DISTRICT.

Be it known that we the undersigned have this day formed ourselves into a company to be called the Union Quartz Mining Company and have located twenty claims of one hundred feet square each on Union Hill, staked and Recorded at the office of record Grass Valley

Claims commencing at the south and west corner, at a stake marked "Union" then running northerly four hundred feet to a stake marked "Union" N, then running East five hundred feet to a stake marked "Union" E, then running south five hundred feet to a stake marked "Union" S, then running west five hundred feet to the first mentioned stake being twenty claims of one hundred feet square.

REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of the claimants on Union Hill Grass Valley on the 25th June the following rules and regulations were agreed to for the Government of said Hill.

- ART. 1st. The name of said Hill to be Union Hill.
 2d. That one hundred feet square be allowed for Each Claim on said Hill.

- 3d. That no man shall locate and hold more than one claim on said Hill in his own name.
 4th. That all claims on said Hill shall be recorded in the Town Records within forty eight hours after locating
 5th. All claims shall be staked with a centre stake with the number thereon.
 6th. Any man may hold one or more claims by purchase if said claims shall have been recorded in the town Records
 7th. All claims upon said shall be worked upon or before the first day of December next.
 8th. Any man pulling up or removing stakes on said Hill, upon conviction of the same, shall forfeit his claims on said Hill, if any and if not a claimant, shall be punished a agreeably to the laws of Grass Valley for such offence.

JOHN BOUNE *Chairman.*

CHARLES BROWN *Sec'y*

GRASS VALLEY June 25th 1852.

NEVADA COUNTY.—BUFFALO HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

ART. 1st. A Recorder shall be chosen whose duty it shall be to keep a correct Record of all claims, for which he shall receive one dollar and fifty cents for every transsfer made.

2d. One hundred feet along the ledge including all its dips and angles shall constitute a claim. Each claimant shall be entitled to one claim by occupancy and any number by purchase

3rd. Each claim shall have at least five stakes upon it, one at each corner and the fifth in or near the centre with the name of the claimant and the number thereof.

4th. Every transfer must be made known to the Recorder, and the same transfered upon his Book.

5th. Claims properly recorded and staked shall be valid without work being done, or tools upon it until July 1st 1852.

WILLIAM ALLEN *Recorder.*

Transfered to the Book of the Township Recorder this fifteenth day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY *T. R.*

At a meeting of the claimants on Buffalo Hill, held this 28th day of June 1852, the above laws were Extended until the first day of January 1853.

JOHN DAY *Township Recorder.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—CALEDONIA HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS.

CALEDONIA HILL LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st. This Hill shall be called by the name of Caladonia Hill.

2nd. One hundred feet square on this Hill together with all the dips and and angles on the Run of the Ledge shall constitute a claim. No claim shall be valid untill duly Recorded, in a Book kept for that purpose, by the Recorder of Quartz claims for the Township of Grass Valley, and staked as provided in the article fifth (5th) which stake shall have upon it the number of the claim.

3rd. Any person entitled to hold a mining claim, may hold one by location, on this Hill, and as many as he may purchase in absolute right, subject to the laws and regulations governing the same.

4th. Each claim shall have a stake upon it as near the centre as possible upon which shall be written the number of the claim as provided in article 2nd.

5th. When a claim is transferred by sale or otherwise, the same shall be noted upon the Book of the aforesaid Recorder as in Article 2nd, and it shall be the duty of the owner, to give notice accordingly to the Recorder.

6th. Any person being the holder of a claim, or claims on this Hill, who shall commit a trespass by the removal of stakes, or otherwise on the claim or claims of any other person, shall forfeit all his rights on the Hill, but no one shall be deprived of his right unless Judgment be rendered against him, on due evidence as provided in the next section, and it shall be competent for the party to appeal to a Justice of the Peace.

7th. All disputes between claimants on this Hill, with regard to their several claims, and all cases of trespass, shall be referred to three arbitrators, two of whom shall be practical miners, one to be named by Each party, the third shall be the Recorder.

8th. That the holders on this may have reasonable time, to prepare for properly working the same, it shall not be necessary that work be done, until the 1st day of March 1853, but thereafter work shall be performed by each owner of one or more claims, as often as once in every sixty days unless prevented by sickness or the weather.

9th. All claims properly staked and Recorded, as provided in these regulations, shall be held without its being necessary to place tools thereon, but work done by a company upon one claim shall prevent forfeiture of any.

Dated June 29th 1852.

J. H. WOODBURY *Pres't.*

P. V. N. SMITH, *Sec'y*

Entered this 30th day of June 1852.

JOHN DAY *T. R.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—PECKER'S HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ART. 1st. This Hill shall be known as Pecker's Hill.

ART. 2nd. One hundred feet along the Ledge with all its dips and angles constitute claim.

ART. 3d. All claims can be held for one year from this date without work being done on them.

ART. 4th. Any person can hold one claim by location, and any number by purchase

ART. 5th. Claims must have a centre stake with the name thereon and the number of said claim

The above laws were passed at a meeting of the miners of Peckers Hill this twenty-ninth day of June (29th) 1852

GEORGE HALE *Secy.*

E. F. MORSE *Presdt*

NEVADA COUNTY.—POPPYSQUASH HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATION, JULY 2, 1852.

At a meeting of the company held on this Hill June 30th 1852, the following resolutions were adopted

- 1st. That this hill shall be called Poppysquash Hill
2d. That one hundred feet ———

NEVADA COUNTY.—PIERCE'S LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 1st. The Laws of Indiana Hill having Expired on the 1st of July 1852, and not having been renewed the said hill is now located under the name of Pierce's Ledge.

ART. 2d. One hundred feet on the Ledge including all its dips and angles shall constitute a full claim.

ART. 3. All miners shall be entitled to hold one claim by location and any number by purchase or transfer.

ART. 4. To define the boundaries of a claim one stake shall be driven at or near the centre on the Ledge bearing the name of the owner and number.

ART. 5th. All claims located on this Ledge must be Recorded with the Township Recorder.

ART. 6th. When a claim has been properly staked numbered and recorded it may be held until the first day of Jan'y 1853.
JULY 22d 1852.

Notice.

At a meeting of the claim holders on Pierce's Ledge held this 31st day of December 1852 it was

Resolved, that the present laws be Extended until the first day of Jan'y 1854

I. W. FISH *Secy.*

Constitution of the Grass Valley Prospecting and Mining Company.

ARTICLE 1st. This Company shall be called the Grass Valley Prospecting & Mining Company, and shall consist of twenty shares.

2d. The object of this company are to prospect for, and work Quartz Cayote, and placer diggings

3d. There shall be elected by the members of the company on the first Saturday in July of each year, a President Secretary & Treasurer, to serve for the Ensuing year, and until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, it shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the stockholders; the Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the doings of the stockholders at all meetings thereof and he shall be the Recorder of all diggings that may be discovered by the company, he shall also prepare all notices of meetings of the Stockholders. The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies paid in by the stockholders on assessments, and of all gold taken out of diggings, until the same can be divided.

4th. The President Secretary & Treasurer shall constitute a Board of Directors, to see that the orders of the stockholders are carried out. The Board may meet whenever the Exigencies of the work requires it, and shall pass upon accounts for work done, or material furnished for the use of the company, and, the President shall make his order, on the Treasurer for the same in favor of the person to whom it is due, and said order shall be countersigned by the Secretary, and registered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

5th. The Directors shall have power to Employ some Experienced miner to Superintend the work of prospecting (who shall also make a hand) at reasonable wages, and said foreman shall employ such number of hands as shall be directed by the Stockholders, by vote, but the Stockholders shall have power to discharge said foreman and hands, and also to regulate the price to be paid to them, to be done by vote, at a meeting thereof

6th. The company shall hold a regular meeting for the transaction of business on the evening of the first Saturday in every month, and may meet for the same purpose at any other time, upon the call of the President, or of five members of the company, the notice of the special meetings being posted at some conspicuous place, where the company are at that time prospecting and in one or more public places in Grass Valley.

7th. At the regular meeting of the company in Each month, an assessment shall be laid upon Each share for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the company, not to exceed in the aggregate, the amount necessary for prosecuting the work in hand, or that may be ordered by the Stockholders, until the next meeting, And the secretary shall submit a statement of the amount supposed to be necessary at each meeting of the Stockholders, and if the amount appropriated at any meeting shall not be sufficient to carry on the work as directed a meeting may be called and another appropriation made

8th. Any Stockholder failing to pay his assessment for two weeks after being notified by the Secretary that such assessment has been made shall forfeit his share to the company and the Treasurer shall sell the same at auction, giving three days notice thereof, and the balance remaining if any after paying the assessment shall be paid to the former owner of the share.

9th. Three days notice shall be given of all special meetings of the Stockholders

10th. The company shall have power to make all necessary by-laws and regulations, for the proper carrying out of the objects of the company, and also for the regulations of all diggings which they may strike.

11th. This constitution may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the Stockholders present at a regular meeting, notice having been given in open meeting at least one month previous to the amendment being proposed.

12th. A Majority of the Stockholders shall be a quorum to transact business

Adopted in open meeting July 14th 1852.

Bertram Jones, *Sec*, M. S. Norton *Chairman*, A. D. Morton, Wesley Averill, W. H. Bond J. B. Ferris, N. L. Gebhart H. H. Hilton, N. Whelan Abram Cole, Andrew Cole W. A. Lamb, J. B. Nutting, Andrew Holmes, Wm Randolph Capt Bowne, Jacob Fisher John Wingerton, William Rogers Thomas Stevenson

MINING DISTRICT OF GRASS VALLEY
Nevada County California

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Constitution of the Grass Valley Prospecting & Mining Company and a correct list of the members

GRASS VALLEY August 7th, 1852.

BERTRAND JONES Sec. G. V. P. & M Co

Entered in the book of the Township Recorder this tenth day of November 1852

JOHN DAY Township Recorder

NEVADA COUNTY.—SIERRA NEVADA HILL MINING DISTRICT.

BY-LAWS.

At a meeting of miners of Sierra Nevada Hill convened for the purpose of making regulations and laws, for the government and security of the miners and claims thereon Orange H Dibble was chosen President and Alfred B. Dibble Secretary. David Wasson and Alfred B Dibble was appointed committee to draft and report regulations and laws and the Committee reported as follows.

Art. 1st. All that hill with its dips and rise in Grass Valley Township, situate between the tannery and the half-way house on the Nevada road, and about one mile north of Grass Valley on said road, shall be known as Sierra Nevada Hill.

2nd. All claims shall be numbered staked off, and recorded, and transfers of claims, shall be in writing witnessed and recorded in a book of Records.

3d. Any person who shall discover a Quartz Vein or lead on said Hill shall be entitled to have and hold a claim for the discovery of the vein and a claim for working it.

4th. Quartz claims shall be one hundred feet in length, with the depth dip and angles thereof and every such claim shall be staked off and numbered, and the claimant's name and number written or printed thereon.

5th. Quartz claim owners shall work upon the said claims, or cause the same to be worked two days in thirty, and any claim that shall not have been worked in ninety days shall be deem'd abandoned and forfeited.

6th. When several claims are own'd by a company the work upon one of the claims of the company shall have the same effect as though the several claims were severally worked.

7th. No rock or dirt or other obstruction shall be thrown upon the claim or claims of another, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof

8th. Any person who shall not comply with, or who shall violate any of the foregoing laws shall forfeit his claim or claims and the same shall be deemed forfeited and abandoned.

On Motion,

Resolved, that these Laws be filed in the Recorders Office in Grass Valley township.

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

A. B. DIBBLE Sec'y.

Dated AUGUST 10th 1852

NEVADA COUNTY.—BLETHEN HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Art. 1st. This hill shall be known as Blethen Hill.

Art. 2nd. One hundred feet square shall constitute a claim, no claim shall be valid until duly in the office of the Recorder of Quartz claims for the township of Grass Valley and staked as in Article 4th which stake shall have upon it the number of the claim.

Art. 3rd. Any person entitled to hold a mining claim, may hold one by location on this hill, and as many more as he may purchase an absolute right, subject to the laws and regulations governing the same.

Art. 4th. Each claim shall have a stake upon it as near the centre as possible, upon which shall be written or marked, the number of the claim as provided in Art. 2nd.

Art. 5th. When a claim is transferred by sale or otherwise, the same shall be noted on the Books of the aforesaid Recorder, as in article 2d, and it shall be the duty of the owner, to give notice accordingly to the aforesaid Recorder of Quartz claims for the aforesaid township of Grass Valley.

Art. 6th. Any person being the holder of a claim on this hill, who shall commit a trespass by the removal of stakes, on the claim or claims of any other person shall forfeit all his rights on the hill, but no one shall be deprived of his rights, unless judgement shall be rendered against him on due evidence as provided in the next section, and it shall be competent for the party to appeal to a Justice of the Peace.

Art. 7th. All disputes between claimants on this hill with regard to claims, and all cases of trespass shall be referred to three arbitrators, two of whom shall be practical miners one to be named by Each party and the third shall be the Recorder.

Art. 8th. That all holders of claims on this hill may have reasonable time to prepare for properly working the same it shall not be necessary that work be done until the first day of Jan'y 1853, unless prevented by sickness or the weather.

Art. 9th. All claims properly staked and recorded as provided in these regulations shall be held without its being necessary to place tools thereon, but work done by a company upon one claim, shall prevent forfeiture of any

Dated this 21st day of August 1852.

STEPHEN BLETHEN Pres'dt,
P. V. N. SMITH Sec'y.

PRECIOUS METALS.

NEVADA COUNTY.—MOUNT PLEASANT MINING DISTRICT.

RULES & REGULATIONS.

- ART. 1st. Claim's shall be one hundred feet along the course of the ledge with all its dips and angles.
 ART. 2d. One stake in the centre of Each claim with the holders name and recorders number
 ART. 3. The above rules having been complied with, claims will be held good until the first day of June 1853.
 GRASS VALLEY Oct 11, 1852

NEVADA COUNTY.—CONSTITUTION HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS & TRANSFERS.

Rules and regulations.

- ART. 1st. This Hill shall be known and recorded in Grass Valley as the Constition Hill.
 ART. 2nd. One Hundred feet square shall constitute a full claim.
 ART. 3d. Any person can hold one claim by location and any number by purchase.
 ART. 4th. A claim to be held must have four corner stakes with a fifth one in the centre with the name of the owner and the number of the claim upon it.
 ART. 5th. Claims can be held without labor done, or tools left upon them for one year from this date twelfth day of Oct. 1852.
 ART. 6th. Claims must be recorded with the Recorder of Grass Valley, within ten days from the date of their location.

GRASS VALLEY Oct 12th 1852.

Jumped & called Iowa Hill April 17th 1854

NEVADA COUNTY.—CEDAR HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS.

Rules and regulations.

- ART. 1st. Resolved at a meeting held this day, that this hill shall be called "Cedar Hill".
 ART. 2d. That one hundred feet along the lead, with the dip and angles, shall constitute a full claim.
 ART. 3rd. Any person shall be allowed to hold one claim by location and any number by purchase.
 ART. 4th. Where a claim has been properly staked and numbered and recorded it can be held without any labor being done on it, or any tools left thereon until the first day of July 1852
 ART. 5th. The recorder shall be allowed one dollar for Recording a claim, and fifty cents for a transfer.

Oct 17th 1852.

At a meeting held this day the above laws were extended until the first day of July 1853.

Entered this twenty third day of August 1852.

JOHN DAY Recorder.

NEVADA COUNTY.—WASHINGTON HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

- ARTICLE 1st. This Hill shall be called Washington Hill.
 2d. Any person may hold but one claim by location or occupation but any number by purchase, a claim shall be 100 feet square with a stake standing near the centre of said claims, with the number of said claim marked on said stake.
 3d. When a claim is so staked and Recorded in the Book of the Grass Valley Township Recorder, it shall be held without tools or work being done on said claims until the fourth day of July 1853.
 4th. All transfers shall be recorded in said Record Book.

At a meeting of the claim holders on said Hill this fifteenth day of November 1852, the above rules and Regulations were adopted at said meeting.

JOSEF T. BARBER Secy.

PETER KELLEY Chairman

NEVADA COUNTY.—BOSTON HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS & TRANSFERS.

Rules and regulations.

- ART. 1st. This Hill shall be called Boston Hill.
 2nd. One hundred feet square on the Ledge with all its dips and angles, shall constitute a full claim.
 ART. 3. All claims may be held without work done until the first of May 1853.
 ART. 4. The Claims must be staked and recorded, one stake at each end, and one stake at or near the centre, with the number and name of the owner.

At a meeting held this day on the hill J. Crosin in the chair, and I. Finot secretary the above rules were passed and accepted.

GRASS VALLEY Nov 21st 1852.

Entered Nov 26th 1852.

CROSIER
FINOT

NEVADA COUNTY.—NORTON'S HILL MINING DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

At a meeting of the claim holders of the Quartz Ledge known by the following name the annexed constitution and by laws were unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 1st. This Company shall be known as the Norton Ledge Company.

2d. One Hundred feet on the Ledge together with its dips depths and angles shall constitute a claim.

3d. The location of each claim shall be designated by one stake driven in the centre of the claim or as near as can be with the initials of the name of the Ledge and the number written thereon.

4th. The company shall consist of sixteen claimants and no addition to the number of claimers shall be made without a two-thirds vote of the same in the affirmative

5th. These laws can be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the company at any meeting after due notice having been given.

6th. These laws shall be recorded on the Township Records.

7th. These claims shall hold good without being work'd or tools left on them till the first day of July 1853

M. S. NORTON *Presd*

JAMES M. CAMPBELL, *Sec.*

GRASS VALLEY *Dec 9th 1852.*

MAY 10 1854

The same constitution and laws adopted and the claims to be held until May 1 1855 without work.

Resolution adopted by the Grass Valley Company

JOHN DAY, *Recorder.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—EMPIRE HILL NO. 1 MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. A Recorder shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all claims taken up on this Hill.

2nd. The claim allowed each person upon this Hill shall be one Hundred feet square, on which there must be placed one stake on each corner and one stake in the centre with the owners name and number upon it.

ART. 3d. All claims taken up on this Hill must be duly recorded for which the Recorder shall receive one dollar and all claims sold or transferd must be entered on the books of the Recorder for the the Recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents.

4th. No person shall be entitled to more than one claim by occupancy but may hold as many as he may purchase by having the same transferd.

5th. The claims on this Hill may be held without labor or tools until the first day of January 1853.

T. S. THOMPSON, *Recorder.*

Notice.

At a meeting held pursuant to a call by the claim holders on Empire Hill, it was unanimously, Resolved, To Extend the Rules & Regulations of said Hill for one year from the first day of January 1853.

I. I. MONETE,

H. J. MILLER, *Sec.*

GRASS VALLEY *Jan 1, 1853.*

At a meeting of the miners of Empire Hill held on the first day of January 1854, it was unanimously,

Resolved, That the Laws of said Hill should be extended, and remain in full force until the first day of January 1857.

GRASS VALLEY *Jan 1 1854*

NEVADA COUNTY.—KOSKIUSKO (*sic*) HILL MINING DISTRICT.

The following Laws and Regulations were unanimously adopted.

ARTICLE 1st. This Ledge shall be known as Kosciusko Ledge.

ART. 2d. The company shall consist of twelve shares of one hundred feet each on the Ledge with its dips depths and angles

ART. 3d. All claims shall be held and transfers made agreeable to the Laws of the Nevada County Quartz Convention held at Nevada City Dec. 24th last.

ART. 4th. These Laws shall be duly recorded on the Records by the Deputy Recorder at Grass Valley.

STILES *Pres*

A. BOGGS, *Sec.*

GRASS VALLEY *January 1 1853*

NEVADA COUNTY.—BEN FRANKLIN LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 1st. This Ledge shall be known as the Ben Franklin Ledge and shall be recorded as such in the Books of the Township Recorder.

ART. 2d. Claims on this Ledge shall be one hundred feet on the Ledge with all its dips depths and angles.

3d. All claims must be Recorded with in three days from date of their location, and to be properly staked must have one stake with the name of the owner, and number of the claim upon it in the centre, and two end stakes as near on the course of the ledge as may have been ascertained.

4th. Claims on this ledge may be held for one year, from the discovery of the Ledge, say from the 23th of January 1853 to the 23th Jan'y 1854.

At a meeting of the claim holders held this day upon Ben Franklin Ledge the above Laws and regulations were unanimously adopted.

Jan 28th 1853.

THO'S. S. TOMPSON, *Sec.*

(vide post.)

NEVADA COUNTY.—JEFFERSON LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATION & TRANSFERS.

Rules and regulations.

- ARTICLE 1st. This Ledge shall be known and recorded in the books of Grass Valley as the Jefferson Ledge.
 2d. 100 feet on the Ledge with all its dips, depths and angles shall constitute a full claim.
 3d. Claims to be properly defined should have the owner's name upon the centre stake, which should be placed as near on the line of the Ledge as may have been ascertained.
 4th. Claims in order to be held should be recorded within three days from time of location.
 5th. One claim on this ledge can be held by location but any number by purchase Except the discoverer who shall be entitled to two claims.
 6th. Claims on this ledge may be held one year without work being done on them, or tools being left upon the ground, say from 25th day of Feb'y 1853, to the 25th day of Feb'y 1854

At a meeting held by the claim owners the above Rules and Regulations were unanimously adopted.

HENRY BARRETT, *Sec.*

BOSTON RAVINE Feb'y 25, 1853

NEVADA COUNTY.—PYRENEES HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

- ARR. 1st. This hill shall be known as Pyrenees Hill.
 ARR. 2d. One hundred feet along the Ledge with all its dips angles and variations shall constitute a full claim.
 ARR. 3d. Claims on this Hill may be held without work done or tools left thereon until the first day of May 1853.
 ARR. 4th. Each person is entitled to one claim by location and to any number by purchase.
 ARR. 5th. The Recorder of this Hill shall be Capt. John Day by a meeting of the Miners of the Above named Hill.

B. DORDAN *Chairman.*

J. FIQUIER *Sec.*

Entered this twenty third day of Sept. 1853

JOHN DAY *Recorder.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—IONE LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- ARR. 1st. This Ledge shall be known as Ione Ledge
 ARR. 2d. Claims on this Ledge shall be one hundred feet on the ledge with all its dips and angles.
 ARR. 3d. That the laws stand good for two years from this date.

By a meeting of the claim holders on the Hill August 24th 1854, the above laws were adopted.

GRASS VALLEY.

NEVADA COUNTY.—MADISON QUARTZ LEDGE & HILL MINING DISTRICT.

Agreeable to previous notice a meeting of Claim Holders was held on Madison Quartz Hill.

On motion of B B Layton and Seconded by J. R. Rusk, G. H. G. Stackhouse was called to the chair as president and J. R. Rush as Secretary

The object of the meeting being stated by the Chairman the following Preamble & Resolutions presented and adopted.

Preamble, Whereas the Book of Record of this Hill, has been lost or mislaid,

ARR. 1. Therefore *Resolved*, That the name of Madison Quartz Hill be continued

Resolved That each Claim shall be One Hundred feet square, that

ARR. 2. Each claim shall have a centre stake with the name of Locator and number thereon.

Resolved, That the Nevada County Mining Laws adopted in Convention at Art 3 Nevada City in Dec 1852 the same be adopted for the government of this hill.

Resolved, On motion of W Layton that this meeting do adjourn at 4.

Grass Valley Township Aug 18 1855.

G. W. G. STACKHOUSE *Chairman*

J. R. RUSH, *Secretary.*

I certify the above to be a true copy

GRASS VALLEY Sept 13, 1855.

A DELANO *Recorder*

NEVADA COUNTY.—HOOSAC HILL MINING DISTRICT.

LOCATIONS.

The constitution and by-laws.

- ART. 1st. This hill shall be known as Hoosac Hill.
- ART. 2. All claims shall be recorded in the Recorders Book at Grass Valley.
- ART. 3d. No claim shall be valid unless Recorded within ten days after location.
- 4th. All claims shall be held good for six months without work.
- 5th. Each claim shall contain hundred feet with all the dips and angles.
- 6th. Each claim shall have the owners name with the number on the stake.
- 7th. No man shall hold more than one claim without purchase.
- 8th. The discoverers are entitled to one claim.
- 9th. This company shall be known as the Munroe Company.

JOHN SHAW *President*

WM. COOK *Sec.*

NEVADA COUNTY.—RHODE ISLAND HILL MINING DISTRICT.

RULES & REGULATIONS.

- ART. 1st. The size of a claim shall be one hundred feet square, and shall be designated by four corner stakes and a fifth one to which shall bear the two first letters of the owner's name and the number of the claim.
- ART. 2. Any person can hold one claim by occupancy and any number by purchase.
- ART. 3. Each claim or claims shall be worked one bona fide day in ten and if not worked in thirty shall be forfeited.
- ART. 4th. Any company holding any number of claims shall hold the whole number by working one.

WM. COLEY *Presdt.*

ROB'T CRANDALL *Sec*

NEVADA COUNTY.—SEBASTIPOOL LEDGE MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

- ART. 1st. This ledge shall be called Sebastipool Ledge & certificates of claims headed accordingly
- ART. 2d. One hundred feet on the Ledge with all the dips depths and angles shall constitute one full claim
- ART. 3d. Holders of Claims on this Ledge shall be entitled to hold the same without work or tools until Jan'y 1st 1860.

GRASS VALLEY QUARTZ RECORD.

Miscellaneous notes.

Albion Hill,—governed by the County Laws.	Oro Fino Hill,—governed by the County Laws.
Ashville Hill,—same as at Cedar Hill.	Ohio Hill,—governed by the County Laws.
Gold Hill No. 2.,—governed by the County Laws.	Pine Hill Ledge,—governed by the County Laws. (?)
Independence Ledge,— “ “ “ “ “	Quimbaugh Hill,— “ “ “ “ “
Kentucky Fountain Ledge,—governed by the County Laws.	Richmond Hill,— “ “ “ “ “
Lewis Lead,—governed by the County Laws.	Squirrel Creek Hill,— “ “ “ “ “
North Point Ledge,— “ “ “ “ “	St. Louis Ledge,— “ “ “ “ “
Oak Hill,—same as at Cedar Hill	Texas Ledge,— “ “ “ “ “
	Trenton Ledge,— “ “ “ “ “

Miscellaneous notes.

El Dorado County, Greenwood.—No written laws now in force. All locations have been made under the act of May 10. 1872.

Placer County, Dutch Flat.—No records to be found

Placer County, Auburn.—The old mining laws are lost or destroyed.

Placer County, Yankee Jim's.—Copies of the old mining laws are in existence, but are unobserved.

Placer County, Bath.—The old mining laws are not to be found, and are in disuse.

Placer County, Forest Hill.—The District is bounded on the North by Shirt-Tail Cañon, South by Middle Fork of the American River, East by Bath District, West by Todd's Valley & Yankee Jim's District. The mining laws have been burned.

Placer County, Iowa Hill.—The mining laws have not been in use, nor has organization been kept up since about 1865. The district is popularly supposed to comprise all the country from the North Fork of the American River to Shirt Tail Cañon and the head of El Dorado Cañon.

Butte County, Thompson's Flat District.—Organized in 1851. The books were lost in 1857. There has been no recorder since.

Butte County, Bidwell's Bar District.—Organized in 1850 and reorganized in 1863. Original laws and records destroyed in fire of 1854. The second organization in 1863 was on account of the copper excitement. The laws passed at that time have also been lost.

COLORADO.

GILPIN COUNTY.—BAY STATE MINING DISTRICT.

The following laws were adopted by the miners at a regular meeting held in and for the Bay State Mining District on Thursday the 19th day of July A. D. 1859

A. N. PARSON *Secretary*

LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE BAY STATE MINING DISTRICT.

SECTION 1 This district shall commence at the mouth of the North Fork of Clear Creek and extend up the same to the mouth of the Russel Gulch so called and be known and called by the name of Bay State Mining District including the tributaries of said Creek
SEC. 2 Each Gulch Claim shall consist of one hundred feet running parallel with the creek and extend from hill to hill on either side

SECTION 3 No person shall be allowed to hold more than one claim by right of Discovery or what is more generally called taken by prospecting but any person or persons buying a claim or claims shall be entitled to hold the claims so bought

SECTION 4 Any person taking a claim and posting up a notice with name and date shall be allowed to hold the same for ten days without risk of forfeiture by recording

SECTION 5 Any person taking a claim and commencing work on the same and then leaving then leaving the claim with tools or other goods on the claim shall be entitled to hold the same ten days without risk of forfeiture

SECTION 6 Any person or persons owning or holding Mining Claims in this District shall be allowed to leave the same on and after the 23rd day of July A. D. 1860 and return to them or send their legal representative on or before the 15th day of June A. D. 1861

SECTION 7 No person or persons at any regular or special meeting concerning the mining interest of this District shall be allowed to vote unless they own or hold claims in this District

SECTION 8 All disputes in regard to mining claims or mining interests shall be settled by Arbitrators chosen by the parties or by the miners at any regular or special meeting

SECTION 9 There shall be a President and one or more vice presidents appointed who shall preside at all regular meetings and in the absence of the President any of the vice presidents shall preside

SECTION 10 There shall be a secretary appointed whose duty it shall be to be present at all regular meetings and who shall have the custody of all books and papers belonging to or appertaining to the miners of this District

SECTION 11 There shall be a recorder appointed whose duty it shall be to record all mining claims when applied to for that purpose and to give a certificate of the same and for recording and giving such certificate the Recorder shall be allowed fifty cents for each and every claim

SECTION 12 Every person or persons having a claim or claims recorded shall describe the same as lying on the North Fork of Clear Creek within the Bay State Mining District and bounded by the claims above and below by giving the names of the owners of the same and when two or more claims are taken together they shall be numbered from one upward by commencing at the lowest claim on the creek

SECTION 13. Where two or more persons are desirous of working together for convenience or otherwise and said persons own claims in different places in this District it shall be lawful for either of said parties to leave their claims for the purpose of working as aforesaid by posting up on some conspicuous place on the claim or claims so left a written notice where the owner of the claim or claims may be found

The following amendment was made to the Regulations

AMENDMENT TO SEC. 6. By recording a claim it will hold good for ten days without risk of forfeiture

SECTION 14. Water claims shall be two hundred and fifty feet up and down the creek for mill purposes but in no case shall conflict with miners claims

SECTION 15 Any person holding a water claim shall not be prevented from holding a miners claim

SECTION 16 Any person discovering a Quartz lead shall be entitled to one hundred feet for discovery and a miners claim besides

July 14 1860 section 2 amended to read as follows

Each gulch claim shall consist of one hundred feet running parallel with the creek and extending from hill to hill on either side

Section 3 to read

No person shall hold more than one gulch claim one patch or Mill Claim and one Lead claim by right of discovery or what is more generally called taken by prospecting but any person or persons bying a claim or claims shall be entitled to hold the same in the same manner as other personal property

Section 10 Repealed and duties imposed on Recorder

SECTION 17 It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to cut any timber or trees upon any claim or claims owned by other parties without the consent of the owner of such claim or claims

SECTION 18 It shall not be lawful for any person to throw any brush or other rubbish in the creek to the damage of other miners

SECTION 19 A lode claim shall be fifty feet wide by one hundred feet in length extending along the lode and a patch or mill claim shall be one hundred feet running parallel with the creek and extending from the base of the hill to the top of the same but all patch or hill claims shall be subject to any Quartz claims that have or may be discovered upon said patch or Mill claims

SECTION 20 Any man can hold a discovery claim of each kind by working one of them

SECTION 21 No person or persons shall locate a water claim upon the claims of miners without the written consent of the owners of such mining claim or claims

August 11 1860

At an adjourned meeting held this day the following resolution was adopted

Resolved The order of recording a claim title shall be when presented for record, the pre emptor shall present a certificate of his claim with a description of the same and when the title is acquired by purchase he shall present the deed which instrument the Recorder shall copy into a book kept for that purpose and shall file on the back of said instrument the hour of the day the day of the month and the year when such instrument was presented for record and the page of the book where recorded and return the instrument to the owner

The following named persons were chosen a committee to hear and decide disputes in regard to claims Charles Allen John Huntington William Elwick Mr Runolds David Haines

Section 3 amended to read

Any person owning or holding mining claims in this District shall after having them duly recorded hold them as a vested right the same as real estate is held in this District

SECTION 22 The President shall have power to appoint two men and those two shall appoint one other man and the three shall settle the difficulty existing between the miners to which they was chosen to settle from which there shall be no appeal. When the President has a difficulty then the Vice President shall appoint in the same manner

SECTION 23 It shall be the privilege of any miner or miners to take out the water out of North Clear Creek in a ditch or flume around any mans claim or over his claim for the purpose of washing dirt on the hill side hydraulic power or sluicing not interfering the claims passing thereover

SECTION 24 The above laws shall not be repealed unless two thirds of the miners in said District shall concur therein or there shall be a majority of two thirds

SECTION 25 The President shall call the district together upon the written request of five miners of said District the President giving three days notice in writing posted up in three of the most public places or the President and Vice-President shall have the same power giving the same notice

SECTION 26 All meetings of the District shall be held at the Residence of W. T. Carey

SECTION 27 All persons that own claims in this district that are absent since the 30th of September A. D. 1860 recorded sold or transferred or not recorded all such claims shall be considered void unless they have friends or agents in this District to represent their claims all such agencies shall be recorded in five days after the passage of this article or law

SECTION 28 Section 7 was so amended as to read that all citizens of this District shall be entitled to vote at all meetings

SECTION 29 Resolved that it shall be unlawful for any man or men to preempt a claim or claims for any man or men known or believed to be in the states all kind of claims whatever all such claims shall be void

SECTION 29 There shall be five citizens of said District chosen to settle all difficulties in regard to mining interests the opponents are to choose two persons out of said committee and if those two cannot agree the third person shall be chosen out of the committee by the two that are already chosen and if either of the parties are dissatisfied with the decision they can appeal to the miners of the District and from their decision there shall be no appeal.

The committee that was chosen consists of the following persons J. M. Stewart M. L. Turner J. L. Willson R. Crummel W. T. Reynolds

SECTION 30 Resolved That all the laws of Gregory District be adopted except the law relating to Jury. It was passed that there should be six jurors before said Justice and they should be twelve names writ down by the Justice and from those twelve the six should be chosen in the following manner the Defendant shall strike out the first name and then the Plaintiff shall strike out one and if either or both refuse to strike out the Justice shall do it for them until there is but six remaining and the six remaining shall be the jurors from which there shall be no appeal the party calling the jury shall deposit with the Court the jury fees in money which shall be one dollar and fifty cents in cash to each Juror in case no Jury is called the Court shall try the cause.

I certify the above law to be correct the law that was adopted was past in Gregory District February 18 & 20 A. D. 1860

J. S. STONE *Judge of the Miners Court*
M. STORUNS *Recorder*

H. L. GRAHAM *Recorder of Bay State District*

AUGUST 6 1861

BOULDER COUNTY.—GOLD HILL MINING DISTRICT.—[LAWS OF 1859]

MINERS MEETING OF MOUNTAIN DISTRICT NO 1 IN NEBRASKA

Meetings of the assembly of Dis. No 1

Saturday July 23rd 1859 meetings according to order of Pres at Gibbs—Callen

Meetings called to order by the Pres.

On motion E. S. Glotfetter there appointed sec.—protem.

Motioned that each canditate for secretary Declare himself as such publicly whereupon G. S. Barnett. Wiley Runch & P. M. Housel did so.

After a considerable speaking G. S. Barnett was Elected sectreary of Mountain Dis. No 1.

On motion that the fees of recorder were reduced to Twenty five cents

On motion a committee was appointed to Revise the present & make such Amendments as were deemed expedient

Committee consisted of P. M. Housel, Mr Weeks, E. S. Glotfetter J. D. Scott & Wiley Runch

On motion that D. C. McCoy be appointed constable & adopted.

On motion meetings adjourned to meet Saturday July 30th '59 on scattis Lead for the purpose of recieving the committees report on the revising of the Laws and such amendments as they thought expedient to make Adjourned.

E. S. GLOTFETTER *Sec. protem.*

Minuts of the meeting of the miners of Mountain dis. No 1 held July 30th 1859.

In pursuance to agreement of a meeting held in the gulch July 23 '59, the Pres. being in the chair called the meeting to order.

Minuets of the last meeting being called for the secretary was granted leave to amend them

On motion P. M. Housel was appointed sec. pro tem for the present meeting.

On motion the committee called to report, P. M. Housel foreman came forward & read said report of committee

on the revised Laws &c. thence came up quite a debate in regard to a separate organization in Gold run and on the hill after being discussed to a considerable length the question was decided by a vote of the inhabitants of Gold Run which resulted as follows: That the Gulch should be connected with the Hill in dis. No 1 and carried by an unanimous vote

On motion by Capt. Scott for taxation for road purposes said motion lost.

The report being called for P. M. Housel foreman handed in the report of revised Laws & Resolutions.

Motioned and carried that the resolutions should be read Article by Article and approved or disapproved as the assembly choosed or wished.

Resolutions.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Dis. be called Mountain Dis. No 1 and that it shall extend two miles in each direction from Capt. Scott's discovery claim on the Lead known as Scotts lead excepting in the direction of Boulder district in which direction it shall extend to & Join on the Boulder district.

2nd. *Resolved*, That each minor shall be entitled to take & hold only one mountain claim and one water claim for the purpose of washing the gold from the quartz. Lead and one Gulch claim by preemption each quartz claim may be not more than 100 ft. in length and extend not more than 25 ft on each side of the stakes, marking the ends of the claims, each water claim may not be more than 33 ft in length up & down the stream & may extend not more than 20 ft from each bank. each gulch claim may not be more than 100 feet in length & 50 ft in breadth.

3rd. The discovery of any new Lead, or digg. shall be entitled to one claim by right of discovery which he shall mark Distinctly as such and shall name the lead.

4th. All claims hereafter discovered shall be numbered from the discovery claim which shall be in every case No 1.

5th. Each claim must be distinctly marked by a stake firmly driven in the ground or otherwise firmly fastened at each end of the claim on which shall be written the name or names of the person or persons claimming with the directions and dimensions of the claim and the date of making the same.

Resolution 3rd, SEC. 1st. No man shall be permitted to take or hold any claim by preemption in this mining district unless he is an inhabitant of the same or file a declaration of his intention to become such within Ten days, with the Secretary of the miners association and in case of failure to become such in the above named time he shall forfeit his claim

SEC. 2nd. Any man holding a claim in this mining district shall work at least one day in every Ten upon the same until he shall have done Ten full days work upon it whereupon proving to the President of this district by at least one creditable witness he will be entitled to receive a certificate from him of his ownership of sad claim which on being countersigned by the Sec. shall be considered a sufficient title to the same.

SEC. 3rd. In case of failure to perform the one days work in every Ten as specified in article 3rd of this Resolution the claim shall be vacant.

SEC. 4th. When companies of two or more shall be at work upon one claim belonging to the company all other claims owned or held by said company shall be considered as worked by putting a notice on each claim stating where the company are at work.

Resolution 4th. That the owner of a discovery claim shall be entitled to a certificate of ownership for the same as specified in Article 2nd Resolution 3rd whether he shall have done any work or not.

Resolution 5th, SEC. 1st. That the officers of this mining district shall consist of a President who shall also perform the duties of justice of the peace and keep a regular docket of all business done by him and shall receive for his services, for every case tried before him which shall not occupy more than Two hours, Two dollars for each case, for those occupying more than two and not more than Four hours, Four dollars; for each case, occupying more than Four hours and not more than one day Five dollars, and at the rates of Four dollars per day for every day after the first.

SEC. 2nd. A constable who shall perform the duties appertaining to his office and shall receive for his services, one dollar for each writ served and Twenty-five cents for each summons to Jurors.

SEC. 3rd. A Recorder who shall perform the duties of secretary and Recorder and record all claims, transfers and other instruments of writing which shall be recorded and shall keep an accurate record of all business transacted by this association in a book separate from that in which the claims are recorded, and shall receive for his services 25 cents for each instrument recorded excepting the minutes, resolutions etc. of the association and in case of the Pres. being absent or unable to attend to his duties, shall perform the duties belonging to his office in his stead.

SEC. 4th. Each witness and jurors shall be entitled to Two dollars per day for their attendance.

Resolution 6th. That the claim or claims, wagons, stock and monies or credits due (except wages for labor) of any man contracting debts in this district shall be liable for such debts.

Resolution 7th. SEC. 1st. That any man having cause of action against another may sue out a writ and have him brought before the proper officers of the district and unless he shows sufficient cause for delay as the absence of witnesses or other cause they shall proceed immediately to trial

SEC. 2nd. In case of a continuance or the plaintiff demands it the defendant shall be required to give satisfactory security for the amount claimed together with cost of suit, and if he fail to comply the Justice may order the Constable to size upon any property belonging to defendant and not exempt from levy and hold the same until the case is decided when if the Defendant fail to pay the amount of the Judgment which may be rendered against him, the Justice may issue an execution ordering the Constable to offer for sale the property held or any other which may be found which is liable to levy and sale for debt no sale however shall be made on execution until notices shall have been posted in at least four conspicuous and public places in this Dis. for at least Ten days previous to the sale.

Resolution 8th. That it shall be unlawful for any one to obliterate, deface, or remove or in any way alter any mark from any stake or tree marking the bounds of any claim or claims and upon conviction of such acts shall forfeit all right or interest in the claim or claims the marks of which may be so altered or removed.

GOLD HILL MINING DISTRICT, NEB. Nov 5th, 1859.

A Bill was introduced by E. D. Steele to provide for the regulation of mill site claims, as follows:

ARTICLE 1st. Any person who shall hereafter make a claim on any stream within the limits of this Dist. for the purpose of erecting a quartz or lumber mill thereupon shall within ten days thereafter proceed to the occupancy and use of said claim.

ART. 2nd. Every person at the time of making any such mill site claim shall distinctly mark the boundaries by setting up stakes or otherwise and cause a notice thereof to be placed on file in the recorders office.

ART. 3rd. No mill site claim shall include more than Two Hundred feet each side of the center of the stream nor shall occupy more of the stream in length than will be sufficient to raise the water by a dam to the height of fourteen feet.

ARTICLE 4th. Any person producing satisfactory evidence to the Pres. of this Dis. that he has complied with the provisions of the first Three articles of this act in making a mill site claim shall be entitled to receive a certificate declaring him or his rightful heirs to be the owner or owners of said claim so long as he or they shall continue to occupy and use it as a Quartz or Lumber Mill site.

ART. 5th. None of the provisions of this act shall be so construed as to prevent the right of way to all persons up and down the stream across mill site claims.

ART. 6th. All mill site claims made previous to the passage of this Act and in accordance with the preemption laws of the United States: and not conflicting with the laws of Nebraska Territory is hereby declared valid and certificates of ownership may be issued by the President of this Dis. for such claims in the same manner as for claims made under the provisions of this act provided that such certificate contain the same restrictions as provided in the last clause of Article fourth (4) of this Act.

(On motion the bill passed)

ART. 7th. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

The people of Gold Hill District Nebraska Do act as follows

ARTICLE 1st. Immediately upon the passage of this act there shall be Eleven delegates elected by the people to form a convention to make a constitution and to revise and amend the laws of this district.

ARTICLE 2nd. Such convention shall meet within Ten days after the passage of this act and organize themselves for the transaction of business and adopt such rules and regulations for their own government as they shall deem proper, and thereafter they shall meet from time to time until they have completed the constitution and revised and amended the laws as aforesaid.

ART. 3rd. As soon as the convention shall have performed the duties assigned to them by this act, they shall place the new constitution and laws in the office of the Recorder for the examination of all persons at least Ten days previous to the general election, to be held on the first Monday in March 1860.

ART. 4th. At the general election in March 1860 said revised constitution and laws shall be submitted to a vote of the people for their approval or rejection at which time persons voting on constitution and laws will write on their ballots the words *revised constitution and laws, yes*, if voting in favor of the new constitution, but if voting against the same shall write on their ballots the words, *revised constitution and laws, no*.

On motion the bill passed.

On motion

Resolved: That a committee of Three be appointed by the people to examine the records of this district and to make a list of all papers legally recorded and leave such list in the Recorder's office to be seen by all persons and post up a notice stating that such list has been made and where it can be found.

Carried.

E. D. STEELE Sec.

At a meeting of the miners of Gold Hill held at the President's office on the evening of the 23rd of Oct. A. D., 1860, the Pres. stated the object of the meeting after which a statement and proposition was read to the meeting, from John McKnight & Co. which was as follows

1st. By Draft on a respectable man in St. Louis Mo. payable Sixty days after sight, or a mortgage on our property here payable Sixty days after date thereby securing to each one the full amount due them without any loss whatever

Resp

JOHN MCKNIGHT & CO.

There was a motion made to extend the time on the payment of the debts for Sixty days; there was an amendment offered to do the same on *all mills*, which was carried, after which the meeting adjourned

T. P. GRAHAM Sec. pro tem

GOLD HILL DIST. Oct. 29th 1860.

Pursuant to a call of the Pres. the miners of Gold Hill Dis. met at the house of Jas. Carlile. When the Pres. called the meeting to order the case of Wm. Bryan vs. Mr. Culver was taken up, it being a case of appeal from the Justice Court to a miners court.

A motion was made that Twelve men be appointed as Jurors to try the case, amended by P. M. Housel that Twenty-four men be appointed and each party choose off Six men the remaining Twelve to be the jurors.

Motion made that the Pres. appoint Three men to choose the Jurors, carried.

Committee Charles Dabney, G. S. Barnett and Wm. Corson.

After the Jurors were choosen the meeting adjourned untill 6 O'clock P. M. Oct. 30, 1860

E. S. GLOTFETTER Sec.

GOLD HILL Dec. 15th, 1860

The committee appointed to draw off the fee bill and to examine and see if the Constable had charged more than fee bill allowed him to charge, was called to report.

Report of Committee

We the undersigned committee appointed to investigate and examine the papers returned to the President's office by James Carlile during the time he was Constable of this Dist. beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and that said Constable has charged Fifty cents for serving papers for which the law allow but Twenty, and, in the case of Collins vs Pancost, he has charged Two dollars and Seventy-five cents mileage which is more than the law would allow under any circumstances by at least One dollar and twenty-five cents all of which is Respectfully submitted by, Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The fee bill was then read which is as follows

Presidents fees:

1st For issuing summons to defendant	50
2nd For trial of case occupying $\frac{1}{2}$ day or less	\$1 50
3rd " " " " " more than $\frac{1}{2}$ day	\$3 00
4th For each day after the first at the rate of	\$3 00
5th For issuing Subpœna to witness	50
6th " " writs of attachment	50
7th " " execution or writ of Delivery	50
8th For all bonds or affidavits or Docketing causes of action, or for any instrument necessary to be written....	75

Constable fees

- 1st For serving sommons on Defendant *venue*, on Jurors, Subpœna on witnesses, each 20 cts.
 2nd For each mile traveled to serve any writ Subpœna or other instrument necessary to be served Twenty five cents.
 3rd For taking care of property such as horses mules or cattle coming into his hands, all necessary expences shall be allowed as may be decided by the Pres.
 4th For posting notices in civil cases twenty cents
 5th For writing all bonds necessary to be taken by law Seventy-five cents.
 6th For each days attendance on court, at the rate of \$3.00 per day.
 7th For serving execution and making levy fifty cents.
 8th For selling property three per cent for any amount under \$50.00, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for any amount under \$150.00 and Two per cent for all amounts over \$150.00.

The following resolutions were read and handed in to be acted on at the next regular meeting.

- Resolve* 1st. That all actual residents, of Three months, of this Dis. be allowed to preempt one claim on every Quartz load in this Dis.
 2d That when a tunnel is started on any lead no claims shall be taken or preempted on said Lead to interfere with the tunnel below the depth of fifty feet

The above Resolutions were acted upon and carried Dec. 27, 1860.

GOLD HILL Dec. 27 1860

Pursuant to a call from the Pres. the miners of Gold Hill Dis. met on the evening of the 4th day of March 1861 for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

The following Resolutions were read and adopted.

Resolutions.

- 1st That when an appeal is taken before the miners that the President, Constable, Jurors and Witnesses shall be entitled to the same fees as before the President.
 2d That the parties asking for an appeal shall be required to give security for costs before they are entitled to an appeal.
 3d That all appeals shall be taken in three days from the time judgment is rendered.

After which the following Resolutions were read.

- 1st *Resolved*: That the Law requiring Ten days work in the district in order to hold a Quartz claim be hereby repealed. (Laid over)
 2d That the law passed prohibiting the sale of liquors be annulled. (Laid over)
 3d That the President appoint a committee of Three to procure a survey of the district and that said committee be instructed to mark the North, West and South boundaries and further that the expences of said survey be defrayed out of the Road Fund. (Laid over)

E. S. GLOTTETTER *Sec.*

GOLD HILL NEB. TER. Mar. 9th 1861

Meeting called to order by the Pres. W. R. Blore.
 The minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.
 The following Resolution was read and adopted.

That the Law requiring Ten days work in the dis. in order to hold a quartz claim be hereby repealed.

Also adopted.

The resolutions to have the District surveyed and to annul the liquor law were lost.

The following resolutions were read and laid over till the next meeting.

- Resolution* 1st That when a trial is brought before the Pres. or miners there shall be reasonable time allowed for collecting the witnesses, by taking oath that the witnesses are absent.
 2d That the fees for recording Quartz claims in this district be reduced to Fifty cents.
 3d That the road-law be so ammended that each claim be taxed One dollar instead of Two dollars and Ffty cents. (Amendment, \$1.00 or a half days work)
 4th That the President appoint a committee of three to find how many claims are recorded in the Dis. and make out a list of the same.

The above Resolutions were adopted Apr. 6th 1861

E. S. GLOTTETTER *Sec.*

GOLD HILL April 6th 1861

A petition was handed in from citizens of Sugar Loaf Dis. asking that a division line be established between the two districts.

A motion was made that a committee of Three be appointed to draw up an act of division between Gold Hill and Sugar Loaf districts, carried

The following committee was appointed P. M. House D Seas M. S. McClaslin

Moved that James Carlile pay the cost of the suit between himself and Besweck, carried

Motion to adjourn, carried.

E. S. GLOTFETTER Sec.

GOLD HILL April 13th 1861

Meeting called to order by the Pres. W. R. Blore. Reports of committees:

We the undersigned a committee appointed to ascertain the number of claims recorded in this dis. beg leave to report that we have attended to that duty and find that there are in all 696 claims on record we find 168 leads but one claim recorded

14 " " three " "
22 " " two " "

There are 42 claims other than discovery claims that have no direction to indicate which side of the discovery they are, all of which is respectfully submitted,

E. S. GLOTFETTER
P. M. HOUSEL
J. W. SMITH

Committee

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

2nd report:

We the undersigned a committee appointed to report a resolution for the division of this Dis. or a relocation of the boundary line between this, Gold Hill, and Sugar Loaf districts beg leave to offer the following.

Resolve 1st That the southern boundary of this district be so changed that it shall run on the South Western brow of the hills or ridge between Four mile Creek and the gulches known as Clock's and Gold Run gulches.

2d That all Claims which shall be divided by the boundary line shall be regarded as in that district where the largest part of the Claim lies.

3d That all claims now recorded in this district which are in that part which will be thrown into Sugar Loaf district by the change of boundaries shall be acknowledged as valid by the Sugar Loaf district without subjecting the owners thereof to the expense of having them recorded in that district,

All of which is respectfully submitted

P. M. HOUSEL
DAVID SEAS
M. McCASLIN

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion E. S. Glotfetter was appointed to make out a list of the taxable claims in the district and the names of the persons owning them, and that he should be paid out of the road fund.

Adjourned

E. S. GLOTFETTER Sec.

GOLD HILL DIS. COLO. TER. April 24. 1861

The following resolutions were handed in and read.

Resolve 1st That the Law prohibiting the sale of liquor be hereby repealed. (Lost).

2d That when a person shall have conformed with the laws of this Dist. in taking a quartz claim he shall be the rightful owner of ground enough on each side of his stakes for prospecting the same and when the lead is found he shall put his stakes on the lead and be the rightful owner of Twenty-five feet on each side of his stakes. [amendment the lead] (Carried).

3d There shall be a redemption of Sixty days for all property sold for debts in this Dist. by paying Ten per cent per month on the same. (lost)

4th That a committee of Three be appointed to copy the laws of this mining district and put them in proper shape. (Carried).

5th That the clause (except wages for labor) in Section Six Article Six be stricken out. (Carried).

6th That the road-law shall be so amended as to read that all road taxes shall be paid by the 15th of July 1861 and if not paid their claims shall be sold as the law directs and that the owners of such claims shall have sixty days after the sale in which to redeem them, by paying Ten per cent per Month.

AMENDMENT. Amended by striking out all after resolved and inserting: That the time of redemption on claims sold for taxes be reduced from one year to Sixty days. (Adopted).

Motion 1st That the road commissioners receive the same pay as the laborers. (Carried)

GOLD HILL Sep. 28 1861

At a meeting of the miners of this district for the purpose of determining whether the miners shall be sustained.

Mr. McCaslin moved the the miner's court be sustained. (Carried)

Mr. Housel moved a reconsideration of the question (Carried).

Mr. Housel then addressed the miners in favor of sustaining the miners court.

Mr. Collins spoke in favor of the Territorial courts superseding the miners courts, on motion of the President the miners courts of this district was sustained.

J. P. ERRICKSON *Sec pro tem.*

GOLD HILL Oct 2 1861

Miners came together pursuant to a call by the President,

On motion, the rules requiring a resolution to lay over one week, were suspended that the following might be voted on immediately.

Resolved: That the road commissioners be authorized to advertise delinquent taxes and sell the claims to pay road taxes due on them and that the fees for advertising and selling such claims be Seventy-five cents per claim.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to meet another committee from Boulder and locate a new road between Gold Hill and Boulder. Also a committee of three to solicit subscriptions to build the same.

Resolved: that we the miners of Gold Hill in meeting assembled are emphatically opposed to the taxation of quartz or other mining claims having anything to do with our books or with recording our claims and that we will continue to transact our business as a mining community as far a quartz claims are concerned as we have heretofore been doing.

Adopted

C. H. MERRILL, *Sec. pro tem.*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—DOWNEYVILLE MINING DISTRICT.

RECORDS OF DOWNEYVILLE DISTRICT

Laws

ARTICLE I. The boundaries of this district shall be as follows, commencing at the mouth of Waldens fork of Clear creek and running down Clear creek two miles and up the same two and one half miles and northwardly up Waldens fork two & one half miles & south to the top of the divide embracing the ravines included in said limits to be known as the Downeyville mining District

ART. 2. The officer of this district shall be a secretary who shall be elected by the miners and hold his office during the pleasure of the majority

ART. 3. The duty of the secretary shall be to record the proceedings of all meetings held by the miners to call meetings when called upon to do so, in cases of disputes or otherwise and to record all claims, transfers of claims &c in a book kept for that purpose and he shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of one dollar for recording each claim or transfer & two dollars for calling meetings &c in cases of Dispute.

ART. 4. Each miner shall be entitled to hold one bench claim one gulch claim one water or river claim and one land claim and no more except by purchase or representation by actual labor thereon

ART. 5. Bench claims shall be 100 feet in length and the width of the bench gulch claims 100 feet in length & from bank to bank River claims where it may be necessary for him to turn the stream shall be 200 feet in length and extend from one bank of the stream to the base of the mountain on the opposite side and lead claims 100 feet on the lead and 25 feet on each side

ART. 6. No claim shall be considered valid or good unless worked within ten days after being staked and every ten days thereafter unless recorded by the secretary But in all cases at least two weeks work must be done by the claimant on one or more of the claims

ART. 7. Where claims are held by companies it must be so stated upon the stakes marking such claims and the names of all the members of the company must be given upon the records with a description of said claims and where members of a company are at work upon one claim of the company all the others shall be considered as worked by the notice being posted on the same

ART. 8. In all gulches or ravines where water may be scarce the oldest claimants shall have preference and priority of right to water

ART. 9. In cases where the benches or banks of a stream may have been claimed prior to the bed of the stream parties claiming the bed of the stream for mining purposes shall be entitled to right of way across adjoining claims unless the exercise of such right should render such claims unfit for work

ART. 10. In cases of dispute in regard to claims or other matters of difference between parties the secretary shall when called upon by either party upon the payment of the prescribed for such service call a meeting of the miners whose duty it shall be to attend & who when convened shall elect a disinterested member of their own body to act as prescribed and said president shall have power & it shall be his duty to select 9 men the contesting parties to reject alternately until the number is reduced to three which three shall constitute a Jury & decide such disputes by a majority vote the president being empowered to administer to jurors and witnesses the customary legal oath or affirmation

ART. 11. Individuals or companies may claim and hold sites for towns by having the same recorded by the secretary and building upon the claim within 30 days from date of claiming

ART. 12. These laws may be altered or amended by a two third vote of the miners present at a special meeting notice having been given by posting in three conspicuous places & at least 3 days in advance

Passed July 29 1859

E JAMES *Sec.*

At a meeting of the miners of Downeyville district held September 6 1859 the legal notice having been given The following resolution was unanimously adopted viz

That all claims properly held in this district shall hold good until the 15th day of June A D 1860 and all water or mill site claims for one year from this date without improvement

Passed September 5 1859

E JAMES *Secy.*

At a meeting of the miners of Downeyville District held Aug 6 1860 the legal notice having been given the following amendments and revisions to the foregoing laws were unanimously adopted to wit

AN ACT to provide for and define the future boundaries of the Downeyville District

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Downeyville District assembled in convention* That the boundaries of this district shall be as follows: Commencing at a point on the south bank of Clear Creek opposite the mouth of the Waldens fork thence up said Clear Creek to the first place where said Clear Creek forks thence due North to the North bank of Waldens Fork thence down said North fork of Waldens Fork to the place of beginning

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted* That the boundaries of this district shall not be changed hereafter without the consent of two thirds of all the citizens of the district present at a regularly called meeting

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted* That if any persons shall wish to change the boundaries of this district or erect another district within the same or annex any territory before that time not belonging thereunto a public meeting of the citizens shall be called and ten days notice given of the same by posting five different notices of said meeting in as many conspicuous places, If the petition for a new district or change of boundary applied for in this district be granted it shall not take effect for ten days thereafter

Defining Claims and Regulating Titles thereto

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Downeyville District in Convention assembled,* That all Mining lodes gold or any other precious or useful metals and all mining or other claims shall be held under and be defined by the provisions of this act

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted* That the term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode one hundred feet along the same and fifty feet in width, when applied to a gulch claim one hundred feet along the same and from bank to bank When applied to a bar claim one hundred feet up and down the bench or bar and extending from the creek to the base of the mountain, When applied to a patch or placer diggings one hundred feet square When applied to tunnel claims the entire distance it is intended to run the said for discovery purposes and including five hundred feet on each side of said tunnel on every lode which said tunnel may cross Provided that such portion of said lode shall not be taken up at the time of the locating said tunnel if such portion of any lode is crossed, be taken previous to the locating of said tunnel then persons owning and running said tunnel shall be entitled to one thousand feet on any such lode so crossed and not taken up at the time of locating said tunnel When applied to mill claims three hundred feet square with the exclusive right to use the water on said claim when applied to a ditch claim the entire distance which the owners intend to run the same as shown by the survey and staked when applied to a ranch claim or farming claim one hundred and sixty acres (160) When applied to a building twenty two (22) feet front by one hundred feet deep

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted* That no person shall have more than one lode Gulch patch or bar claim in this district except by purchase or discovery

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted* That no person shall hold more than one mill farm building or tunnel claim in this district except by purchase

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted* That the first record of any claim duly recorded in the books of this district shall hold said claim against any other claimant

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted* That all claims with the exception of lode patch & gulch claims which have been taken up or may be located before the 1st day of August A. D. 1861 shall hold good until that time

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted* That any members of a company may take up as many claims of each kind as there are members of such company provided that the name of each member of said company shall appear on the record of such claim

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted* That all deeds bills of sale or instrument of any kinds relating to the conveyance of claims shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested persons and recorded

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted* That any person discovering a lode shall be entitled to a discovery claim on such discovery claim shall be ——— property

AN ACT in relation to the officers of Downeyville District their duties term of office and fees

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Downeyville district in convention assembled* That there shall be elected in this district on the first Saturday of August in each year the following officers who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year unless they shall sooner die or resign their office to wit, a President a Recorder and a Sheriff

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted* That the Sheriff of this district shall have the same powers that are given to a sheriff of the laws of Kansas

SEC. 3d. *Be it further enacted* That it shall be the duty of the President of the district to preside at all public meetings of the citizens of this district when called for purposes relating to public business and to preside at the trial of all laws in the miners Court

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted* That it shall be the duty of the Recorder safely to keep the books and record of this district and to record all proper papers on the payment of his fees To act as secretary of the district at all public meetings of the district and to keep all monies paid into his hands by the Judge of the miners Court to be paid away or distributed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted* That the fees of the Recorder shall be one dollar for each claim or instrument in writing recorded, and such other fees on other district business as shall be allowed him by the citizens

The Sheriff may charge double the fees allowed a Sheriff of Kansas Territory and the Judge of the Miners Court five dollars for presiding at each trial and double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas for making out the papers proper for him to make out

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted* That every person shall be a voter in this district who owns a claim therein which is recorded

AN ACT repealing certain laws now in force in Downeyville District

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Downeyville district in convention assembled* That all laws or parts of laws heretofore in force and the laws passed at this meeting are hereby repealed

AN ACT To amend an act defining Claims and regulating titles thereto

Be it enacted by the citizens of Downeyville District in convention assembled That all mill claims shall be ——— property

Passed Aug 4 1860

U E SISTY Secretary
By A S GOODING Deputy

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

A regularly called meeting of the miners of Downieville District assembled at 1 p. m. Aug 4 1860
 Meeting called to order by Mr Sisty
 Mr T F Johnson was called to the chair
 At the request of the president of the meeting the laws were read by the Deputy secretary
 Moved and carried that all lode claims hold good by recording the same until there is sufficient machinery in the neighborhood to justify the working of the same,
 Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to serve the laws of this district and that said committee be appointed by the chair
 Miners Bliss Hemman and Croften were appointed as said committee retired to perform the same
 Committee on laws returned & made their report
 On motion the report of said committee was accepted and the committee discharged
 The revision of the laws as reported was adopted
 On motion proceeded to the election of officers
 Mr David Bowen was elected President
 Mr W E Sisty was elected Recorder
 Mr L E Pitcher was elected Sheriff
 On motion adjourned *son die*

S T JOHNSON *President*
 A S GOODING *Dep Secretary*

Witness

A BLANCHARD
 P JOHN SIMCOX

MINUTES OF MINERS MEETING

A regularly called meeting of the miners of Downieville District The legal notice having been given Assembled at 1 p. m Sept 20 1860
 Meeting called to order by Mr Gooding Mr David Bowen the president of the district being absent
 Mr C F Currier was appointed chairman Pro tem Mr A T Gooding Depty Recorder acting as Secretary
 The following resolutions were then offered by Mr Hampton
 Resolved That all preemption claims shall be and are from this date held as real estate if such claims are duly recorded on the books of the district and said claims shall be subject to no compulsory labor whatever until the 10th day of august A D 1861
 Resolved That any citizens of this district can hold by preemption one claim on each and every lode in this district by recording the same on the books of the district
 Resolved That any organized company doing business within the boundaries of this district and when organization and list of members recorded on the books of this district shall be allowed to vote their whole number of votes in said companys by their regularly constituted agent at any miners meeting of the district
 Moved and carried that the resolutions be adopted
 Proceeded to the election of sheriff for the unexpired term of Mr S. E. Pitcher who has left the country
 On motion Mr Robert Harden was duly elected sheriff for the unexpired term of Mr S E Pitcher
 On motion meeting adjourned *sin die*

C F CAMNER *Chairman*
 A S GOODING *Secretary*

Witness

J C WHITTALL
 H B NOONAN

See also minutes of convention of the miners of Montana and Downeyville districts held April 23 1860, given under "Montana District, Clear Creek county."

SUMMIT COUNTY.—ILLINOIS MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ILLINOIS MINING DISTRICT U. T. MAY 22 1860

At a meeting held by the miners at the Hill and Norris camp Sep 10—1859 having there discovered gold declared and organized a district to be named and designated as the Illinois District at which meeting George Norris was appointed President and Henry Gassent Secretary
 On motion of H. Hill seconded by A. Glick, it was
 Resolved That the boundaries of the Illinois District shall be as follows, to wit;
 Its west by north boundary shall be the centre of the prairie into which it outlets; thence extending east by south to its source with all tributaries lodes and mining grounds thereto belonging within the above mentioned limits extending from the first starting point

running up said gulch or ravine one and one half miles on each side of said gulch or ravine aforesaid and to extend one and one half miles around its source or upper extremities including all the tributaries thereto belonging

On motion of H. Hill seconded by A. Glick the meeting adjourned until the 20 day of September 1859.

At an adjourned meeting held on the 20 day of September 1859 George Norris in the chair it was moved by J. W. McIntire and seconded by L. Pollard that permanent officers shall be elected for one year; motion carried

On motion of J. W. McIntire and seconded by H. Hill that George Norris act as president; motion carried

On motion of L. Pollard and seconded by J. W. McIntire that Henry Gassent act as Secretary; motion carried. * * *

On motion L. Pollard, J. W. McIntire and J. L. Sharp were appointed as committee to draft by laws

At meeting according to adjournment September 26th 59 the committee appointed to draft by laws at the previous meeting, reported as follows

ARTICLE 1 This district shall be called the Illinois District and shall be bounded as heretofore prescribed by law.

ART. 2 That a President and Secretary shall be elected whose office shall be good for one year from the day of election

ART. 3 The duty of the President shall be to preside at all regular meetings summon all jurors and witnesses and administer the customary oath or affirmation and in absence of the Secretary the President shall have full power to act and perform all the duties assigned and receive all remunerations arising from said office.

ART. 4 The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct record of all regular meetings in a book kept for that purpose etc.

ART. 5 Claims in this district shall be classed as follows, gulch claims; lead claims and bank or dry claims the size of which shall be as follows.

Gulch claims to be 100 feet up or down the gulch and extending 100 feet on each side of the creek, measuring from the centre of the creek

Dry claims shall be 100 feet square, the commencement of dry claims shall be the terminus of gulch claims and to be numbered to correspond with the numbers of gulch claims lying opposite.

Lead claims shall be 100 feet in length running in the supposed direction of said leads and 50 feet on each side of said lead with permission to angle or range for the locality of said lode.

ART. 6 In case of dispute it shall be the duties of the President or Secretary to summon jurors of which there shall be nine and each contestant shall have the right to strike off one alternately until but three are left who shall hear all evidence and render their verdict accordingly which decision shall be final

ART. 7 Where discoveries have been or may be made, the discoverer shall in all cases be entitled to one discovery claim besides a preemption claim providing the discoverer has announced that, after duly prospecting and testing the same and that claims lawfully taken after discovery either by proxy or in person shall be the same as taken in person

ART. 8 That all claims which may have been preempted, purchased or obtained by discovery shall on receiving a certificate of record of the same hold good without improvement until the 4 day of July next 1860 and the books shall be a standing proof of the same.

ART. 9 That no claim shall be considered or recognized as valid unless marked and staked describing to what class or description of claims it or they may belong as heretofore prescribed by law.

ART. 10 The Secretary shall be requested to give certificates of record and number each claim each way from discovery and designate the same in said certificates

ART. 11 Each miner having the use of water on his or their claims shall have the priority of right

ART. 12 Each juror or witness refusing to comply with a summons shall forfeit his claim.

ART. 13 Each juror or witness which may be retained shall receive 2 dollars for each trial.

ART. 14 No miner shall be entitled to a vote in this district unless he or they hold claims within the limits of this district.

ART. 15 Those laws may be altered or amended by calling a miners meeting on three days notice and receiving a two thirds vote of the legal voters of this district.

At a meeting of the miners of the Illinois District on Friday the 17 day of May 1860 at 4 o'clock p. m. called for the purpose of amending the laws of this district the meeting being called to order, Col. Norris in the chair

On motion of W. A. Smith seconded by H. Hill that a committee of five be appointed to draft the necessary amendments and report within an hour, submitting report for adoption or rejection of the meeting, motion carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a committee for the above specified purpose, W. A. Smith, Hiram Hill ——— Nesbitt W. H. Harlow and D. H. Thompson

The committee were then sent out and after an absence of one and one half hours returned and D. C. Thompson chairman of the committee notified the meeting that their committee were ready to report.

On motion of O. A. Lee and seconded by George Brown that the meeting hear the report of the committee, motion carried.

The chairman of the committee then read the following report

We the committee appointed to draft amendments to the existing laws of Illinois Mining District respectfully beg leave to report the following code of amendments.

ARTICLE 1. All records and all certificates thereof shall be considered valid whether issued by the former or the latter organization when they do not conflict in which case priority of record and preemption with bona fide intent to mine and proof thereof, shall be considered valid

ART. 2 The officers of this district shall be a President and Recorder whose term of office shall be six months * * *

ART. 3 The duties of the President shall be to preside at all regular meetings to call or authorize the Secretary to call meetings etc

ART. 4 The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of all proceedings claims, sales, conveyances etc

ART. 5 The size of claims shall be the same as described in the original records and shall be numbered and described accordingly.

ART. 6 No claim shall be considered preempted until the stakes are stuck with boundaries and dates thereon in presence of at least one witness a record of which shall be made in five days after the time of staking the claim and no sale or claim shall be considered valid unless signed by two witnesses

ART 7 All claims made valid by the old laws till July 4 shall be respected and considered valid unless some one belonging to the co. is in the mines or vicinity or that there is sufficient evidence that the party claiming will not be present on the 4th day of July.

ART 8 (This art is amended on page 164) After the first day of June next every claim except those which cannot be worked for want of water and those exempted in art 7 shall be faithfully worked at least three days in each week unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident and a notice posted on the claim to that effect and stating where the claimant may be found

ART 9 In case of dispute nine disinterested persons shall be summoned and each party shall have the right to strike off one alternately until but three remain who shall try the case and in case of dissatisfaction the aggrieved party may appeal to a jury of 12 disinterested miners or a miner's meeting who shall try the case and their decision shall be final

ART 10 In all cases of jury trials the parties shall deposit the amount of costs with the officers or give security therefor payable in twenty days from date thereof.

ART 11 Any witness or juror refusing to attend a trial without a legal excuse which shall be determined by a vote of the miners shall forfeit his claim and for attendance on trial they shall each receive the sum of two dollars.

ART 12 Any five miners of this district may call a miners meeting (should the president refuse by pasting public notice at least 3 days previous in 3 different places in this district specifying the object of the meeting.

ART 14 In case of discovery the discoverer shall be staked numbered and recorded accordingly.

ART 14 In the absence of the President the Secretary shall act in his place and in absence of the Secretary the President shall act in his stead until the next regular meeting when other officers shall be elected if their absence is known to be final

ART 14 These laws may be altered or amended by a two thirds vote of all the legal miners of this district

The above report was unanimously adopted

On motion of O. A. Lee, seconded by H. Hill the acting recorder was requested to sign the name of the President to certificates of record then his own name as acting recorder Motion carried

On motion all certificates issued by the acting secretary heretofore without the signature of the President shall be considered valid ; motion carried

Meeting adjourned *sine die*

D. H. THOMPSON, *Acting Recorder.*

Amendment (Page 164)

At a miners meeting held at the Norris camp on Thursday July 26 1860 the meeting was called to order with J. H. Meyer acting pres't in the chair ; the following amendment was made to Article 8 in the new law by a committee of three H Hill, Mr Mason and W. B. Riddle which was unanimously adopted

ART 8 That article eight be amended so as to read that when any miner or miners that owns more claims by purchase or otherwise, that it shall be sufficient for said miner or miners to work on any of said claims three days in a week

Moved by H Hill and seconded by—that the following article be made concerning lead mines which was unanimously adopted

ART 15 That all lead claims in this district shall hold good without further improvements until the first day of August A. D 1861

JULY 27 I hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the meeting

J. H. RUSSELL *Sec'y Rec'd*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—CHICAGO CREEK OR JACKSON MINING DISTRICT.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN *January A D 1860*

We the miners of Chicago Creek find ourselves destitute of an organized Mining district—and a recorder or any record

Whereas we have held a meeting to organize elect a Recorder and adopt laws and resolution for the coming future as new discoveries is being made and no one for to record the claims

Whereas we elect George P Boyer Recorder of the Chicago Creek & Jackson district and adopted the following laws

J A P Smith was elected justice of the peace of Chicago Creek Jackn dist and John Pulver elected sheriff of the aforesaid district

SECTION I The officer this mining district shall be a president shereiff and Recorder the latter to act as secretary by virtue of his office

SEC II In the absence of either of the above officers the vacancy shall be filled pro tem appointed by the miners at a miners meeting or by the President who is empowered to appoint pro tem Sheriff and Recorder when the vacancy in these offices has not been filled by the action of the miners

SEC III It shall be the duty of the recorder to take charge and safely keep all records of the district and all records made necessary by law shall be by him recorded in a book provided by him for that purpose

SEC IV The book of the record shall be open alway to the inspection for the public and shall not be taken from the hands of the recorder but any person shall be permitted to copy any record at any reasonable time

SEC V The recorder if requested by either party shall make out record of the trial of the case recording all writs notices &c issued during the trial together with all the proceeding which are mentioned in the case 75 cts each paper The fees of the recorder shall be for entering such record the record of the district shall be 75 cts and for all certificates copies of such records or of any other records shall receive a fee of 75 cts for every one included his official certificate to the sum above mentioned The attestation of the President under his proper signature shall be attached to all certificates copies of the record of the trial of cases.

SEC VI The sheriff shall have power to serve notices summons parties or witnesses put parties in possession of property preserve the peace by quelling riotous proceedings and perform such other duties as he may by law by discreet to perform said Sheriff is authorized if

requested in the district of his official duties to make a requisition upon such number of the citizens of the district as he may deem necessary to enforce the law of the district the Sheriff fees shall be for every subpoena 50 cts per sub and 25 cts if over 1 witness and when he has the Jury in custody

SEC VII Sheriff shall return all writs of process to the president with the date and names of service endorsed thereon said services and papers connected with the trial of case to be by the President handed over to the recorder for safe keeping

SEC VIII The President shall receive the sum of fifty cents per issue the same per hour presiding at each trial and making out the papers

SEC IX The jury shall be entitled to the sum of twenty five cents per hour

SEC X The officers of the district shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year and until their successors shall be elected and shall hand over to their successors in office all their recording papers &c appertaining to the official business of the district

ARTICLE 1 Any one discovering Gulch or lead Claims shall be entitled to one for discovery and one as a preemption claim Provided he has represented to work on the said claims 1/2 day out of every ten days or if any company owning joining claims can work on one of the aforesaid claims which will represent all of these claims

ART 2 Every bar claim shall contain 50 feet front running back 200 feet lead claims containing 100 feet Hill claims containing 50 feet by one hundred any one purchasing claims can hold the said claims by showing deeds and transfers of the said claims

ART 3 Claims not complied with article the first will be subject to be taken by any one who sees cause

ART 4 Any claims upon record shall stand good until the 15th day of June 1860 without a representative

ART 5 Any difficulty arising between parties can be settled by the miners if so desired

ART 6 Any one arrested for theft and found guilty shall receive not over thirty nine lashes for the first offence and banished from the mountains and for the second offence if found guilty he shall hang by the neck until dead

ART 7 Any one can hold two of each kind of claims for discovery 2 of gulch claims 2 of lodes hill & bar claims or one as discoverer and the other preemption

ART 8 The recorder shall receive a fee of fifty cents per claim for recording

ART 9 Resolved that this district shall extend down est as far as Soda creek running upon the north side of Clear creek as far as the upper end of Paynes bar and the extent of it south west four miles This the first day of January 1860

A miners meeting held on the 25th day of April A D 1860 For the purpose of amending and regulating the laws of Jackson District Chicago Bar

Whereas W H Guilford was unanimously chosen chairman and George P Boyer secretary of this meeting the house was organized a motion was made & carried Relative to creek or River Claims that all the said claims shall be 100 feet up the stream from each side of the bar claims not interfering with the latter A Motion was made to investigate the new and old laws and upon investigation found them some what conflicting A motion was made and carried that the old laws should be abandoned but all claims upon record under the old laws should stand good until the appointed time expired which was the 15th day of June And then all claims not complied with according to law of this district will be liable to be forfeited And on Motion the meeting adjourned

GEO P BOYER. Sec.

MINUTES OF A MINERS MEETING HELD BY THE MINERS OF JACKSON DISTRICT HELD AT THE CABIN OF I A CLARK IN SAID DISTRICT ON SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 7 A D 1861

On motion Mr Orr was called to the chair and J M Andre was chosen secretary

The following business was attended to to wit.

On Motion Mr Shields was removed from the office of Recorder for the Jackson District by the unanimous vote of the meeting Mr Crenshaw was then nominated to fill said office & a vote of the meeting was then taken and resulted in his election.

The following additions to the laws of the Jackson district were proposed by Mr Clark which were read and adopted by the meeting article by article

ARTICLE I No post house nor tent shall be allowed to stand in this district that deals and traffics in spiritious liquors

ART II Fraud shall vitiate any contract wherever it makes its appearance

ART III Any person convicted of perjury shall receive 25 lashes upon the bare back and the sheriff shall perform said duty

ART IIII One partner of any Company shall not have the power to sell any claim in the absence of the company without he shall have power of attorney or a written agency

On Motion of Mr Clark the vote for Recorder was recinded and Mr Crenshaw & Dr Byrne were nominated to fill the office of recorder for Jackson district

A vote was then taken which resulted in the election of Dr Byrnes

On motion meeting adjourned

GRAYSON ORR President

J M COLE Sec.

Entered upon record this 11th day of June 1860 by A. J. Clark.

SECTION I The boundaries of Jackson District shall be as follows to wit the northern line of Jackson district shall begin at a point in the middle of Clear Creek opposite the middle of the mouth of Soda creek extending up the middle of Clear Creek from said point as far as the upper end of Paynes Bar extending from thence five miles southwest and from thence extending in a paralell line with the course of Clear creek to the middle Branch of Soda Creek and extending down the middle of said branch to the place of starting

SEC 2 The officers of this district shall consist of one Justice of the peace one sheriff & one recorder

SEC 3 In the absence of all of the above officers the vacancy shall be filled pro tem by the miners at a miners meeting if the Justice be present he shall fill the vacancy by appointment

SEC 4 It shall be the duty of the Justice to preside at all Miners Meetings & shall try all causes brought before him according to law & evidence he shall keep a record of all cases tried before him in a book provided by him for that purpose The Justice shall issue

warrants subpoenas veniris executions attachments garnashees and all other papers necessary to carry out the law The Justice shall have power to administer oaths take acknowledgments and if necessary solemnize marriages No paper issued by the Justice shall be thrown out of court for the want of form Technicalities shall be barred from all courts The Justice shall have power to fill vacancies either in the sheriffs or recorders office In the absence of the Justice the recorder may act with full power of the Justice the Justice shall deliver to his successor in office all books and papers pertaining to his office

SEC V It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to serve all papers put into his hands and return the same to the proper officer—making the necessary return on the back of the same how served he shall attend to the selling of property taken by execution after giving three days notice by posting three notices in public places in the district The sheriff shall return all executions within fifteen days he shall be in attendance of all suits and shall be a general peace officer with full power to force assistance in case of riots he shall have charge of all prisoners and carry into execution all sentences and decisions of the court

SEC 6 It shall be the duty of the recorder to take charge of and safely keep all records of the district and all records made necessary by law to be him recorded in a book provided by him for that purpose The book of records shall be open to the inspection of the public & shall not be taken from the hands of the recorder Any person shall be permitted to copy any record at any reasonable time It shall be the duty of the recorder to record all deeds claims mortgages bills of sale articles of Copartnership the recorder shall also act as secretary at all miners meetings by virtue of his office

Elections

SEC 7 All elections for officers shall be by ballott the board of electors shall consist of three Judges and one Clerk the Justice being one of the Judges & two men to be chosen by the miners present the recorder acting as clerk in all elections the person receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be declared elected & in case of a tie vote they shall decide by lot Any person elected to any office shall go before the Justice and be qualified within three days for all elections there shall be three days notice given by posting notices of the same in three public places in the district one of the said notices being on the recorders office door no person shall have a vote in this district unless he shall have been living in the district five days next preceeding an election

SEC 8 Property exempt from execution every man having his family in the mines shall have exempt from execution all his family wearing apparel household goods & provisions for one month one cow and mining tools consisting of one pick one shovel & one pan and one half of the claim on which he is working with the necessary tools for working the same every single man or man not having his family in the mines shall have exempt from execution all his wearing apparel camping furniture and one pick 1 shovel & 1 pan and provisions for ten days & in all cases one rifle or shot gun to each man owning the same shall be exempt from execution

SEC 9 Any party can have a trial before a Jury of five any party feeling agrieved by the diciseon of a Jury of four or of the Justice can make appeal to a Jury of twelve

SEC 10 Any party having trial by Jury shall deposit the Jurymans fees with the justice or give approved security for the same in all cases of appeal the appelant shall give approved security for the costs to the Justice the plaintiff shall give the defendant not less than two days notice nor more than five All appeals shall be called for within three days from the trial and the appelant shall give the defendant not less than three days notice nor more than ten The plaintiff must in all cases file a written plea before the hour of trial

SEC 11 The defendant may either file a written plea or deliver it orally when orally the Justice shall take it down either in his docket or file it with his other papers belonging to the case The plaintiff to a suit may have the privildge of withdrawing his suit at any time before the trial commences by paying all costs that may have accrued Suit for attachment shall be tried forthwith Suit by garenshee shall be tried the same as in other causes

SEC 12 Parties wishing to reference a case may go before the Justice & he shall only take cognizance of the same excepting he may compel the attendance of witnesses before said referees all trial before referees shall be final

SEC 13 In all cases the Jury shall be empannelled by the sheriff subject to three peremptory challenges from each party & as many other challenges as may be necessary for a cause

SEC 14 Any number of miners not less than five and living in Jackson district wishing to hold a miners meeting may make their wish known to the recorder whose duty it shall be to write three notices to that effect and post one up on his office door & the other two in the most conspicuous place in the district

SEC 15 No Miners Meeting shall be held without giving at least twelve hours notice

SEC 16 An election shall be held on the first monday in July 1864 for the election of officers & on the second Monday in June annually thereafter

ARTICLE 1 All claims shall be as follows to wit lead claims shall be fifty feet wide and one hundred feet on the lead in length Dry or hill Claims fifty by one hundred feet Bar claims fifty feet on the creek and running two hundred feet back Water Claims one hundred feet in length & running from bank to bank water claims are not to interfere with bar claims Gulch claims are to be 50 by 100 ft along the gulch Building lots shall be 50 by 100 ft in area

ART 2 Any person discovering new lodes dry or hill diggins bar or gulch claims or water claims shall be entitled to one as discovery & one as preemption

ART 3 Repealed

ART 4 1st clause repealed

All lode claims shall be worked as soon as machinery can be obtained and afterwards every four days except in case of sickness and all dry or hill claims as soon as water can be provided and every ten days thereafter water claims hold good for one year dating from July 1 1860 Mill priviledges hold good by putting one hundred dollars worth of work on them every six months until completed Mill priviledges are to be Six hundred feet more or less up or down the creek and are not to be eneroached upon by other mills

ART 5 Company or partnership claims that are adjoining may be represented by one of said company he doing sufficient work on any one of said claims to represent all In case of sickness a person shall be excused from working his claim until his health will permit

ART 6 All claims shall be recorded within three days after staking the working of claims is intended & does only mean to include the mining season which shall be from the fifteenth of June to the first of November any person leaving his claim during the mining season more than ten days shall forfeit his claim unless detained by sickness

ART 7 All ditches shall have the right of way across all claims

ART 8 No person shall mine closer than six feet of any ditch either by sluicing or drifting without fluming the ditch

ART 9 No person shall be allowed to obstruct wagon road or public highways by mining or otherwise

ART 10 Any person convicted of perjury shall receive 25 lashes on the bare back, & sh shall perform that duty

ART 11 Fraud shall vitiate any contract in which it makes its appearance

ART 12 Any person convicted of theft shall be punished in accordance with the verdict of a Jury of twelve

ART 13 Any person drawing a pistol or other deadly weapon intent to kill or commit other bodily injury shall receive not exceeding thirty-nine lashes on the back and be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars as a Jury of twelve may determine

ART 14 Any person obstructing ditches or public roads shall be fined double the cost of repairing the same which shall be collected the same as action for debt but any person obstructing ditches or roads shall have a reasonable time for repairing the same

ART 15 One partner of any company shall not have the power to sell any claim in the absence of the company without he have power of attorney or a written agency from the Company

ART 16 Any person maliciously pulling up any stake that is lawfully standing or defacing names on said stakes shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty dollars and be liable to the injured party for double the amount of damage

ART 17 Any person mining under any building shall be liable to the owner of the building for any sum assessed by a Jury of twelve

ART 18 No title to claims shall be known or recognized in this district except what the records provided however that this article shall not be so construed as to bar persons from claims on which they are working continuously from day to day whether they be recorded or not

ART 19 Witnesses failing to appear at court after they have been lawfully summoned shall be fined five dollars & be liable to the injured party to double the amount of damage sustained

ART 20 No person shall be allowed to record claims in this district in the names of absent parties

ART 21 The fees of the Justice shall be two dollars for hearing each case of less than six hours duration & sixty cents per hour for every hour over six for rendering Judgment on note of hand without hearing one dollar if contested his fees shall be the same as in other cases for subpoenas venires garnishees & attachments twenty five cents each warrants and all other papers issued fifty cents each Jury mans fees shall be fifty cents per hour witness fees fifty cents per hour The Sheriffs fees shall be for subpoenas 25 cts for every person named therein & ten cents per mile going and returning for serving warrants one dollar for advertising fifty cents for selling one dollar for attending court fifty cents per hour The recorder shall receive fifty cents for recording each claim and the same for deeds mortgages articles of copartnership & bills of sale

ART 22 All laws on record conflicting with these to be declared null & void

ART 23 These laws shall be in force from and after their adoption

ART 24 These laws may be altered by a majority of two thirds of the voters at a miners Meeting

ROCKY MOUNTAINS JACKSON DISTRICT

At an annual election held at the recorders office in Jackson District on Saturday July 7 1861 there were 155 ballots cast for the office of Justice of the peace of which D Robinson Received 153 votes and Chas Smith 2 For the office of Recorder there were cast 155 Ballots of which W B Lawrence received 88 votes & J H Young 65

— 2 For the office of sheriff there were cast 155 ballots of which James Carver received the whole no of votes I duly cast and deliwer return There were three double ballots rejected.

W P POLLOCK
ALEX DOWD JR
W B LAWRENCE

Judges

Clerks attest

G. A. BYRNES

The above named elected officers were properly & legally qualified & entered at once upon the duties of their respective offices

Original Art 3 repealed July 28th & is as follows

All persons can hold as many claims as they see fit to purchase Art 25 all bar or dry claims shall be worked around with pick or shovel and staked at corners hereafter previous to recording

GILPIN COUNTY.—GREGORY MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS OF GREGORY DISTRICT

At a meeting of the citizens of Gregory District held in Mountain City on the 11th day of February A. D. 1860 at 7 o'clock p. m. a committee consisting of George W Brizee William H. Bates and B. F. Chase was appointed to codify and amend the laws of said District and to report the laws so codified and amended in a meeting to be held at the same hour and place on the 18th inst

In accordance with the duties imposed upon them the committee report the following acts regulating the rights of persons and of property and the manner in which those rights may be preserved

AN ACT to provide for and define the future boundaries of Gregory District

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in convention assembled,* That it shall be the duty of the Recorder of this District on or before the 22nd inst to make and cause to be posted three notices in each of the Districts adjoining this District wherein the citizens thereof shall be invited to send three delegates each to attend a meeting to be held at the City Hall in Mountain City in Gregory District on the 1st day of March next following at 2 O'clock p m. that the boundaries of this and adjoining Districts may be permanently and definitely defined with accuracy and certainty.

SEC 2 *Be it further enacted* That after the boundaries of this District shall be permanently defined and fixed as provided for in Section one no change shall thereafter be made in its boundaries without the consent of the citizens of this District

SEC 3 *Be it further enacted* That if any persons shall wish to change the boundaries of this District or erect another within the same or annex any territory before that time not belonging thereunto a public meeting of the citizens of this District shall be called and ten days notice of the same given by posting twelve notices of said meeting in as many conspicuous places. If the petition for a new District or change of boundary as applied for in this District be granted it shall not take effect for ten days thereafter

Approved February 18 A. D. 1860

AN ACT defining Claims and Regulating the title thereto

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in Convention assembled* That all mining leads of gold or any other precious or useful metals and all mining and other claims shall be held under and defined under the provisions of this act

SEC 2 *Be it further enacted* That the term "claim" as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lead one hundred feet running the length of the same and fifty feet in width when applied to a gulch one hundred feet following its meanderings and extending from bank to bank when applied to patch or placer diggings one hundred feet square when applied to tunneling claims the entire distance intended to run the same for discovery purposes as shown by record and the stake at the mouth of the tunnel when applied to a quartz mill claim the distance of two hundred and fifty feet square when applied to a ditch claim the entire distance staked out which they intend to run the same as shown by the survey and stakes when applied to a water claim the exclusive use to use water for mining purposes upon any ditch or stream not exceeding in distance two hundred and fifty feet when applied to a farming or ranch claim one hundred and sixty acres when applied to a building claim forty feet front and one hundred feet deep

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That no person shall have more than one lead gulch patch or placer claim in this district except by purchase or discovery

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no person shall hold more than one water building farming or ranch claim except by purchase

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That each discovery claim shall be marked as such and all purchased claims shall be recorded and in either case they shall be safely held whether worked or not

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That any claim or claims now held by purchase or discovery if abandoned for ten consecutive days after being staked off shall be forfeited to any person or persons who shall take up the same and work them and not abandon them as aforesaid

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That no claim shall be regarded as good and valid unless staked off with the owners name giving the length width and date when the same was made and when held by a company the name of each member thereof shall conspicuously appear.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That when members of a company consisting of two or more shall work one claim of the company the rest shall be considered as worked by putting a notice of the same thereon

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That all mining claims which have been or may be taken up before the 1st day of June next need not be work until that date provided however that the person who so has or shall take up a claim as aforesaid shall file with the recorder a statement thereof wherein he shall describe the claim and aver that it cannot be worked profitably either from want of water or proper machinery until the first day of June next at which time he believes the said water or machinery can be procured

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that in all cases when parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of claim when honestly carried out shall be respected

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That all contracts of partnership or agreements whereby an interest in claims or lands are concerned and all contracts relating thereto hereafter made shall be in writing and give the names and interests of each of the parties and when a partnership the firm name also and the same shall be recorded before the 1st day of April next or the said contract shall not be regarded as binding upon or affecting any but the original parties in any transaction whatever

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That all deeds bonds contracts bills of sale or instruments of any kind relating to the conveyance of claims and bonds shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses and recorded

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That when any miner shall hold both a gulch and lead claim if one be worked the other may be held without working by recording the same

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That any person owning a quartz mill claim upon which he has a mill or is preparing to put one may claim the right to cut a race or ditch from any stream to bring water to said mill not interfering with vested rights

SEC. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That all claims held by virtue of laws heretofore in force shall be regarded as vested property and no person shall be disturbed in the possession thereof

SEC. 16. *Be it further enacted*, that when water is claimed for gulch and quartz mining purposes on the same stream neither shall have the right to more than one half unless there shall be insufficient for both then priority of claim shall determine

SEC. 17. *Be it further enacted*, That if two or more parties wish to use water on the same stream or ravine for quartz mining purposes no person shall be entitled to use more than his proportionate share of water but in case there shall not be sufficient water for all priority of claim shall determine the right to such water

SEC. 18. *Be it further enacted*, That when water companies are engaged in bringing water into the mines they shall have the right of way secured to them and may pass over any claim road or ditch provided the water shall be guarded so as not to interfere with any vested rights.

SEC. 19. *Be it further enacted*, That in other questions not settled by the provisions of this act arising out of the rights of riparian proprietors shall be divided according to the common law

SEC. 20. *Be it further enacted*, that claims of every kind except discovery mining claims must be recorded unless the same are continuously worked or used according to law

SEC. 21. *Be it further enacted*, That the rules and regulations observed in mining regions within the United States relating to digging for gold under building lots upon ranch farming and other claims shall be observed in this District

SEC. 22. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person shall locate a tunnel in this District for the purposes of discovery he shall first file a specification of the same with the recorder whose duty it shall be to record the same upon payment of fees. The said specification shall state the place of commencement and the termination of the said tunnel together with the names of the parties interested therein. A four square stake shall be placed on its mouth having written thereon the same things hereby made necessary to record

SEC. 23. *Be it further enacted*, That any person or persons engaged in working a tunnel provided he or they shall comply with the requirements of the law shall be entitled to two hundred and fifty feet on each side of all leads discovered in consequence of the same and such parts of leads as they are entitled to in consequence of said discovery shall be held as discovery claims provided however they do not interfere with any vested rights and if it shall appear that leads are staked off on the line of said tunnel so that the required number of feet cannot be taken near to the same they may be taken on any part thereof wherever the same may be found vacant

SEC. 24. *Be it further enacted*, That if the person or persons locating a tunnel shall fail to work the same for twenty consecutive days after the first of July next they shall forfeit their claim to said tunnel but not to the claims they have discovered and held by virtue of discovery before the time of forfeiture

SEC. 25. *Be it further enacted*, that the person or persons working a tunnel shall after the same is legally located have the priority of right to all leads discovered on the line of the tunnel from the recorded line of its mouth to its terminus and shall have the right of way through all leads which may lie in the course said tunnel is recorded staked out and worked

Approved February 18th 1860

AN ACT In Relation to the Officers of Gregory District—Their Duties Term of Office and Fees

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in convention assembled,* That there shall be elected in this District upon the first Monday of June in each year the following officers who shall each hold their respective offices for the term of one year unless they shall sooner die resign remove from the District or be removed from their offices for misconduct by the citizens of this District viz a President a Judge of the Miners Court and a Recorder who shall be ex-officio Secretary and Treasurer of this District.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the President of the District to preside at all public meetings of the citizens of District when called for purposes relating to public business and to preside at the trial of causes in the Miners Court when required by law

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to preside at the trial of causes and at public meetings in the absence of the President and perform such other duties as the law requires

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted* That it shall be the duty of the Recorder to safely keep the books and records of the District and to record all proper papers upon payment of his fees to act as Secretary of the District at public meetings of the District and to keep all moneys paid into his hands by the Judge of the Miners Court to be paid over as directed as directed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Sheriff of Arapaho County shall be ex-officio Sheriff of this District and shall have the same power he has by virtue of his office under the laws of Kansas

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the fees of the Recorder shall be one dollar for each claim or instrument in writing recorded and such other fees for District business as the citizens shall allow. The Sheriff may charge double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas and the Judge of the Miners Court five dollars for presiding at each trial and double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas for making out the papers proper for him to make

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That every person shall be a voter in this District who owns a claim therein which is recorded

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the officers of this District shall continue to hold their said offices until the next annual election subject to the provisions hereinbefore named

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That the Justice of the Miners Court shall hereafter be known as the Judge thereof

Approved February 28 1860

AN ACT Establishing a Miners Court and Regulating its Jurisdiction

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in Convention assembled,* That a regular term of Court to be known as the Miners Court shall be held in this District in some convenient and proper place upon Monday of each week and all writs to be made returnable at said term shall be served before the Friday next preceeding if not so served they shall be made returnable at the second term after service. Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the trial of criminals at any time

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the officers of said Court shall consist of a Judge a Clerk the Sheriff of Arapahoe County and his deputies and the attorneys of said court regularly admitted as such

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said Court to sign all writs issuing out of said Court either by himself or his Clerk to make all transcripts of Judgment required on payment of his fees. to enter Judgments and issue executions and pay over to the proper parties moneys collected on such judgments and executions to try all criminals and pay over to the treasurer all money he may receive for the District for fines and judgments and perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if the Judge of said Court shall not be able to attend any trial or shall be disqualified from any cause to try any suit or if there shall be more business than the Court can attend to or if any person shall make his affidavit in writing that he does not believe he can have a fair and impartial trial before the said Judge of said Court or if the said Court shall be interested in the event of any suit either as Plaintiff or Defendant or with either of them in any manner the President of the District shall preside in the miners court at such trial

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Miners Courts shall have equity as well as law jurisdiction and may grant writs of injunction upon motion in all proper cases and all other motions upon proper cause shown to be supported by affidavits alone and do all such other acts as a court of equity has power to do

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the Miners Court shall have power to fine for contempts in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon the same as upon a judgment

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Court shall have the power to appoint its own clerk whenever it shall be deemed necessary and the said Clerk shall have such power as a Clerk of record has by the laws of Kansas relating to matters that may come before the Court in consequence of some process issued therefrom

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the Jury for each term of Court shall be drawn upon the Thursday next preceeding each term in the following manner: The Sheriff or his deputy shall place the names of one hundred good and suitable men in a box prepared for that purpose and the Judge of the Court or the Clerk thereof shall draw therefrom the names of eighteen men who shall be summoned to act as jurors for the next succeeding term of Court When necessary the Sheriff may summon talismen but no person shall serve as juror for two successive terms of Court

Approved February 18 1860

AN ACT In Relation to the Practice in Miners' Court.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Eureka District in convention assembled,* That if any person shall wish to commence a civil action in the Miners Court of this District he shall file with the Judge or Clerk thereof a statement in writing setting forth his grounds of Complaint which shall contain all the allegations and facts necessary to constitute a cause of action in plain and unequivocal language such statement if in equity shall be in the nature of a petition and if in law of a complaint as the case may be upon the filing of either a petition or a Complaint as aforesaid the Court or the Clerk thereof shall issue a writ of Summons to be served upon the Defendant to appear and answer at the time therein named or judgment will be taken against the Defendant by Default. If the relief demanded be for a sum of money the amount shall be stated in the summons if for a sum of money and other relief the summons shall state in substance that if the Defendant do not appear and answer at the time therein named Judgment will be taken against him by Default for the sum of money demanded and such other relief as to the Court may seeme meet If the relief applied for shall not be for any sum of money the summons shall ask judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint if at law or the petition if in equity

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* that the Defendant may at any time before the time of trial at law of any cause entered in the Miners Court file his answer or demurrer upon either of which the Plaintiff may join issue and if an answer be filed containing new matter irrelevant to the issue it must be denied or avoided by the Plaintiff in his reply and all matters not denied or avoided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken as confessed and true

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all pleading subsequent to the petition in equity shall be the same as used in the United States Courts of Equity and the term of three day shall be granted for the filing of each pleading subsequent to another until the issue is made up

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all pleas in equity shall be verified and no remedy shall be allowed in equity where the same can be had at law

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That in all cases of the foreclosure of a mortgage or lien of any kind upon a claim the equity of redemption shall not extend beyond thirty days

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That in cases of judgment for partition of claims in cases of joint owners three disinterested commissioners shall be appointed by the Court who shall effect such partition

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the rules of evidence as admitted in the United States shall be observed in the Miners Court with the exception that either party may file his affidavit in Court at any time before the commencement of a trial wherein he may depose to any facts relevant to the issue and shall thereafter depose in the same that none of the foregoing facts contained in such affidavit can be proven by any witness whose testimony it is possible to procure either by deposition or by the usual process of this Court to compel the attendance of witnesses when the affidavit may be read in evidence. The adverse Party may have the right to rebut or explain the said facts so set forth by affidavit or depose to any facts that may legally affect the matters deposed to by his opponent which affidavit may also be read in evidence

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That depositions may be used in this Court in evidence provided the witness is sick and unable to attend the place of trial about to leave the county or is out of the jurisdiction of this Court. If to be taken within the County of Arapahoe notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time and place where the said deposition is to be taken if out of said County no notice need be given

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That no cause shall be continued unless upon affidavit of a party or his Attorney of the absence of a material witness whose evidence is material to the issue as he verily believes and that the said party cannot safely proceed to trial without the evidence of said witness which he believes he can procure at some future time or for some other good and sufficient cause

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that in all cases of attachment and replevin the practice prescribed by the laws of Kansas shall be observed and when in the case of attachment the Defendant has left the Country or keeps himself secreted within the same so that process cannot be served upon him publication in some public newspaper printed in the County for two weeks shall be deemed sufficient notice. The order of publication shall not be granted by the Court unless a summons has been returned by a proper officer which return shall show that he has made diligent search and inquiry and cannot learn that the Defendant is in this County or that he cannot find the Defendant and believes that he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of summons together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That garnishee process may issue as a part of the original writ to be served on both Defendant and Garnishee or separately or it may be issued after execution is returned unsatisfied and in either case if the Garnishee shall pay the demand over to the Defendant after legal notice he shall still be held liable to the amount of Plaintiffs Judgment and costs if he was indebted to that amount when service was made and if in a smaller sum the amount he was indebted at the time notice was served

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That all special proceedings in the Miners Court shall be conducted as prescribed in the statutes of Kansas for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine as far as consistent with the laws and local affairs of this District and all motions relating to such proceedings shall be sustained by affidavits alone

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That new trials of all causes which have been or may be tried shall be granted upon the same terms or by the rules of the common law and it shall be discretionary in all cases with the Court to grant or reject the application

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That no debt or demand of any nature shall be collected by suit in this Court which has not originated either in coming to this mining region or since the arrival of such debtor within the proposed limits of Jefferson Territory

SEC. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That in all cases where the liability of persons in actions founded upon contract or in mixed actions is not pointed out and defined by the laws of this District the common law rules shall apply as to such liability

Approved February 20 1860

AN ACT Relating to Trial and its Incidents.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in Convention assembled*, That in all cases where a civil action is hereafter commenced in the Miners Court the Plaintiff shall file a bond with one or more good and sufficient sureties conditioned to pay all costs which may be taxed against him in case he should fail to recover Judgment in said suit

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That in case the costs cannot be collected against the Defendant in any cause wherein the Plaintiff shall recover judgment the said Plaintiff shall be held responsible for all costs he shall make in said suit

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That upon the return day of a summons if either party shall call for a jury he shall first advance the fees at the rate of one dollar and a half for each juror who shall try the cause and in case he shall prevail in the cause the fees so advanced shall be taxed against the adverse party but in case no jury is called for the cause shall be tried by the Court

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That when a jury is called for the Court or Clerk shall call nine persons from the jurors summoned and each party shall strike off three until but three remain who shall proceed to try and determine said cause

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person shall enter an appeal from the jury of three he shall give notice thereof upon the same day the first verdict was rendered either by giving a notice in open Court or procuring the same to be entered upon the docket of the Court and shall perfect his appeal within three days by paying up all costs before that time giving security for future costs and advancing the jurors fees, the cause shall then be set for the next regular term for trial unless sooner agreed upon by the parties

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That jurors shall try all causes in equity as well as law and in equity may render special verdicts upon which the court may enter Judgment and issue its decree or order

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That a juror may be challenged for favor for cause shown by his own evidence or that of others and each party shall have the right to three peremptory challenges

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the Defended party shall in all cases be liable for the costs of suit

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the said appeal shall be decided by a jury of twelve men and from the decision of said jury there shall be no appeal

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That all executions issuing out of the Miners Court shall be made returnable in twenty days from date and the Sheriff shall note on each execution the day he received the same and return the said within the said twenty days whether satisfied or not with his return thereon endorsed

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That all Attorneys who practice in this Court shall take and subscribe the following oath. You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws of this District and that neither for gain malice fear of favor will you predjudice the cause of your client but will do all that you honorably can in any cause in which you are engaged to advance his interests

Approved February 20 1860

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AN ACT In Relation to Levy & Sale upon Execution

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory district in convention assembled,* That there shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution all tools for mining bedding clothes cooking utensils and necessary provisions for three months and in case of a man residing with his family a dwelling house not exceeding five hundred dollars in value and such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary together with bible family pictures and relics

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all property taken in execution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the District for the five days next preceding the sale thereof and the Sheriff may adjourn said sale at any time when it appears that the property cannot be sold except at a great sacrifice for want of bidders

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That money collected on execution shall be paid into the hands of the Court by the Sheriff to satisfy in whole or in part the Judgment that may be recorded on his books and the Court shall pay the same to the proper parties or their Attorney.

Approved February 20 1860

AN ACT Relating to Crimes and Nuisances Committed in Gregory District

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in convention assembled,* That all crimes committed in this District shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person who shall cause any nuisance affecting the health of the people of this District or liable to affect the health of the people of this District may be sued for the same in the miners Court in the name of "Gregory District vs. the Defendant and shall be liable to pay damages in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs of suit for the use of said District

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person shall obstruct any highway or make any pit or hole and leave it open so as to endanger life or limb upon any usually travelled road or trail such person may be sued as aforesaid for committing a nuisance and be liable to said District in Damages as provided in section 2 with costs of suit

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* that every other act of commission or omission which may affect the public health or convenience shall be regarded as a nuisance and the person or persons causing the same shall be liable accordingly

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That after any conviction for a nuisance in said miners Court if the said nuisance is allowed to remain for twenty-four hours thereafter the person or person who caused the same and whose duty it should have been to remove it shall be again liable in damages and shall also be liable for each twenty-four hours after a conviction as hereinbefore provided in this act

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That executions shall issue in all cases under the provisions of this act in the name of the District the same as in any other suit at law

Approved February 20 1860

AN ACT Containing General provisions for the Government of Gregory District

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in convention assembled,* That the Judge of the miners Court shall pay over each week to the Treasurer of the District all moneys he may collect from judgments in favor of the District contempts of Court and fines of every kind and the treasurer shall not pay the same out to any person unless upon vote of the miner given at some meeting legally called

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the President or Judge of the Miners Court may call a public meeting at any time either of them may deem the same necessary by posting six notices in as many conspicuous places in the District

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That all laws conflicting with those passed by the citizens of this District at the Public meetings hold on the 18th and the 20th of February 1860 are hereby repealed and shall cease to take effect in fifteen days after this date except as to suits pending and commenced before that time and the laws passed at the said time hereinbefore specified shall take effect fifteen days after this date

Approved Feb 20 1860

J. S. STONE,
Judge of the Miners Court.

M. STORMS, *Recorder.*

Be it resolved by the Citizens of Gregory District in miners meeting assembled

1st. That no change of venue be granted from this District in any suit hereafter commenced in the miners' Court of this District shall be allowed unless the judge of the Court and the President be interested in the event of said Suit and that said interest must be shown by the affidavit of the party applying for such change of venue and that the costs of such change of venue shall be paid within thirty six hours after such change is granted by the party applying therefor and shall not be taxed against any other party in said case. This section to apply to civil cases alone

2nd. That if a party believes that the people are so prejudiced against him that he cannot have a fair and impartial trial by the people of said District and such fact is shown by affidavit, it shall be lawful to summon jurors from the other parts of the Country and that such affidavit contemplated by this and sec one shall be made on the return day of the Summons unless such fact come to the knowledge of the party after said return day

Be it enacted by the people of Gregory District in general mass meeting assembled

1st. That from and after the 3rd day of June A. D. 1861 the Boundaries of Gregory District (by and with the consent of Enterprise District) be so changed as to include all of Enterprise District and the territory heretofore comprising the District of Gregory and Enterprise be erected into one mining District and shall be designated by such name as may be determined upon by a joint meeting of the citizens of Gregory and Enterprise Districts.

2nd. That George W. Brizee, D. S. Parmelee, C. B. Clements J. W. Colver and ——— Hooper be and are hereby made and appointed Commissioners to meet at some convenient place at Black Hawk Point to same number of Commissioners to be appointed by the People of Enterprise whose duty it shall be to revise and harmonize the laws of the two Districts and shall report a complete set of laws to govern the two Districts so united at a meeting to be held at Gregory Point on Saturday Evening the 29th day of June 1861 at Early candlelight.

To Wm H. Bates President of Gregory District:

We the undersigned miners and citizens of Gregory District respectfully petition your Honor to call a meeting of the citizens of this District for Saturday Eve next for the purpose of repealing Section 5 of an act "Providing

that the Sheriff of Arapahoe County shall be ex-officio sheriff of Gregory District" and by this means enable us to elect some suitable person that may receive the popular vote of this District to serve the people.

Dated Gregory District May 29 1861

Names.
GEO W BRIZEE
A. H. CLEMENTS
WM H. GOBLE
P. McLAUGHLIN
M. WALL
E. F. McGLASHAN

Names.
H. C. EDWARDS
H. B. EIGHMEY
D. C. VANCE
I H. OSBORNE
DANIEL DOYLE
C. S. BALL

Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory in Mass meeting assembled, That section 5 of an act passed and approved February 20, 1860 Entitled an act in relation to the officers of Gregory District their duties terms of office and fees found on page 6 of the laws of Gregory District be and the same is hereby repealed

2nd. That it shall be lawful to elect a sheriff of Gregory District who shall when elected and qualified have all the powers of the sheriff conferred by law on Sheriffs of counties in the former Territory of Kansas

3rd. That this act take effect and be in full force from and after its passage

At a meeting of the miners and citizens of Gregory District held pursuant to notice being duly posted the president in the Dist. presiding on motion A. H. Clements was appointed secretary on motion a committee of three was appointed by the chair consisting of Col Sam'l McLean, D. S. Parmelee and Chas C. Post to draft resolutions expressive of the object of the meeting the committee then retired and afterward reported the following amendments to the laws of Gregory Dist. to wit:

On Motion the report of the committee was accepted and adopted unanimously

On adjourned

AN ACT amendatory to an act entitled an act defining claims and regulating the title thereto

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Gregory District in convention assembled,* That no person shall have more than one gulch patch or placer claim except by purchase or discovery and no more than one claim or lead except by purchase or discovery

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* that each Discovery claim shall be plainly marked and staked with the name of the person who shall have discovered the same plainly written thereon and a hole or shaft shall be sunk on the same to the crevice thereof and the same shall be recorded as other claims and in all cases each discovery claim shall be as plainly described on the records as possible and a penalty of ten dollars shall be imposed upon any one removing a stake a stake or land mark to be recovered the same as other fines and applied the same way

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted,* that all claims of whatever description shall hereafter be held as real estate

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* that all discovery claims shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) feet each side of the discovery crevice and all preemptions shall follow the principal crevice and when leads cross each other priority of discovery shall be entitled to the crevice in crossing and all spurs from the principal lead crevice shall be regulated according to laws regulating other discoveries

All laws heretofore existing conflicting with these amendments are hereby repealed and all laws passed by this meeting shall take effect on and after their passage

HENRY MASON
D. S. PARMELEE
W. STORMS

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—OHIO MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting held by the miners for the purpose of organizing a new district this 12th day of April 1860 the following boundaries and name of the district were adopted

SECTION 1. *Resolved,* That the Boundaries of Ohio District shall be as follows Commencing at the mouth of Soda Creek running thence up Clear Creek to the mouth of Chicago thence due South West four miles thence East to the East branch of Soda Creek thence down the same to the place of beginning

SEC. 2. *Resolved,* that there shall be one President one Justice of the Peace one Sheriff and one Recorder the said district they shall hold their office for the term of one year from this 12th day of April 1860

SEC. 3. *Resolved,* that the President shall have the general supervision of the district and call all meetings of the miners and shall preside over all meetings held by the miners and call a meeting once every month and shall act as Justice of the Peace when the Justice is party concerned

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Justice to try all cases brought before him and issue summons to parties brought for trial & issue exicutions for the attachment and sale of property and shall have all the power of the peoples Judge

SEC. 5th. *Resolved,* that it shall be the duty of the sheriff to serve all summonses for parties to appear for trial to serve exicutions & sale of property for debt and shall have all the power of a sheriff of Kansas

SEC. 6th. *Resolved,* that the recorder shall record all claims brought before him for record and shall keep the minutes of all meetings held by the miners of said district The records shall be open for the inspection of the miners at any time and shall not be taken out of the hands of the recorder

SEC. 7th. That all cases shall be tried by a Jury of three or twelve disinterested miners and from them there shall be no appeal The jurors shall be sworn to give their verdict according to law and evidence

SEC. 8th. That the Justice shall receive double the fees of an ordinary Justice of Kansas and the President shall have five dollars for calling and attending all meetings called by request for any parties to be paid by the party requesting the meeting Called the Sheriff shall receive double the fees of a sheriff of Kansas and the recorder shall receive a fee of fifty cents for all records not over one hundred words for over one hundred words one dollar

SEC. 9th. That each and every person shall be entitled to hold one bar claim one hill claim and one lode claim & one water claim and all discovery claims by preemption all claims shall be recorded within ten days after staking if not worked or they will be forfeited all claims must be worked every ten day except discovery claims which may be held without work

SEC. 10. All purchase claims shall be recorded any person or company working one of their claims shall hold the balance of the claims by recording those not worked

SEC. 11. All claims in the district hold until the first of October legally and shall from that date be held without working until the first day of June 1861

SEC. 12. That all lode claims in this district shall be considered real estate and all discovery claims shall be exempt from exaction

SEC. 13. Mill and water claims shall hold good the same as lode claims and shall not be jumpable whether improved or not within one year from the first day of June 1860

SEC. 14. Purchased claims shall always hold good without work

SEC. 15. The monthly meeting of the miners of Ohio District be discontinued unless there be matter of importance requiring the action of the miners thereon

SEC. 16. That all laws conflicting with those be and are hereby repealed

SEC. 17. Be it resolved that the laws of this district may not be repealed or any article added thereto unless ten days notice stating purpose is given said notice to be signed by at least ten miners holding legal interests in the district and said notice to be posted in three conspicuous places in said district

SEC. 18. Resolved that water or mill claims shall be 600 ft up or down the creek as the taker may choose

SEC. 19. Resolved, that any persons discovering a lode shall be entitled to the discovery and also one claim on each lode by preemption and that all claims shall be recorded in Ohio district lying in the boundaries of said district or they will be considered null & void and all claims shall be held good to the recorder for his fees until paid whether transferred or not and the recorder may sell any claim when his fees remain unpaid by giving ten days notice of the same

SEC. 20. Defining Claims and regulating title thereto That all persons shall be entitled to one bar claim one water or mill claim one claim on each and every lode discovered in the district also one tunnel claim which shall be the entire distance to run the same for discovery purposes as shown by record and stake at the mouth of the tunnel at the proposed point of starting the same that any person & persons working a tunnel provided he or they shall comply with the law shall be entitled to 250 feet on each side of all lodes discovered in consequence of the same and such parts of the lodes as they are entitled to shall be held as discovery provided they do not interfere with any vested rights and if it shall appear that the lodes have been staked off on the line of said tunnel so that the required number of feet cannot be taken near to the same they may be taken upon any part of said lode where it may be found vacant

SEC. 21. That any person & persons working a tunnel Claim shall after the same is legally located have the priority of right to all lodes discovery on the line of the tunnel from the recorded line of its mouth to its terminus and shall have the right of way through all lodes which may be in the course of said tunnel is recorded and worked

SEC. 22. That any person or persons shall take water from Soda Creek if their doing so interferes with the interests of the miners on said creek who shall have priority of right to said water

SEC. 23. That all persons working hill claims shall be liable for damage unless they shall run their tailings so that they shall not interfere with parties mining claims below them

SEC. 24. That all persons shall have the right to use water free of charge from the ditch now dug on the north side of Soda Creek by doing his or their portion of the work upon the same to keep it in repairs so that it will supply each and every person mining on the line of said ditch with sufficient water for washing purposes and persons refusing to comply with the above act shall receive no water unless paid for in advance at the rate of one dollar per day each sluice-head said money to be paid to the President of the district to be appropriated for repairing the ditch

At a meeting of the miners of Ohio district held pursuant to notice on the 22d Dec 1860 the following resolution was passed

Resolved, That all lode claims legally held in said district shall be considered as real estate

Resolved, That all laws conflicting with these are hereby repealed

Be it Resolved, That laws of this district may not be repealed or any article added thereunto unless ten notice stating purpose is given said notice to be signed by at least ten miners holding legal interest in the district and said notice to be posted in at least 3 conspicuous places in the said District

Resolved, That water at mill claims shall be six hundred feet up or down the creek the taker may choose

Resolved, That all persons discovering a lode shall be entitled to the discovery also one claim on each lode by preemption

This is to certify that W. E. Sisty, F. Y. Howe, E. Miner and W L Campbell have this day preempted a tunnel claim on the East branch of Soda creek about half a mile from its mouth said claim running south fifty degrees East &c

LAKE COUNTY.—CALIFORNIA MINING DISTRICT.

BY-LAWS OF CALIFORNIA MINING DISTRICT CALIFORNIA GULCH, ARKANSAS RIVER, MAY 12, 1860.

At a Meeting of the Miners held in the above-named District on the 12th day of May, 1860 the following Laws were adopted.

SEC. 1. California District bounded as follows—commencing at Claim No. 67 West in the California Gulch, thence One Mile South, thence eastwardly on a line parallel with the Gulch to the head, thence North Two Miles, thence West on a line parallel with the Gulch to the Sacramento District, thence to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2nd. All claims taken in the District shall be marked by a Stake with the owner's name, the date, and the direction which the claim runs.

SEC. 3rd All men are entitled to one Gulch claim, one Lode claim, one Hill claim, and one Dry Gulch claim by pre-emption.

SEC. 4th A Substitute for Section four. Repeal. All persons or persons shall hold by purchase as many claims as they or he may deem proper to purchase.

SEC. 5th All men are entitled to hold one Lode claim by pre-emption and one by purchase until the first day of June 1861 by having it recorded without doing any labor thereon.

SEC. 6th. Any person or persons who may hereafter make a new discovery of any species of Gold mines shall be entitled to hold but one Discovery claim.

SEC. 7th. Discovery claims shall be respected whether worked or not.

SEC. 8th. Any man or Company of men, holding claims *legally* in this District shall by working one claim be entitled to hold the rest of his or Company's claims.

SEC. 9th. All claims held by pre-emption or purchase shall be recorded within seven days thereafter, and the failure thereof, pre-emptors or purchasers shall work the said claim One day in every seven, if not, the said claim shall be considered vacant.

SEC. 10th. As amended April 21st, 1861.—Gulch claims shall be one hundred feet up or down the Gulch, and shall hold the Gulch Pay streak, let it run which way it may.

SEC. 11th. All claims can be held until the 15th day of June 1860, by having them recorded, whether worked or not.

SEC. 12th. Lode claims shall be 100 feet square.

SEC. 13th. Hill and Dry Gulch claims shall be 100 feet square.

SEC. 14th. The officers of this District shall consist of a Justice of the Peace, a Sheriff, Recorder and a Stake Driver.

SEC. 15th. It shall be the duty of the Justice to preside at all suits brought before him and to order the empanelling of a Jury, provided the parties, that is, ones devise it, and to Issue all papers pertaining to that office.

SEC. 16th. As amended. It shall be this rites of papers issued by the Justice, and attend all sessions of the Justice Court.

SEC. 17th. As amended. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a Record of all claims filed with him, and all Bonds, Deeds, or Transfers, that may be brought to him, and to act as Secretary at all Miners Meetings, and post Notices for all Miners Meetings. The Records shall be properly recorded in suitable Books, and not kept on loose sheets of paper, and shall be open for the inspection of the Public at all business hours.

SEC. 18th. It shall be the duty of the Stake Driver to stake, measure, and number all claims in the District.

SEC. 19th. As amended. The fees of the Justice shall be for presiding at each trial \$2.50, for issuing each Summons, Sub-poona, or Execution, or any Rite, $\frac{1}{10}$ dollars; for swearing each Witness $\frac{1}{10}$ dollars for docketing and rendering Judgement $\frac{1}{10}$ dollars, for entering Satisfactory Endorsements $\frac{1}{10}$ dollars. The fee of the Sheriff shall be for serving each Rite or Summons \$1⁰⁰, or warrant \$1⁰⁰. For each mile of travel out of the District per mile $\frac{1}{10}$ dollars; for serving each execution \$1⁰⁰, for advertising execution 50 cents, for attending trial \$1⁰⁰, for summoning Jurors and Witnesses each 25 cents. Ten (10) per cent on all collections under one hundred dollars, and five (5) per cent on all amounts over one hundred dollars. The fee of the Recorder shall be \$1⁰⁰ for recording each claim, or Bond, or Deed, or Transfer. The fee of the Stake Driver shall be 25 cents to be collected by the Recorder. Jurors fees shall be each \$2.50, Witness fees shall be each \$2⁰⁰.

SEC. 20th. As amended. Any person bringing suit in the Justice Court shall give Bonds or Security, for the payment of all costs that may be contracted, before any action is taken in the case; and said Bonds shall hold good until the said suit is settled.

SEC. 21st. As amended. All suits shall be brought until a Territorial Organization is completed, by Complaint in writing, to be filed with the Justice of the Peace who shall thereupon issue a Summons to the Defendant or Defendants to appear and answer to the Complaint in not less than three days from the date of said Summons, which summons shall be served at least two days before filed for trial, when the Justice shall preside to hear and decide the case, unless either party demand a Jury, or advance the fee of said Jury. The Justice shall cause a Jury of three competent Claim-holders to be empanelled who shall try the case, and render Judgement accordingly; if either party wishes to appeal they can appeal to a jury of Six competent Jurors within three days by giving Bonds for Costs, and advancing the fees of the Jurors and the Justice shall thereupon issue a writ for said Jury who shall proceed to try the cause, their verdict shall be final in the cause: Judgement entered accordingly. It shall be the duty of the Justice when a Jury of three is called for to select the names of seven competent Jurors, and the said Plaintiff and Defendant can cast off two each, and the remaining three shall be summoned to preside and hear the cause and Judgement be rendered accordingly. And if a Jury of Six be called, it shall be the duty of the Justice to select the names of twelve competent Jurors and the Plaintiff and Defendant can cast off three each, and the remaining six shall be summoned to preside and hear cause and Judgement be rendered accordingly.

SEC. 22nd. No case can be appealed unless the costs of the former suit be first paid.

SEC. 23rd. As amended. No person shall be a Voter in this District unless he is a claim-holder or has been a bona-fide resident of this District ten days, and no person shall act as a Juror unless he is a claim owner in this District.

SEC. 24th. Any persons throwing striplings or tailings upon the claim of another shall be at the expense of the removal thereof on being requested to do so by the owner of said claim within five days.

SEC. 25th. Any person shall have the right to construct a Ditch through another, provided he does not remove any pay-dirt.

SEC. 26th. On the nineteenth day of May, A. D. 1860 there shall be an Election held for the Offices of Justice and Sheriff, said Officers shall hold their Offices for the term of Six Months, at the expiration of which term there shall be a general Election for all of the Officers of the District.

SEC. 27th. Any persons killing Beef Cattle in this District shall do so at a Distance of three hundred yards from the main Gulch and shall also burn up or bury Offal within three days thereafter, or be subject to a fine of Ten Dollars for each Beef as killed, which fine shall be imposed by the Justice and paid by him to the person informing.

SEC. 28th. As amended. Resolved that the Recorder of California District be, and is hereby empowered to administer the Oath of Office to all other officers of the District.

SEC. 29th. As amended. Resolved that the Wagon road up this Gulch be respected.

SEC. 30th. As amended. All persons owning claims shall keep all of the Water of the Gulch Stream out of the Drain Ditch after the first day of May 1861, and run it down on either side of the Gulch.

SEC. 31st. As amended. Providing any person or persons fail to comply with the above Section, it shall be the privilege of any Miner interested to turn the Water into a Ditch outside of the Drain Ditch and collect pay for the work done of the owner of said claim, and said claim shall be held responsible for said work, not exceeding Ten dollars.

SEC. 32nd. As amended. Any person or persons using Water for Mining purposes in this District are compelled to return the same into a Ditch from which it was taken, leaving the claim immediately down the Gulch, and that the Centre or Drain Ditch be used for no other purpose than that of Draining.

SEC. 33rd. As amended. If any person or persons refusing or neglecting to comply with the above Section shall be subject to a fine of Fifty Dollars per day for so doing, to be imposed and collected by the Justice of the Peace, providing that the parties be notified of this Law before any action can be commenced.

The above Laws transferred from "Book A" for 1860, by

JOHN GIBBS, Recorder

April 22th 1861.

Pursuant to previous Notice, the Miners of California District, California Gulch, assembled at the residence of John Gibbs esq. at the hour of 10 a. m. April 14th 1861, for the purpose of appointing a Committee to revise the Laws of said District, and draft such Laws as they might deem necessary.

On Motion, Enoch Belanger, was chosen Chairman S. Janney, sec'y. of the meeting.

On Motion by Mr Berry, a Committee of Three was appointed to revise and draft Laws and report at the next Meeting. Messrs. Farnham, Gibbs, and McLaughlin were appointed as said Committee.

Moved and seconded not to allow the upper portion of the District, including down to No. 15 below discovery, to secede and annex themselves to the upper District. Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded to hold another Miners Meeting on Sunday the 21st day of April 1861 at the same house and place, for the adoption of Laws and the Election of Officers; also that the Secretary be required to post not less than five Notices giving information of said Meeting.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned.

STEPHEN JANNEY *Secretary*.

Pursuant to Notice, the Miners of California District assembled at the residence of John Gibbs, esq. at 10 a. m. on April 21 1861; the following Laws and Amendments were adopted.

On Motion John Hoover was appointed Chairman; Chas. Berry, secretary;

On Motion the reports of last Meeting of the 14th inst. were read and approved.

On Motion the Reading of the Laws and Amendments was called for and read by the Chairman of the Committee, J. Farnham. The following were adopted.—

Sec. 9 adopted as amended, sec. 11 adopted as amended

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On Motion the Amendment of the Water Law was taken into consideration and received.

On Motion a Committee of Two was appointed to draft a Law regarding Draining Messrs Sweeney and Alexander were appointed as said Committee.

Report on Committee received and discharged.

On Motion the Minutes of a previous—held Nov. 15th, 1860. were repealed.

SEC. 34th. It shall be the duty of the Justice in case of the death of any resident of this District to appoint an Administrator for the Estate (if he has one) of such deceased person (unless the deceased person appoint one before his death) and said administrator shall give Bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, to a Committee appointed for that purpose, and said administrator shall be entitled to five per cent of all the assets belonging to said Estate, for his services, and there shall be a Committee of Three appointed at a regular Meeting of the Miners of this District, whose duty it shall be to examine accounts of all Administrators of this District and endorse the same previous to their being recorded, and it shall be their duty to see that each Administrator performs his duty faithfully. And in case of failure or neglect to perform those duties the Committee shall have such Jurisdiction as the Orphans Courts in the respective States, and the Committee shall instruct the Administrators when to sell the property of the Estate.

SEC. 35. Miners Meetings shall be called by the Recorder on the petition of ten Claim-holders for the purpose of revising or amending or changing the Laws, and for filling vacancies in Office, and for no other purpose. The Recorder to give five days notice of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 36th. It shall be the duty of the Recorder in case of his wanting to leave the Country or remove to other points of the Country, so as to disqualify him for the Office, it shall be his duty to call a Miners Meeting, stating the object of the Meeting, and deliver the Books into the hands of the Miners, or otherwise consign the Books into the hands of the Justice of the District, which shall be the duty of the Justice to call a Meeting of the Miners to elect a Recorder. In no case shall the Recorder have power to appoint a Deputy and said Recorder shall be held responsible of the Books to the Miners or Justice as above described.

SEC. 37th. Any men or Company of men desiring to tunnel the Mountain shall be entitled to two hundred feet in width and extending to the top of the Mountain, and they shall have the privilege to locate their Course to suit themselves. Tunnels in all cases in the District to be commenced within Ten days from the date of recording of the same, and shall be run at least ten feet within one month. After said Tunnel is run one hundred feet it shall be held as Real Estate.

SEC. 38th. On Motion of J. Alexander be it enacted all persons or purchasers of claims from Jumpers shall, in being deprived of the same, collect all monies paid to said Jumpers and of said Jumpers also gain all damages that may accrue.

SEC. 39th. Amendment of Resolution adopted Aug 4th 1860 Resolved that all claims now held by preemption or purchase hereafter shall hold good until the first day of June 1861.

SEC. 40th. Resolved that the recorder of this District is hereby authorized to contract with the lowest possible bidder for any or all excavations that may be necessary to make a suitable Bed Rock drain Ditch through all the claims in said District, each claim to be held answerable for the cost of said Ditch. Provided that nothing in the above shall be so construed as to prohibit any claim holder from draining his own claim, the above work to be completed in one month from this date, April 21st, 1861.

SEC. 41st. Resolved; that where the Laws of this District do not provide for the Justice Court; the Justice Court shall have full, and equitable, and common law jurisdiction, the same as in the respective States.

On Motion adjourned for the Election of Officers for the District. On Motion the Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and reported as follows.—A. C. Hoover duly elected Justice of the Peace, John Gibbs, Recorder, H. McLaughlin, Sheriff.

On Motion adjourned, Sine die.

CHAS. BERRY *Secretary*.

Pursuant to a previous Call, the Miners met at the Recorders office, June 1st 1861, 4 p. m.

Meeting called to order by John Gibbs, Recorder J. H. Alexander elected Chairman of the Meeting.

Moved and Seconded that the Law passed on the 21st of April, 1861, relative to draining claims be repealed. Carried.

Moved & Seconded that the Chairman of this Meeting appoint a Committee of three men to draft a Law relative to draining claims in this District. Carried.

John A. Sowers, John Gibbs, and Mr Farnham appointed by Chairman as said Committee.

The Report of the Committee read.

Moved & Seconded that the Report of the Committee be adopted as a Law. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Sheriff receive the same fee for attending to his duties relative to the Drainage Law, as in other duties in this District.

Moved & Seconded that a motion submitted by J. Gibbs relative to let the Tailings run in the side Ditch be adopted as a Law. Carried.

Moved & Seconded to adjourn.

JOHN GIBBS, *Secretary.*

Resolved, that all persons shall shovel their tailings out of the Ditch at the end of their Sluice, and in failure thereof, they shall be subject to a fine of Twenty five dollars per day after being notified so to do.

Drainage Law.

Be it enacted by the Miners of California District, that all owners of Gulch claims in the District, shall commence draining their claims within five days from the date of this enactment, and if any claimant shall fail so to do, the Sheriff is hereby empowered and instructed immediately to contract for the opening and repairing of the Drain Ditch through their claims, to the lowest bidder, and in such manner as he may see fit; and to defray all expenses of such Drainage that may accrue, said claims shall be holden. And if the owners shall fail to pay such expenses, within twenty days after the Drainage is completed, then it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to sell said claims to the highest bidder to defray the expenses of drainage, after having given the usual public notice. And if any claim sold in the manner above provided shall fail to pay the expenses of Draining, the Sheriff shall levy and collect an equal tax on all claims in the District to pay the deficiency.

Be it further enacted that all claimants in this District who shall have commenced to drain their claims within five days from the date of this enactment are requested to have the draining of their claims completed within twenty days and if any claim shall fail so to do, the Sheriff is instructed to proceed with their claims at the expiration of twenty days in the same manner as provided in Section first.

JOHN GIBBS, *Recorder.*

Pursuant to previous Notice, the Miners of California District met at the Recorders Office June 25th 1861 at 4 o'clock p. m. when the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that on all claims in the District on which it is at present impossible to work at the drain ditch, Work shall be commenced as soon as the Drain ditch is completed to said claim and shall be continued with force sufficient to work the said claims, day and night until the Drain Ditch through said claims shall be completed, and if the owners of said claim or claims shall fail so to work said claim or claims, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to hire hands to prosecute said work and for the expense so incurred, the claim shall be holden.

Resolved that the Drainage Law of this District be so amended that claimholders whose claims are holden for the expense of drainage shall be entitled to only three days to redeem said claims. If they shall fail so to redeem their respective claims, the Sheriff shall be empowered to advertise and sell said claims according to the Laws of the District.

Resolved, That the — is directed to levy an equal tax on all the claims in the District to pay the balance of the drainage expense which shall remain unpaid, after forfeited are legally sold to pay for draining the same, and said tax shall be collected by giving the Owner or Owners Agent three days notice of the Amount of said tax, and if after three days Notice to the Owners or Agents of Claims, said Owner or Agent shall fail to pay said tax, then the Sheriff is empowered to sell said claims to defray said tax by advertising said claims in the manner prescribed by the Laws of the District.

Resolved, that the Sheriff be allowed \$1.50 for selling each claim over and above the legal percentage.

Resolved, that the Centre Ditch shall be kept open by the owners of the respective claims.

Resolved that the Miners of this District will sustain the Sheriff in complying with the above resolutions.

JOHN GIBBS, *Recorder.*

Pursuant to previous notice the Miners of California District met at the Recorders Office Aug. 12 1861 and the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, that the Drainage Law of this District is forever annulled.

Resolved, that the act making claims Jumpable every seven days is hereby annulled, and that all claims shall hold good to the present owners or their assigns until the 15th day of June 1862.

JOHN GIBBS, *Recorder*

At a Meeting held by the Miners of California District, California Gulch, Colorado Territory, June 22nd 1862, the following resolutions were adopted.

Res., 1st. That S. Johnson should act as Secretary of said Meeting.

Res., 2d. *Be it resolved by the Miners of California Gulch California District*, That whereas the Laws heretofore passed in this District, in many instances conflict and are by no means suited to the present wants of the People, we deem them as worthless and declare them as forever annulled. But the official records of claims, deeds, mortgages, Articles of Agreement, Leens, &c shall remain valid.

Read, 3d. That this District shall be known as California District and shall extend from the Eastern line of Claim No. 1, in Sacramento District Cal. Gulch.

JUNE 22ND, 1865.

Peter Caruth was chosen Chairman at the call of the Miners of California Gulch, California District.

On Motion, Moved & Seconded,

That any Company of Miners working in this District be compelled to run the tailings in the Main side ditch on a level with the Gulch, so that the Company below can get the water, and the center of the Gulch be used for drainage purposes and no other. Moved and Seconded That any leases, conflicting with the above or heretofore, are null and void.

Moved & Seconded to adjourn. *Sine die.*

At a meeting of the Miners at the house of John Leahy in Oro City Jan 1st 1866, S. H. Fonts was chosen Chairman and A. S. Weston Secretary.

On Motion a Committee of Five, viz: A. S. Weston, C. W. Floyd, S. D. Breece, J. W. Tisdale, and John Leahy was appointed to draft Laws for the District and to define the boundaries of the same.

On Motion adjourned to meet on Saturday, Jan. 19th

SATURDAY Jan. 19th

Adjourned to meet on the 22nd Jan. at 10 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment

JAN. 22ND

The Committee not being ready to report, the following Laws were adopted:

ART. 1st. This District shall be known as the California District and shall be Bounded as follows, to wit: On the North by the divide between Evans Gulch and Birdseye Gulch, on the East by the top of the Range, East of the Arkansas River, on the South by the divide between Iowa Gulch, and Empire Gulch and on the West by the Arkansas River.

ART. 2nd. All Gulch claims hereafter pre-empted in this District (except in that portion of the District heretofore known as the Arkansas Independent District) shall be 500 feet in length up and down the Gulch and from bank to bank. Provided the Gulch claims shall hold the Gulch streak, and no side claims shall be known or recognized in this District. Hill claims shall be 500 feet square, but shall not interfere with Gulch claims. Patch claims shall be as at present where patch claims are recognized.

ART. 3rd. All Lode claims shall be taken according to the Congressional Mining Law and whenever or wherever the length of Lode claims shall be changed by acts of Congress, the Laws of this District shall be deemed to have been changed in accordance therewith. And each discoverer of a Lode shall put up at the discovery a Stake 4 inches in diameter and four feet high, plained, marked with the name of the Lode, name of discoverer, and date of Discovery. Provided all Lode claims shall be recorded within 30 days from the date of staking.

ART. 4th. All claims shall be recorded unless represented by actual and continuous Labor on such claims, and all transfers shall be filed for record within ten days, but the title shall be deemed to be in the seller until the transfer is filed.

ART. 5th. Any person may pre-empt and hold one Gulch claim, and one Hill claim, in each Gulch or Discovery. And no limit shall be made to the number of claims held by purchase. And all claims shall hold good from the 1st day of November in each year until the 1st day of July following, and then the same shall be represented by Labor unless the owner thereof shall be a resident of the District or be actually engaged in Gulch mining in the County. Provided that any person having deposited of their pre-emption claim or claims shall have the right to make a new pre-emption.

ART. 6th. All miners shall tail into the side ditch provided, whenever it is impossible for the Miner above to put the water into the side ditch so that the Miner working below him can get the water on top, then the water shall be equally divided, but this Act shall not apply to Arkansas Independent District.

ART. 7th. There shall be a Recorder elected by the Miners of this District on the first Monday of October in each year who shall hold his Office for one year and until his successor is elected, provided the Recorder elected at this time shall hold until his successor is elected, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair record of all proceedings of all Miners Meetings in the District, when the same shall be regularly called, and record all claims & transfers and all other papers that may be presented to him for record on the payment or tender of legal fees for the same. The fees of Recorder shall be the same as are allowed for similar services to the County Clerks of Colorado by the Laws of the Territory. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to call a Meeting of the Miners of the District on the petition of seven Miners of the District, by given seven days Notice of the same. The Recorder shall have power to appoint a Deputy.

ART. 8th. All Patch Claims below Gulch claim No. 58 in Sacramento are declared vacant.

ART. 9th. All claims not held in conformity with these Laws shall be forfeited and subject to pre-emption.

ART. 10th. These Laws can be amended or repealed at any Meeting of the Miners of this District called in accordance with Law provided the vested rights of all parties shall be respected.

Lake County Records.

WM. B. FISHER *Expert.*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—SHIRT-TAIL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

ART. 1st. All claims shall be held good if recorded until the proper machinery can be had to work them.

ARTICLE 2nd. No person shall hold more than one preemption claim on each lode in this district except by purchase

ARTICLE 3rd. All persons making discovery shall be entitled to one discovery claim and one preemption claim each being 100 feet by fifty

ARTICLE 4th. The first record shall hold good in all cases

ARTICLE 5. All disputed claims shall be settled by the miners on the lode where the disputed claim is situated

ARTICLE 6. The recorder shall have one dollar for each claim recorded.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of the recorder to notify written notice to indebtedness the notice being ten days before the said claims are sold to pay demands of recorder

At a meeting of the miners John H Jack was elected recorder

WILLIAM CLARK *Sec'y*
 _____ *President*

SATURDAY June 9th 1860

The boundaries of the district are as follows :

Commencing at the center of Virginia gulch and running North East to gulch below Montgomery Bar and from the base of the mountain facing on Clear Creek, back two miles

June 9th 1860

There was a meeting called on Wednesday Oct 3 Wm Black in the chair The following laws were passed

That all claims from this date shall become real estate

ARTICLE 2. That all claims shall hold good if recorded staked or not

ARTICLE 3. That no man shall vote in said District unless he hold an interest

JOHN H. JAKE Recorder

OCTOBER 3rd 1860

SUMMIT COUNTY.—CARPENTER'S MINING DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CARPENTER'S DISTRICT—AMERICAN GULCH UTAH TERRITORY, ADOPTED JUNE 16TH 1860

Preamble

For the better preservation of order and defense of rights: we the miners of Carpenter's district American gulch adopt the following constitution and by-laws

ART. 1st. The officers of this district shall consist of President—Vice President Secretary and Recorder.

ART. 2nd. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside over all meetings of this district and give the casting vote in all cases of a tie

ART. 3rd. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to fulfill all the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President

ART. 4th. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct minute of all the proceedings of the various meetings of this district

ART. 5th. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to make a faithful record of all mining ranch or other claims held in this district—he receiving 50 cts. for the making of each record

ART. 6th. Mining claims in this district shall consist of 100 feet up or down the gulch and from hill to hill inclusive (Scratched as above indicated)

ART. 7th. Any miner may hold one lead gulch and river claim in this district by preemption; the discoverer or discoverers being entitled to one claim extra by right of discovery

ART. 8th. Voters in this district shall consist of claim holders in the same

ART. 9th. All recorded claims though vacated shall hold good from the first of September 1860 til the fifteenth of June 1861

By-Laws

ART. 1st. Any claim in this district not being represented either by record or labor on the same within twenty days after the adaption of this constitution and laws shall be forfeited

ART. 2nd. Any case of dispute or litigation arising in this district shall be decided by a jury of six resident miners in the same

ART. 3rd. Any claim not being represented by labor of at least one half the company holding same once in ten days from and after the 6th of July 1860 shall be forfeited

SEC. 2nd, ART. 3rd. One half of any company working on one claim belonging to said company shall hold good all other claims belonging to same in this district

ART. 4th. Miners may hold one or more claims by private purchase, having same recorded on recorder's book and represented by labor as heretofore prescribed

ART. 5th. Any article in this constitution or laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of two thirds of all the voters in this district

Boundary of District

Resolved, that this district be bounded as follows: commencing at the mouth of Swan river on the line of the Read Hill District running South along the said line to the dividing ridge between the French gulch and Gold run; thence along said dividing ridge to the head of Gold run; from thence at right angles from said line, one mile from thence on a line with Gold run to Swan river; from thence to the place of beginning

ART. first. The officers of this district shall consist of President and Secretary who shall be elected for the term of one year

The duties of the President shall be to call meetings and preside at all local meetings, to issue orders for summoning jurors and witnesses; to act as justice at all trials; to administer the usual oaths or affirmation for each and every trial he shall be entitled to receive five dollars

ART. 3rd. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of proceedings of all legal meetings; to post notices for meetings by order of the President; to serve summons for jurymen and witnesses and fill what is known to common law as sheriff in the district; to attend all trials for each of which he shall receive four dollars; to record all claims; for each claim he shall receive one dollar

ART. 4th. In case of disputes either party shall have the right to a trial by a jury of nine men; the parties may strike from said number alternately till three be left who shall decide according to the evidence; either party shall have the right to an appeal to a jury of twelve men whose decision shall be final; each jurymen shall receive two dollars for every attendance on trials

ART. 5th. It shall be the duty of Sec or others calling meeting to give three days notice by posting notices in at least four public places, stating the time and place of meeting

ART. 6th. All gulch claims shall be one hundred feet up and down the gulch and one hundred and fifty feet wide; bank claims shall be one hundred feet square; lode claims shall be one hundred feet on the lode and fifty feet wide.

ART. 7. No person shall be allowed to hold more than one claim by preemption in this district; as follows: one gulch claim; one lode claim; one bank claim.

ART. 8. No claim shall be valid after the first day of May next unless improvement be made thereon

ART. 9. No person shall be allowed to proceed with a trial unless he shall first have entered ample security for the payment of all cost.

ART. 10th. Any five claim holders, residents of the district shall have the right to call a meeting by giving notice according to article (5) fifth over their signatures stating the object of a meeting

ART. 11th. No sale of claims shall be valid unless signed by two witnesses and recorded

ART. 12th. No person shall have the right to preempt more than one claim on any one gulch, lode or dry diggings

ART. 13th. These laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of miners in this district by a two thirds vote

ART. 14th. *Resolved*, that article 13th and preceding articles remains in full effect and the constitution therewith connected, excepting that part relative to the boundary on the north which is now placed at the north end of No. 5 below discovery. S'd line running East and West intersecting with old lines at 15th

All claim holders not working mining claims in this district must work his or their claims one full day in each week and deposit a certificate that such work has been performed with the Recorder who shall keep on file at the same

ART. 16th. No person or persons residing in this district working claims or is ill and cannot perform manual labor is included in the above article

ART. 17th. No person or persons shall take from this district water in ditch or any other way thereby infringe on our mining interests

ART. 18th. Any person or persons may by filing their intentions with the Recorder bring into this district water by ditch or otherwise for the benefit of the mining interest of this district, providing no extention for tools is asked.

ART. 19th. No person shall be allowed to use but one usual sluice head in gulch for each claim worked thereby to include side claims from being worked

ART. 20th. Any person or persons doeding side claims and owners gulch claims deeds an equal interest in water unless otherwise stipulated and the first deed stands in preference

ART. 21st. No person or persons shall be allowed to carry on butchering or any other mercantile business without so disposing of the offals that they will not be a nuisance to the public, without a penalty of not less than ten dollars for the first offense nor over twenty-five and for each additional offense double the previous fine.

ART. 22nd. All sales hold good as they were on the 6th day of Oct and all intres in claims hold good in law as they were at the time of representing

ART. 23rd. All claimes in dispute must be made known to the President who shall issue notice to call the miners to settle said dispute.

ART. 24th. No person shall be allowed to vote in this district who is a resident of any other unless working claimès and if any person should vote he shall forfeit all his interest in the district

ART. 25th. No person or persons shall be allowed to dam or garp the water so as to stop claimes from passage as usual in this mining district

ART. 26th. Every claim shall be subject to having head rock ditch pass over it by parts owning claim above for the purpose of draining

These laws were all adopted article by article June 22nd 1861

J. W. CONLEY, *Rec.*

August 3 1861 the above laws apealed (?)

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—UNION MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS.

SECTION No. 1. This district shall be known as Union mining district

SECTION No. 2. The boundaries shall be as follows by commencing at the boundary line of Grass valley Mining District—thence down Clear Creek to mouth of Willow Creek and all gulches entering said Clear Creek between said points

SECTION No. 3. The officers of this District shall be a President Three Vice Presidents and a secretary and a recorder whose term of office shall be one year and until their successors are elected

SECTION No. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Miners of this District appertaining to affairs of the District and generally to see that all laws of the District are obeyed He shall together with the three Vice Presidents and Recorder settle all difficulties of whatever nature arising between persons residing in this District unless otherwise agreed between the parties In case of any dispute the above named officers shall sit as arbitrators and shall hear all evidence and allegations of their parties and have power to compel the attendance of witnesses upon their sitting as arbitrators and a majority of said officers when sitting as Judges or arbitrators shall determine any dispute and their Judgment shall be final and they may in the most effective manner execute their Judgment when they are called upon to arbitrate any dispute they shall appoint a day for the hearing of the same and shall give notice to the opposite party the time thereof Which shall exceed ten days from date of complaint and said arbitrators shall be paid two dollars and fifty cts each for each sitting on every case to be advanced by the person making the complaint who if in the right and so determined by the arbitrators shall recover the amount so advanced off from the person decided to be in the wrong and the party who is decided to be in the right may sell any property of the person who is decided to be in the wrong to defray the expenses of the arbitrators and to satisfy any damage awarded him by the arbitrators Said sale to be within five days after the case is determined It shall also be the duty of the vice president or any one of them to preside at meetings in the absence of the President

SECTION No. 5. And it shall be the duty of the recorder to furnish and keep a book of record in which he shall enter when called upon and the fee being paid at large any and all mining claims in this district Said record shall be kept open for the instruction of the public at all times of the day He shall record the numbers and description of all claims as furnished by the owners name name of the company and name of the bar and shall give to the owner two copies of the record one to be posted on the claim and one to be kept by the owner as assignee Said copies are hereby declared transferable by assignment on back of same and the assignee shall be entitled to all the rights of the assignor the same as the assignor would have enjoyed had not the assignment been made and after the date hereof no person shall be allowed to record more than one claim obtained hereafter but persons who confide owns one or more than one claim acquired rightfully heretofore may have the same recorded the Recorder shall also record in said book all laws passed by the miners of this district including these acts The recorder shall be allowed a fee of one dollar for recording claims and giving copies as herein specified

SECTION No. 6. Bar and bank claims shall be one hundred and fifty feet measuring in a straight line up and down the creek and extending from low water mark back into bluff as far as may be desired Water or creek bed claims shall be one hundred and fifty feet in a straight line up and down creek from one side of creek to the other computing distance when creek is at low water Low water mark shall be reconed at water Edge on 16th of Sept

SECTION No. 7. Each miner shall be allowed to hold one bar or bank claim and one creek bed claim and one lead claim. Each miner shall if he holds more than one claim as above by purchase or otherwise within five days (reckoning from time of obtaining claim) commence and work the same else the same will be Jumpable every miner during sickness shall hold his claim the same as though he had worked it every day but otherwise than in sickness from the twentieth of June to first day of October in each year he shall work his claim at least one day in ten or else the same will be Jumpable but from the 1st day of October to the 20th day of June in each year if he or they have complied with the requirements hereof as to recording he shall hold the same as though he had worked it every day and in case where a company are working one or more claims any one or more members of the company may buy out the interest of the balance of the company and hold the Joint claims as the original company could have done had they not parted or changed their interest

SECTION No. 8. When any miner miners or company of miners shall locate and commence a head ditch out of this creek shall hold and their successors to claim shall hold the first right and choice of water in said ditch and no person without the consent of the owner of said ditch first obtained work or dig holes or ditch or ditches within twenty feet on lower side of said ditch and ten feet on upper side of said ditch and any proprietor of said ditch may extend his ditch down the creek to any distance where he will not interfere with the rights of others

SECTION No. 9. If any person or persons shall be guilty of stealing any property whatsoever in this district and he or they be found guilty by a majority of a Jury of twelve chosen to try his or their guilt or innocence he or they shall be sentenced to immediately restore the property stolen and to pay to the party injured all damages sustained directly or indirectly in consequence of the theft and can cause the guilty party shall not so restore and make good all damage as aforesaid the injured party may take sufficient property of the defendant found in this district to satisfy all damage and dispose of it in any way he may deem proper and the defendant shall also be banished forever from this district and he failing to leave immediately on notice shall receive not less than five nor more than twenty nine lashes and in case the value of the property stolen be over one hundred dollars he shall be hanged by the neck until he is dead the injured party may proceed to stake his property and remunerate himself for damages sustained as above

SECT. No. 10. *Resolved*, that the Bars named as Janesville and Story bars be held by their present owners until such time as the water may lower in the creek so that they may be worked to advantage as the water now covers the only pay that can be obtained off of the above mentioned bars

JUNE 20th 1860

As amended that all claims under circumstances shall be held by their present owners until water falls

Meeting was held on the 14th of July 1860 And the following resolutions were passed

SECTION No. 11. *Resolved by the miners of Union District*, that whereas Jerome J White was duly elected recorder of this District on the 20th day of June 1860 and the record book having been wrongfully withheld from him any record professed to have been made in said book since the above named date at five o'clock p. m. are hereby declared null void and of no affect whatever therefore said record book shall forthwith be placed in possession of said recorder who is hereby authorized to expunge from said record book all false records made by any person whatever since the date and hour above stated

UNION DISTRICT July 14th 1860

J J WHITE Recorder

Sec. No. 12. *Resolved by the miners of Union District*, that all mining claims located in this district which have been purchased in good faith or held otherwise, and duly recorded shall be held for the term of one year from this date without being worked in case it is desired by the owners of the same

J J WHITE Rec

UNION DISTRICT July 14th 1860

Resolved by the Miners of Union District, that the construction and true intent of the law of this district relative to what constitutes a bar claim is that it shall apply to all parts of claims of fifty feet each whether they are located together or separately so that one bar claim shall not be more than one hundred and fifty feet up and down Clear Creek and from the bed of the same up the side of the Mountain and the working of any part of said claim by the owner of the same in any manner he may think proper for any time whatever once in ten days after the 19th day of June 1860 is hereby declared to be a full compliance with the law of this district regarding the washing and holding bar claims

J J WHITE Rec

UNION DISTRICT July 14th 1860

Meeting of the miners of Union District in pursuance of previous notice and the following business was transacted in the absence of the president C W Bowers was called to the chair pro tem John Bell esq was unanimously elected Pres of Union District for one year and Benjamin Cherry W W Pierce I W Whitlatch was elected Vice President of Union District and I C McClelland for recorder and each officer to hold his office for one year from date of election Meeting adjourned to meet Dec 10th 1860 at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

UNION DISTRICT December 4th 1860

I C McCLELLAND
Recorder of Union District

MEETING OF THE MINERS OF UNION DISTRICT, DEC 10TH 1860

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved, That all creek bed claims that has been worked by the first of January A. D. 1861 to hold the same as mill or water priviledges by the present owners

Resolved, That all claims not represented by the proper owners by the first day of May A D 1861 shall be jumpable

Resolved, That no person or persons shall cause any dams to be removed or lowered that shall be completed by the first day of January A. D. 1861.

Resolved, That no lawyer shall be permitted to practice law in any court in the district under a penalty of not more than fifty nor less than twenty lashes and be forever banished from the district

Resolved, That each and every miner has the right to hold one preemption claim on any or all leads discovered in the district for one year without working the same and all discovery claims as real estate

Resolved, That all building lots shall be fifty ft front and two hundred feet deep and that each and every person shall be entitled to one lot by preemption and all lots purchased in good faith shall be considered as real estate

Resolved, That all recording done since the recorder left until the books came into the hands of the new recorder is illegal and the new recorder is to record said recording over free of charge

MEETING OF THE MINERS OF UNION DISTRICT MARCH 9TH, 1861

John Bell was called to the chair and A. O. Hallock was elected Recorder of Union

A motion was then made to appoint a committee of five to revise the laws and report on the following Saturday at a general meeting of the miners which was carried

Moved to adjourn until the following Saturday

UNION DISTRICT, *March 10 1861*

A O HOLLOCK *Recorder*

UNION DISTRICT *March 16th 1861*

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment

Called to order by the President

Moved and carried that John Bell act as chairman of the meeting

Moved and carried that C Coleman act as secretary of the meeting

Moved and carried that the upper line of Independence District be the upper end of Buckeye Bar as claimed heretofore

Moved and carried that the following amendments to the constitution be adopted (*i e* the report of committee)

Resolved that the three vice Presidents be stricken out and a Justice of the Peace and Constable be inserted and the officers of presidents and Justice of the Peace may be filled by the same person if elected Carried The following amendments to section 4 be adopted

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the president to preside at all miners courts and meetings of the miners and in case of sickness or absence the miners may choose one of their number to sit in his place

(The balance of the amendments are embodied in report of committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the laws of the district)

Carried that the revision of section No 5 be adopted as reported by committee

Carried that the revision of section No 6 be adopted

Carried that the revision of No 7 be adopted

Carried that the substitute for section No 9 be adopted as reported by the committee

Carried that the resolution in regard to hill claims be adopted

Carried that the resolution in regard to gulch claims be adopted

Carried that the resolution in regard to town lots be adopted

Carried that the resolution in regard to lode claims be adopted

Carried that the resolution in regard to mill claims be adopted

Carried that the resolution in regard to tunneling be adopted

Carried that all persons having mill or water claims must represent them on the first day of May 1861 at the recorders office

Carried to discharge the committee

Carried that John Bell be elected Justice of the peace

Carried that M M Pierce be elected constable

Carried to adjourn

C O COLEMAN, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee

(All of the following amendments were adopted)

Section No 3 as revised

Resolved, that the three Vice Presidents be stricken and a Justice of the peace and constable be inserted and the office of president and Justice of the Peace may be filled by same person if elected

Section No 4 as revised.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the president to preside at all miners Courts and meetings of the miners and in case of sickness or absence the miners may chose one of their number to act in his place the Justice shall have power same as president to issue writs of summons warrants attachments and executions and the Constables shall serve the same as directed Cases of suits may be brought before the Justice or miners court There shall be no appeal from the Miners Court but a rehearing may be granted by the miners Either party when suit is brought before the Justice can within five days from the rendering of Judgment take an appeal to the miners Court after

having paid all costs that may have accrued in former trial the President or Justice require two responsible persons as surity bonds for cost of prosecutions if the plaintiffs five days notice shall be given to defendant by summons The fees of all officers in this District shall be double the fees as provided in the Kansas code

Section No 5 as revised

Resolved, that we strike out word large and insert the word advance and that fees shall be for recording fifty cents one certificate only given and not important to post one on the stake

Section No 6 as revised

Resolved that all creek bed claims shall be considered as real estate for eighteen months from the date of this law said claims consisting of one hundred and fifty feet in a straight line with the creek and to be recorded unless working the same

Revision of section No 7

Resolved, that all bar claims shall be real estate after a shaft is sunk to the bed rock

Substitute for section No 8

Resolved that any person shall be tried for stealing before the miners court and if found guilty shall receive not less than twenty nor more than one hundred lashes and for stealing a yoke of oxen or one mule horse or pony he shall be hung by the neck until he is dead and in all cases the party having property stolen shall be made good by the one found guilty of stealing the same if in his power The president will in all cases appoint the persons to whip and the whipped party banished from the mountains forever and not complying within two hours the whipping to be repeated

Resolved, that all mill or water claims shall be considered as real estate when improved to the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) Said improvements must be made by the first day of July next Any person or company of persons owning four or five claims that connect or Join each other and having a mill on either will hold his claims as named above

Resolved, that any resident of the district may claim one building lot by preemption one hundred feet fronting the creek and running back two hundred and fifty feet from said creek Said lot shall be considered as real estate after the foundation of a house has been laid and recorded as provided by law and in case no foundation is laid within thirty days after taking of the same the lot shall be Jumpable

Resolved, that the discoverer of a lode shall be entitled to one discovery claim and one by preemption Said claims shall constitute one hundred feet by fifty feet and shall be considered as real estate when the crevice is found No person shall hold but one claim on the same lode by preemption Said claim shall be on record unless working the same

Resolved, that any person or persons engaged in tunneling shall be entitled to one hundred (100) feet each way from the tunnel of any lode he or they may strike that is not previously claimed and that he or they may have a right to twenty feet of any claim already claimed in lodes that they may strike All tunnels shall be considered as real estate after having been recorded Tunnels crossing other tunnels shall have twenty feet of Joint right of way

Resolved, that one man shall be entitled to one lill claim only except the discovery claim and said hill claims shall consist of fifty by one hundred feet running up the hill Said claims shall be worked every ten days one half day or be Jumpable Said claims shall be recorded unless working it Said claims shall be real estate after the bed rock is found

Resolved, that one person may hold but one gulch claim by preemption Said claims shall be one hundred (100) feet wide and run up or down the gulch 100 feet Said claims shall be worked one half day in every ten after the first of June or be considered Jumpable Said claims shall be recorded unless working it daily Sunday excepted or sickness preventing

A O HALLOCK

At a meeting of the Miners of Union District held April 5th 1861 pursuant to call of the president the following resolutions were adopted

Resolved, that it requires the segnatures of ten legal voters of this district to request the President to call a meeting of the Miners before it will be obligatory on his part and when such requisition is made the President must issue or post three notices one on Elkhorn Bar and one at the Records office And one at the lower boundary of the district three days previous to the meeing this to be requisit in all civil cases And state in such notices what business is to be transacted

Resolved, that all ranch claims are real estate after having been recorded

Resolved, that no person shall be permitted to cut and haul timber out of this District

Resolved, that not less than ten legal voters can constitute a quorum to transact business at a miners meeting in this district

Resolved, that after this date no person will be entitled to vote in this district unless he be working in the district

A O HALLOCK Recorder

At a meeting of the miners of Union District held pursuant to call of president May 31st 1861 to elect a recorder Barnes & McKay candidates

Moved and seconded to vote by ballot carried.

Barnes 3 McKay 6.

McKay elected by a majority of 3

Moved that this be adjourned carried

A O HALLOCK, Secretary.

A T. MCKAY, Recorder.

At a meeting of the miners of Union District met pursuant to call on notice Saturday Sept 21st 1861

E McClelland was called to the chair H Barnes secretary

On motion of Mr Boyd W. P. Cooper was choosen president

On motion Mr. W. P. Cooper was chosen Justice of the Peace

On motion John Oliver was chosen recorder

On motion Joseph Abert was chosen constable

Motion was made to adjourn & carried

H BARNES Secretary of the meeting
JOHN OLIVER Recorder

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY—GRIFFITH MINING DISTRICT.

GRIFFITH DISTRICTS *June the 25, 1860.*

The Miners of this District having met on this day and date above mentioned according to previous notice given and formed the following Code of Laws of which this District shall be hereafter governed

- 1st. *Resolved*, That George. F. Griffith is hereby Elected Recorder of this District to serve as Recorder from this date until June the 25th 1861.
- 2nd. *Resolved*, That E T Williams is hereby Elected Judge of the Miners Court of the said District to have and to hold said office from this date above mentioned until June the 25 1861
- 3rd. *Resolved*, That R. M. Barker is hereby Elected Sheriff of this District to have and to hold said office from this date until June 25th 1861
- 4th. *Resolved*, That said Griffith District shall be bounded as follows. Commencing at a high point of Rock on the west side of Clear Creek some half mile above the Junction of said streams extending one mile and a half on each side of said stream in breadth and running up Clear Creek to the junction of the streams a short distance above the house of George F. Griffith & Company, thence up said streams three miles, and extending in breadth one mile and a half from the banks of each stream
- 5th. *Resolved*, All claims taken, and claimed for mill purposes, Lode Claims, Gulch Claims, Building sites taken, and claimed in the year of eighteen hundred and fifty nine, and represented by the party or partys or their agent or agents on the fifteenth day of June last shall be and are hereby held by said party or parties so having taken them. But all claims of any character whatever taken and claimed heretofore and unrepresented on the fifteenth day of June 1860 are hereby forfeited and liable to be taken up by other parties
- 6th. *Resolved*, All Laws passed heretofore by any previous meeting shall be and are hereby Repealed and shall be hereafter null & void
- 7th. *Resolved*, All Gulch claims, may extend one hundred feet up the Gulch on stream and the entire width on each side of said Gulch on stream
- 8th. *Resolved*, No Gulch claim or claims of any kind shall be taken for mining purposes when it interferes with a Quartz mill site previously taken by another party or parties or mill house or mill yard of the same or a building of any kind unless it be by the written consent of the proper owner or owners of the same
- 9th. *Resolved*, All Lode claims shall be no more than one hundred feet in length and extending fifty feet on each side of the lode
- 10th. *Resolved*, The Discoverer of any Lode shall be entitled to the Discovery claim and one claim in addition to the Discovery claim on said Lode which he shall file for Record in the office of the Recorder in five days after completing such discovery and prospecting.
- 11th. *Resolved*, No Person or persons shall be permitted to set stakes upon or take a claim on any Lode while the discoverer is prospecting the same and he shall have taken one claim in addition to the one discovered which he shall do in five days after making such discovery and completing this prospecting the same. Any one so offending shall be fined not less than fifty Dollars nor more than five hundred Dollars.
- 12th. *Resolved*, No person shall take up and claim more than one hundred feet on any one lode except in the name of the company he may represent. He or they may take up one claim for each member of the Company he or they may represent.
- 13th. *Resolved*, All persons taking up Water claims hereafter shall not be entitled to more than three hundred feet on said stream by preemption on any one stream, but any person representing a company may take up and claim three hundred feet for each member of said company on the different streams in said District.
- 14th. *Resolved*, All claims for mill purposes, mining purposes, claims for any character building Lots &c. Acquired by preemption must be filed for Record in the office of the Recorder in five days after such preemption has been taken, and such preemption must be marked when taken.
- 15th. *Resolved*, All claims of any character whatever acquired by purchase or sales of any kind relating to mining must be made in writing and the transfer or Bill of sale must be filed for Record in the office of the Recorder in ten days after such transfer or sale is made.
- 16th. *Resolved*, All claims taken by one Individual, in Recording, Transfers Bills of sale the fees of the Recorder shall be one dollar, but when a company is embodied in one transfer or Bill of sale or claim, then his fee shall be fifty cents for each Individual embraced in said company
- 17th. *Resolved*, All cases of Litigation coming before the Judge of the Miners court. The Judge shall be entitled to a fee of two dollars in each & every case so commencing, and in all cases the fees must be paid in advance by the party or parties instituting suit. If the party or parties are not satisfied with the decision of said Judge, then the party or parties may take an appeal from the decision of said Judge to a Jury of six citizens of said District, whose decision shall be final.
- 18th. *Resolved*, The Judge of the miners court shall be entitled to a fee of one Dollar for each summons or subpoena he may issue from his office
- 19th. *Resolved*, The Sheriff of this District shall be entitled to a fee of one Dollar for every Summons or subpoena he may serve and a fee of fifty cents on each Juror
- 20th. *Resolved*, The Jury when summoned shall be entitled to one each, The complainant in all cases arising paying the cost accruing in advance, but upon the final decision being rendered then the costs to be made out of the defeated party or parties
21. *Resolved*, All cases may be tried in five days after a summons may issue and the Judge may hold this court on any Monday
- 22d. *Resolved*, The Sheriff shall on Judgement being rendered final make his levy and advertise property in three public places in said district and expose said property for sale at public auction in ten days after such levy having been made, to the highest & best bidder
23. *Resolved*, That any one individual can take up and claim one hundred and sixty acres of Land for Ranching purposes, and any one individual may take up and claim one hundred and sixty acres of Land for each member of a company he may represent, by representing the names of the company, he may represent, and staking the land so taken and claimed with the names of the party or parties so staking & claiming, which must be filed with the Recorder of this District for record in ten days after taken or claimed
- 24th. *Resolved*, That all persons working a lode by tunnel shall be entitled to two hundred feet on each side of said Tunnel that said Tunnel may in its course pass lodes in its course if so the party or parties constructing said Tunnel shall be entitled to two hundred feet on each lode it may pass—each side of said Tunnel—but must not interfere with any vested rights
- 25th. *Resolved*, That any member of a company may represent the claims of the company and said claims shall be represented and worked within three months from the time such claim or claims are filed for Record, but any company working one claim shall hold without working all other claims that they may have in this District
- 26th. *Resolved*, That all Water claims or mill sites shall be held unimproved for Twelve months from the time such claim or claims are taken and filed for Record

At a meeting of the miners of the Griffith District held on the 22nd day of September 1860 according to previous notice when Jilson Ray was called to the chair and Geo F Griffith acting as secretary when the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved 1st. That all water Mill & Mining claims now taken claimed and recorded or that may be taken & recorded hereafter shall be held without improvement until the (10) tenth day of July. A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty one (1861)

Resolved 2nd. That any person or persons Discovering lodes of Quartz Gold Silver or other valuable minerals shall be entitled to Two (200) hundred feet in length on the course of the lode and Twenty-five (25) feet on each side of the Center of the Quartz or Mineral Crevice on each and every lode he or they may discover

Resolved 3rd. That all and every Discovery claim now taken staked and recorded or that may be taken staked and recorded hereafter shall be held exempt from execution or attachment.

Resolved 4th. That any person or persons taking and claiming Lode Claims in this District shall be entitled to hold and work any and all Quartz Valuable metals and minerals of any and all kinds, whatsoever embraced within the limits of his or their claims of fifty in width by one hundred (100) feet in length measuring twenty five (25) feet each side of the center of the Quartz or mineral crevice and no person or persons shall lawfully enter upon any part or parcel of such claim or claims for the purpose of Digging or Mining without the consent of the proper owner or owners.

Resolved 5th. That resolution ninth of the Laws of this District be so amended as to read as follows, That all lode claims shall be no more than one hundred (100) feet in length on the course of the lode and twenty five (25) feet on each side of the center of the Quartz or Mineral crevice

Resolved 6th. That no person or persons shall take or cause to be taken from this district into another District, any wood, square, or building timber or logs of any kind and any person or persons so transgressing shall be fined the sum of fifty (50) dollars for the first offence and double that amount for every other offence one half of such fines to go to the improvement and one half to the benefit of the District, such fines to be collected as provided in civil suits

No other business coming before the meeting they adjourned

JILSON RAY *Chairman.*

GEO F. GRIFFITH *Secretary.*

GRIFFITH DISTRICT *Jan 12th 1861*

At a meeting of the Miners of the Griffith Mining District held at the office of the recorder of said District according to previous notice when James Burrell was called to the chair and Geo F. Griffith acting as secretary when the following resolutions were adopted

Resolved 1st. That any person or persons legal voters of this district may call a meeting of the miners of the district for any purpose or purposes whatever by tendering to the recorder of said district the sum of two (\$2⁰⁰) dollars, it shall then be the duty of the Recorder to call such meeting by posting three different notices in three different conspicuous places in the district said notice to specify the time place and object of said meeting, said notices to be posted at least five (5) days in advance of said meeting.

Resolved 2nd. That any person holding a claim in this district which is duly recorded in the books of the district, shall be considered a legal voter in all affairs and meetings of this District.

Resolved 3rd. That any officer or officers of this district absenting themselves from this district for the space of sixty (60) days shall forfeit their office and the same shall be declared vacant And any officer being about to quit the district for a space of time shall appoint a deputy to act in his absence.

Resolved 4th. That any office or offices in this district becoming vacant a miners meeting may be called by the resident voters of the District and at said meeting, said vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the election of officers to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of said office or offices

Resolved 5th. That all purchase claims the Deed or transfer of which is duly recorded in the books of the district shall be held as real estate.

Resolved 6th. That any claim or claims entered upon the records of this district the certificates of which have not been issued nor the fees for recording the same paid over at the expiration of the term of sixty (60) days from the date of recording the same shall be sold at public auction by the recorder of the district and the moneys accruing from said sale after the reduction of the recorders fees and the expense of said sale shall revert to the benefit of the same, The recorder shall give at least (10) ten days notice of the sale of such claims by posting three notices in three different conspicuous in the district.

Resolved 7th. That a committee of three be appointed to measure the water or mill Privileges in this district and number the same in rotation, commencing at the lower end of the district, and that said committee report at a meeting to be called on the twenty-sixth (26) day of January A. D. 1861

Resolved 8th. That Messrs Geo F. Griffith, James Burrell and W. L. Gibson form said committee.

Resolved 9th. That it be the duty of the sheriff of this district to enforce resolution sixth (6) of the resolutions passed at a meeting held September 22nd A. D. 1860 taking such measures for the enforcement of said resolution as will prove effective

Resolved 10th. That all votes for officers of this district shall be by ballot and that the president and recorder be the board of canvassers for all such elections

Resolved 11th. That the President Recorder and Sheriff of this district shall be required to give good and sufficient security in the sum of one hundred dollars the bonds of the president to be approved by the recorder and the bonds of the recorder and sheriff to be approved by the president.

Resolved 12th. That the officers of this district shall be duly qualified and sworn in the following manner The recorder of the district shall qualify the President and sheriff and the president shall qualify the recorder.

On motion proceeded to election of officers to fill vacancies for the unexpired term when James Burrell was elected President Cyrus Hiltabiddle was elected sheriff.

No other business coming before the meeting adjourned until Jan 26th 1861

JAMES BURRELL *Chairman*

GEO F. GRIFFITH *Secretary*

The adjourned meeting Jan 12th 1861 met according to adjournment at the office of the Recorder of this the Griffith District on Jan 26th 1861

When the committee adjourned to measure and number the water or mill claims of said District submitted the following report which was unanously received and adopted as follows—to wit

Whereas the water or mill claims of this the Griffith mining district were not regularly measured and marked, and likely in the future to cause trouble and litigation and whereas we the undersigned were at a meeting duly called on the 12th day of Jan 1861 appointed a committee to measure and number said claims commencing at the lower end of said district Therefore your committee begs leave to submit the following report viz

Your committee commenced according to instructions and measured up the South Clear Creek to the junction of the west and south forks of said stream and found seventy-one (71) claims, sixty-nine of which are full claims of three hundred (300) feet each and two (2) fractional claims nineteen (19) and seventy-one (71) nineteen containing two hundred and forty-one (241) feet and seventy-one (71) containing one hundred & forty-two (142) feet and pre-empted according to the records of said District as follows to wit: No 1 Bates, No's 23 & 4 Hardin & Co. No 5 Ray. No's 6-7 & 8 Simmons & Co. No 9 Leavenworth. No 10 Burrell. No 11 Coulson. No 12 Coulson; No 13 Wooden, No 14 Crawford No 15 Russell No 16 Davis No 17 King. No 18 Soggs No 19 & 20 Jones & Co. Nos. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28 29. 30 31. 32 South Clear Creek Mining Co. Nos 33 34. 35 & 36. Mitchell & Co. No 37 Heltabiddle No 38 Fellows. No 39 Griffith No 40 Griffith Nos 41.-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55 vacant. Nos 56 & 57 Cook & Co 58. 59 & 60 Darling & Co Nos 61-62-63 & 64 Gibson & Co. Nos 65-66 & 67 Pierce & Co. No's 68. 69. 70-& 71 Queen & Co. also your committee measured up the South and West forks of said stream and finding them pre-empted to the Records of said District as follows. Towit.

West fork of South Clear Creek 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5 Hornel & Co. No 6 Tush No 7 Turber No 8 Barker No 9 Griffith No 10 Reush No 11 Griffith No 12. 13 & 14 Laramer & Co. No 15 & 16 Griffith G. F. S. Y. No 17 Gooding No 18 Burrell No 19 Leavenworth.

South fork of South Clear Creek—No 1 Griffith Nos. 2. 3. 4. & 5 Chapeze & Co. Nos 6. 7. & 8 Griffith & Co. Nos 9. 10-11-12 & 13 Mitchell & Co. Nos 14-15. 16. 17 & 18 Quaintance & Co. No 19 Swency No 20 Case

GEO F. GRIFFITH.
JAMES BURRELL.

No other business being before the meeting they adjourned *sine Die*.

JAMES BURRELL, *President*.

GEO F. GRIFFITH, *Sec'y*.

The Miners met pursuant to call March 2nd 1861 President Presiding Geo F. Griffith acting as secretary, when the following resolutions were adopted

Resolved, 1st. That this meeting as per call of recorder appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the Union District appointed for the purpose of defining and establishing the Territorial boundaries between this and said District to consist of Geo F. Griffith James Burrell and W. L. Gibson and report at a meeting of the miners at the recorders office on Saturday Mch 9th at 9 o'clock a. m. 1861 and also to report permanent boundaries for this district.

Resolved, 2nd. That this meeting appoint a committee consisting of James Burrell, D. T. Griffith and Henry Chapeze to codify & revise the laws governing this district and report at a meeting of the miners Saturday at 9 o'clock a. m. Mch 9th 1861

Resolved, 3rd. That all timber to be used for House logs must be used within ten (10) days of felling the same unless it be shown that some unavoidable accident prevented the requirements of this section.

Resolved, 4th. That all Saw Logs shall be hauled to the Mill site for which they are intended within thirty days from the time of felling the same and they must be trimmed and marked at the time of felling.

Resolved, 5th. That no party or parties shall be allowed to fell timber for Saw Logs until they have their Mill machinery on the ground and are using ordinary diligence toward the erection of the same.

Resolved, 6th. That any and all timber now lying upon the ground in the tree shall be forfeited within the space of thirty days from this date by public notice being given by posters being posted in three principal points in this district after the expiration of said time, said timber shall become common property of the district and be governed as standing timber according to resolution fifth (5) of the resolutions and no person shall convert or change the condition of said fallen timber until they comply with said resolution No five (5)

No other business the meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday Mch 9th at 9 o'clock a. m. 1861.

JAMES BURRELL, *President*.

GEO F. GRIFFITH, *Sec'y*.

The miners met pursuant to adjournment Mch the 9th at 9 o'clock a. m. A D. 1861, when the following committee reports and resolutions were submitted and adopted.

Report of committee on boundary line between Union and Griffith Districts.

The commissioners appointed to establish the boundary and dividing line between Union and Griffith Districts agree as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point upon the west line of Montana District due east from the cone of Douglass Mountain Thence west to said cone and along the main ridge of said mountain through Union Pass and along the summit of Columbian Mountain westerly as far as the west line of Union district, about seven miles Mch 4th 1861

GEO F. GRIFFITH.
W. L. GIBSON
JAMES BURRELL,
Commissioners from Griffith District

GEO. L. NICKOLLS
M. D. SHORT,
Commissioners from Union Dist.

PRECIOUS METALS.

Report of Committee on Permanent Boundries

W^o the Committee appointed for the purpose of defining and establishing the entire boundry lines for this district By leave submit the following :

The boundries of this district shall commence at a point on the west line of Montana District due east from the cone of the Douglass Mountain, thence west to said cone and along the main ridge of said mountain, through Union Pass and along the summit of the Columbian Mountain to the Democrat Mountain thence along the summit of the same to the Republican Mountain thence along the summit of said mountain to a point on said summit opposite a point on west branch three miles above its junction with the south branch of South Clear Creek, thence in a south easterly direction to a point on the said south branch three miles above said junction thence east to the summit of the mountain side of said south branch thence north to the summit of Independent Hill, thence along the summit of said hill, until said boundry line may reach a point on the west line of Montana District thence north to the place of beginning

Resolved, 1st. That the recorder is hereby authorized to copy the original laws of this district into a book to be kept for the purpose except such as are repealed by the revised laws adopted March 9th 1861 and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation for the same to be paid from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated also to copy the revised laws in same book

No other business coming before the meeting they adjourned *Sine Die*

JAMES BURRELL *President*

GEO F. GRIFFITH *Sec'y*

Report of a committee consisting of James Barrell D T Griffith and H Chapen appointed March 2d 1861 for the purpose of codifying and revising the laws of this district who reported the following which was adopted by a miners meeting held at the Recorders office March the 9th A D 1861.

BOUNDARIES—CHAPTER 1ST.

SECTION 1. The boundaries of this district shall commence at a point on the west line of Montana District due east from the cone of the Douglas mountain thence west to said cone and along the main ridge of said mountain through Union Pass and along the summit of Columbian to the Democrat Mountain Thence along the summit of the same to the summit of the Republican Mountain Thence along the summit of said mountain to a point on said summit opposite a point on West Branch three miles above its Junction with the south branch of South Clear Creek And thence in a southeasterly direction to a point on the said south branch to a point three miles above said Junction Thence East to the summit of the mountain on east side of said South Branch Thence North to the summit of Independent Hill Thence along the summit of said hill until said boundary line may reach a point on the west line of Montana District thence North to the place of beginning

OFFICERS

SEC. 1st. The officers of this district shall consist of a President (who shall be Judge of the Miners Court) a sheriff a surveyor and a Recorder who shall ex officio be treasurer and secretary of the District which officers shall be elected on the third (3) Saturday of March of each year and hold their officers for the term of one year from the date of their election or until their successors are elected and qualified unless he sooner die Remove from the District resign or is removed for misconduct as hereinafter provided

SEC. 2nd. When any officer (except the President) of this District shall be guilty of misconduct or malfeasance in office it shall be the duty of the president when an affidavit is made setting forth the specific charge to issue a notice to such officer to appear before him for trial The president shall appoint a prosecuting and the trial shall be conducted according to the Laws for Misdemeanor

SECTION 3. In case the president of the district charged with misconduct in office it shall be the duty of the Recorder to perform the duties prescribed for the president in the foregoing section

SEC. 4. Each officer before entering upon the duties of his office shall take an oath to support and faithfully execute all the laws of this district

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—DUTIES OF PRESIDENT—CHAPTER 3

SEC. 1st. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all legally called meetings of the miners and to call special meetings by posting three Notices within the district at least three days before the time of said meeting When in his opinion there is a necessity for the same or when a petition is presented signed by a majority of the Citizens specifying the particular object of the meeting which object must be distinctly stated in the notice

SEC. 2nd. It shall be the duty of the president to sign all orders on the Treasurer for money legally appropriated and all deeds for property belonging to the district which the miners of the District authorize to be sold and also to have the care of any property belonging to the district except such as is the special duty of some other officer to protect

It shall also be his duty institute suit against any person guilty of distroying or injuring any property belonging to the district or committing any offence recognized in the law as a misdemeanor nuisance or crime and to appoint a suitable person to conduct the prosecution

SEC. 3rd. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint an officer pro-tem, to fill any vacancy that may occur until each vacancy can be filled by a regular called election

DUTIES OF JUDGE CHAPTER 4TH

SEC. 1st. The Judge of the miners court shall execute bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the Recorder in the penal sum of \$500 five Hundred Dollars for the faithful performance of his duties

SEC. 2. The miners court shall have Jurisdiction over all civil contracts made in this or any other District in Colorado Territory provided the parties were citizens of this District at the time of making the contract or provided the defendant is a citizen of this district at the time of the institution of the suit

SECTION 3rd. It shall be the duty of the Judge in all cases before entering suit to require a bond of good and sufficient security for the payment of all costs and for all damages in case of attachment being wrong fully sued out and also require of both plaintiff and defendant in any suit prepayment of costs before the rendition of Judgment such costs to be refunded to the party gaining the suit the adverse party paying all costs

SEC. 4th. No suit shall be brought in the miners court for indebtedness contracted in any other state or Territory except by consent of all the parties interested and no execution shall be collectable on Judgment rendered upon such indebtedness except as hereinbefore provided

SEC. 5th. The Judge of the miners court shall keep a docket upon which a correct record of all the proceedings of his court shall be kept and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits before him

SEC 6 It shall be the duty of the court to levy a fine not to exceed ten dollars for contempt of court said fine to be collectable by sale of property on execution and the proceeds of the same to be paid into the district Treasury—

SEC 7th It shall be the duty of the Judge to issue an attachment when the plaintiff in any suit shall make oath that he believes the defendant is about to abscond or dispose of his property to defraud his creditors

SEC 8th The Judge of the Miners Court shall have full probate Jurisdiction within this district

SEC 9 It shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to pay over to the treasurer of the district all monies coming into his hands for fines

DUTIES OF RECORDER

SEC 1st It shall be the duty of the recorder safely to keep the records of the district and to record all papers upon the payment of his fees to act as secretary at all public meetings of the district and by virtue of his office as treasurer to keep all monies of the district paid to him subject to the drafts of the President Also to keep all vouchers so that at any time he may be able when called upon to exhibit the financial condition of the District

SEC 2 The Recorder may appoint a deputy who shall be duly sworn for whose special acts he shall be responsible

SEC 3 It shall be the duty of the recorder to execute a bond with good and sufficient security in the penal sum of five hundred Dollars, to be approved by the president and Judge of the district for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

DUTIES OF SHERIFF—CHAPTER 6TH

SEC 1st The Sheriff of the District shall execute a bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the president and Judge of the district in the penal sum of (\$500) five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

SEC 2d It shall be the duty of the sheriff to execute all papers issued by the proper officers and make due returns entered thereon

SEC 3d It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to receive and return in person all papers which it is his duty to serve and execute and to be present at all sittings of the court and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by law

DUTIES OF SURVEYOR—CHAPTER 7TH

SEC 1st It shall be the duty of the surveyor of the district to stake and level Claims when called upon to do so by any person upon the payment of his fees to decide all questions of measurement between parties and to survey stake and plat all building lots within this district

OFFICERS FEES—CHAPTER 8TH

SEC 1st The Judge of the miners Court shall be allowed (50c) fifty cents each for issuing all papers except subpoenas for which he shall receive (25c) twenty-five cents if containing one name and (50c) fifty cents if containing more than one name for docket entry (\$1.00) one dollar For trial of each cause (\$150) one dollar and fifty cents For each continuance of a cause (\$100) one dollar

SEC 2d The Recorder shall be entitled to (50c) fifty cents for recording each claim (50c) fifty cents for a deed or any instrument of not more than one hundred words and at the rate of (50c) for each additional 100 words

SEC 3d The Sheriff shall receive the sum of fifty cents (50c) each for serving all papers except subpoenas for which he shall be entitled to (25c) for each person subpoenaed When on official business outside of the district he shall be allowed 10c for each mile necessarily travelled he shall also be allowed 50c each for three notices in case of sale under execution and (\$100) one dollar in selling property for empanneling a Jury of six (\$100) one dollar For summoning a Jury for a regular term of court (\$150) one dollar and fifty cents For waiting on the Court (50c) for each cause tried

SEC 4th The Surveyor shall receive (50c) fifty cents for each building lot surveyed staked and platted to be paid out of any money in the district Treasury not otherwise appropriated and he shall receive (\$5.00) five dollars per day for staking and surveying claims and deciding questions of measurement between parties to be paid by the parties requesting the same

SEC 3d Jurors shall each be allowed (50c) fifty cents an hour from the setting of the court until dismissal of the Jury

SEC 6 Witnesses shall be allowed (\$1.00) one dollar for each attendance upon a cause which shall be paid in advance if required

LAWS FOR THE MINERS COURT—CHAPTER 9

SEC 1st regular terms of the miners court shall be held on the (1st) first and (3d) third Tuesday of each month and all writs to be made returnable at any term shall be served and returned on or before the Saturday preceeding said term provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent trials for crime or misdemeanor at any time

SEC 2d Any person wishing to commence a civil action in the miners court shall file with the Judge of said Court a statement in writing setting forth the grounds of complaint which shall contain all the allegations and facts necessary to constitute a cause of action in plain and unequivocal language And if the defendant does not appear and answer to said complaint the court shall require plaintiff to make oath to the correctness of his complaint and that he knows of no legal offset which the defendant may have When complying with the foregoing requirements the Judge may enter Judgment for the amount claimed together with all costs of suit

SEC 3d Depositions may be used in evidence before the Miners Court provided also that the adverse party shall have notice of the time and place when and where each deposition will be taken and have the right to crossquestion such witness Notice however need not be given when the witness is not a resident of this Territory

SEC 4th The cause shall be continued except by consent of both parties or upon the affidavit of one of the parties or his attorney setting forth good cause for continuance or for the absence of a material witness in which case the parties shall state on oath that he cannot safely proceed to trial without said witness and that he believes that he can procure the testimony of said witness at some specified future time

SEC 5th Garnishee process may issue as a part of the original writ to be served upon both the defendant and Garnishee or separately or may be issued after execution is returned unsatisfied and in either case if the garnishee shall pay the Defendant the amount of his indebtedness after service of said notice And before the final Judgment (if any is obtained) is paid he shall be liable to the plaintiff for such indebtedness

SEC 6th The Jury for each term of the Court shall be drawn on the next Thursday preceeding each term in the following manner The Recorder shall furnish the names of (25) Twenty Five good and lawful men citizens of the district which names shall be placed in a box for that purpose from which the Recorder shall draw (9) nine names who shall be summoned by the sheriff to serve as Jurors for the next succeeding term but no person shall be compelled to serve on the Jury for two succeeding terms

SEC 7 New trials may be granted for good cause shown according to the rules of common law provided the party applying for a new trial first pay all costs that have already accrued

SEC 8th It shall be optional with the parties to any suit whether the same shall be tried by the Judge of the miners court or by Jury

SEC 9th When either parties require a Jury it shall be the duty of the sheriff to draw from the box the number required and if for cause or peremptory Challenge the regular pannel is exhausted it shall be his duty to summons others until the pannel is full

SEC 10 The regular number of jurymen to try civil causes unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties shall be three

SEC 11 Each party shall have the right to three preematory challenges and as many as necessary for cause

SEC 12 Appeals—Either party feeling aggrieved may appeal from a decision of a Jury of three or the Judge to a Jury in number not exceeding twelve such number to be agreed upon by the parties

SEC 13 In cases where an appeal is taken as provided in the foregoing section the case shall be filed to the next term of court to which the appeal is taken provided at least five days elapsed between the time of taking such appeal and the next regular term of the court to which the appeal is taken unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties

MOTICE—CHAPTER 10th

SEC 1st Notice shall be considered served when read to the party or parties or by having a copy of the same at their usual place of residence when not to be found within the district

SEC 2d Attachments shall be considered served by being read to the partys together with a list of the property attached and in case the party or parties cannot be found within the district by leaving a copy of the same at the usual place of residence

SEC 3d All executions issued from the Miners Court shall be made returnable within twelve days from their date and the sheriff shall note on each execution the day and hour of receiving the same and return the said execution within the twelve days whether satisfied or not with his official acts endorsed thereon

SEC 4th Any property sold under execution shall be advertised by posting notices in three conspicuous places in the district at least five days previous to the day of sale said notices must desegnate the day and hour of sale together with the description of the property to be offered for sale The sheriff may adjourn the sale to some future day within the time specified for the return of the execution provided there are no bids or the bids are unreasonably low Notice of each postponement shall be given during the hours of sale

PUBLICATION

SEC 1st When suit is instituted against any person who is absent from or a non resident of this district service may be had by posting notices or coppies of the summons in three conspicuous places in the district at least ten days previous to the day of trial a copy of one of said notices shall be sworn to by the sheriff who posted the same stating how when and where he served the same which shall be filed with the papers with the case

SEC 2d When Judgment is rendered upon publication as provided in the foregoing section the party defendant shall be entitled to a new hearing in the said cause within (60) sixty days after the rendition of Judgment by paying all costs as showing to the satisfaction of the court that injustice has been done him in the case and in case the Judgment is reversed he shall be entitled to receive any property or its value which may of been sold under execution or such Judgment

EQUITY—CHAPTER 12th

SEC 1st The Miners Court shall have equity Jurisdiction and shall be governed by common law rules of equity Provided either party shall have the right to trial by Jury and provided either party shall show to the satisfaction of the court that he cannot obtain justice under the rules of law

EXEMPTION—CHAPTER 13

SEC 1st There shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution the following articles which are necessary for present use by the defendant mining tools mechanics tools bedding clothing cooking utensils necessary provisions for three months one claim so designated on the records and in case of a man of a family residing in the district a dwelling house not exceeding (\$300) Three hundred dollars in value and the lot upon which the same is situated together with such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary provided that nothing in this section shall apply to judgment rendered for labor or wages performed previous to this date

REDEMPTION—CHAPTER 14th

SEC 1 The defendant on any cause on which suit is not already commenced shall have the right of redemption on any claim sold or execution by paying to the court for the benefit of the purchasers The amount of the purchase money to gether with interest at the rate of (5%) five per cent per month if paid within (60) sixty days from said sale

CITIZENSHIP—CHAPTER 15th

SEC 1st Any male person eighteen years of age having resided in this district (10) ten days next preceeding an election or Miners Meeting shall be entitled to vote and to all the rights of citizenship

CRIMINAL LAWS—CHAPTER 16th

SEC 1st Any person guilty of wilful murder upon conviction thereof shall be hung by the neck until he is dead

SEC 2d Any person guilty of manslaughter or homicide shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SEC 3d Any person shooting or threatening to use any deddly weapons except in self defence shall be fined in a sum not less than (\$50) fifty dollars and not more than (\$500.00) five hundred dollars and receive in addition as many stripes on his bare back as a Jury of (6) six men may direct and be banished from the district

SEC 4th Any person found guilty of petit larceny shall be fined in a sum double the amount stolen and such other punishment as a Jury of six men may direct

SEC 5th Grand larceny Any person found guilty of grand larceny shall be fined in a sum double the amount stolen and receive as many lashes on his bare back as a Jury of six men may direct and be banished from the district

FORGERY—CHAPTER 6

Any person found guilty of forging deeds transfers bills of sale or Jumping claims legally held upon the records difacing names or removing stakes from their proper places shall pay a fine of (\$5) five dollars for each offence and double the amount of damages sustained by the injured party said damages to be determined by a Jury of six men

SEC 7th Any person who shall cause or commit any nuisance affecting or liable to affect the health of the people of this district upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding (\$100) one hundred dollars to be determined by a Jury of six men and remove such nuisance within a reasonable time such time to be determined by a Jury of six men

SEC 8th Any person convicted of causing a nuisance and failing or refusing to remove the same shall suffer the same penalty as provided in section seven of this chapter for each succeeding day after the expiration of the time required to remove the same and such other punishment as a Jury may direct

SEC 9th All and every offense omitted in the foregoing sections shall be determined by a Jury of six men and punished as they may direct

SEC 10 Larceny defined any theft not exceeding ten dollars in value shall be deemed petit larceny and any theft over that sum in value shall be deemed grand larceny

CLAIMS DEFINED—CHAPTER 17TH

SEC 1st The term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode (100 ft) one hundred feet extending the length of the same and (25 ft) twenty-five feet on each side from center of crevice unless thereby interfering with an other lode When an equitable decision of the territory shall be made When applied to a gulch (100 ft) in length on the same and (50 ft) fifty feet in width

When applied to patch or placer diggins (100 ft) one hundred feet square when applied to tunnel claims the entire distance intended to run the same as shown by the record and stake at the mouth of the tunnel together with the surface grounds for deposits as here in after provided When applied to a water or mill privilege (300 ft) on the creek or gulch with the privilege of using the water of the same and mill grounds adjacent thereto (150 ft) each side of the creek or gulch and more if necessary for the enjoyment of the same When applied to ditch claim the entire distance staked out which they intend to run the same as shown by the survey and stakes when applied to a creek bed mining claim (100 ft) one hundred feet up and down the creek in length and between high water mark on each side

When applied to bar claims (50 ft) fifty feet in width running back to the base of the mountain

LAWS GOVERNING CLAIMS—CHAPTER 18TH

SEC 1st All purchased claims when recorded shall be held as real estate

SEC 2 No person shall hold more than one claim on each lode creek bar patch or gulch except by purchase or discovery

SEC 3d Any person discovering a quartz lode by recording the same may hold the discovery claim as real estate and one other claim by preemption on said lode

SEC 4 All quartz lodes shall terminate in the center of each creek

SEC 5 When lode claims extend through bar claims the first claim recorded shall hold both

SEC 6 Any person owning a quartz mill or claim on which he has a mill shall have a right to cut or construct a race flume or ditch to carry water to such mill over any claim road or ditch provided the water be so guarded as not to interfere with vested rights priority of claims to be in every case respected

SEC 7th The discovery hole shall be considered in the center of the discovery claim unless specified to the contrary on the record

SEC 8th No person shall be allowed to mine under a building or other improvements unless they first secure the parties owning such improvement against all damages except by priority of claim

SEC 9th All deeds bonds contracts bills of sale or instruments of any kind relating to the conveyance of property shall be witnessed and must be recorded within (30) thirty days after their date to be held as valid against creditors or subsequent deeds of grantor

SEC 10 Preemption on lodes which run into each other shall be governed by the priority of the discoveries

SEC. 11. In all cases when parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of claim and honestly carried out shall be respected

TUNNEL LAW—CHAPTER 19

SEC 1 Any person or company locating or having located a tunnel claim in this district as hereinafter provided shall be entitled to one by two hundred feet of ground as surface claim at the starting point for tunnel purposes and deposits

SEC 2d Any person or company owning a tunnel under this law shall be entitled to four hundred feet and no more upon any lode which said tunnel may cross two hundred feet of which may be taken on each side of the center line of the tunnel claim provided such lode has not been discovered and claimed prior to the preemption of said tunnel and they shall have the exclusive right to all quartz minerals or valuable metals that may be found within the boundaries of said tunnel

SEC 3d Any person or company owning a tunnel as aforesaid shall be required to commence work upon the same on or before the 10th day of July next in which month he or they shall be required to perform (\$50) fifty dollars worth of labor upon said tunnel after which he or they shall be required to perform at least three months work for one laborer in each six months upon failing to comply with any of the requirements in this section the right of each tunnel claim shall be forfeited

SEC 4th All tunnel claims shall be staked at the starting points in the center upon which stake shall be written the direction and terminus of said tunnel together with the name of the owner or owners

SEC 5th Any person or company owning a tunnel as aforesaid shall have the right to cross any lode on the line of said tunnel provided the amount of quartz taken out of such lode shall not be more than is necessary to cross said lode hollowing the size of said tunnel at smallest place

SEC 6th Any person or company owning lode claims through which a tunnel under this law may pass shall have the right either in person or by their agent to inspect such lode claim in said tunnel at any time they may desire

SEC 7th When a person or company claims to have discovered a new lode in their tunnel and said lode is claimed by discovery prior to locating of said tunnel it shall devolve upon the tunnel owners to show that this discovery is a new one

SEC 8th All persons owning lode claims shall have the privilege to work the same by tunnel or otherwise and to deposit quartz either by slide or tramway at the point most convenient for them on any ground not claimed under this law for surface deposits

SEC 9th Any person or company working one of his or their claims in this district shall hold thereby all the preemption claims he or they may have in this district nothing herein to be so construed as to conflict with the tunnel law

LAW REGULATING LOTS—CHAPTER 20

SEC 1st Any person preempting town lots within this district must have the same filed for record the day of taking the same and lay a foundation upon said lot which shall hold the same for the space of sixty days after the expiration stay. Then by paying the recorder (in addition to his fees) the sum of (50c) fifty cents shall receive a deed from the president of the district for the same and in case he or they shall fail to comply with the above laws said lot shall be forfeited to the district

INCORPORATIONS—CHAPTER 21ST

SEC 1 Companies holding claims shall hold no more than there are members of the company named as such upon the record either in articles of incorporation or upon their certificate

ELECTION LAWS—CHAPTER 22

SEC 1st All elections for officers of the district shall be by ballot and to be conducted and held as follows The recorder and sheriff shall select from the qualified citizens of the district four persons who shall act as Judges and clerks of the election who after having been qualified by the president in his absence the recorder shall take charge of the polls receive sort count and declare the votes make proper returns thereof to the district by placing said returns in the hands of the recorder for record

FILE LAW—CHAPTER 23d

SEC 1st All claims filed for record hold good for ten days before forfeiting the claim filed Any and all laws conflicting with the foregoing are hereby repealed provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with any rights acquired under previously existing laws
Enacted by the miners of this district March the 9th A D 1861.

JAMES BURRELL *President*

GEO F GRIFFITH *Recorder*

Attest

Miners met pursuant to call of the president of Apr 20th 1861

On motion of D T Griffith the president was required to appoint a committee for the purpose of drafting a lien law and also a law for the regulation of mortgages and report at a meeting of the miners to be held at the recorders office Apr 27th 1861

President appointed D. T. Griffith H K Purson and J D Hall

On motion D T Griffith the President appointed D T Griffith W B Squoires and H B Snyder on a committee for the purpose of surveying staking and numbering the water claims on the South and West Branches of South Clear Creek also Leavenworth Creek and make their report as soon as possible.

On motion D T Griffith the following resolution and laws were adopted

Resolved, That we the miners of this district do enact the following as sections 11th and 12th of chapter 16th of the criminal laws of this district

SEC 11th Any person or persons found guilty of wilfully or maliciously rolling stones quartz excepted down the hill upon any mountain in this district upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than (\$5) five nor over (\$50) fifty dollars to the district and such other punishment as a Jury of 6 men may direct

SEC 12th Any person or persons found guilty of wilfully or maliciously putting out fire or setting fire to any grass timber or other combustable within the limits of this district shall upon conviction thereof pay a fine to the district of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars and receive such other punishment as a Jury of 6 men may direct

On motion meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday April 27 1861

Miners met pursuant to adjournment this April 27th 1861

On motion D T Griffith the following resolutions and laws were unanimously adopted and enacted

Resolved That that portion of sec 3d of chapter 4th (of the revised laws) immediately following the words sued out in the fifth line of said section which relates to the duty of Judge in requiring prepayment of costs be and is hereby repealed

Resolved That the following be and is hereby enacted and shall be known as section 6th of chapter 6th of the revised laws of this district
SEC 6 OF CHAPTER 6 It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to execute or cause to be executed all penalties for criminal offences

Resolved That all timber now standing upon any town lot within this district shall not be subject to appropriation by any person or persons except the legal owners of said lot or lots also the timber now standing upon beavers Island (which is situated on the town site of Georgetown on water claims No 69 & 70) shall also be exempt from appropriation by any person whomsoever and any person found guilty of cutting felling or carrying away any such timber shall upon conviction thereof pay a fine to the district of not less than (\$5) five nor over (\$50) fifty dollars and such other punishment as a Jury may direct

On motion meeting adjourned to meet Saturday May 4th Griffith Mining district Apr 27th 1861

Saturday May the 4th 1861 Miners met pursuant to adjournment

The committee appointed by the president at a meeting held Apr 20th 1861 not being ready to make report

On motion the miners gave them more time

On motion D T. Griffith the following resolution was unanimously passed

Resolved That the words written (30) thirty days after their date of section 9th of chapter 18th of the revised laws of this district be and are hereby stricken out

On motion meeting adjourned to meet Saturday May 11th at 7 o'ck p. m

May 11 1861 Miners met pursuant to adjournment James Burrell presided

On motion John D Hall the following resolution was adopted

Resolved, That the mortgage and lien laws embraced in the statutes of the State Territory of Kansas be and are hereby made the laws of this district

Also the following resolutions which were presented by Geo T. Griffith

Resolved That resolution 1st adopted Sept 22d 1860 be so amended as to read as follows that all water lode gulch or Patch Claims now held according to the laws of this district shall be held without improvement until the 10th day of July A D 1861 after which time every individual or company shall in person or by their agent work at least one of his or their claims one day in every week Provided any persons or company who are actual residents of this district and actually employed in any business for himself or for another shall lawfully hold one claim that he or they may have by virtue of his or their residence being in the district

Resolved That any legal claim holder desiring to return to the states may by paying to the Judge of the Miners Court a fee of one dollar and filing an affidavit on the Judges docket that it is necessary for him to be absent and that in his absence that it is impossible for him to lawfully work his claim shall hold the same without work for the space of eight months

Resolved, That the the ladies who may become residents of this District each be permitted to select one unoccupied town lot within the district and upon being recorded to be held unto them as real estate

On Motion Meeting adjourned

GEO F GRIFFITH, *Secretary*

Declaration of the return of an election held in this district Saturday June 8th 1861 for the purpose of electing a sheriff for the unexpired term occasioned by the removal of J M Lain from this district Henry Chuping having been voted for according to the election laws of this district and having received the greatest number of votes for that office was declared duly elected sheriff of this district

June 22d 1861 Miners met pursuant to call of president for the purpose of reconsidering a resolution passed on the 8th of June and any other business that might come before the meeting

On motion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved That the resolution passed at a meeting on the 8th inst requiring non residents to work on his or their claims one day in every week is hereby repealed and the following be substituted in its place

Resolved That all claims liable by previously existing laws to forfeiture or reprecemption upon the 10th day of July next may be held unimproved there after provided the claim holder shall upon said 10th day of July by himself or agent pay to the recorder into the treasury of the district a yearly tax of twenty five cents upon each & every such Claim or provided the claim holder is a resident of this district or provided the claim holder shall work by himself or his agent one of his claims within this district to the amount of one days work to every week then in either case his Claims shall remain valid but nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to conflict with the tunnel law

Resolved That section 12th of the laws governing the miners Court be and is hereby repealed and that the following be substituted in their place

Resolved, That either party feeling agreived may appeal from a decision of a Jury of three or the Judge to a Jury of six or to a Jury of not exceeding twelve to be decided upon by the parties provided the party so appealing shall give notice of his intention to appeal within twenty four hours after the rendition of Judgment and provided also he shall first pay all costs that have already accrued within five days after Judgment is rendered also further resolved that when an appeal is taken as herein provided or by law required it shall be the duty of the Judge of the miners Court to make out a transcript of the record in the case together with any special ruling made in the trial when either parties require it and complies with the law authorizing an appeal The Judges fees to be one dollar for each transcript

Resolved that sec 2d of chapter 4th of the revised laws of this district be and are hereby so amended to read as follows after the word district in the sixth line of said section and immediately before the word at "holds property within this District.

On motion meeting adjourned the 1st of these resolutions be copied in the Rocky Mountain news

On motion meeting adjourned

Georgetown June 22d 1861

GEO F GRIFFITH *Secy*
By D T GRIFFITH, *Depty Recorder*

JULY 17th 1862

Miners met pursuant to call of president and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved 1st That all claims now held valid either by preemption reprecemption or purchase in this district shall be held as real estate from and after this date

2d That section 1st of chapter 14th of the revised laws of this district be so amended as to read as follows The Defendant in any cause in which suit is not already commenced shall have the right at redemption or any real estate or personal property to the amount of (\$350⁰⁰) or over by paying to the court for the benefit of the purchaser the amount of the purchase money together with interest at the rate of 20 per cent pr month if paid within 30 days from date of said sale

3d That all discovery claims lawfully recorded since the 22d day of September a D 1860 and all discovery Claims that may be hereafter taken shall be two hundred feet in length and of the width of other lode claims And all discovery claims now taken claimed and recorded shall be held free from exicution attachments or forced sales

4th *Resolved* That when suit in any cause is hereafter instituted in the miners Court of this district such suit shall then become a lien upon the property of the defendant that is not exempted from levy and sale upon execution belonging to the defendant in this court

On motion meeting adjourned

Griffith mining District July 17th 1861

GEO F GRIFFITH *Secretary*
By D. T. GRIFFITH *Deputy Recorder*

OLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—TRAIL RUN MINING DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION OF TRAIL RUN DISTRICT AS FRAMED AND ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE MINERS OF SAID DISTRICT JUNE 23TH, 1860 AND AMENDED AT A MEETING OF THE MINERS AUG 7TH 1860 AND SUBSEQUENTLY NOV 15TH OF THE SAME YEAR AS APPEARS BY THE RECORD OF THE DISTRICT BOOK A.

ARTICLE 1st. *Resolved* that the limits of this district shall extend from the line of Spanish Bar District near the junction of the gulch with Clear Creek up the stream two miles or to the fork of the gulch and to the summit of the dividing ridge on back side, and all claims recorded in good faith in this district but which shall afterwards be found to be located without said limits shall be considered valid and transferable And said district shall hereafter be known and designatted as Trail Creek District

ARTICLE 2d *Resolved* that every man holding claims on other property within the limits of the district shall be entitled to a vote regulating the same and in electing officers of the District

ARTICLE 3d *Resolved* that there shall be elected by the miners of the district by a majority vote the following officers to wit:—One Justice of the Peace one Constable and one Recorder

ARTICLE 4 *Resolved* that it shall be the duty of the Justice to call a court to try all cases that may be brought before him himself acting as Judge Said court shall consist of five of the miners of said district each of the contestants having a right to choose two of the Jury and the Judge shall appoint the fifth and from the decision of said court there shall be no appeal except to a mass meeting of the miners

It shall be the duty of the Constable to make arrests to levy executions and serve subpoenas It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a book of records & record claims said record to be kept accessible at all times to the miners of said District for the purpose of searching the record of claims, And it shall also be the duty of the recorder to call a meeting of the miners on the application of one or more persons, and at least four days notice shall be given by him by posting a written notice in two or more frequented places & to hold all contracts deeds or other papers left in, his care until authorized by said parties to surrender them

By Laws

Be it enacted that a man shall be entitled to hold the following claims viz, his discovery Claim and one only by preemption on each of the different lodes of the District but he may acquire others by purchase provided said sale or transfer be recorded within ten days from the date of the purchase and all such claims shall thereafter be held and perpetuated as real estate provide the claimant or his agent shall pay annually dating from the day of the preemption or purchase to the recorder the assessment of 25 cents hereby levied on each and every mining or other claim located in the district for their better security as real estate & the income of said tax shall be appropriated as fast as received by the Recorder to the construction of a road up Trail creek & for such other public improvements as the district may hereafter direct & be it further enacted that all patch bank or gulch claims shall be worked every three days in good faith or they shall be forfeited and all mining claims not recorded shall be forfeited when not worked

SECOND *Be it enacted* that claims shall be of the following dimensions, viz: Lode claims fifty by one hundred feet, Bank and patch claims fifty feet and square Water claims for sluicing purposes, one hundred feet running up and down the stream and from bank to bank & Mill privilage—or sites three hundred feet running up and down the stream & from bank to bank

THIRD *Be it enacted* that every man or Co of men constituting or running a steam quartz mill on Trail Run & who shall make a sufficient road up any mountain or cannon to convey wood to his or their mill shall by this act be entitled to preempt one claim of 50 acres of timber for his or their own private use & benefit The limits of said claim being already marked by corner stakes or blazed trees and any miner owning claims in the district shall be entitled to preempt one claim of ten acres of timber and wood for his own use and benefit and all infringements shall be considered as trespass and damages awarded as in all other cases

And be it further enacted that no timber or wood shall be transported for sale or use out of the district or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile from its junction with clear Creek To go into affect the day of its passage Aug 7th 1860

FOURTH *Be it enacted* that prospectors be allowed ten days from the date of their discovery in which to record their claims

FIFTH *Be it enacted* that those owning claims and working them in company shall hold them by working one of them in good faith

At a meeting of the miners of Trail Run District Nov 15th 1860 it was

Resolved that the recorder of trail run district shall have power to levy a tax of twenty-five cents per year on each and every claim in said district collect the same keep a just and true account and make a report of the same at each miners meeting and all means received by him shall be appropriated to the purchase of a set of books for said district and the building of a road up Trail Creek commencing however at the lower end of Trail Run District & working up the stream

And it is further resolved that the said Recorder shall be duly qualified before the Justice of Spanish Bar District before he shall have power to collect taxes purchase books work on the road or carry out any part of the foregoing resolve & he is and he is authorized to collect a fee of ten cents for each and every receipt for taxes issued by him

GEORGE BARBER *Secretary*

At a meeting of the miners of Trail Run District April 1st 1862 on the consideration of the petition of I McLaughlin & others for repeal of the tax law It was

Resolved that the present law relating to taxes on claims remain in full force but that no claim shall be forfeited by nonpayment of the annual assessment

Voted that the present Recorder continue to hold his office at the will of the District

Voted that a road master be appointed who shall be required to give bonds in the sum of \$500.00 to be accepted by the Recorder & who shall have power to collect taxes and appropriate them to repairs on the road to notify claim holders of the time to work out the taxes on the road and the direction of all necessary repairs on the same & also to issue and dispose of liens on claims of delinquents

The Report of the Collector and Road Master was read and accepted and his resignation received thereupon Joseph Colez was unanimously elected Road Master

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman to confer with the miners and the Recorder at the neighboring districts and determine what disposal shall be made of the records of the District to best secure our mining titles and power is given said committee to make such disposition of the books of the Recorder as they deem proper

The number of the committee was increased to five including the chairman of the meeting & was made to consist of J Colez J Barr W W Wise M. P. Parker & E A Holland

A Resolution sustaining the acts of the Recorder of the District and expressive of public confidence was adopted

J COLY *Chairman*

E T. HOLLAND, *Secy.*

SUMMIT COUNTY.—SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT.

JULY 4th 1860

Pursuant to call a number of miners met at the camp of E. Welch & Co. near silver lake so called when

On motion E. Welch was chosen chairman & L. B. Smith sec of the meeting.

The President stated the object of the meeting in substance as follows.

That whereas rich and valuable deposits of gold have already been discovered in lodes in this immediate vicinity and believing that further and still richer discoveries will be made here in the future, now for the better protection of the miners here present as well as for better to develop the mineral wealth of this locality it is proposed to submit to the sense of this meeting the propriety of the immediate organization of a mining district

Thereupon, on motion, it was voted that the meeting proceed to an election of a President and Recorder of a Mining District to be known as the Silver Lake Mining District and that the further perfecting of this organization be referred to an adjourned meeting

Proceeded to an election:

Enoch Welch was chosen President & R. L. Bond was chosen Recorder

On motion voted to adjourn until July 16th inst. at 2 o'clock p. m.

SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT, *Utah Ter. July 16th 1860.*

Pursuant to adjournment meeting met and was called to order by Enoch Welch Pres in the chair.

W. B. Fitzpatrick offered the following

Resolved that this district is named and shall hereafter be known as the Silver Lake Mining District and its boundaries shall be defined and are hereby determined as follows to wit: Commencing at the trail leading from Platt river to Hoosier gulch; thence northerly up the range to the headwaters of the Blue and Platt rivers; comprising all that tract of land lying between the Blue and Platt rivers from the source thereof as far as the said "Buckskin Joe" trail aforesaid together with the water to the channel of either of the said rivers; it being always understood that Hoosier Gulch or so much thereof as now is or may hereafter be occupied for gulch mining purposes is not included in this district

Adopted unanimously

The following laws were then voted upon separately and unanimously adopted

SECTION 1st. The President shall until otherwise provided be the Executive officer of this District; shall hold his office for one year from the date of his election and until his successor is elected; he shall be vested with the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace in and for this District

He shall call special meetings when requested so to do in writing by any ten actual residents of the district by causing written notices to be posted in three public places in the District at least giving twenty-four hours notice of said meeting.

He shall preside at all meetings of the District and is clothed with discretionary power to do and perform such acts and things as the welfare and best interest of the district may require at his hands

SECTION 2d The Recorder shall keep a true and faithful record of all proceedings taking place at all the public meetings in this District.

He shall record all claims when requested so to do and issue certificates therefor and as compensation shall receive one dollar for each or every certificate issued by him and no more. His term of office shall be equal as that of the president.

SEC 3 Mining claims shall be one hundred feet in length and the width of the lode.

SEC 4th Each and every miner shall be entitled to hold one claim upon each lode as a preemption right; also any person discovering a new lode shall be entitled to one hundred feet additional for his discovery claim and any person may purchase claims and his rights shall be respected.

SECTION 5th Persons taking claims and not working the same must have them recorded immediately or they are liable to be taken and recorded by the next claimant therefor applying

SEC 6th The discovery claim shall be the point of starting upon lodes in this district and thence claims shall be numbered in their order either way from discovery, either up or down or by specific directions as the discoverer may elect.

SEC 7th Each miner in addition to the other claims specified shall be entitled to one water claim by preemption of two hundred feet

SEC 8th Claim holders shall be entitled to as many votes as they may own claims in the district in regard to general laws and matters of interest that affect parties pro rata according to the number of claims that they may hold.

SEC 9th Until otherwise provided for parties may hold claims without working the same until such time as they can be worked to advantage

On motion voted to adjourn

ENOCH WELCH *Pres*

R. S. BOND *Recorder.*

SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT *Aug 14th 1860*

Resolved unanimously that a certain silver lode known as the Dirigo silver lode shall be governed by the same laws that now govern the gold bearing quartz lodes in this district except in width of claims

Resolved further that the claims on the Dirigo Silver Lode shall extend any width that may be necessary for the purpose of taking in the lead within the boundaries of this district

And further resolved That parties holding claims properly recorded according to the laws of this district shall be entitled to hold the same until the fourth day of July A. D 1861 if represented by himself or agent.

ENOCH WELCH *President*

R. L. BOND *Recorder.*

SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT *Colorado Ter July 4th 1861*

This being the day of the annual meeting and election of officers for this district for the ensuing year, the meeting was called to order by the President Enoch Welch in the chair at precisely 10½ o'clock a. m. whereupon On motion it was unanimously voted to adjourn until July 8th, carried

SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT *Col Ter July 8th 1861*

Meeting called to order by E. Welch in the chair. On motion to election of officers of the district for ensuing year by ballot.

The President appointed M. C. Kelley and Wm Fairhurst tellers; the Recorder R. L. Bond not being present Wm Fairhurst was also appointed Sec of the meeting.

T. L. Mackay was unanimously elected President & Enoch Welch, Recorder

On motion voted to adjourn to the 19th July 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment the miners of Silver Lake Mining District met and were called to order by Pres Mackay in the chair for the transaction of any necessary or miscellaneous business It was then

Resolved that all claims in this district not having been represented this year nor now either in person or by proxy are jumpable or liable to be taken by the first party claiming the same under and in conformity with the laws of this district

Resolved that the Recorder shall be allowed one dollar and no more for recording claims and issuing certificates therefor

Resolved that an assessment of five dollars be and the same is hereby levied upon all the claims recorded upon the Dirigo Silver Lode for the purpose of prospecting and defining the same

Resolved that a company known as the Silver Lake Mining Company be allowed to take have and hold ten of the new forfeited claims, Dirigo Silver Lode; the same to be selected and recorded by them in the same way and manner as other claims in this district; that notice hereof shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the Miner's Record a newspaper published at Pennyall Col. Ter that the above levy may be paid in labor at \$2.50 per day in necessary material at the market rates or in money; that the same shall and must be paid within or at the expiration of thirty days and in failure thereof it shall be lawful for the recorder and he is hereby instructed and directed to sell and dispose of said claims for the purpose of raising the above assessment of five dollars the owner being entitled after such sale shall have taken place, that is to say, after the expiration of the thirty days, ten days wherein to redeem said claim or claims by payment of the assessment and other accruing cost and after the ten days of redemption shall have expired the owner in default shall have no further resource or right whatever.

Resolved that E. Welch be appointed and constituted superintendent of the work in prospecting the said Dirigo Silver Lode.

Resolved that all claims represented in this district up to this date that the same be and are hereby declared real estate from this time henceforward subject however like other property to the laws of this district

All of which resolutions were passed. On motion voted to adjourn

Attest

T. L. MACKAY *President*

E. WELCH *Recorder*

SILVER LAKE MINING DISTRICT *Col Ter Sept 21st 1861*

Pursuant to written notice and call for a meeting the miners and claimholders met at 2. o'clock p. m. and the President being absent

On motion Doctor Leavitt was chosen chairman

Mr Welch then being called upon stated the object of the meeting to look over and perfect or make alterations in the laws of the District, if necessary and also see what action claimholders would take in regard to surveying and locating claims on different leads.

Also what action this district would take in regard to the organization of Montgomery and Morrison Districts upon the District

On motion the laws and records of the district were read up to the present time:

On motion a committee of three were appointed to report on order of business

Messrs Adair Matthews and Welch were appointed and reported as follows to-wit;

Resolved that the laws of this district as they now stand be and remain the same without change until the next annual meeting in July 1862

Resolved—that we the claim holders in Silver Lake Mining District do not recognize any claims as valid which are located within the boundaries of said district unless the same be recorded by the recorder of this district and that we regard the acts of certain districts known as the Montgomery and Morrison in recording claims in Silver Lake District are an infringement upon our true and vested rights and therefore cannot be respected by us; and further that persons having taken claims in either of said districts be allowed the term of thirty days to have the same legally recorded in this district, provided they do not come in conflict with claims already taken and recorded in this district; and further that the recorder of this district be instructed to serve an immediate & written notice of the action of this district upon the officers of the Montgomery and Morrison districts so called.

Resolved; that we will pay A. Z. Sheldon (\$10.00) ten dollars to survey the Vermont lode from discovery to No. 16 either way That the expense be born pro rata by the claimholders and that further survey of lodes is recommended but referred to the individual consideration of the parties interested therein

All of which resolutions were considered and discussed separately and adopted

On motion voted to adjourn

ENOCH WELCH *Recorder*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—VIRGINIA MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting held in Virginia Gulch July 19th 1860 the following Constitution and by laws were unanimously Adopted

Resolved Whereas the laws regulating claims and mining interest in this the so called Virginia district have been removed and the officers under said laws are no longer within said district therefore all laws respecting claims and mining interests in this district are hereby annulled and void all officers appointed under said laws are hereby divested of power and authority conferred upon them by said laws

Resolved That all voting be done by voice.

Resolved That we still retain the name known as Virginia district

Resolved That the officers of this District consist of a Chairman Secretary & Recorder to serve one year And to be a resident in the district Chairman to preside at all meetings and in his absence a chairman pro tem elected secretary to keep a correct account of all business transactions at the several meetings in a book kept for that purpose Call all meetings at the request of 10 claim holders or miners in said district at least 24 hours beforehand by 3 notices posted in conspicuous places and all amendments to the laws be so handed to the Recorder in writing for posting in his book

Resolved And in the absence of the secretary a secretary pro tem shall be elected subject to above duties

Resolved That the Recorder procure suitable books and copy there all laws adopted at said meetings in above district to be kept within said district & the laws as adopted be accessible to all persons who may wish inspect them also that the Recorder for the performance of his duties be entitled to receive fifty cents each for the recording of any one claim or deed whether it be lode gulch mill or any other except a discovery the same to be recorded but free from usual charge or tax.

SECTION 1 All lode claims shall be 100 feet in length by fifty feet in width and may be laid in any direction.

SECTION 2 All gulch claims shall be 100 feet in length and in width to run from bank to bank

SECTION 3 All mill claims shall be 300 feet in length running up or down the the Stream Creek and gulch extending from bank to bank & ground sufficient for milling & Mining purposes

SECTION 4 Each Stake shall be designated by a stake with the name number date & direction of the lode

SECTION 5th All building claims shall be 50 by 100 ft

SECTION 6th Any person making one or more discoveries if lode or quartz claims shall be entitled to the same and also a preemption after having struck the crevice staked and recorded as herein proscribed by law and all Claims whether by discovery preemption or otherwise shall be holding as real-estate

SECTION 7 A person shall hold one preemption on each and every lode also one Staked Claim on gulch mill & building except by purchase

SECTION 8 is hereby repealed

SECTION 9 Any person can purchase a claim or a claim & hold as above proscribed and recorded

SECTION 10 Any person having Staked a Claim shall hold good and for 10 days from date thereafter before the recording of the same

SECTION 11 All persons holding lode claims shall work them every ten days or get the same recorded

SECTION 12 All persons purchasing Claims or Claim by money barter or otherwise are hereby requested to have each Claim separately recorded within six days of the same or forfeited signed by 2 witnesses as attest

SECTION 13 Any person or company may conduct water or tailings from a sluice or tom across other Claims so it be done without injury or damage to such claims

SECTION 14 The right to vote upon matters relating to mining interest in this district shall belong exclusively to miners residing or mining in said district

SECTION 15th Every dispute or difficulty respecting Claims or boundaries not settled by the parties themselves shall be decided by a Jury of miners consisting of six or more but an appealed may be taken from their decision to the miners court of this district and the decision of the miners shall be final

SECTION 16 This the Virginia District shall embrace within its boundaries the following limits To be bounded on the north by the branch ditch of the consolidated ditch Company on the East by the summit of the mountain East of the Virginia gulch on the South by Paines & Spanish Bar districts on the west five miles west of the Virginia Gulch

SECTION 17 The above Code of laws may be altered or repealed by a vote of fifteen or more legal voters at any subsequent meeting a previous notice of 3 days or more first having been given

WILLIAM WALLACE *Recorder*
J P MANN *Chairman*

GEO W SLATER *Secretary*

Resolved That no man shall be allowed to stake a claim for another who is not residing in the mountains

At a meeting held in Virginia Gulch Dec 16th 1860 the following business was transacted

Mr Joel P Mann in the chair meeting called to order and the laws read

Joel P Mann then offered his resignation as president of the district which was on motion accepted

On motion Mr Milton McCrany was unanimously elected President

On motion Mr Wm C. Avery act as Recorder of said district

On motion he was unanimously elected

Motion that the recorder act in the capacity of secretary as required by law adopted

On motion Sec 10 was so amended as to read 6 days in place of ten also to allow twenty five days to work and find the crevice or in either manner to move his stake on lode the above amendments were adopted

On Motion where we adjourn we adjourn to meet at the recorders office 2 weeks from above date it being December the 29th inst at 10 o'clock a. m. So adopted

On motion it was moved to adjourn—adopted

MILTON MCCRAMY *President*

WM C AVERY *Recorder & Secty*
VIRGINIA DISTRICT December 15, 1860

VIRGINIA DISTRICT January 24th 1861

SEC 1st *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Virginia District in Convention assembled* that the laws of Russell Gulch District as appear in the printed copies thereof Adopted July 28th 1860 and the same are hereby adopted and made the laws of this district except as hereinafter repealed & changed

SEC 2 Section 1st of said laws is hereby amended so as to read thus that there shall be elected by the legal voters here assembled a Judge of the miners court & a sheriff of the district who together with the president & Recorder of the District shall hold their respective offices until the 3d inst Monday in January next unless they shall sooner die resign or remove from the District or be removed from their offices for misconduct by the Citizens of the District and on said 3d Monday in January next and annually thereafter there shall be an election for the purpose of electing such officers who before entering upon the duties of said office shall take an oath well and faithfully to perform the duties thereof according to the best of their ability The Recorder Shall be ex officio Secretary & Treasurer of said district

SEC. 3d Sec 9th of said laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows Sec 9th the officers of said court shall be the Judge sheriff and his deputies and the attorneys of said Court regularly admitted as such

SEC 4 Section 33 of said laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows upon the return day of the summons if either party call for a Juror who shall try the case whereof the Court shall issue a venue and summon six good and lawful citizens to act as Jurors each party may have three peremptory challenges, in which case the sheriff shall summons talesman The Jury being thus completed shall be sworn to try the case but in case no Jury is called for the cause shall be tried by the court

SEC 5 Section 35 of said laws is hereby amended so as to read thus If any person enter an appeal from a decision he shall give notice thereof upon the same day that the verdict was rendered either by giving notice in open court or by prolaming the same to be entered upon the docket of the Court and shall perfect his appeal within ten days by paying up all costs already against him Can be deterred to abide and satisfy any future Judgment & cost such appeal shall be to a jury of twelve whose decision shall be final

SEC 6th Section fifty six of said laws is hereby amended so as to read in 4th line ten miners instead of fifty miners

SEC 7 Section 5-7-14 B 34-36-60 of the said laws are hereby repealed

SEC 8 Each summons in the commencement of an action as provided for herein shall be altered at least 3 days before the Jury sit for trial

SEC 9th There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution in addition to the exemption propounded by law one half of one mining claim to be selected by the debtor

SEC 10 All voting shall be done by ballot

SEC 11 The sheriff shall execute all such process as may issued & directed to him from the Miners Court or other proper tribunal and for that purpose may if necessary summons to his aid any number of persons

SEC 12th All existing laws of this district inconsistent with the laws hereby adopted and hereby repealed

VIRGINIA DISTRICT Jan 24th 1861

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SEC 3 Section 9th of said laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows Section 9 the officers of said Court shall be the Judge sheriff and his deputies and the attorneys of said court regularly admitted as such

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SEC 5 Section 35th of said laws is hereby amended so as to read thus If any person shall enter an appeal from a decision he shall give notice thereof upon the same day that the verdict was rendered either by giving return in open court or by proceuring the same to be entered upon the docket of the court and shall perfect his appeal within ten days by paying up all cost already accrued by giving security in double the amount of the Judgment rendered against him conditioned to a bill and satisfy any future Judgment and cost Such appeal shall be to a Jury of twelve whose decision shall be final

SEC 6 Section 56 of said laws is hereby amended so as to read in fourth line ten miners instead of "fifty miners"

SEC 7 Sections 5-7-14-B-34-36-60 of the laws are hereby repealed

SEC 8 Each summons in the commencement of an action as provided for herein shall be served at least three days before the day set for trial

SEC 9th There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution in addition to the exemption provided by law one half of one mining claim to be selected by the debtor

SEC 10th All voting shall be done by ballot

SEC 11th The Sheriff shall execute all such process as may be issued and directed to him from the miners Court or other proper tribunal and for that purpose and may if necessary summon to his aid any number of persons

SEC 12 All existing laws of this district inconsistence with the laws hereby adopted are hereby repealed

GILPIN COUNTY.—RUSSELL MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

At a meeting of the miners of Russell District held at the recorder's office on Saturday July 21 1860 for the purpose of amending and revising the laws of said District J. T. Place was, on motion, elected chairman of said meeting.

On motion a committee of nine were appointed to examine the present laws and report to this meeting such amendments as they deem proper on Saturday July 28th 1860 at one o'clock P. M.

The following gentlemen were appointed such committee: Messrs. Butler, Leonard, Stafford, Fassett Rogers Lyons, Shaw, McBride and Koester.

At the adjourned meeting held on July 28th 1860 Mr. Wm M. Baker was elected chairman. E. H. Rogers and Koester, secretaries

The committee appointed at a previous meeting reported the following code of Laws which were adopted.

WM M. BAKER *Chairman*

E. H. ROGERS

— KOESTER

Secretaries

BOUNDARIES OF RUSSELL DISTRICT.

Be it resolved that a District beginning at the mouth of Willis Branch including said ravine, from thence on divide between Clear Creek and Russell Ravine; thence on summit of ridge between Illinois Gulch and Leavenworth gulch, the two rocky knobs on the divide being the line extending past the mouth of Illinois Gulch to the Willis Branch; and that three thousand feet on the north side of the ditch from its mouth to its head shall be the northwest boundary. Said District to be known as "Russell District"

GEO. W. BRIZEE *President*

THOMAS DOGGERTY, *Sec'y*

AN ACT—In Relation to the Officers of Russell District—their duties—term of office and fees.

SEC 1. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Russell District in convention assembled*, That there shall be elected by the legal voters here assembled, a Judge of the Miners' Court, a Constable of the District and a President of the District, who together with the Recorder of the District shall hold their offices till the first Monday of June next, unless they shall sooner die, resign, remove from the District, or be removed from their offices for misconduct by the citizens of the District; And on the said first Monday of June next, and annually thereafter there shall be an election held for the purpose of electing such officers; who before entering upon the duties of said offices, shall take an oath, well and faithfully to perform the duties thereof according to the best of their ability, The Recorder shall be ex officio Secretary and Treasurer of said District.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all public meetings of the citizens of the District when called for purposes relating to public business and to preside at the trial of causes when required by law.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners' Court to preside at the trial of causes; also at public meetings in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as the law requires.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder safely to keep the books and records of the District, and to record and file all proper papers upon payment of his fees; to act as secretary at public meetings of the District, and to keep all moneys paid into his hand by the Judge of the Miners' Court to be paid over as directed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called.

SEC. 5. The Sheriff of Arapahoe County shall be vested with the same power by these laws, he has under Kansas laws, but the Constable of the District and his deputies shall be the proper executive officer of the Miners' Court and is hereby vested with full power for that purpose.

SEC. 6. The fees of the Recorder shall be fifty cents for recording each mining claim and deed containing less than one hundred words and one dollar for those containing over that number; and at the rate of fifty cents per hundred words for all other papers recorded and such other fees for District business as the citizens shall allow.

The Constable may charge one dollar for the service of writs or papers which he may be required to serve, and twenty-five cents per mile for all travel necessary in such service and twenty per cent on all sums under fifty dollars; ten per cent on all sums over fifty and under three hundred dollars; and six per cent on all sums over that sum which he shall collect by sale of property on execution; and shall be required by the judge to give suitable security for all process placed in his hands. The Judge of the Miners Court shall keep a regular docket of all proceedings had before him shall be allowed five dollars for presiding at each trial—which shall be paid to the President when he shall preside—and be allowed at the rate of twenty-five cents per hundred words for making out the proper papers for him to make out, except writs for original service in suits and final judgment and execution for each of which he shall be entitled to one dollar.

SEC. 7. Every person of suitable age who actually resides in this District is hereby declared to be a voter therein.

ESTABLISHING A MINERS' COURT AND REGULATING ITS JURISDICTION.

SEC. 8. A regular term of Court to be known as the Miners' Court shall be held in this District in some convenient and proper place upon Thursday of each week at nine o'clock A. M.; and all writs to be made returnable at said term shall be served before the Tuesday next preceding. If not so served they shall be returnable at the second term after service. Nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the trial of criminals at any time.

SEC. 9. The officers of said Court shall be the Judge, Clerk, Sheriff of Arapahoe county, and his deputies, Constable of the District, and the attorneys of said Court regularly admitted as such.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Court to sign all writs issuing out of said Court by himself or his Clerk; to make all transcripts of judgments required, on payment of his fees; to enter judgment and issue executions and pay over to the proper parties, moneys collected on such judgments and executions; to try all criminals and pay over to the treasurer all moneys he may receive for the district for fines and judgments, and to perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office.

SEC. 11 If the Judge of said Court shall not be able to attend any trial or shall be disqualified from any cause to try any suit, or if there shall be more business than the court can attend to, or if any person shall make his affidavit, in writing, that he does not believe he can have a fair and impartial trial, before the said Judge of said Court, or if the said Court shall be interested in the event of any suit, either as plaintiff or defendant, or with either of them in any manner, the President of the District shall preside in the Miners Court at such trial.

SEC. 12. The Miners' Court shall have equity as well as law jurisprudence and may grant writs of injunction in all proper cases, and all other motions upon proper cause shown, to be supported by affidavits alone, and do all such other acts as a Court of Equity has power to do.

SEC. 13. The Miners' Court shall have power to fine for contempts in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon, the same as upon a judgment.

SEC. 14. The said Court shall have power to appoint its own Clerk whenever it shall be necessary, and such Clerk shall have the usual powers of Clerks of Courts of Record.

SEC. 15. The Jury for each term of Court shall be drawn upon the Monday next preceding each term in the following manner: The Constable or his deputy shall place the names of not less than fifty four men, who shall be voters of the district, in a box prepared for the purpose, and the Judge or Clerk of the Court shall draw therefrom the names of eighteen men who shall be summoned to act as Jurors for the next succeeding term of Court. When necessary the Constable may summon tally-men but no person shall be compelled to serve as Juror for two successive terms of court.

IN RELATION TO PRACTICE.

SEC. 16. If any person shall wish to commence a civil action in the Miners Court of this district, he shall file with the Judge or Clerk thereof, a statement in writing setting forth his grounds of complaint which shall contain all the allegations and facts necessary to constitute a cause of action in plain and unequivocal language. Such statement shall be called a petition, and no pleadings shall be void on account of form. And upon the filing thereof the Court or Clerk thereof, shall issue a writ of summons to be served upon the defendant, to appear and answer to the same at the time therein named, or judgment will be taken against the defendant by default. If the relief demanded be for a sum of money the amount shall be stated in the summons; if for a sum of money and other relief, the summons shall state in substance that if the defendant do not appear and answer at the time named therein, judgment will be taken against him by default, for the sum of money demanded and such other relief as to the court may seem meet. If the remedy applied for shall not be for any sum of money the summons shall ask judgment for the relief demanded in the petition.

SEC. 17. The defendant may at any time before the time of trial of any case at law entered in the Miners Court, file his answer or demurrer—upon either of which the plaintiff may join issue; and if an answer be filed containing new matter, irrelevant to the issue it must be denied or avoided by the plaintiff in his reply; and all matters not denied or avoided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken as confessed and true.

SEC. 18. All pleadings subsequent to the petition in Equity shall be the same as used in the United States Courts in Equity, and the term of three days shall be granted for the filing of each pleading subsequent to another until the issue be made up.

SEC. 19. All pleas in Equity shall be verified and no remedy in Equity shall be allowed where the same can be had at law.

SEC. 20. In all cases of foreclosure of mortgage or lien of any kind upon a claim or other property the equity of redemption shall not extend beyond thirty days.

SEC. 21. In cases of judgment for partition of claims between joint owners, three disinterested commissioners shall be appointed by the Court, who shall effect such partition.

SEC. 22. The rules of evidence as admitted in the courts of the United States shall be observed in the Miners' Court, with the exception that either party may be allowed to testify in open court, to any facts which they are unable to prove by any other witnesses.

SEC. 23. Depositions may be used in this court in evidence, provided the witness is sick or unable to attend the place of trial, about to leave the country or is out of the jurisdiction of the court. If to be taken in the county of Arapahoe, notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time and place where the said deposition is to be taken; if out of the County no notice need be given.

SEC. 24. No cause shall be continued unless upon affidavit of a party, or his attorney of the absence of a material witness whose evidence is material to the issue as he verily believes and that the said party cannot safely proceed to trial without the evidence of said witness which he believes he can procure at some future time, which he shall state, or for some other good and sufficient cause.

SEC. 25. In all cases of replevin and attachment the practice prescribed by the laws of Kansas shall be observed; and when in case of attachment the defendant has left the country or keeps himself secreted within the same so that process can not be served upon him publication by posting six notices in as many conspicuous places for ten days in said district, shall be deemed sufficient notice. The order for publication shall not be granted unless a summons has been returned by a proper officer which return shall show that he has made diligent search and inquiry and cannot learn that the defendant is in the district, or that he cannot find the defendant and believes he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of summons, together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear.

SEC. 26. Garnishee process may issue as part of the original writ, to be served on both defendant and garnishee or separately or it may issue after execution is returned unsatisfied; and in either case if the garnishee shall pay the demand over to defendant after legal notice, he shall still be held liable, to the amount of the plaintiff's judgment and costs—if he was indebted to that amount when service was made—and if in a smaller sum, the amount he was indebted at the time notice was served.

SEC. 27. All special proceedings shall be conducted as prescribed by the Judge of the Miners' Court, and all motions relating to such proceedings shall be sustained or approved by affidavits alone.

SEC. 28. New trials of all causes which may be tried shall be granted in accordance with the rules of the common law; and it shall be discretionary with the court in all cases to grant or reject the application.

SEC. 29. No debt or demand of any nature shall be collected by suit in this court which has not originated either in coming to this mining region or since the arrival of such debtor therein.

SEC. 30. In all cases where the liability of persons in actions founded upon contracts or in mixed actions is not pointed out and defined by the laws of this District, the common law rules shall apply as to such liability.

TRIAL AND ITS INCIDENTS.

SEC. 31. In all cases where a civil action is hereafter commenced in the Miners' Court, the plaintiff shall file a bond with good and sufficient sureties, conditioned to pay all costs which may be taxed against him in case he should fail to recover judgment in said suit or in lieu thereof shall deposit with the court a sum of money which the Court shall fix as surety for such costs.

SEC. 32. In case the costs cannot be collected against any defendant, wherein the plaintiff shall recover judgment the said plaintiff shall be held responsible for all costs he shall make in said suit.

SEC. 33. Upon the return day of the summons, if either party shall call for a jury, he shall advance the fees, at the rate of one and a half dollars for each juror who shall try the cause; and in case he prevail in the suit, the fees so advanced shall be taxed against the adverse party; but in case no jury is called for, the cause shall be tried by the court.

SEC. 34. When a jury is called for, the court or Clerk shall call the list of jurors summoned and each party shall alternately strike one from the list until the number is reduced to six which jury shall then proceed to try the case.

SEC. 35. If any person shall enter an appeal from the decision he shall give notice thereof upon the same day that the verdict was rendered either by giving notice in open court or by procuring the same to be entered upon the docket of the Court, and shall perfect his appeal within ten days, by paying up all costs already accrued giving security for future costs and paying into court the sum of fifteen dollars, which shall be equally divided between the Judges of the Court of Appeals.

SEC. 36. The Court of Appeals shall consist of the Judge of the miners court the President of the District, who shall be the presiding judge and the Recorder. Said Court shall sit at such times and places as the presiding judge shall direct; but every case of appeal shall be set for trial within ten days from the time the appeal shall be taken and the decision of such Court shall be final. If either of said judge or judges are in any way interested in the event of any suit they shall be disqualified from trying the same and the remaining Judge or judges with the consent of parties shall proceed to try said cause; and in case they do not consent said judge or judges shall select some competent person or persons to sit with him or them and hear and decide the cause.

SEC. 37. Parties shall have the right of trial by jury in equity as well as law cases; and in such cases the jury may render special verdicts upon upon which the Court may enter judgment and issue its decree or order.

SEC. 38. A juror may be challenged for favor, for cause shown by his own evidence or that of others; and each party shall have the right to three peremptory challenges which challenges shall be made first.

SEC. 39. The defeated party shall in all cases be liable for costs of suit.

SEC. 40. All executions issuing out of the Miners' Court shall be made returnable in twenty days from date; and the constable shall note on each execution the day he received the same, and return said execution within the said twenty days whether satisfied or not, with his proper return endorsed thereon.

SEC. 41. All judgments shall be a lien upon the property of the judgment debtor from the first day of the term at which such judgment was rendered.

SEC. 42. All Attorneys who practice in this court shall take and subscribe the following oath: "You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws of this District, and that you will faithfully and honestly perform the duties of Attorney according to the best of your ability."

LEVY AND SALE UPON ATTACHMENT.

SEC. 43. There shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution, all tools necessary for one person to mine with, all clothing, cooking utensils and bedding necessary for the debtor and his family, and necessary provisions for three months; and if he have a family here a dwelling house and lot not exceeding five hundred dollars in value; such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary together with a family Bible pictures, and relics.

SEC. 44. All property taken in execution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the District, for the ten days next preceding the sale thereof; and the Constable may adjourn the sale at any time when it appears that the property posted cannot be sold unless at a great sacrifice for want of bidders.

SEC. 45. Money collected on execution shall be paid into the hands of the Court by the Constable to satisfy the judgment in whole or in part, that may be recorded on his books, and the Court shall pay the same to the proper parties or their attorneys

CRIMES AND NUISANCES.

SEC. 46. All crimes committed in this district shall be punished as a jury of twelve men shall direct.

SEC. 47. Any person who shall cause any nuisance affecting the health of the people of this district or liable to affect the health of the people of this District may be sued for the same in the Miners' Court in the name of "Russell District vs. defendant;" who shall be liable on conviction to pay damages in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs of suit, for the use of said District

SEC. 48. If any person shall obstruct any highway or make any pit or hole and leave it open so as to endanger life or limb upon any usually traveled road or trail such person may be sued as aforesaid, for committing a nuisance and be liable to said District in damages as provided in section forty seven, with costs of suit.

SEC. 49. Every act of commission or omission, which may affect the public health or convenience, shall be regarded as a nuisance; and the person or persons causing the same shall be liable accordingly.

SEC. 50. After any conviction for a nuisance in said Miners court, if the said nuisance is allowed to remain twenty-four hours thereafter, the person or persons who caused the same and whose duty it should have been to remove it, shall be again liable in damages and shall also be liable for each and every twenty four hours after a conviction as hereinbefore provided in this act.

SEC. 51. Executions for nuisances and crimes shall issue in all cases as hereinbefore specified in the name of the District the same as in any other suit at law.

SEC. 52. The Judge of the Miners' Court shall pay over each week to the treasurer of the District all moneys he may collect from judgments in favor of the District, contempts of court and fines of every kind; and the Treasurer shall not pay out the same to any person, unless upon the order of the President and Judge of the Miners court; and said President and Judge shall have power to order the payment of said funds for public or charitable purposes.

SEC. 53. Any person who shall wilfully or maliciously set out any fire in this District or without this District, so that it shall come into this District and destroy any timber or property, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and on conviction thereof shall be punished as the Court may direct. Nothing herein shall be construed so as to invalidate the civil rights of parties.

SEC. 54. It is also declared a misdemeanor to peel any living timber for the sake of the bark, in this District and may be punished as aforesaid.

SEC. 55. The Judge of the Miners' Court and the President of the District shall before they enter upon the duties of their offices, give bonds to the District in the sum of one thousand dollars to be approved by the Recorder of the District; and said bonds shall be safely kept by the Recorder for the use of the District, And the recorder shall as soon as possible—and his successor—before entering upon the duties of his office give bonds to the District in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be approved by the Judge of the Miners' court and the President of the District; and said bond shall be filed with the Judge of the Miners' court.

SEC. 56. The President of the District or in his absence the judge of the miners' Court shall have power to call a meeting of the miners whenever petitioned in writing by fifty miners; and said petition shall specify for what purpose the meeting is desired. It shall be called by posting six notices in as many conspicuous places, in said District at least three days before the time of the meeting; and no meeting shall take action on any subject of general importance, unless such object is specified in such petition

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

SEC. 57. The Judge of the Miners Court shall also have Probate jurisdiction and shall proceed as far as practicable according to the Probate laws of Kansas.

WATER COMPANIES.

SEC. 58. When Water companies are engaged in bringing water into any portion of the mines they shall have the right of way secured to them, and may pass over any claim, road or ditch, provided the water shall be so guarded as not to interfere with any vested rights.

CUTTING TIMBER.

SEC. 59. No person shall be allowed to cut or carry out of the District, logs or timber of any kind except sawed lumber; and any person violating the spirit of this act, shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars; such fine to be collected in the same manner as other judgments.

BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT.

SEC. 60. The boundaries of this District shall remain as fixed by the convention held at Mountain City last March, until changed by a vote of two thirds of the voters of the District at some public meeting legally called or until changed by a convention of Delegates from this and the adjoining Districts

DEFINING CLAIMS.

SEC. 61. All miners may hold one gulch claim, one quartz or lode claim on each lode discovered, one side and patch claim, by preemption without any restrictions in regard to working the same; and if purchased there shall be no restrictions, provided said purchase or purchases are in good faith and a fair compensation is paid for the same; and title thereto shall be as good and as sacred as title to real estate in the States.

SEC. 62. A gulch claim is understood to be one hundred feet up or down the center of the gulch, from bank to bank: A lode claim shall be twenty five feet on either side of the stakes of the claimant and one hundred feet running on a line of his stakes provided that the claimant shall have twenty five days to develop his crevice and to rectify his stakes from the day of staking. A patch and a side claim shall be one hundred feet square; and in all cases pre-emptors shall be required to plainly define their boundaries. In staking claims, parties shall state thereon their names the date of staking, and if a lode, the name thereof and number and direction; and in other cases what they claim.

SEC. 63. A mining claim which is actually such a claim as described on the record, shall hereafter hold all mines within its limits or boundaries, When lodes cross each other, the one first discovered shall have the right to work out the crevice through the cross lode; and the person discovering a cross lode shall only work the same up to the first discovered crevice; but priority of claim shall in all cases be respected.

SEC. 64. Building lots shall not exceed one hundred feet front by two hundred in depth and may be preempted in more than one parcel to suit the claimant. Mill sites shall be two hundred feet square. Mining claims shall take precedence of all others provided they are first recorded, No other claims shall interfere with said mining claims without the consent of the parties holding such claims. If building claim is the first on record the mining shall be done in such manner as not to injure the building thereon.

SEC. 65. Agricultural claims shall not interfere with mining claims.

DISCOVERY CLAIMS.

SECTION 66. Any person who shall develop a lode shall be entitled to two hundred feet thereon as a discovery claim and shall be required to set a post on his claim, designating the name and direction of the lode and that it is the discovery claim; also he shall develop the crevice.

SEC. 67. Females shall have the same rights as males. Youths under the age of ten years shall not be allowed to hold claims.

SEC. 68. No timber claims are allowed.

RECORDS.

SEC. 69. The Recorder shall provide suitable books for his office in which he shall record all claims deeds, and other papers and documents proper to be recorded upon payment of his fees and shall also file and safely keep all documents which are proper to be so filed upon payment of his fees but it shall not be his duty to prepare any papers whatever for record. Claims shall be fully described in writing stating the time of staking the purpose for which claimed and the names of all persons claiming interest therein and the most natural marks or boundaries together with such other things as shall be necessary to a full description. Each paper presented for record shall be filed therefor with an endorsement stating the exact time it was received and shall be recorded in the order received and after being recorded the book and page on which it is recorded shall be endorsed thereon each deed shall be filed for record within five days after its execution and shall be attested by at least two disinterested witnesses. Said records shall at all proper times be open to the examination of all persons. The Recorder shall not keep office open on Sunday nor receive any papers for record thereon and no record or filing thereon shall be valid. All claims shall be filed for record within six days from the staking thereof

TUNNELS

SECTION 70 Any person or persons driving a tunnel in said District shall be entitled to four hundred feet in length and three hundred feet in width as surface claim at the mouth of said tunnel for tunnel deposits; and to eight hundred feet on each and every lead from the mouth to the terminus of said tunnel and at any place on said leads not interfering with previous claimants it shall be the duty of all persons driving tunnels to post notices giving their terminus and direction at the mouths of their tunnels. The location of all tunnels together with their direction and terminus shall be recorded where tunnels are legally located it shall be considered that the tunnel company shall have a priority of right to locate their claims within a distance of four hundred feet on each side of the line of their tunnel on all leads from its mouth to its terminus or on such portion of the tunnel as may be in this District. If the person or persons locating a tunnel shall fail to work the same for twenty consecutive days after the first day of July next they shall forfeit their claims to said tunnel but not to the claims they have discovered and held by virtue of discovery before the time of forfeiture

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 71 No miner shall obstruct in any way the water running in Russel Ravine or tributaries between the hours of six o'clock A. M. and six o'clock P. M.

SECTION 72 Every miner shall have the right to open a ditch through the claims below his own for the purpose of draining his claim and each miner shall be required to cut a ditch through his own claim if he be benefited thereby no man shall obstruct the water to the injury of his neighbor above or below as is the custom in mining Countries

SECTION 73 Witnesses shall be entitled to receive one and a half dollars at the time they are summoned if they demand it and the same sum for each days attendance after the first

SECTION 74 Any officer resigning or removing from the District shall be required to deposit all the books papers money etc etc with the remaining officer or officers of the District which officer or officers shall immediately call an election for filling such vacancy

SECTION 75 These laws shall take effect from and after their adoption and shall not be altered or amended without the authority and sanction of two thirds of the voters at any meeting which may be legally called for that purpose

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the laws adopted at a miners meeting held in Russell District on Saturday July 28th A. D. 1860. A copy of which is filed in my office

C. S. FASSETT *Secretary of Russell District*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—MONTANA MINING DISTRICT.

MONTANA DISTRICT

At a meeting of the miners of Clear Creek for the purpose of forming a new District

Hon S W Bliss was called to the Chair

Wm F Shaffer was chosen Secretary

The following resolutions were then adopted

Resolved That the name of this district be the Montana District and the boundaries be described as follows Commencing at the mouth of Waldens fork Clear Creek and running thence up the south side of Clear Creek two and one half miles and southwardly to the top of the divide embracing all veins included in said boundaries

July 25th 1860

W F SHAFFER *Secty*

Minutes of a Convention of the Montana & Downeyville Districts

Pursuant to the call of said meetings a convention assembled at 2 p m. August 23d 1860

Meeting Called to order by G F Griffith

On motion Mr G. F Griffith was called to the chair

On Motion Mr. A L Gooding was elected Secretary of the Convention

Moved and Carried that T J Simmons have leave to read his series of resolutions

The secretary read the resolutions

The resolutions were voted to be laid upon the table

On Motion the convention adjourned Sine die

GEORGE F GRIFFITH *Chairman*
A L GOODING *Secretary*

Aug 23 1860

Witness

N. B The above resolutions were not delivered but to the Secretary for copying So were omitted in those minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the Miners of Montana District

A Regularly called meeting of the miners of the Montana District assembled at 3½ o'clock p. m. Sept 20th 1860

Called to order by the Sheriff of the District

Mr R Hardin President of the Montana District being absent

On Motion Mr Cyrus F Currier was called to the Chair

A L Gooding Recorder of the district in the Secretarys Chair

Mr G F Griffith offered the following resolutions

Resolved that any person or persons taking and claiming lode claims in this district shall be entitled to hold and work any and all Quartz valuable metals and minerals of any and all kinds whatsoever embraced within the limits of his or their claims of fifty feet (50) in width by one hundred (100) feet in length and no person or persons shall lawfully enter upon any part or parcel of such claim or claims for the purpose of digging or mining without the consent of the proper owners or owner

Resolved that any and all persons taking and claiming lode claims in this district shall be entitled to have and to hold a claim by right of preemption on each and every lode in the district

On motion the above resolution was adopted

The following resolution was laid upon the secretarys table to be proposed to the meeting

Secretary read the resolution which was as follows

Resolved that any organized Company doing business in this district and which shall have complied with article 12th of the laws of this district shall be allowed to vote the whole number of votes in said company by their regularly constituted Agent

On Motion the resolution was adopted

On motion adjourned Sine die

C. F CURRIER *Chairman*

ALBERT L GOODING *Secretary*

Witness

J C WHITHALL

H B NORMAN

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MINERS OF MONTANA DISTRICT HOLDEN APRIL 27TH 1861.

Pursuant to a call issued by order of the president of the district Meeting assembled at 3 o'clock P M on April 27th 1861

The President James Livingstone being absent by motion of Mr Hunter E C Williams was called to the chair

Chairman stated the object of the meeting was to elect a Judge of the Miners Court of Montana District in the place of Wm P Records who has removed from the district and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting

On motion of Mr Hunter Mr Reuben Benton was appointed Judge of the Miners Court of said district until such time as the district see fit to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the said recorder

On Motion the above resolution was amended to read as follows

Resolved that Reuben Benton Judge of the Miners Court of Montana District until such time as the Miners of Montana District see fit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of Wm P Records

On Motion Mr Hunter had leave to offer a set of resolutions to the meeting :

Be it enacted by the miners of Montana District in Convention assembled That the Recorder of Montana District be and is authorized to sell at public auction all claims recorded on the records Books of said district for which the fees shall not have been paid within thirty (30) days after the recording of the same due notice of the same being given of the same by posting notices in three (3) different conspicuous places in said district at least six (6) days in advance of said sales said notice to specify distinctly the time and place of said sale and the Recorder of said district shall be authorized to give deeds for all Claims sold in such manner to the purchasers thereof which deeds shall be good & valid against all claimants whatsoever on the recording of the same.

2d. Be it enacted by the miners of Montana District in Convention Assembled That the Montana Road Company be and are allowed and authorized to collect tolls from any and all teams wagons carts vehicles or animals of any description which may pass or be driven over the road lately constructed by them over the Ohio Mountain.

On motion both the above resolutions were carried unanimously

On motion of Mr Ackley

Meeting adjourned Sine die

E C WILLIAMSON *Chairman*

A I GOODING *Secretary & Recorder*

APRIL 27th 1861

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—BULL RUN INDEPENDENT OR INDEPENDENCE MINING DISTRICT.

[NOTE.—The copies of the records of this district have been forwarded in a very confused form, portions being evidently omitted in several places. They have been arranged in the order which seemed most consistent.]

Probably Art 1 or 2. As amended Aug 25th 1860 The officers of this District shall be a President Justice of the Peace Sheriff & Recorder The President or Justice of the Peace shall have power to issue warrants attachments summonses subpoenas and try suits and such shall have power to administer oaths The Sheriff shall have power to arrest parties quell riots and act in full power as sheriff The Recorder shall record all Claims Deeds and transfers when required

ART 3 The size of claims in the district shall be as follows Bar Claims one hundred and fifty feet up and down the creek and extend back to the bluff Hill Claims fifty feet by one hundred Lead Claims fifty feet by one hundred on the lead Gulch Claims from summit to summit of bluff and one hundred feet up and down the gulch Creek Claims one hundred feet up and down the creek and from bank to bank and not to interfere with bar claims Water Powers six feet head or six hundred feet up and down the creek and shall be made good by putting on one hundred dollars improvements every six months until completed

ART 4 All ditches sluices and Toms shall have the right of way across Claims feet are not to interfere with the working of claims they may cross and when any ditch sluice or tom shall cross a claim or claims which is or are worked the owners of such ditch shall flume or pay for the same being flumed

ART 5th Any company may hold one hundred and fifty feet as bar claims to each member of the company and by having the same recorded may each hold his claim even if the company are at work on only one of the claims The claims must be recorded within five days Lead claims need not be worked this season Hill Claims must be worked every twenty days The Recorder shall have power to administer an oath to any person offering an Instrument for record whenever he shall have double in the case arrest parties and act in full power as sheriff The Recorder shall record all papers tendered him for record on payment of the fees

ART 6 A discoverer of a claim shall be entitled to two claims one as a preemption and one as a discovery Claim The discovery claim he may hold without representation and shall be as real Estate

ART 7 No person shall be allowed to stake or record claims in the names of absent parties all titles shall be proven up in good faith to the Recorder by oath as hereinbefore provided before he can record the same And in any such case fraud when proven shall vishiate the contract Any party or parties jumping a claim or claims before it can be legally done shall be liable to be sued for tresspass and shall pay costs & damages

ART 8 Any person convicted of Perjury shall receive twenty five lashes on the bare back to be inflicted by the Sheriff of the district And any person guilty of theft shall have his punishment assigned him by a Jury of six disinterested men

ART 9 Any party or parties having any suit may have the same brought before a Justice of the peace court or a Jury of six or twelve men and may appeal the case to the miners and their decision shall be finale and any party or parties failing to abide the decision of the Miners shall be put out of the District as far as any rights in any Claims

ART 10 Any party drawing a deadly weapon with intent to kill or do bodily injury his punishment shall be left to the courts