

ART 11 The fees of the Justice of the Peace shall be fifty cents per hour while trying a suit fifty cents for each process issued the same at a Jury trial and one dollar for rendering a Judgment

As amended August 25th 1860

Any party or parties having any suit may have the same brought before the President or Justice of the Peace and may appeal the case from the Justice of the Peace to the President and with a Jury of six or twelve men and may appeal the case to the miners whose decision shall be final

As amended Aug 25th 1860

The fees of the President or Justice of the Peace shall be fifty cents per hour while trying a suit & fifty cents for each paper issued the same at a Jury trial and one dollar for rendering a Judgment

ART 12 The Recorder shall receive fifty cents each for recording a claim deed Bill of sale and the same fees for recording any paper left with him for record

ART 13 The fees of the sheriff shall be twenty five cents for serving a subpoena or summons and one dollar for a warrant and one dollar for empanelling a jury and ten cents per mile each way traveling fees and fifty cents per hour for attending Court

ART 14 The sheriff shall have the power to command assistance when he shall require the same as sheriff Quell riots and any man refusing to assist the sheriff when called upon shall on conviction be fined fifty dollars

ART 15 The fees of a Juror or witness shall be fifty cents per hour while attending court and any person notified to appear as a Juror failing shall be fined at the discretion of the Court

ART 16 No spiritious liquors shall be allowed to be trafficed in in this district

ART 17 No title shall be known except the same be upon record Provided this clause shall not be so construed as to compel a man to record his claim that he is at work upon every day But all transfers must be Recorded

ART 18 The by laws of this district may be altered or amended at any meeting called by posting up three notices of the same in three most public places in the district by a vote of two thirds of the Miners present Two thirds of the occupants of any bar may at any time change the name of the Bar and shall get the same recorded All bars shall be numbered from the lower end of the bar up

As amended Aug 25th 1860:

The Recorder shall receive fifty cents each for recording a claim deed Bill of sale or any paper and shall have power to appoint a deputy to act in his absence

Resolution Adopted Aug 25th 1860

Any person holding a claim in this district may get the same recorded by the 15th of Sept 1860 and by so doing may hold the same without representation until June 30th 1861.

In pursuance of a call by the President a meeting was held on Bull Run Independent District March 16th 1861

The meeting was called to order by President Whitford He Mr Whitford then handed in his resignation to the meeting and upon motion Mr W L Wirrick was duly elected President D C McClelland secretary Pro tem E W Stephens Justice of the Peace H M Woodward Sheriff

On motion a committee of three were appointed to draft resolutions for the meeting

The committee reported the following resolutions which were read and adopted separately

This as a whole

ART 1st That each and every person residing in the district shall be entitled to hold (as bar Claims) without representation & as real estate Provided the same be recorded

ART 2 That all creek claims bearing record shall hold good without representation and shall be as real estate

ART 3d Hill claims shall be held as real estate

ART 4th That all persons shall be entitled to (100) one hundred feet (for Preemption) on each and every lode discovered and a discoverer of a lode shall be entitled to (100) feet extra on each and every lode he discovers and the same bearing record shall be held as real estate

ART 5th That all mill or water claims bearing record shall be held as real estate

At a call of the president of the district A meeting was held on Friege Bar Saturday Mar 30 61

The meeting being called to order by President W L Wirrick O B Whitford acting as secretary When on motion the by laws of 1860 were read and on motion a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions for the meeting which committee consisted of Cheny Stevens & Whitlatch The committee reported the following Resolutions which were taken up separately & finally on motion adopted as a whole

Resolved That all timber cut before the 30th March 1861 may be claimed & taken away by the owners But no person or company shall hereafter be allowed to cut or take away timbers out of the district under penalty of twenty-five dollars

Resolved 2d That all ditches shall be held as real estate and persons digging a ditch where there is one previously dug shall not be allowed to cut nearer than ten feet on the lower side nor six feet on the upper side

Resolved 3d That no mill or water power claims shall be worked to the disadvantage of the miners whose claims bear record previous that of such mill or water power claims

Resolved 4th That all bills of sale shall have two witnesses residents of the district

As Amended March 30th 1861

That all bars shall be numbered either from the lower end up or from the upper end down

As amended March 30th 1861

That spiritious liquors can be bought and sold in this District by those so disposed

At a call signed by sixty one residents of what had heretofore been the lower end of Union District a meeting was held on Monday July 16th 1861 at the Hart Cabin on New Oxford Barr at which meeting were assembled a majority of the residents of the contemplated district and organized by choosing James H. Green President and W S Sargent as secretary on motion a committee of three was appointed to fix the bounds of the district and to draft a code of By laws which committee consisted of Clark Wm S. Sargent and James Shoemaker on motion proceeded

to elected permanent Officers for the District which resulted as follows for Justice of the Peace Frederick Fruse for Recorder Wm S. Sargent for Sheriff John Sharks The committee on by laws made their report when on motion each article was taken up separately and finally on motion adopted as a whole as follows

BY LAWS

ART 1st The name of this district shall be Independent District and shall be bounded as follows commencing at the upper end of Buck Eye Barr on Clear Creek and to continue down said Clear Creek to the lower end of Kinyon Barr and one the North to the South Boundary of the District lying on the north and on the south to the North boundary of the district lying on the South and to include all gulches coming into Clear Creek between the upper end of Buck Eye Barr and the lower end of Kinyon Barr

ART 2d The officers of this District shall be one Justice of the Peace One Recorder and one sheriff. The Justice of the Peace shall issue warrants attachments summons subpoenas and try suits when required The sheriff shall have the power

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT SOUTH CLEAR CREEK *Sept 8th 1860*

Subject to a miners meeting of the above named district a meeting was called to be held at the office of the recorder on Mankato Bar Being Called to order Mr Shoemaker filling the Chair by voice T Coover Secte. Mr William Sargeant offers his resignation as Recorder and being accepted Mr O B Whitford was duly elected

When the following resolutions were passed, to wit:

ART 1 That the Sheriff shall have power to appoint a deputy in case of his inability to attend

ART 2 That where the Creek is bounded by a Barr on either side, Persons holding claims on such bar shall in connection hold 150 feet extending to the center of the creek and the same shall be recorded as one claim and further that where the creek is bounded by but one bar the other side being bounded by the mountain or hill claim That persons claiming on the aforesaid bar shall be entitled to 150 feet including the intire bed of the stream to be recorded as afforesaid

ART 3 That all claims being recorded Sept 15th 1860 shall hold good without representing until June 20th 1861

At a call meeting held on New Oxford Bar Monday Sept 23d 1861 and organized by calling Carter Harland Chairman of the meeting When on motion S. I. Hart was duly elected President of the District and the following resolutions were adopted as a whole

INDEPENDENT DISTRICT SOUTH CLEAR CREEK *Sept 23d 1861*

As the President has been established in other mining districts throughout the Mountains and sustained by deciseons of the Territorial Court under Territorial Law therefore be it enacted by the miners assembled

ART 1 That any person or persons may hold one preemption and all purchased claims they may have as real estate provided the same be on record

ART 2 Be it further enacted that any person or persons holding claims under art one shall upon intention of leaving the Territory shall leave them in charge of some competent person & shall give notice to the Recorder of the District who such person is The Recorder is required to keep a minute of the same

ART 3 Any person or persons leaving the Territory without complying with the requirements of art 2 their claims shall be considered forfeited at the expiration of thirty days these enactments to take effect from and after the passage

CARTER HARLAND *Rec*

JAMES FLETCHER *Secretary*

LAKE COUNTY.—WASHOE MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

MONDAY *August 21st 1860*

At a meeting of the Miners held on the divide between McNulty's Gulch and the Arkansas River this 21st day of August A D 1860 Mr. A. C. Justice was called to the chair and Scott J. Anthony chosen sec'y of the meeting.

On motion a committee of Three was appointed by the chair, said committee consisting of Scott J Anthony, J. C. Green and Jacob Thomas to report a Code of Laws and rules for the government of the Silver mining region in this vicinity.

The committee reported the following Code of Laws and regulations, which were on the motion received and adopted as follows.

ARTICLE 1st All that tract of country lying along the Silver Lode lately discovered by Mr H. C. Justice for three miles in a northerly direction and three miles in a Southerly direction from the discovery claim and one fourth of a mile upon each side of said Lode be organized into a Mining District to be known and called by the name of the Washoe District.

ARTICLE 2nd This Lode above mentioned shall be known and called the Justice Silver Lode.

ARTICLE 3 There shall be elected a President and Recorder of said District who shall hold their Offices for one year and until their successors are duly elected.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular meetings of the miners of this District and the President together with the Recorder and one other person to be chosen by the Miners at any regularly called meeting for that purpose, shall constitute a Court for the adjustment of any difficulties or disputes regarding the titles to any Claim or Claims within this district. And the parties constituting said court shall receive the sum of Five dollars each per day while sitting for the adjustment of disputed claims. The sum to be deposited by each party before the case shall be heard. And the party receiving the title to such claim by said court shall receive the sum deposited by him in the hands of said court. But the party feeling agrieved may appeal to the miners, who shall at a meeting called for that purpose by at least twenty four hours notice being given, by three written or printed notices posted up in three public places, one of which shall be at or near the Recorders office, choose from among the miners, six Jurymen who shall be claim holders in the said District.

ARTICLE 5th It shall be the duty of the Recorder to act as Secretary at all regular and called meetings of the miners in this District, and to Record in suitable form all claims in the said District and he shall receive for his services the sum of fifty cents for filing any claim and fifty cents for a certificate of Record and one dollar for Recording the transfer of any claim.

ARTICLE 6th All claims taken upon said Lode shall be numbered in numerical order from the discovery claim North, and in like manner from the Discovery Claim South.

ARTICLE 7th All Lode claims shall extend one hundred feet along said Lode and twenty-five feet upon each side of said Lode, exclusive of the width of the Lode

ARTICLE 8th All Patch claims shall be one hundred feet in length and Fifty feet in width

ARTICLE 9th. All claims must be recorded in the office of the Recorder of the District within ten Days or the same may be forfeited, and may be recorded by any other party, and the Recording of any claim shall be evidence of title

ARTICLE 10th All claims must be represented by working the same by the party recording or his agents on or before the first day of July 1861, or the same shall be forfeited, and may be again Recorded by any other person, and the person so Recording shall commence work upon such claim within Thirty days to entitle him to the ownership thereof.

ARTICLE 11th The regular meeting of the miners in this District shall be held on the last Saturday of each month at two O'clock P. M. during the mining Season.

ARTICLE 12th Alterations or Amendments may be made to these rules and regulations at any regular meeting or at any Meeting called for that purpose by first giving twenty four hours notice by petition of at least Twenty five miners of said District the petition to be filed in the Office of the Recorder, and shall state the object of the call. And the Recorder shall give notice by posting three written or printed Notices in as many public places, one of which shall be at his Office.

ARTICLE 13th The discoverer of any Lode in this district shall be entitled to one claim by discovery, and such discoverer or any other person shall be entitled to one Lode Claim and one Patch claim by pre-emption and one or more by purchase.

On Motion Mr. H. C. Justice was unanimously elected Recorder of this District.

On Motion Mr. J. Scott Anthony was duly elected president of the District.

On motion the meeting adjourned until six o'clock P. M.

August 21, 1860

H. C. JUSTICE *Pres*

Attest

SCOTT J. ANTHONY, *Sec'y*

SEPT. 1 1860

Persuent to Order of Last Meeting and on motion of Mr. Justice the Meeting was called to order.

Resolved by the claim holders on the Justice Silver Lode, Washoo District in mass meeting assembled that Scott J. Anthony, Henry E. McKee, and Jacob Thomas be appointed a committee to confer with the meeting now assembled at the head of this Gulch, or with a committee appointed by said meeting for the purpose of adjusting the dispute now existing regarding the title to claims on the said Lode and that we pledge ourselves to abide by the decision of said committee. Carried

It is hereby agreed by and between the undersigned Committee of the Claimants of the Brooks Silver Lode and the Justice Silver Lode, that those having recorded claims on each of said Lodes shall be entitled to the same, that from the separate discoveries the claims shall follow the main direction of the Lode and midway between the two discovery claims shall be the line of the two lodes, this agreement to be of no force unless adopted by the miners meeting to which the undersigned as committee shall report.

G. F. CROCKER
HUGH STRICKLAND
F. S. BROOKS

Committee of Sullivans District McNulty's Gulch

SCOTT J. ANTHONY
HENRY E. MCKEE
JACOB THOMAS

Committee from Washoo District.

SULLIVAN'S DISTRICT

MCNULTY'S GULCH, Sept. 1st 1860

At an adjourned meeting of the Miners of Sullivans District, the Committee appointed at the first meeting reported, that an agreement had been made, that those having recorded claims on each of the lodes should be entitled to the same, that from the separate discoveries the claims shall follow the main direction of the Lode and midway between the two discovery claims shall be the line of the two Lodes, and presented an agreement signed by the committee,

On motion the report was adopted and the agreement ordered to be recorded.

(Signed)

JAMES G EVERETT *Recorder.*

HUGH STRICKLAND *President.*

BOULDER COUNTY.—WARD MINING DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS.

Be it Remembered that on the twelfth of September A. D. 1860 the Citizens of Left-hand Creek assembled at a regular called meeting for the purpose of forming a District for mining.

ARTICLE 1st. This District shall be known by the name of The Ward District and bounded as follows: Commencing at a Cottonwood Tree on the south side of Left-hand Creek at the mouth of Smith's Gulch opposite to a large Cliff of rocks being on the North side of Left-hand Creek the same supposed to be the West line of Utilla Dis. running thence North two miles thence West six miles Thence S four miles Thence E. six miles Thence N. two Mis. to the place of beginning.

ART. 2nd The officers of this Dis. shall consist of a Pres. and Recorder to hold their respective offices until the first Sat. in July A. D. 1861 and to be elected Annually thereafter by the regular meetings of the Dis. to be held on the first Sat. of July in each year.

ART 3rd The Pres. and Recorder may call a meeting whenever the business of the of the Dis. requires by posting written notices in three public places in the Dis. giving five days notice or when five or more of the citizens of the Dis. shall require it by giving the Pres. and Recorder written notice of the same.

ART 4th This Constitution shall not be altered or amended until the first Sat. in July A. D. 1861.

By Laws of the Ward Mining Dis. Col. The Revision as made Apr. 4th 1861

ART 1st It shall be the duty of the Pres. of this Dis. to preside at all of the public meetings of the Dis. to act as Justice of the Peace and have the general supervision of the affairs of this Dis. that pertain to his office.

ART. 2nd It shall be the duty of the Recorder to record all the proceedings of meetings of the miness also to issue all certificates for claims and survey and stake them and Record the same upon payment of his fees and in case of the absence or inability of the Pres. from any cause to act and officiate in his place and stead and to do such other business as pertains to his office as Recorder.

ART 3rd Each mill site claim shall be of sufficient length to have twenty five feet head and fall on the creek and in width shall extend from Bluff to Bluff, Persons owning such claims shall own and control all the growing timber thereon and shall own and control the valley for mill and other buildings the whole length of his claim except so much thereof as may be necessary for Public roads.

ART. 4th Any person taking a mill site claim in this Dis. shall be required to commence a permanent improvement thereon by the first Sat. in July A. D. 1861 and upon failure to do so shall forfeit all right to it and it shall be deemed vacant and subject to preemption.

ART. 5th Any person who shall make a discovery of mineral either in gulch, lead, or otherwise, shall be entitled to one claim thereon by right of discovery and shall name the Lead or Gulch—all Lead claims shall be one hundred feet in length and fifty feet in width, and Gulch Claims shall be one hundred feet in length and extend from bank to bank each claim next to the discovery claim to be called No. one and numbered regularly each way.

ART 6th Any person over the age of sixteen years and a resident of this Colorado Territory shall have a right to preempt one claim only on each Lead or Gulch in this Dis. and all claims in this Dis. shall be considered and held as Real Estate.

ART 7th In case of the absence or inability of the Recorder to attend to his official duties the Pres. shall act and officiate in his place and stead.

ART. 8th No person shall hold more than one mill site claim in this Dis. except by actual purchase and no person will be permitted to sell a mill site claim until he shall have made at least fifty dollars worth of improvements thereon.

ART. 9th The fees of the officers shall be as follows, the Pres. shall be allowed for presiding at each suit brought before him, three dollars; for issuing each summons, fifty cents; for each adjournment fifty cents; for issuing each execution fifty cents. The Recorder shall be allowed for surveying each mill site claim and recording the same one dollar and fifty cents; for staking and recording each head or gulch claim one dollar and twenty five cents; Jurors fees shall be fifty cents for the trial of each case.

ART 10th In the trial of each case either party to the suit shall have the right to a trial by Jury in every case if they shall so elect, the Jury shall be chosen by the rules of common law, Common Law and substantial Justice shall be the rule of practice in all cases.

ART 10th No technicalities will be allowed to defeat the ends of Justice.

ART 11th Any person feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the Pres. or Jury shall have the right to an appeal to the miners after having first given bail for the costs and at the decision of the miners shall be fined, all appeals shall be taken within three days from the time Judgment is rendered.

ART. 12th In case any case shall be brought before the first Sat. in July 1861 or any case shall arise so as to need the services of a constable the Pres. shall appoint or deputize some person to act as constable and he shall be allowed for his services three times the amount allowed constables by the statutes of New York.

ART. 13th In every suit of law the party beaten shall be required to pay the costs both in the original and appeal suits provided however if the costs cannot be collected of the defendant execution shall be issued against the plaintiff and it shall be collected from him.

ART 14th Any laws passed previous to this revision and in conflict with it is hereby repealed.

WARD MINING DIS. COL. TER. July 6th 1861

The time for the annual meeting having arrived the meeting was called to order by the Pres. Geo. W. Lane at one o'clock P. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion a tax of fifty cents was levied on each claim for road purposes.

Motion made that persons working road taxes be allowed two dollars, carried.

The following Resolutions were adopted

Resolved, That the Pres. appoint a committee of three to view and locate all roads necessary to be made in this Dis. said committee to report to the road commissioner as soon as practible

Resolved That road viewers be allowed two dollars per day for their services to apply on their Road tax

Resolved That the recorder furnish the road commissioner with a list of all the claims recorded in this Dis.

Resolved That owners of claims be allowed until the first day of August 1861 to work out or pay their road-tax and if not paid the Road-Commissioners may proceed to sell the claims (or so much thereof as will pay the taxes and costs) by giving ten days notice of the same by posting notices in three public places of the Dis. and the right of redemption shall be extended until the first Monday in October A. D. 1861 by paying the principle and costs and thirty %, penalty and a deed from the road Commissioner shall be as valid as the original certificate.

Resolved That the Road-Commissioner be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per day for his services until his road tax is paid, and two dollars per day for the rest of the time he is necessarily employed.

Resolved That the Recorder be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per day for making out list of claims for road, Commissioner to apply on his road tax

Resolved That claims in this Dis. that have been recorded in Gold Lako Dis. if not transfered into the recorders books in this Dis. by the first day of August 1861 shall be subject to preemption.

Resolved That water claims that have no improvements thereon and no agents here to represent them are subject to preemption by improvement being done on the same.

WARD MINING DIS. COL. TER. *Sep 19th 1861*

Pursuant to notice a meeting was held at the house of C. Ward, meeting called to order at one o'clock P. M. Motion by Mr. Everly that the Recorders fees be reduced to 50 cents for recording each claim and each person stake his own claim, carried The following resolutions were adopted

Resolved, That there shall be a Sheriff elected in this Dis. and it shall be his duty to act as conservator of the peace, execute all writs issued by the President and perform all the duties pertaining to his office. The Sheriff before entering upon the duties of his office shall file a bond with the Pres. with at least two surities in the sum of five hundred dollars and take the oath of office: The Pres. is hereby empowered to administer the oaths.

Resolved That R. J. Brown Road commissioner be required to make a full written report to the Pre. of all monies he has received for road purposes and how expended and of the amount and No. of Claims sold for taxes and in what manner and for what amount said claims were sold, said report to be filed with the Pres.

Resolved, That the Laws of this Dis. shall not be changed until the next annual meeting.

NOVEMBER 21st 1861

The following Resolutions were adopted,

Resolved That for the developement of the mining interest of Ward Dis. it is necessary that good roads be immediately constructed which on motion was adopted.

Resolved: That A. Davidson, Jas R. White and Wm Stanfield be appointed Road commissioners to view and locate all roads necessary to be built in this Dis. and over see the work on the same with a salary of two dollars per day each for the time necessarily employed.

Resolved, That two dollars per day be allowed for labor done on the road.

Resolved that all timber not enclosed by a substantial fence shall be subject to preemption. but this resolution was not adopted.

WARD DIS. *Sat. July 5 1862*

The annual meeting of the miners of Ward Dis. was called to order by the Pres.

On motion C. W. Ward and J. M. Holt were appointed as a committee to report to this meeting a law regulating Patch Diggings and reported the following, *Laws Defining and Regulating Patch Diggings*

SEC 1st *Be it enacted by the miners of Ward Dis. in the county of Boulder, and Territory of Colorado, in mass meeting assembled* that any piece or parcel of ground, discovered in said district, where there is loose quartz and pay dirt, without any Regular crevices, may be termed "Patch Diggings," and may be taken up as such by any person authorized to take a claim on patch diggings.

SEC 2d *And be further enacted*, the person discovering patch diggings, shall be entitled to one claim by right of discovery and one claim by preemption and all other persons entitled to take claims on patch diggings may take up and hold one claim by right of preemption on all patch diggings discovered or which may be hereafter discovered in this Dis. A claim shall consist of one hundred (100) feet in length and one hundred feet in width and shall be staked and recorded.

SEC. 3rd *And be it further enacted* that no person or persons who is not a resident of this Dis. shall be entitled to take up and hold by right of preemption a claim or patch digging that has been discovered or may hereafter be discovered, for himself or any other person who is not a resident of this Dis. or a "Bona fide" partner of a resident, and that all claims so held by non residents of this Dis are hereby declared vacant and subject to be taken up by right of preemption by any resident of this Dis. acting and doing business for himself or herself,

After some discussion the report was adopted.

On motion the following was adopted,

Resolved: by the miners of this district that ninety days absence from the district shall be considered sufficient time for the loss of residence.

Minutes of Meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING, *Aug. 23 '62*

The miners of this ward district met at the house of C W Ward pursuant of notice of Recorder, who called the meeting to order. The meeting then adjourned to the mill of Messrs Breath and Davidson. Austin Smith esquire was the appointed chairman, and B F Ramage acted as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The chairman stated the object of the meeting by reading the notice, viz: To take into consideration the necessity of having a road running up Left Hand Creek.

On motion of Myron Smith a committee of three was appointed to view and locate a road from the mouth of Indiana Gulch up Left hand gulch up Left Hand Creek to the California and Delaware Leads. Myron Smith J M Hott and Jas. W Smith were the committee.

On motion of Daniel Sutphin, that said road be made by subscription. the motion was carried.

On motion of Myron Smith a committee of three was appointed to view and locate a trail from J. M. Holts mill to Warnemakers on Boulder Creek. Myron Smith, Wm Stansfield, and J. W. Smith were said committee.

On motion of Dan'l Sutphin, Geo. Hould was added to the trail committee.

On motion of J. M. Smith S. M. Breath was also added to the trail committee.

Finger Boards were ordered by motion of J. W. Smith, to be placed on the trail. W A Davidson was appointed District Surveyer, S M-Breath was recommended for Post Master.

Austin Smith offered the following resolution which was accepted:

Resolved that any person of the age of ten years of age or over, being a resident of this district, the number of days required for

voters, may hold claims in this District provided they work or improve the same or cause them to be worked or improve the same, or cause them to be worked or improved according to the laws of the district and that any law or resolution conflicting with this resolution is hereby repealed.

On motion the meeting adjourned

B. F. RAMAGE, Sec.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 4, 1863.

The citizens of Ward mining district in conformity with the constitution met in annual meeting at the house of Mr. C W Ward,

W H Osborne was appointed President, B F Ranger secretary.

C Halvasen Jos. Cresby and S Phillips were appointed Judges of Election and C W Ward was appointed clerk

C W Ward offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Recorder before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe the following oath: I do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid countenance, council or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntarily support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States hostile or inimical thereto, and I do farther swear that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, That I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of Recorder of Ward District, so help me God.

Mr. Ward and Mr Bigsby were the candidates for Recorder.

An election was held, and fourteen votes were cast, of which Mr Bigsby had seven and Mr. Ward seven. The judges therefore declared no recorder elected.

On motion the recorder was directed to have our records legalized by filing in the County Clerk's Office whatever is necessary.

Adjourned till next Saturday the 11st at 5 o'clock P M

B F RAMAGE Sec

Minutes of adjourned annual meeting.

SATURDAY, July 11, 1863, 5 o'clock.

The miners of Ward District met pursuant to adjournment. The officers of the last meeting were continued

W H Osborn called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

C W Ward offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved* that the office of President of Ward District, be and the same is hereby abolished.
2. That the recorder may appoint a Deputy and shall be responsible for his official acts.
3. The Recorder shall be required to affix a ten cent Revenue stamp to each and every certificate he shall issue and be allowed to tax the cost of same with the Recording fees.

On motion the meeting adjourned

B F RAMAGE, Sec.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—EMPIRE MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

By notice a meeting was called by the miners and held on the third day of October 1860 at Smith's tent in Spring Gulch for the purpose of forming a new District and also transact such other business as might come before the meeting

On motion 1st P L Cook was appointed President of the meeting

On motion 2d S Doubleday was appointed secretary of the meeting

On motion 3d *Be it resolved* that a district beginning at the mouth of Spring Gulch from thence on divide between Fall River and said gulch thence around to the head waters of said gulch and thence on divide between mill creek and said gulch and from thence around to the place of beginning Said district to be known as the Empire District

On motion 4th That S Doubleday shall act as recorder of the Empire District

On motion 5th Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft such laws as they think proper for the interest of the miners of said District

On motion 6th Resolved that P. S. Cook Wm Hand & S Doubleday shall act as committee

On motion 7th All claims shall hold five days from the time of staking and also five days from the date of filing in said District

On motion 8th The meeting was then adjourned until the 8th of October at 3 o'clock P M 1860

Defining claims.

Sec 1 All miners may one gulch claim one quartz or lode claim on each lode discovered by preempting without any restrictions in regard to working the same and if purchased there shall be no restrictions provided said purchases are in good faith and a fair compensation is paid for the same and title thereto shall be as good and secured as title to real Estate in the States

SEC 2d A gulch claim is understood to be one hundred feet up and down the center of the gulch and 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 in a line of his stakes and in all cases preemption shall be required to plainly define their boundaries in staking and if a Lode the name thereof and number and direction and in other cases what they claim

SEC 3d When lodes cross each other the one first discovered shall have the right to work out the crevice through the crosslode and a person discovering a crosslode shall only work the same up to the first discovered crevice but priority of Claims shall in all cases be respected

SECTION 4 Gulch Claims shall take precedence over all others No other claims shall interfere with said mining Claims without the consent of the parties holding such Claims

Discovery Claims

SECTION 5 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

SECTION 6th Females shall have the same rights as males Youths under the age of ten years shall not be allowed to hold claims

SECTION 7 No timber Claims are allowed

SECTION 8 Any miner shall have the right to open a ditch through the claim below his own for the purpose of draining his own 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 neighbour above or below his claim as is the custom in mining Countries

SECTION 9 Any person or persons driving a tunnel in said district shall be entitled to four hundred feet wide and the right of way through all discovered lodes two hundred feet on each side of said tunnel and also sufficient room at the mouth of said tunnel for tunnel deposits Tunnel claims shall not be limited in regard to their length it shall be the duty of all persons in drifting a tunnel to post a notice giving their terminus and direction at the mouth of their tunnel the location of all tunnels together with their direction and terminus shall be recorded when tunnels are legally located it shall be considered that the tunnel company shall have a priority of right to locate their tunnels within a distance of ten hundred feet on each side of their line of their tunnel on all lodes from its mouth to its terminus or on such portions of the tunnel as may be in the district if the person or persons locating a tunnel shall fail to post a notice at the mouth of said tunnel giving the direction and their names they shall forfeit all their right to said claim

SECTION 10 The tunnel law shall not be so construed as to hold only the lodes discovered by the tunnel Company in said tunnel

SECTION 11 On all lodes running parallel with any tunnel the tunnel company shall not be allowed to hold only four hundred feet thereon

SECTION 12 After one hundred dollars worth of labor be expended by any tunnel company building a tunnel in this district by sticking a stake on every hundred feet on the line of their tunnel from its mouth to its terminus shall be entitled to one hundred feet on every lode which may be discovered within the limits of their tunnel also one hundred dollars worth of labor be performed

SECTION 13 No person shall be allowed to cut or carry out of this 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 of not exceeding one hundred dollars such fine to be collected in the same manner as other Judgments

SECTION 14th 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 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 indorsement stating the exact time it was received and shall be recorded in the order received and and after recorded the book and page in which it is recorded shall be indorsed thereon each deed shall be filed for record within five days after its execution and shall be attested by at least two disinterested Witnesses such records shall at all proper times be open to the examination of all persons all claims shall be filed for record within six days from the staking thereof

SECTION 15th The recorder of this district shall hold his office until by some misconduct he shall be removed from his office by two-thirds of the majority of the miners of said district his fee shall be fifty cents all over one hundred words one dollar

SECTION 16th All disputes arising between the miners of said district shall be settled by the miners of said district

SECTION 17 *Be it resolved* that P. S. Cook shall act as president of the Empire District

SECTION 18 There shall be five notices posted up in this district in the most conspicuous in said district giving three days notice for any legal meeting which shall be called by the president of this district

SECTION 19 All claims taken previous to the organization of this district will be transferred free of charge within thirty days or they will not be respected

SECTION 20 These laws shall take effect from and after their adoption and shall not be changed or amended without the authority of two thirds of the majority of the voters at any legal meeting which may be called by the president for the purpose

A meeting was held on November 9, 1860 by the miners of the Empire District for the purpose of electing delegates to attend a convention held at Central City on November 10th 1860 P. S. Cook J E Verne & William Hand was elected as delegates of this district

WM HAND *President*

S DOUBLEDAY *Secretary*

At a meeting Called by the miners of the Empire district on the 12th day of March 1861 for the purpose of electing officers and also transact such other business as might come before the miners of said district

CHAPTER 1ST

On motion first that S Doubleday shall act as recorder for the term of one year from date carried

CHAPTER SECOND

On motion second that Wm Hand shall act as Judge of this district for the term of one year from date carried

CHAPTER THIRD

On motion third that I Copen shall act as sheriff of this district for the term of one year from date

CHAPTER FOURTH

On Motion fourth that the laws of the Russell district be adopted by the miners of this district

CHAPTER 5th

On Motion fifth that a town site at the mouth of spring gulch and vances gulch be surveyed out and to be known as of a city

CHAPTER 6th

On Motion sixth that all building lots shall be forty feet in front by one hundred feet in depth

CHAPTER SEVENTH

On Motion 7th All building lots shall be built upon within thirty days after being recorded or forfeit all right to said Claim

CHAPTER EIGHTH

On Motion 8th That all building lots shall be recorded

CHAPTER NINTH

On Motion 9th That J E Vance shall act as Superintendent of a road up spring Gulch

CHAPTER 10TH

On Motion 10th All persons interested in building a road up spring Gulch shall hold it as a toll road untill a fair Compensation is received for the same

CHAPTER 11TH

On Motion 11th All wagons coming into this district on said road shall be taxed the sum of twenty five cents each

CHAPTER 12TH

On Motion 12th All labor done on said road shall be allowed at the rate of two dollars per day

CHAPTER 13TH

On Motion 13 That J L Cook shall act as president of this district for the term of one year from date

CHAPTER 14TH

On Motion 14 that this meeting be adjourned Carried

At a meeting held by the miners of the Empire District on the 18th day of March 1861 an act in relation to the officers of Empire District their duties term of office and fees

SECTION 1st *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Empire 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 a president of the District who together with the recorder of the District shall hold their offices until the 18th day of March 1862 unless they shall sooner die resign remove from the district or be removed from their offices for misconduct by the citizens of the district 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

SECTION 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 cases when required by law

SECTION 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

SECTION 4th It shall be the duty of the recorder safely to keep the books and records of the District and 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 hands by the Judge of the miners Court to pay over as directed by the Citizens at some public meeting legally called

SECTION 5th The sheriff of arapaho County shall be vested with the same power by these laws as 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

SECTION 6th The fees of the Recorder shall be fifty Cents for recording each Mining and deed containing less than one hundred words and one dollar for those containing over that amount 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 less than fifty dollars ten per cent on all sums over fifty and under three hundred dollars and fifty 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 Judgments and executions for each which he shall be entitled to one dollar

SECTION 7th Any person of suitable age who actually resides in this district is hereby declared to be a voter therein

Establishing a miners court—Regulating its jurisdiction

SECTION 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 Fridays of each week at nine o'clock A M and all writs to be made returnable at said term shall be served before the Friday preceeding 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

SECTION 9 The officers of said Court shall be the Judge Clerk Sheriff of Arapaho County and his deputies Constable of the District and his deputies and the attorneys of said Court regularly admitted as such

SECTION 10th It shall be the duty of the Court to sign all writs issuing out of said Court by himself or his Clerk make all transcripts of Judgments 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 and to try all criminals and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys he may receive for the district for fines and Judgments and perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office

SECTION 11 If the Judge of said court shall not be 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 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

SECTION 12 The miners Court shall have equity as well as law Jurisdiction and may grant writs of injunction in all proper cases and all other causes upon proper cause shown to be supported by affidavits alone and upon all such and acts such as a court of equity has power to do

SECTION 13th The miners Court shall have power to fine for contempt of in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon the same as upon a Judgment

SECTION 14th The said court shall have power to appoint its own Clerk whenever it shall be necessary and such Clerk shall have the usual power of Clerks of courts of record

SECTION 15 The Jury for each term of Court shall be drawn upon the monday next preceeding 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 eight 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 Jurors for two successive terms of court

In relation to practice

SECTION 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 clerks thereof shall issue a writ of summons to be served upon the defendant to appear and answer to the same at the time therein mentioned or Judgment will be taken against the defendant by default if the relief demanded be for a sum of money the amt 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 does 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 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

SECTION 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 demand upon either which the plaintiff join issue And if an answer be filed containing new matter irrelevant to the issue it must be denied or divided by the plaintiff in his reply and all matters not denied or divided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken as confessed an true

SECTION 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 is made up

SECTION 19 All pleas in equity shall be verified and no remedy in equity shall be allowed where the same can be had at law

SECTION 20 In all cases of foreclosure of mortgage or lien of any kind upon a claim on other property the equity of redemption shall not exceed beyond thirty days

SECTION 21 In cases of Judgment for partition of claims between Joint owners three disinterested Commissioners shall be appointed by the court who shall affect such partition

SECTION 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 witness

SECTION 23d 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 county or is out of the Jurisdiction of the court if to be taken out in the country of Arapaho notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time & place where the said deposition is to be taken if out of the county no notice be given

SECTION 24th No cause shall be taken 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 procure a trial without the evidence of said witness which he believes he can procure some future time which he shall state or some other good and sufficient Cause

SECTION 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 cannot be served upon him publication by posting six notices in as many conspicuous places in said district for ten days shall be demanded sufficient notice the order of publication shall not be granted unless a summons has been returned by a proper officer which return shall, 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 a summons together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear

SECTION 26th Garnishee process may issue as part of the original writ to be 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 the defendant after legal notice he shall still be held liable to the amount of the 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

SECTION 27th All special proceedings shall be conducted as prescribed by the Judges of the Miners Court and all motions relating to such proceedings shall be sustained or approved affidavits alone

SECTION 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

SECTION 29th 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

SECTION 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 the district the common law rules shall apply to said liability

SECTION 31 In all cases where a civil action hereafter is commenced in the miners Court the plaintiff shall file a bond with good and sufficient securities 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 security for such costs

SECTION 32 In case the costs cannot be collected against any defendant wherein the plaintiff shall secure Judgment the said Plaintiff shall be held responsible for all costs he makes in said suit

SECTION 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 or shall try the case 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

SECTION 34th 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

SECTION 35th 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 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 pay into court the sum of fifteen dollars which shall be equally divided between the Judges of the courts of appeals

SECTION 36th The Court of appeals shall consist of the Judge of the Miners Court the President of the district who shall be the presiding and the recorder said Court shall set at such times and places as the presiding Judge shall direct but any case of appeal shall be set for trial within ten days from the time of appeal shall be taken and the decision of such court shall be final if either of said 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 shall select some competent person or persons to set with him or them and hear and decide the cause

SECTION 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 which the court may enter Judgment and issue its decree as ordered

SECTION 38 A Jury 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

SECTION 39 The defendant party shall in all cases be liable for all costs of suit

SECTION 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

SECTION 41 All Judgments shall be a lien upon the property of the Judgment debtor from the first day of the term at which Judgment was rendered

SECTION 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 the laws of this district and that you will faithfully and honestly perform the duties of attorney according to the best of your ability

SECTION 43 Cry and sale upon Execution There shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution and tubs 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

SECTION 44 All property taken in execution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the district for the next ten days 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

SECTION 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 rendered on his books and the court shall pay the same to the proper parties or their attorneys

Crimes and Nuisances.

SECTION 46 All crimes committed in this district shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SECTION 47. Any person who shall cause any nuisance affecting the health of the people of this district may be sued for the same in the miners Court in the name of Empire District as the defendants who shall be liable on conviction to pay damages in the sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs of suit for the use of said district

SECTION 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 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 forty-seventh with cost of suit

SECTION 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

SECTION 50 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 persons who cause the same and whose duty it should be to preserve it shall be again liable again in damages and shall also be liable for each and every twenty four hours after a conviction as hereinbefore provided in this act

SECTION 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

SECTION 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 contempt of Court and fines of every kind and the treasurer shall not pay the same out 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 charitable purposes

SECTION 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

SECTION 54 It is also declared to be a misdemeanor to fell any living timber for the sake of the bark in this district and may be punished as aforesaid

SECTION 55 The Judge of the miners Court and the President of the district shall before they enter upon the duties of their office give bonds to the district in the sum of one thousand dollars to be approved of by the recorder of the district and said bonds he shall be safely kept by the recorder for the use of the district And the Recorder shall as soon as practicable 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 president of the district and said bonds shall be filed with the judge of the miners Court

SECTION 56 The president of the district or in his absence the Judge of the Miners Court shall have power to call a miners meeting whenever petitioned in writing by fifty miners and said petition shall specify for what purpose the meeting is called 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 subject is specified in such petition

SECTION 57 Probate jurisdiction 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

SECTION 58 Witnesses shall be entitled to receive one and one half dollars at the time they are summoned if they demand it and the same sum for each days attendance after the first

SECTION 59 Any officer resigning or removing from the district shall be required to deposite all the books papers money &c &c with the remaining officers of the district Which officer or officers shall immediately call an election for filling such vacancy

SECTION 60 The laws shall take effect from and after their adoption and shall not be altered without the authority or 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 Empire District on Monday March the 28th 1861 a copy of which is filed in my office

I DOUBLEDAY
Secretary of Empire District.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—CASCADE (?) MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting held on Chicago creek Oct 9 1860 Dr J Paul Garvin in the chair and W S Campbell secretary it was resolved to form a mining District beginning at a point one mile below the mouth of Cascade run and running thence up Cascade Creek three miles extending to the top of the divide on either side It was also resolved that a committee be formed to draft laws for said dist. Committee W. E. Sisty & Fox Deifendorf

LAWS DEFINING CLAIMS

SECTION 1 Each bar claim shall have one hundred feet front & extend back from creek to the base of the Mountain Each lode claim shall be one hundred feet long & fifty feet wide

Each water claim shall be four hundred feet in length

Each flume claim shall be two hundred feet long extend to low water mark on either side of creek

Each tunnel claim shall have a stake at the entrance defining its course and length

SEC 2 Each person shall be entitled to one of the before mentioned claims by preemption if he be a resident of this Gold bearing region & the discoverer shall be entitled to one extra by right of the discovery

SEC 3 Each discovery claim shall be worked as such & all purchased claims shall be recorded & in either case shall be held as such whether worked or not

SEC 4 When members of a company shall work one claim of the company the rest shall be considered as worked

SEC 5 In all cases where parties shall have complied with the laws priority of claims when honestly carried out shall be respected

SEC 6 In all contracts a partnership or agreement whereby an interest in claims are concerned and all contracts relating thereto hereafter made shall be in writing and give the names & interest of the parties & when a partnership the name of the firm als & the same shall be recorded within thirty days of the date of contract shall not be considered binding or affecting any but the original parties in the transaction whatsoever

SEC 7 All deeds contracts Bonds Bells of sale or instruments of any kind that relate to the conveyance of claims & Bonds shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested persons and recorded

SEC 8 Any person using a quartz mill claim upon which he has or is preparing to place a mill may claim the right to cut a ditch or race upon any stream to bring water to said mill if he does not interfere with vested rights

SEC 11 When water cos, are engaged in bringing water into any part of the mines they shall have the right of way secured to them and may pass over any claims road or ditch provided the water shall be so guarded as not to interfere with any vested rights

SEC 12 Claims of every kind except Dist claims must be recorded unless said claims are continuously worked or used according to law

SEC 13 The rules and regulations observed within the United States relating to Diggings for gold under building lots Ranch farm and other claims shall be observed in this district

SEC 14 Any person that shall locate a tunnel in this district for the purpose of discovery shall first file specifications of the same with the recorder whose duty it shall be to record them

SEC 15 Any person or persons engaged in working a tunnel provided he or they shall comply with the laws of the dist shall be entitled to two hundred and fifty feet on each side of all Lodes discovered in consequence of the same & shall hold it the same as a discovery claim provided they do not interfere with any vested rights & if it shall appear the lode is so staked that they cannot get the requisite number of feet near the said tunnel they may be taken upon any part of said lode when it may be vacant

SEC 16 Any person or persons working a tunnel shall after the same is legally located shall have the priority of right to said lodes discovered on the recorded line of the tunnel from its mouth to its end and shall have the right of way through all lodes in its recorded course

SEC 17 All persons holding preemption claims shall work them at least one half day in every ten

SEC 18 In case of trials security for costs must be given previous to suit

SEC 19 No person shall be allowed to vote on any questions involving miners interests unless holding or representing an interest in the district

SEC 20 The officers of this district shall consist of a President Justice of the Peace Recorder & sheriff who shall hold their office for the space of one year after the election All officers to be elected by Ballot

SEC 21 Duties of officers President it shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings unless absent or interested Recorder it shall be the duty of the recorder to keep a book for recording claims bonds deeds &c &c presented for record & to post notices giving at least three days notice of the election of officers for all vacancies or term of office expireing

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—CANION MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS.

SECTION No 1 This District shall be known as Canion Mining District

SECTION No 2 The boundaries shall be as follows Commencing at the boundary line of Independence Mining District known as the mouth of Willow Creek running south to the top of the mountain Thence down Clear Creek to the mouth of North Clear Creek thence running up the top of the divide between Said creeks to the North East line of Independence Mining District

PRECIOUS METALS.

SECTION No 3 The officers of this district shall be one President one Justice one Recorder and one sheriff whose terms of office shall be one year and until their successors are elected

SECTION No 4 That it shall be the duty of the sheriff to attend to all misdemeanors that is transacted in the district and if such subject shall flee after committing any depredation it shall be ordered in power of the Sheriff to bring such subject to be tried before Justice of said district

SECTION No 5 That the Recorder shall keep a strict account of all proceedings that are transacted in the district that he shall also be entitled to fifty cents for each and every claim or paper he records

SECTION No 6 That the Sheriff & Justice shall be allowed when on duty fifty cents per hour & fifty cents for serving every subpoena and also it shall be allowed to the Justice for issuing a subpoena & for rendering a Judgment one dollar

SECTION No 7 If any person or persons be guilty of stealing they shall be taken before the Justice of said district and be tried for their guilt and if said person or persons be found guilty they shall be punished if the theft exceeds one hundred dollars he or they shall be hanged by the neck until they are dead and if the theft is less he or they shall receive not less than five lashes or more than forty-five lashes

SECTION No 8 That no person or persons shall be allowed to vote in the district without such person or persons shall hold an interest or be a working in the district

SECTION No 9 Creek Claims shall be one hundred and fifty feet measuring in a straight line up and down the creek and extending from bluff to Bluff

SECTION No 10 Each Miner is entitled to one creek one hill claim one lode claim by preemption The discovery of a lode or hill diggings is entitled to a discovery and preemption on the same or on each and every lode or hill he may discover

SECTION No 11 That each and every claim shall bear Record before sutch Claim hold good each and every claim shall be numbered commencing East line of Independence District And running down the creek

SECTION No 12 Lode Claims shall one hundred feet by fifty Each and hill Claims shall be one hundred feet running east and west & running from the top of the hill to the foot

SECTION No 13 Each and every Claim must be recorded within ten days after filing if not they shall be forfeited

SECTION No 14 That all creek claims shall hold good that record until October the 20th 1861

SECTION No 15 All lode and hill claims bearing record shall hold as real estate

SECTION No 16 There was a election held in Canion District And Wm Jones was appointed president of Canion District and duly elected J W Whittelatch was appointed Justice of peace and duly elected Joseph Reynolds was appointed Sheriff & duly elected Benj Cherry was appointed Recorder & was duly elected

OCTOBER the 20th 1861

This day a meeting of the miners of Canion District was held at James Whottaech house on South Clear Creek Buckeye B. Joseph Reynolds chosen president and the house called to order

SECTION 17 Resolved that all creek claims hold as real estate until the first of April 1864 This being October the 20 1861 South Clear Creek Canion District

BENJ CHERRY Recorder

SUMMIT COUNTY.—BUFFALO FLATS AND ERIE MINING DISTRICT.

BUFFALO FLATS ERIE DISTRICT Octo 21. 1860

Gentlemen assembled pursuant to notice and organized by electing R. W. Farwell Secretary pro tem and Z. Stroup president for the year ensuing and W. G. Reed Recorder H. M. Farwell, stake driver.

On motion voted that a committee of three be nominated to draft a constitution and By Laws and Report at next meeting The following gents were elected Noah. Newbanks Z. Stroup George Rendell committee

On motion voted that all claims not represented next Sunday Oct 28. 1860 will be forfeited.

On motion voted that the Recorder and stake drivers Receive Fifty cents for each and every claim measured

On motion ordered that we adjourn till next Sunday Octo 28. 1860.

R W FARWELL Secy pro tem
W G RIED Recorder.

BY LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF ERIE DISTRICT

1. The boundary south by lower line of 30 in Gold Run running down said run to the mouth and half a mile each side
2. The officers of this district shall consist of a president and secretary whose term of office shall continue one year
3. All disputes shall be settled by a miners meeting called by the president whose decision shall be final
4. It shall be the duty of the president to call all meetings. when petitioned by 5 or more miners and to preside at the same.
5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a faithful journal of the proceedings of the legal meetings and to call all meetings when authorized by the president by posting notices in 3 public places in the District and giving 3 days notice of the same. To record all claims & keep a faithful record of the same for which he shall receive the sum of Fifty cents for each and every claim recorded.
6. Each claim shall extend 100 feet up and down the Gulch and across from bank to bank
7. Each miner shall be entitled to one Gulch one Bar and one Lead claim by preemption one hundred feet square.
8. Every claim represented on the 29th of Oct 1860. shall hold good till the fifteenth of June 1861.
9. Any person wishing to leave by recording their claims. said claims shall hold good for the time specified in the above article
10. Any persons or company buying claims shall hold the same by working on one or more of said claims. any company holding claims in said district shall hold the same by working on one or more of said claims
11. No sale of claim or claims shall be valid unless signed by 2. respectable witnesses and each name of the company buying and selling shall be on the Bill of Sale or Deed
12. The Recorder and the Stake driver shall receive fifty cents for each claim measured and numbered said claim holding good for the fees till paid for.

13. All persons holding claims by purchase heretofore shall present the Bill of sale or prove by 2 respectable witnesses the purchase of the same on the 29th of Octo 1860.

14 These laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two third vote of the miners in said district.
Octo 21. 1860

Z. STROUP
NOAH NEWBANK
GEORGE RENDALL.

Committee

W G. REID *Recorder*

BUFFALO FLATS April 7, 1861.

On motion voted that a committee of three be appointed by the president to draft laws regulating the waters to claim holders to be used the ensuing season in this district and report at the next meeting

George Rendell Noah Newbanks W. G. Reid committee

On motion voted (as an amendment to article 1. in the by laws of this district) to extend this district from the southern boundary as fixed or may hereafter be fixed west or south of west to French Gulch Striking at or near the mouth of Gibson Gulch thence down French Gulch to Blue river and down Blue River to a certain point that may in the East line of said District extended north till it strikes Blue River

On motion voted that a committee of three be appointed by the president to confer with the claim holders on Gold run above No 30. (below Discovery) about joining and extending this district up. and report at the next meeting—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We the committee on credentials report the following rules and regulations in regard to the water to be used on the Buffalo flats the ensuing season.

SEC 1. That Tom head No 1 as bought by the Company of Stroup & Sharp. time of using from one oclock A M till one oclock P. M. 12 hours also as bought by the Company of Reid & French time of using from one oclock P. M. till one oclock A. M including day and night and has been represented during the winter and that said companies are entitled to said waters from the time specified

SEC 2 That "thom" head No 2 as has been used and Represented by John Meggers & Co during the winter are entitled to said Tom head of waters time from 6. a m till 6 p m daily

SEC 3. That Tom head No 3. as has been used and represented by Randall & Co during the winter are entitled to said Tom head of waters time of using from 6. a m till 6 p m daily

SEC 4. That any person or company opening a claim for the purpose of working it shall give the Recorder notice of such intentions and after his Tom is in and ready to run shall get it recorded with the No next to the one taken and that he shall be entitled to that Tom head of water for the time specified in Sec. 2 & 3 and so on till all is taken

SEC 5. That any person or company neglecting to get their Tom head of water Recorded at the proper time and another Co. gets their "Tom" to running and records that No. shall be entitled to it with the exception of Tom heads. No. (1. 2. & 3.) which have been represented during the winter.

SEC 6. In the same way and under the same Regulations the waters shall be disposed of during the nights commencing at Tom head No 2

SEC 7. That no person or company running their Tom or sluice during the day shall be allowed to run at nights to the inconvenience of any night companies (Except the companies owning No 1) the time running to be from 6 till 6 alternately

SEC 8. Every Tom or Sluice shall be allowed twelve inches of water and every person or company running a Tom or Sluice shall put in a box 8 inches wide and raise the Gate $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches the box to be fixed in the ditch where the water is taken-out.

SEC 9. The water specified in the above articles includes all the spare water coming from Gold Run and its tributaries and that no company or companies shall be allowed to deprive the miners of Buffalo Flats of said water or part thereof

SEC 10. It shall be the duty of the claim holders on Buffalo Flats to cut a ditch. commencing on or near the claim known as No 22. below discovery on Gold Run thence running on the West side of the Gulch on to Buffalo Flats where it is most convenient to the miners or where the president may locate the same.

SEC 11. The president is hereby authorized to give the miners notice when the said ditch is to be cut by posting three notices in said district and only companies owning Tom heads of water shall do equal portions of the work on said ditch if not they forfeit their right to water

SEC 12. Any person or company raising their gate higher than specified in Sec 8. shall forfeit his or their right of said water if it be duly proven by three disinterested witnesses or more and the said water shall be holden for all costs of said meeting

SEC 13. The president shall be entitled to the sum of Three dollars for calling each and every meeting for to settle disputes.

SEC 14 The secretary shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars for keeping the minutes of the same

SEC 15 Any person or persons giving notice to the president for to call said meeting shall find the money to the president for all costs.

SEC 16. The proceeding articles in regard to the water will apply only to water below No 30 in Gold Run.

BUFFALO FLATS Apl 21, 1860

W G. REID *Recorder*

BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF BUFFALO FLATS AND ERIE DISTRICT.

Oct the 20th '62

ART 1st The officers of this district shall consist of one President and one Recorder. It shall be the duty of the president to call and preside at all meetings; it also shall be the duty of the President to call all meetings by posting not less than three notices for a space not less than three days

ART 2d It shall be the duty of the Pres to preside at all meetings called for the purpose of transacting the business of this district and to issue all calls for such meetings by posting notices in three different places in the district at least three days before such meeting is to convene

ART 3d It shall be the duty of the Recorder to attend all meetings and keep a true and correct copy of all meetings and business transacted thereat and also to keep a true record of all claims presented to him for registry.

PRECIOUS METALS.

ART 4th The boundary lines of Buffalo Flatts and Erie District shall commence at a certain point on Swan river opposite the Divide between Gold Run and Delaware Gulch; thence up said Divide to the point opposite claim line No. 4 and 5 below discovery in Gold Run; thence due west to the divide between Gold Run and French Gulch; thence down the divide to Blue river thence down Blue river to the mouth of Swan river and up the Swan to the place of beginning

ART 5th Gulch claims shall consist of 100 ft in length and seventy-five feet in width each way from the main channel; side claims shall consist of 100 ft square.

ART 6th Each person shall have the right to preempt one gulch and one side claim; also one patch claim for mining purposes and no more All persons shall be entitled to hold claims by them purchase by complying with these by laws.

ART 7th All claims now owned by persons according to law shall hold good until June 10th 63 at which time all claims must be represented

ART 8th All disputes arising in regard to the ownership of claims shall be adjusted by a miner's meeting and the decision shall be final

ART 9th These laws to take effect immediately after their passage

ART 10th All laws passed heretofore conflicting these laws are hereby declared repealed

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment and adopted the above resolutions.

SUMMIT COUNTY.—MCNULTY MINING DISTRICT.

BRECKENRIDGE Oct 26th 1860

At a meeting held by the miners of Breckenridge Oct 26th 1860 Albert Matthews was elected President and C. A. Holman, Recorder.

ART 1st This district shall be called west McNulty District

ART 2nd The officers of this district shall consist of a president and Recorder who shall hold their offices for the term of one year from this date The President shall preside at all miner's meetings of the miners of this district and act as Magistrate as in all other mining districts

ARTICLE 3rd The Recorder shall keep a true record of all proceedings of meetings of miners, trials and arbitrations and record all claims presented to him for record for which he may receive the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each claim so recorded.

ART 4th The claims in this district may be 100 feet square, following the crevice or lode, the centre of the same to be the centre of claims

ARTICLE 5th One person may hold one claim by preemption and others by purchase All claims must be recorded and all deeds or transfers to be properly attested and spread on the records of the district

ART 6th The records of the district to be good and sufficient evidence of the ownership of any claim.

ARTICLE 7th All trials shall be by a jury of six miners owning a claim or having an interest in one and each juror shall be entitled to \$2.50 for services on each suit and the President shall be entitled to \$10.00 and the recorder to \$3.00

ARTICLE 8th No person shall be competent to vote at any meeting of the miners of this district unless he owns a claim or an interest in a claim in the district.

ARTICLE 9th The rules of all trials to be the same as in common justice's courts with the right to appeal to the justice court of the Blue River judicial district, costs of suit to follow judgment, unless otherwise awarded by the judge

ARTICLE 10th All claims in this district shall hold good for one year until the 26th day of Oct. A. D. 1861.

ARTICLE 11th All meetings to be called by giving proper notice by posting and any 10 miners may require the President to order a special meeting, setting forth the objects of the same.

ARTICLE 12th These laws shall not be amended or repealed at a meeting called for that purpose, before the 1st of July next unless by a vote of two-thirds of the claim holders of said district.

A. MATTHEWS *Prest.*

Per C. A. HOLMAN

Recorder of McNulty District.

BOULDER COUNTY.—SUGAR LOAF MINING DISTRICT.

MINING CAMP, Oct. 31, 1860.

In accordance with a call by the President made Oct 20, 1860 the voters of said District met and elected the following officers: President and Recorder also Constable.

The President appointed Capt. H. McHenry and D. E. Cole judges of the election, H Blake clerk.

David Whitner was nominated for President unanamous. H. Blake was elected Recorder without opposition. C. W. Arbuthnot was elected constable by a majority.

The President then appointed a committee of five to revise the Constitution and By Laws where were as follows. Cap. H McHenry A P Westfall, W. I. Smith, Noah Walters, and D. E. Cole. Said committee to report on Nov. 10, 2:00 P. M. 1860

H. BLAKE, *Clerk.*

Nov. 10 1860

Meeting appointed to be held this date to hear the report of the Committee on Constitution and By Laws was called to order by the President, and the said committee reported the following.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF SUGAR LOAF MINING DISTRICT, ORGANIZED AND ESTABLISHED NOV. 9, 1860.

ARTICLE I.

This District shall be known and designated as follows: North by Gold Hill District, East by the Boulder District, South by the Boulder Creek, West by a line drawn two miles west from the top of Sugar Loaf mountain.

ARTICLE II

The officers of the above said District shall consist of the following: President Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Constable.

ARTICLE III.

SEC 1. *Duties of Officers*: It shall be the duty of the President of this district to preside over all the affairs of this district. He shall also fill the office of magistrate of the Miners' Court there in. Also to issue calls for public meetings to be held in the district, and act as chairman of such meetings when held. In case of absence of officers the President shall appoint competent persons to fill the vacancies. It shall be the duty of the President to issue certificates of title of ownership to Claims. He shall issue calls for jurymen to try cases by the request of the defendant. He shall also grant an appeal to the district court of Miners of the District which in all cases shall be final on any suit tried before him when either party is not satisfied with his verdict if application is made within six hours after rendering of judgment by the President. He shall also keep a record of all cases tried before him.

SEC 2. *Duties of Vice President*. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside and perform the duties of the President in case of sickness or absence of the proper elected president.

SEC 3. *Duties of Secretary*. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of Claims, issued by the President, names of the Lead number and direction from the discovery. It shall also be his duty to act as clerk in all public meetings, take minutes and keep a record of the same.

SEC 4. *Duties of Treasurer*: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all public funds in safety that may be put in the treasury. He shall pay out no money without an order issued by the Secretary and signed by the President.

SEC 5. *Duties of the Constable*. It shall be the duty of the Constable to serve all writs, summons, subpoenas and warrants issued by the President or magistrate of this District. Also to collect all debts coming under his jurisdiction

ARTICLE IV.

SEC 1. *Fees of Officers*: The President shall be allowed seventy five cents for issuing a subpoena; for writ, seventy five cents; the same for summons to answer in civil suits and the same for an appeal. His compensation for all cases tried before him shall be two dollars, not consuming more than four hours. He shall be entitled four dollars a day for his services. For issuing certificate for ownership for Claims he shall be entitled to fifty cents for each certificate. Issuing a notice for miners' meeting shall be done gratis.

SEC 2. *Compensation of Secretary*. The secretary shall be entitled to one dollar for each record of Certificate or Transfer.

SEC 3. *Compensation of Constable*. The constable shall be entitled to fifty cents for a summons and subpoena, for a warrant and writ, seventy cents; for mileage, five cents.

ARTICLE V.

No call shall be issued for a public meeting for less than three days notice made by posting bills in at least three conspicuous places in district.

SEC. 2. Calls for Election of officers shall be made in the above manner with ten days notice prior to the election.

SEC. 3. All writs and summons issued by the President of this district shall have five days to run before return be demanded there on.

SEC. 4. A defendant in any case may demand a trial by jury, by notifying the President by a written or verbal notice one day previous to his trial.

SEC. 5. The President in all such cases shall issue summons for six disinterested persons who are residents of this vicinity, three of whom the defendant may challenge without giving cause or reason if he so desires. The verdict given by the above shall be final unless an appeal be made to a higher court.

SEC. 6. In all cases where it may be necessary to issue an execution there shall be ninety days grace given by the person or persons giving ample security or mortgage upon property sufficient to cover the execution.

ARTICLE VI.

IN REGARD TO CLAIMS.

SEC. 1. Each person coming in to the district shall be entitled to one pre-emption. Claim on each lead, and one claim for each lead he may discover.

SEC. 2. No person shall hold a claim by proxy for another unless he should be connected with a company; if so one of the company may act as agent for any one of his company during his absence and preempt and procure a certificate for the same.

SEC. 3. Each Claim shall consist of one hundred feet in length by fifty wide consisting of twenty five feet each side of his stake.

SEC. 4. All claims shall be designated by a stake at each end of the claim with a notice there on designating the locality, size, number, and name of the lead, and the signature of the owner.

SEC. 5. Any person removing or defacing person's stakes without proper authority shall lay himself liable to a fine of twenty dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

IN REGARD TO TUNNELLING.

All persons forming themselves into a Tunnelling company shall be entitled to two hundred feet for each member of the company on a lead used for tunnelling purposes.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons working in a tunnel or shaft in this district shall represent all the claims he may hold in this district. And after running a tunnel one hundred feet or sinking a shaft fifty feet his claims shall become real estate.

ARTICLE VII.

IN REGARD TO WATER CLAIMS.

Any person or Company may take a site for a water mill on any stream in this District a sufficient distance on such stream to secure a fall of thirty feet from the dam to the mill, and hold the same until the first of July 1861, and after this date they or their claims shall be subject to the following conditions

All water claims shall be designated with a stake at each end, of the claim in a conspicuous place with the claimants name thereon and the date claiming the same, also a written notice of such claim shall be filed in the Recorder's office but no certificate given said claimant until said claimant shall have put machinery there on. Nor shall such claims be transferrable until a mill shall be in process of erection there on. And if such improvements are not put on such claims within the above stipulated period, such claims shall be forfeited to the district for the use of any person who will improve it.

PRECIOUS METALS.

ARTICLE VIII.

IN REGARD TO RANCH CLAIMS.

No person shall be entitled to hold more than 160 acres of land for the purpose of a ranch unless several persons forming a company; then they are entitled to one quarter section to each member belonging to said company which can be held by the one body.

LAWS OF SUGAR LOAF.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Sugar Loaf mining district, held at the office of the President of said district on the 26 day of April 1861 for the purpose of amending and revising the laws of said District, David Whitmer was called to the chair and Henry Blake was appointed Secretary.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to examine the laws and report to this meeting such amendments as they deem proper;

Whereupon Adam Whitmer, Henry Blake and David Lees were duly appointed as said committee.

Subsequently—on the 4th day of May 1861, at a miners meeting called by the President of said district, at the house of the President for the purpose of receiving and taking action upon the report of Said committee Whitman was appointed Chairman and H Blake chosen secretary.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting reported the following code of laws which were adopted:

BOUNDARIES.

SEC. 1st This District shall be known and designated as follows: bounded on the North by the Gold Hill Dist. (the dividing ridge between the waters of Gold run and Four mile creek), on the East by the Boulder Dist., on the South by the North Boulder creek, on the West by a line drawn two miles West from the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 2nd There shall be one President, one Sheriff, and one Recorder, who shall be elected annually, on the second Monday of May, by the legal voters of this Dist. and hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified; each of whom shall take an oath faithfully and impartially to perform their respective duties according to law and the best of their ability; and each shall have the power to appoint one or more deputies.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 3d The recorder and sheriff together with three other electors, shall compose the election board each of whom shall take an oath that they will studiously endeavor to prevent all fraud and deceit in conducting the same. But if the Recorder or Sheriff should be a candidate or fail to attend, the voters present shall fill the vacancy by other voters, two of whom shall be clerks, and the other three Judges of said election. If there should be any vote challenged by any elector, either of the clerks or Judges may administer any oath necessary to determine the right of said voter. Polls are to be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 6 o'clock P. M. At the close of the polls, the clerks and Judges shall canvass the votes and the person receiving the highest number of votes cast for the respective offices shall be declared duly elected, and said board shall issue certificates of election to the several officers according to their respective offices.

SEC. 4th Any person who has attained the age of Sixteen years and resided ten days in this District, shall be entitled to a vote at all meetings and elections; at all elections for officers the vote shall be by ballot, and at all meetings as the Pres. may direct.

SHERIFF.

SEC. 5th There shall be elected by the qualified voters of this district a Sheriff who shall hold his office until the next annual election and until his successor is elected and qualified. Whos duty it shall be to serve all processes issued by the court; and before entering upon the duties of said office he shall give bond, with good and sufficient security to the acceptance of the court, for the faithful discharge of said duties. He shall be conservator of the peace, and take an oath that he will faithfully and impartially discharge all and singular the duties pertaining to said office.

VACANCIES.

SEC. 6th Any officer resigning or removing from the Dist. shall be required to deposit all the books, papers, money, etc. belonging to the Dist. or pertaining to his office, with the remaining officer or officers of the Dist. which officer or officers shall immediately call an election to fill such vacancy.

COURTS

SEC. 7. The Pres. shall be the judge of the miners court of the Dist. and any person having any cause of action shall file with the Pres. the cause of complaint written in plain English Language, and a prayer that the adverse party may be summoned to appear and answer to said complaint, and if the defendant appears, he shall file his answer in writing as above stated, whereupon the Judge shall summon the defendant to appear at a given time and place mentioned in said summons, which shall exceed ten days from the issue of said summons, and if the defendant fail to appear, the judge may proceed to try the cause and render the Judgement according to law and evidence, and if the parties appear they may submit their cause to the court or three arbitrators, one of whom shall be chosen by the parties respectively, and if the parties or their referees cannot agree upon the third arbitrator the Judge shall appoint the third referee, and when the parties so submit their case to referees, as aforesaid, the decision shall be final, and the Judge shall proceed to enforce, as upon Judgement at law. If either party shall require a jury, the Judge shall write the names of twelve judicious, disinterested, electors of the Dist. and each party may strike from said list, alternately, beginning with the plaintiff one name, until only six remain, and the Judge shall issue his venire for a jury of the aforesaid six, and when assembled each party shall be entitled to one preemptory challenge and also a challenge for good cause shown by the testimony of the Jurors or other disinterested parties and the Sheriff shall fill the panel with talesmen for all vacancies that may happen by reason of non attendance or challenging of said Jurors, all juries shall be sworn by the Judge to try all cases according to law and evidence, either party may have an adjournment, not exceeding ten days upon proper cause shown by oath, cost in all cases shall be taxed as the referees, court, court or jury, trying the same may direct. Either party may

have a right to an appeal from the decision of the court or jury Six, if he give notice of appeal at the rendition of the judgement or verdict and pay all costs within five days of the rendition of the verdict or Judgement and when an appeal is so taken, the Judge shall write the names of twenty-four good, disinterested voters of the Dist, as in the aforesaid jury list, from which each party shall strike therefrom as in the jury of Six until only twelve remain and proceed in all cases the same as in the aforesaid jury of six, and the decision of said jury of twelve shall be final, and the judge shall proceed to final judgement and award execution according to law.

SEC. 8th All legal claims whether in law or equity shall be fairly tried by the referees court or jury as the parties may demand and judgment shall be rendered by the court accordingly, upon which said judgement the party recovering shall be entitled to interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the date thereof until paid and the court shall proceed to issue execution thereon for the amount found due with interest and legal costs, but any rate of interest agreed upon writing between the parties shall be lawful.

SEC. 9th The judge of the miners court shall keep a docket of all proceedings laid before him, shall be allowed two dollars for trying all cases not consuming more than four hours time, he shall be entitled to four dollars per day, Seventy-five cents for issuing a subpoena, writ, or summons, same for an appeal or an execution, for rendering judgment fifty cents, for making up docket twenty cents, for each one hundred words, each transcript duly certified twenty cents per one hundred words. The Pres. shall issue titles of ownership to claims certificates fifty cents. The Judge, Recorder and the Sheriff are hereby empowered to administer all oaths and perform all other duties pertaining to their respective offices and which are required by law.

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

SEC. 10th It shall be the duty of the Pres. to give at least ten days notice of the time and place of holding any election of officers of the Dist. naming the officers to be elected and shall call a meeting of the miners upon application, in writing, of twenty-five legal voters of said Dist stating the object for which such meeting is called, and he shall preside at all public meetings and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

DEPUTIES

SEC. 11th The president shall have power to deputize any one or more of the miners to serve papers etc that he may deem proper and any person so deputized shall proceed to discharged the duties required of him by law upon the commencement of any suit, the Judge may at his discretion require the plaintiff to deposit money or give security for all costs which may occur.

JUDGEMENTS AND EXECUTIONS.

SEC 12th A judgement shall be a lien upon all property of the defendant from the time of its being rendered and the Judge shall issue execution forthwith upon judgements including interest and costs which shall be made returnable ten days after date thereof, and the Sheriff shall give public notice of the time and place of sale of all property levied upon by him, which shall be by written advertisements posted in three public places in the Dist. at least six day before the sale thereof, and all such property shall be sold to the highest bidder at public outcry to satisfy the execution and accruing costs. But if the said property cannot be sold for want of bidders unless at great sacrifice or if the plaintiff order him so to do, the officer having charge of such sale may adjourn such sale any length of time not exceeding ten days. In all cases of Real estate sold upon execution the defendant shall have the privilege of paying the principal, interest and costs with ten per cent per annum thereon and said property shall revert to said defendant or his legal representatives, the same as if the sale had not been made and the officer selling any real estate as aforesaid, shall not execute a deed to the purchaser thereof until after the expiration of thirty days. Common wearing apparel, bedding and twenty dollars worth of tools shall be exempt from execution.

SEC 13 The judge and re-Probate-corder shall have power to choose a third person and have probate jurisdiction of a deceased person, if said deceased had no relatives or creditors in the Dist they may apply and take out letters of administration to the best advantage to the creditors and heirs of the deceased and the proceeds paid over to the proper persons entitled thereto according to directions of the President

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

SEC. 14th It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a vigilance committee, consisting of four persons to examine into and report all criminal violations of the laws of this Dist. who shall serve for the period of three months or until discharged by the Pres. and said committee shall receive one half of fines arising from their investigations, the other half to be paid into the Dist. treasury, But the informant shall be liable at all times to all costs that may accrue provided there is no cause of action.

LAWYERS

SEC. 15th No practicing lawyer or any other person having been admitted as such in any State or Territory, shall be permitted to appear in any cause pending in this Dist. as attorney or agent of any person except he himself is a legal party to said suit and if any lawyer should be a legal party to any suit the opposite party may also employ counsel in his case if he chooses so to do, but in all other cases lawyers shall not be admitted.

OUT SIDE DEBTS

SEC 16th No debt or demand of any kind shall be collected by suit in this Dist. which has not originated either in coming to this mining region or since the arrival of such debtor therein.

DUTIES OF RECORDER

SEC. 17th It shall be the duty of the recorder, to safely keep the books and records of the Dist. and to file and record all proper papers upon payment of his fees and to act as secretary at all public meetings of the Dist. the books of records shall always be open to the inspection of all persons, never to be taken from the possession of the Recorder. All persons shall be entitled to copy any record at any time and the recorder shall deliver over all books to his successor in office, in case of absence, interest, or inability of the president, the said recorder may act in all cases in his stead. He shall be entitled to one dollar for each record of certificate or transfer Deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other writing necessary to be recorded in all cases fees must be paid in advance. No transfer of any claim of any kind shall be valid unless the fees are paid for all original records heretofore made in regard to said claim.

SEC. 18th All certificates of claims of any kind remaining in the recorders office upon which the fees are not paid on or before the first day of July next shall be advertised to be sold stating the time and place of sale, the number and kind of claim, which shall be sold by said recorder at public sale to the highest bidder after giving ten days notice, and if said claim shall sell for a greater amount than will pay the recorders fees all overplus shall go to the Dist. treasury for the use of the District the purchaser at said sale shall require a valid title thereof by the recorder certifying on the back of said certificate a transfer by said sale, for which said recorder may receive twenty five cents from the purchaser in addition to the amount paid for said claim.

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT.

SEC. 19th Upon the application of any person holding a legal claim against a non-resident debtor, or any debtor about to abscond or move out of the jurisdiction of the courts or about conveying or concealing his property to the injury of his creditors, or secreting himself within the Dist. so that legal service cannot be had, or fraudulently conveying or concealing his property to defraud his creditors upon filing an affidavit setting forth any of the above facts and the amount and nature of the aforesaid facts and the amount and nature of his claim, and paying or securing the costs as the court directs, the Judge shall issue a writ of attachment to attach all the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, monies, credits and effects of the debtor within the Dist. or as much of the same as will satisfy the Judgment and costs. Notice of the issue of said writ shall be given by the plaintiff, by posting written advertisements in five conspicuous places in said dist. within twenty-four hours after the issue of said writ, stating the time and place where said cause will be tried which shall not be more than ten nor less than six days from the issue of said writ and if the defendant or his legal agent appears he shall have a fair trial, and if he fails to appear the court shall proceed to hear and determine the cause according to law and the equity of the case, and render judgment and award execution as in other cases, and the property attached by the officers shall remain in the possession of said officers until the final termination of the suit, and shall be sold as other property of the same nature, upon the execution issued upon such judgment. But if the defendant is a resident of the Dist. he shall be served with a personal notice.

GARNISHEE

SEC. 20th Garnishee process may issue as part of the original writ, to be served on both defendant and garnishee when the defendant is a resident, or separately as the nature of the case may require; or it may issue after execution may retire 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 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.

WRIT OF REPLEVIN

SEC. 21th Any person being in possession of personal property of another, the opposite party file with the Judge of the court an affidavit setting forth the name of the defendant or defendants with a description of the property claimed and that he is justly entitled to the possession thereof and that said property is wrongfully detained by said defendant, and that said defendant or defendants refuse upon demand thereof to give it up, and upon said plaintiff paying or securing costs to the satisfaction of the court, the court shall issue a writ of replevin for said property and a summons for the defendant or defendants to appear before him at a time and place mentioned in said summons to answer unto said plaintiff for the unlawful detention of said property, and the officer to whom said writ is delivered, shall take possession of the same and notify the defendant or defendants to appear before the court, at the time and place mentioned in said writ to answer unto said plaintiff for the unlawful detention thereof; and if the plaintiff file a bond, with the security to the satisfaction of the defendant or defendants, or the court within twenty-four hours of the service of said writ, said property shall be delivered to the plaintiff and if he fails so to do, the property shall be returned to the defendant or defendants and the plaintiff and his securities shall be liable on their bond for all costs and damages to be assessed forthwith by the courts or jury as the parties may elect; and if it appears, upon the trial of the cause, which may be had as in other civil cases, that the right of possession is in the plaintiff then the court should render judgment against the defendant or defendants for damages and costs according to the award, judgment or verdict, as the case may require and issue execution as in other civil cases.

EJECTMENTS

SEC. 22nd Any person being in possession of real estate claimed by another the claimant may institute his suit of ejectment, which shall be proceeded in as in other civil cases and decided according to law and the equity of the case, and if the claimant sustains his actions the defendant shall be removed, by order of the court, within five days from the trial of the cause, and pay all costs, and in default thereof the Judge shall issue a writ of possession or execution, as the nature of the case may require. If the plaintiff fail to establish his claim he shall be liable to the defendant for all costs and damages, to be determined as in other civil cases.

LIENS

SEC. 23 Any person performing labor or furnishing means or material for any buildings, claims, or other kinds of work, at the request of the owner or agent thereof, shall be entitled to a lien upon the same for the amount of labor performed or material furnished, provided said lien is filed and recorded within thirty days from the time said labor was performed, or material furnished and all conflicting liens shall have priority according to their respective origins if filed and recorded as aforesaid

SUNDAY

SEC. 24th The officers of this dist shall not be compelled to perform any civil business on Sunday. Sunday shall not be counted against any person staking claims on Saturday.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

SEC. 25th There shall be appointed by the Pres. one supervisor, who shall take to his assistance such other assistant as he may need and proceed to lay out and establish all necessary public roads and passways for this dist. which shall be surveyed, marked, measured, and platted, and make returns thereof to the recorder of the dist. forthwith and said recorder shall record the same. All streets running up and down the gulch shall be forty ft. wide and cross streets twenty ft. wide; cross streets to be located on the lines of building lots, taken ten ft. from lots on each side of said cross street. Persons performing service under this section shall be entitled to three dollars per day, for all time necessarily employed in the discharge of their respective duties, said amount to be paid out of the district treasury upon the order of the Pres. out of any money not otherwise appropriated, Said roads or passways are not to interfere with previous improvements or if they do, to pay the damage assessed by the disinterested men to be chosen by the Pres.

SEC. 26th Any person obstructing any public road or passway to the hindrance or inconvenience of the public shall be liable to any fine that may be assessed against him or them by the court or jury together with costs of suit, and, moreover be liable to a like fine for every twenty-four hours the said obstruction shall remain:

TUNNEL CLAIMS.

SEC. 27th All persons forming themselves into tunnel companies shall be entitled to two hundred feet per each person who is a member of the company on a lead used for tunneling purposes.

be recognized as crossing a gulch, and whosoever shall discover the course and prove up the lode on the opposite side of the gulch, shall have the right of discovery, as the law provides, and shall also have the right to name lode; but lodes staked and claimed across a gulch, or an extension of one already discovered on the opposite side, shall be legal, provided they do not interfere with lodes or claims already recorded or being discovered.

CROSS LODS

SEC. 36th Owners of cross lodes shall have the right to work their crevice up to the crevice of the previously discovered, crevice, or lode, and one half of the surface for wast dirt, quartz etc.

MURDER

SEC. 37th Any person found guilty of wilful murder shall be hanged by the neck till dead, and then given to his friends if called for, and if not be decently buried; and all other crimes not enumerated in these laws shall be punished as the court or jury of men may direct.

PERJURY OR THEFT

Any person found guilty perjury or theft shall receive not more than twenty-five nor less than ten lashes on the bare back and banished from the Dist. and their property confiscated to pay costs of prosecution and damages.

SALTING CLAIMS ETC.

SEC. 39th Any person found guilty of "salting" as it is termed or putting gold into quartz or gulch claims for the purpose of deceiving, or found guilty of pulling up stakes, or defacing them or in any way destroying notices or landmarks, shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, and in default of payment of said fine, they shall receive not less than ten nor more than twenty-five lashes upon the bare back and be banished from the Dist.

SETTING OUT FIRES

SEC. 40th Any person who shall wilfully, maliciously or through negligence, set out any fire in this Dist. and destroy any timber or other property in this Dist. shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof, shall be punished as the court or Jury may direct, and be liable to all parties injured thereby.

NUISANCE

SEC. 41th 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 to a fine of not more than one hundred nor less than five dollars, and remain so liable for every twenty-four hours that the same may continue, to be determined by the court or jury according to the aggravated nature of the offence, and it shall be the duty of the officers of the Dist. to see that this section of the law is put in force.

SEC. 42nd All gambling houses and houses of ill-fame or prostitution shall be considered as public nuisances and treated as such.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—IOWA MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the miners of Iowa district held at the mouth of Fall River Nov 10th 1860

On motion a committee of three was appointed to draft a code of laws for a miners court and report to this meeting Nov 17th 1860 at 3 o'clock P M

The following gentlemen were appointed such committee John A. Mack J. P. Gibson W. A. Ramsay

At the adjourned meeting held Nov 17th 1860 the committee appointed at the previous meeting reported the following code of laws which were adopted

JOHN A. MACK *Chairman*

J. B. GIBSON *Secretary*

SECTION 1st *Officers of the district and their term of office annual meeting* To enforce the foregoing laws be it enacted by the citizens of Iowa District that there shall be elected a Justice of the peace a constable of the district a president of the district who together with the recorder shall hold their offices until the last Saturday in July unless they shall sooner die resign remove from the district or be removed from their offices for misconduct from any one of the above named causes the office shall be declared vacant and another officer elected to fill vacancy on the last Saturday in July next and annually thereafter there shall be an election held for the purpose of electing officers who before entering upon the duties of their offices shall take an oath well and faithfully to perform the duties thereof according to the best of their ability The Recorder shall act as secretary and Treasurer of the district

SECTION 2d *Duty of President* 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 cause in absence of the Justice

SECTION 3 *Duty of Justice* It shall be the duty of the Justice to preside at all causes also at public meetings in absence of the President and perform such other duties as may be required by law

SECTION 4 *Duty of Recorder* It shall be the duty of the recorder safely to keep the books of the district and to record all proper papers upon payment of his fees to act as secretary at all public meetings of the district and to keep all moneys paid into his hands by the Justice of the district to be paid over as directed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called or by order of the President

SECTION 5th *Duty of Constable* It shall be the duty of the constable of the district to serve all proper papers placed in his hands and make due returns of the same pay over to the Justice all moneys collected on Judgment post notices for the sale of property attached give certificates of property sold on execution or otherwise and give a deed at the expiration of the time of redemption

SECTION 6. *Justice & Constable fees* The Justice shall keep a regular docket of all proceedings had before him shall be allowed two dollars and fifty cents for presiding at each trial which shall be paid to the President when he shall preside fifty cents each for making out all proper papers for him to make out and one dollar for entering up Judgment The constable may Charge fifty cents each for writs or papers which he may be required to serve and twenty cents per mile (one way) for all necessary travel in such service two dollars for posting three notices for the sale of property Ten per cent for selling property on all sums of fifty dollars and under seven per cent on all sums over fifty and less than one hundred dollars six per cent on sums over one hundred and less than two hundred and five per cent on all sums over two hundred dollars and one dollar for each adjournment in the sale of property except where it is adjourned by virtue of a writ issued by the Justice or president

SECTION 7 *Witness & Jurors Fees.* Witnesses shall receive one dollar and fifty cents in each case and twenty cents per mile for all necessary travel in going to trial to be paid in advance if demanded. Jurors shall receive two dollars each in each trial and twenty cents per mile for all necessary travel in going to trial.

SECTION 8th *Power of Clerk.* The Justice shall have power to appoint a clerk when it shall be necessary and such clerk shall have the usual power of clerks of courts of Record.

SECTION 9 *Commencing suit.* If any person shall wish to commence a civil action in this district he shall file with the Justice or his clerk a statement in writing setting forth his ground 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 pleading nor any other written article shall be void on account of form if plain enough to explain the intention of the executor of the article. The plaintiff shall file a bond approved by the Justice conditioned to pay all costs that should be taxed against him in case he should fail to recover judgment in said suit or in lieu thereof deposit with the court a sufficient amount of money to cover costs of suit.

SECTION 10th *Notice served on Defendant.* When the Plaintiff shall file the papers herein provided the Justice or Clerk shall issue a writ of summons to be served on the defendant to appear and answer to the same at the time and place therein mentioned 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 if for a sum of money and other relief the summons shall state in substance what the demand is.

SECTION 11 *Pleadings.* The defendant may at any time before the time of trial file his answer or demur 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 matter not denied or avoided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken as confessed and true.

SECTION 12 Repeated, see section 39

SECTION 13 No cause shall be continued unless upon affidavit of a party or his attorney of the absence of a material witness. That he has used all due diligence to obtain said 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 from some other good and sufficient cause.

SECTION 14 The rules of evidence as administered in courts of the United States shall be observed in this district 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 witness.

SECTION 15th Depositions may be used in the district 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 within ten miles of this district notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time and place where said deposition is to be taken if more than ten miles no notice need be given.

SECTION 16th The Justice shall have justice as well as law Jurisdiction and may grant writs of replevin in all proper cases and all other motions upon proper causes shown to be supported by affidavits alone and do all such acts as a court of equity has power to do.

SECTION 17 If any person shall make his affidavit in writing that he does not believe he can have a fair and impartial before said Justice or if the Justice 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 at such trial.

SECTION 18 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 notice in open court or by procuring the same to be entered upon the record of the court and shall perfect his appeal within ten days by paying up all costs already accrued and giving good security for future costs.

SECTION 19th *Court of Appeals fees &c.* The court of appeals shall consist of the Justice 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 was perfected and the decision of such court shall be final if either of such Judges are in any way interested in the event of any suit they shall be disqualified from trying the same and the remaining the remaining Judge or Judges shall with the consent of parties 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 the fees of the judges of the court of appeals shall be nine dollars which shall be equally divided between the judges.

SECTION 20 *Liability for Costs* The defeated party in all cases shall be liable for all costs of suit in case the costs cannot be collected against defendant wherein the plaintiff shall Recover Judgment the said plaintiff shall be held responsible for all the costs he shall make in said suit.

SECTION 21st The defendant shall have in all cases three days to appear and answer to a complaint from the time notice is served on him except where the complaint is made under oath that the defendant is about to leave the country or putting his property out of his hands to defraud his creditors or the plaintiff verily believes that he can secure the demand then and that by taking the course herein provided it cannot be collected in such a case it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace to issue a notice to the defendant to appear forthwith and a writ of attachment to attach any property that may be found in possession of the defendant the defendant can have in this case the usual time to answer to the charges made against him by securing the debt.

SECTION 22d *Jurisdiction of the law of this District* No debt or demand of any nature shall be collected in this district by suit which has not originated in coming to this mining region or since the arrival of such debtor therein.

SECTION 23d *Garnishee* 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 other demand over to the defendant after legal notice he shall still be held liable to the amount of the plaintiffs Judgment and Costs of suit 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.

SECTION 24 *Liens by Judgment* All Judgments shall be as a lien upon the property of the Judgment debtor from the day of the term at which such Judgment was rendered.

SECTION 25th *Division of Claims.* Any cases for Judgment for partition of Claims between Joint owners three disinterested commissioners shall be appointed by the court who shall effect such partition.

SECTION 26 The Justice shall have power to fine for contempt in a sum not to exceed fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon the same as upon a Judgment.

SECTION 27th 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 shall apply to such liability.

SECTION 28th *Exempt from levy and sale upon execution* There shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution all tools necessary to mine with all clothing cooking utensils and bedding necessary for the debtor & his family One mining Claim of each kind and necessary provisions for three months and if he have a family here a dwelling house and lot not exceeding three hundred dollars in value and such articles as are strictly necessary together with a family bible and other relics if he be a mechanic all tools necessary to carry on his business together with all mechanical works that he may have.

SECTION 29th *Sale of property attached* All Property taken on execution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the district for the ten days next preceeding the sale thereof and the constable shall adjourn the sale thereof at any time when it appears that the property posted cannot be sold unless at a great sacrifice for the want of bidders

SECTION 30th *Money collected on executions* Money collected on execution shall be paid into the hands of the Justice by the constable to satisfy the Judgment in whole or in part that may be recorded on his books and the Justice shall pay the same to the proper parties or their attorneys

SECTION 31 *Redemption* In all cases of foreclosure of mortgage or lien or sale upon execution upon any claims or property held as real estate in this district the Judgment debtor or any other person having demands against the property shall have a right of redemption by paying three per cent a month on the purchase money The equity of redemption shall not extend beyond sixty days from the time of sale

SECTION 32 *Mechanics lien* Mechanics furnishing labor or any person furnishing materials for repairing or constructing of any building or machinery shall have a lien on the building or machine and on the lot or water power it may be erected on for the amount of this demand to enforce said lien a bill of particulars shall be filed with the recorder within thirty days from this time the labor or material was furnished Notice shall be served on the defendant in writing at the time of record of said lien The defendant may answer demur or acknowledge Judgment at any time within fifteen days after record is made if Judgment is acknowledged an execution may be issued by the Justice and the property sold on execution if the Defendant answers or demurs to the bill he shall have the right of trial as in other cases herein provided if the defendant fails to answer Judgment shall be rendered against him for the whole amount and costs

SECTION 33 In cases where the defendant has left the Territory or keeps himself secreted within the same so that process cannot be served upon him publication by posting three notices in as many conspicuous places in said district for ten days shall be deemed sufficient notice The order of 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 can not find the defendant and believes he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of a summons together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear

SECTION 34th *Grounds for a new trial* When parties shall apply for a new trial if the Justice thinks injustice has been done and Justice can be done by a new trial he may grant a new trial but in all cases it shall be discretionary with the Justice to grant or reject the application

SECTION 35 *Lawful tender* Gold dust at the current rate shall be a legal tender for the payment of all demands in this district

SECTION 36th *Fines* Fines for crimes nuisances and misdemeanors shall be discretionary with the Justice and collected as on other judgments

SECTION 37 *Usury* All rates of interest agreed to be paid by parties in this district shall be legal

SECTION 38 All laws conflicting with these is hereby repealed

SECTION 39 *Jurors* for our courts shall be selected by putting eighteen names on so many slips of paper in a box and well shaken up and drawn one by one by the constable of the district until he has drawn a sufficient number to fill any jury required the Jury in civil cases may be three or six as the party requesting a Jury may desire the names to be furnished by the court and each party in the suit may have the right to object off three Jurors so chosen said Jurors when chosen shall be summoned in usual form the party calling for a Jury shall be required to pay over to the Court the amount allowed the Jury before said Jury shall be summoned

SECTION 40 Either party to a suit may be entitled to change of venue to a neighboring district but to obtain such change it shall be necessary for the party applying to make affidavit in writing to our court that he or they firmly believe that owing to prejudice and combination against him or that he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial of his case in our district

GILPIN COUNTY.—WISCONSIN MINING DISTRICT.

MAMMOTH CITY Dec 13th 1860

At a meeting held Dec. 13th 1860 for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee previously chosen to revise the laws of this district and to transact such other business as was necessary the President being absent Geo. W. King was chosen President pro. tem.

On motion the following laws as revised were adopted.

BOUNDARY OF WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Be it enacted that the boundary of Wisconsin district be as follows: commencing on the summit of a bald mountain situated near the head of North Clear Creek and running thence in a Northerly direction along the summit of the snowy range to the divide that runs east and west on the north side of Middle Boulder Creek, Thence east along the summit of said divide to the east end of a prairie being at the junction of Middle and South Boulder creek, Thence South to North Clear Creek—Thence west along the south side of said creek to eastern point of the divide being next south of Secreto gulch thence in a westerly direction following the summit of said divide to the place of beginning

LAWS OF WISCONSIN DISTRICT

ART. 1st Be it enacted that the officers of said district shall consist of a President, Recorder Sheriff and Stake-master.

ART. 2d Be it enacted that it shall be the duty of the President to preside at all public meetings of the citizens of this dis. when called for purposes relating to public business of the district. To give the casting vote in case of tie; to preside and act as judge of the miners court to be held in this district

ART. 3d Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep in a proper book a record of all claims, deeds, mortgages and other papers that shall be filed for record, upon the payment of fees hereinafter provided, and to furnish certificates for the same when required so to do writing upon the back of each certificate deed mortgage or other papers the date when each claim or paper was filed for record. The Recorder shall also be ex officio, Secretary of the district and to act as such at all public meetings of the district keeping the minutes of the same free of charge.

ART. 4th Be it further enacted that the sheriff shall have the same power by virtue of his office as under the laws of Kansas.

ART. 5th Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Stake master upon payment of fees hereinafter provided to settle all disputes in regard to the boundary of claims when required so to do by either of the disputants measuring and staking off the boundary of said disputed claims.

ART. 6th *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the President shall be five dollars for presiding at each trial and double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas for making out the necessary papers for him to make.

ART. 7th *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the Recorder shall be fifty cents for the recording of each claim or instrument of writing not exceeding one hundred words and one dollar each for all others.

ART. 8th *Be it further enacted* that the Sheriff may charge double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas.

ART. 9th *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the Stake Master shall be one dollar for measuring and staking each disputed claim and twenty five cents each for all other claims necessary to be measured to ascertain the boundary of said disputed claims

ART. 10th *Be it further enacted* that the term claim shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode to be one hundred feet in length of the same and fifty feet wide: when applied to a gulch, one hundred feet in length allowing its meanderings and extending from bank to bank; when applied to Patch diggings one hundred feet square when applied to a tunneling claim two hundred feet each side of the point marked for the center of the tunnel; when applied to a Quartz mill claim 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 or stakes; when applied to water claim the exclusive right to use water for mining or mill purposes upon any stream not exceeding in distance two hundred and fifty feet measured in a straight line and touching the centre of the stream at each end; when applied to a farming or ranch claim one hundred and sixty acres; when applied to a building claim sixty feet front and one hundred feet deep

ART. 11th *Be it further enacted* that no person shall hold more than one lode, gulch, patch, or water claim on the same lode, gulch, patch diggings or stream except by purchase or discovery, and no person shall hold more than one building farming or ranch claim except by purchase.

ART. 12th *Be it further enacted* that each discovery claim shall be marked and recorded as such.

ART. 13th *Be it further enacted* that when claims are taken or held in the name of a company, the company shall place on record the firm name and the name of each individual member of said company.

ART. 14th *Be it further enacted* that all deeds, bonds, contracts, bills of sale or instruments of any kind relative to the conveyance of claims and bonds shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested persons and recorded.

ART. 15th *Be it further enacted* that 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 is so guarded as not to interfere with vested rights

ART. 16. *Be it enacted* that any person shall be entitled to one Tunnel claim in the District by location and shall hold good without labor till the 1st day of July 1861, if recorded

ART. 17th. *Be it further enacted* that the said claims shall be plainly marked or staked and location plainly described in the Records of the district

ART. 18. *Be it further enacted* that tunnel claims may be four hundred feet apart and no nearer; that each tunnel claim shall hold two hundred feet each way from the tunnel on all lode claims undiscovered which may be discovered by the person or persons running the tunnel and all above and below; provided that all lodes discovered over the route after said tunnel claim is taken previous to being found by the tunnel company the discoverer shall be entitled to the claim down as deep as fifty feet and one hundred feet the length of the lode and the same by preemption if within the limits of the tunnel.

ART. 19. *Be it further enacted* that after the 1st day of July 1861 said claims shall be worked regularly once in ten days until they shall have tunnelled in fifty feet after which they shall hold good without labor as real estate.

ART. 20. *Be it further enacted* that art. 19. in regard to work shall be construed to mean at least five days work every ten days

ART. 21. *Be it further enacted* that no company shall hold more than two tunnel claims in the district by location

ART. 22. *Be it further enacted* that any person or persons owning Tunnel Claims shall have the right of way or route of passage through all lodes discovered previous to the location of the tunnel but shall have no portion of the quartz.

ART. 23. *Be it further enacted* that the tunnel Co. shall be compelled to convey the water over the lodes that may be sunk deeper than the tunnel or the right granted to the persons owning the lodes to tunnel to his claim for the purpose of draining

ART. 24. *Be it enacted* that in any district or territory that has been or shall be annexed to this district, all claims in good faith by preemption-purchase or discovery, shall be valid after such district or territory has been annexed

ART. 25. *Be it further enacted* that no person be entitled to vote on lode Gulch or Water claims respectively unless he own in this district such a claim or claims as said business shall pertain to to wit a lode gulch or water claim.

ART. 26. *Be it enacted* that all motions made at a meeting of the district shall be in writing.

ART. 27. *Be it further enacted* that the president may at any time he deems it necessary call a public meeting of the citizens of the district by giving not less than forty eight hours notice and by posting six notices in as many conspicuous places in the district

ART. 28. *Be it enacted* that parties cutting trees for timber or other purposes shall by cutting or stamping their mark upon the same and having said mark recorded hold said fallen trees as other personal property

ART. 29. *Be it further enacted* that all claims in this district held by preemption purchase or discovery shall be held as real estate except as hereinbefore provided in regard to tunnel claims.

ART. 30. *Be it further enacted* that an annual meeting shall be held for the election of officers on the first Monday of December of each year and the officers elected shall hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are elected unless they shall die resign remove from the district or be removed from office for mis demenours or neglect of official duty

ART. 31. *Be it further enacted* that in case of temporary absence of any of the officers of the district they shall have the power to appoint a deputy to act in their absence. But if they are absent to exceed thirty days their office may be declared vacant for neglect of duty in manner as hereinafter provided. But in case it is the President who is so absent the Recorder may call a meeting for his trial in a manner as hereinafter provided.

ART. 32 *Be it enacted* that when a petition shall be presented to the President asking for a public meeting of the citizens of the district, signed by ten or more citizens of the district stating the object of said meeting, it shall be the duty of the President to call in manner as hereinbefore provided a meeting agreeable to said notice.

ART. 33. *Be it enacted* that the Stake-master may have the power to appoint two deputies to assist him in his official duties.

ART. 34. *Be it enacted*, that no officer shall be removed from office except by a two thirds vote of the citizens of the district present at a public meeting called as herein before provided, except there be ten days notice given and the notices shall state the name of the officer to be tried and the nature of the charges to be preferred against him.

ART. 35. *Be it further enacted*, that in case of a vacancy of any office the citizens may at any meeting thereafter elect officers to fill said vacancies.

ART. 36. *Be it enacted*, that it shall be the duty of the court of this district to sign all writs issuing out of said court either by himself or his clerk to make all transcripts of judgments 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 hold all moneys he may receive for the district for fines and judgments subject to the vote of the majority of the people taken at any meeting where notice for such a vote is given in the call for the meeting; and to perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office.

ART. 37. *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 trial before the said judge of said court or if the said court shall be interested in the event of the suit either as plaintiff or defendant or with either of them in any manner then the respective parties shall each of them choose an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall choose a third and the three arbitrators shall sit and hear the case and their decision shall be final as far as the court of this district is concerned.

ART. 38. *Be it further enacted*, that the court of this district shall have equity as well as law jurisdiction and may grant writs of injunctions upon motion in all proper cases and all other motions upon proper cause shown, to be supported by affidavits alone and all such other acts as a court of Equity has power to do.

ART. 39. *Be it further enacted* that the said court shall have 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.

ART. 40. *Be it enacted* that if any person shall wish to commence a civil action in the 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 of 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 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 by default against the defendant. 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 its 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 fit. If the remedy 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.

ART. 41. *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.

ART. 42. *Be it further enacted* that all pleadings subsequent to the petition in Equity shall be the same as used in the United States courts of equity and the term of three days shall be granted for the filing of each pleading subsequent to another until an issue is made up.

ART. 43. *Be it further enacted* that all pleas in equity shall be verified and no remedy shall be allowed in equity when the same can be had at law.

ART. 44. *Be it further enacted* that in all cases of the foreclosure of mortgages or liens of any kind upon a claim the equity of redemption shall not extend beyond ninety days.

ART. 45. *Be it further enacted* that in all cases of judgment for the partition of claims between joint-owners three disinterested commissioners shall be appointed by the court who shall effect such partition.

ART. 46. *Be it further enacted* that the rules of evidence as admitted in the court of 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 acts relative 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 evidence it is possible to procure either by deposition or 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.

ART. 47. *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 country or is out of the jurisdiction of the court. Notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time and place where the said deposition is to be taken. The opposite party may demand the nature of the evidence expected to be proven by the absent witness and upon its being stated may if he chooses admit such evidence and proceed to trial.

ART. 48. *Be it further enacted* that in all cases of attachments and replevin the practice prescribed by the laws of Kansas shall be observed and when in the case of an 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 country 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 country or that he cannot find the defendant and believes he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of a summons together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear.

ART. 49. *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 pay the demand over to the defendant after legal notice he shall still be held liable to the amount of 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.

ART. 50. *Be it further enacted* that all special proceedings in the court of this district shall be conducted according to the forms 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 or approved by affidavits alone.

ART. 51. *Be it 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 with the court in all cases to grant or reject the application.

ART. 52. *Be it further demanded* 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 this territory.

ART. 53. *Be it enacted* that in all cases where the liability of persons in actions founded upon contract or in mixed actions is not printed out and defined by the laws of this district the common law rules shall apply to such liability.

ART. 54. *Be it further enacted* that in all cases where a civil action is hereafter commenced in the court of this district 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.

ART. 55. *Be it further enacted* that upon the return day of a summons either party may call for a jury which shall consist of twelve men unless a less number may be agreed upon by the respective parties. A party first calling for a jury shall advance the fees for the same at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for each juror. And all cases tried by a jury shall be final so far as regards the court of this district. When called, each party shall have the right to three peremptory challenges besides challenges for cause.

ART. 56. *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.

ART. 57. *Be it further enacted* that if any person shall enter an appeal from the judge of the court of this district 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 set for trial two weeks from the first trial unless sooner agreed upon by the parties.

ART. 58. *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.

ART. 59. *Be it enacted* that the defeated party shall be in all cases liable for the costs of suit.

ART. 60. *Be it further enacted* that all executions issuing out of the court of this district 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 execution within the said twenty days whether satisfied or not with his proper returns endorsed thereon.

ART. 61. *Be it further enacted* that there shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution all tools for mining, bedding, clothing, 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 other articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary together with a Bible, family pictures and reliquets.

ART. 62. *Be it further enacted* that notices of 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 the sale at any time when it appears that the property posted cannot be sold unless at a great sacrifice for want of bidders.

ART. 63. *Be it further enacted* that money collected on execution shall be paid into the hands of the court by the Sheriff 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.

ART. 64. *Be it further enacted* that all laws conflicting with those passed by the citizens of this district at a public meeting held on the 13th of December 1860 are hereby repealed and shall cease to take effect after this date, and the laws passed at the said time herein before specified shall take effect immediately.

Approved Dec. 13th 1860

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—GRASS VALLEY MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the citizens of Grass Valley District held on grass Valley Bar on the 7th day of January A D 1861 a committee consisting of W E Sisty A F. Gore and A A Potter were appointed to draft laws for the Government of the same and to report the said laws at a meeting to be held at some future period 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 these rights may be preserved and act to provide for and define the future boundaries of grass valley bar District commencing at the North of Soda Creek running up stream to the first Easterly Branch thence up said branch two miles thence eastward to a small stream emptying into Clear Creek at the lower end of grass valley Bar Thence down the East branch of said stream following its meanderings to its mouth Thence up Clear Creek taking in Montgomery hill and Bar to the mouth of Soda Creek its place of beginning

AN ACT Defining Claims and regulating the title thereto

SEC. 1st. *Be it enacted by the citizens of Grass Valley Bar 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 by the provisions of this act

SECTION 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 a 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 stakes at the mouth of the tunnel When applied to a quartz mill claim the distance of three hundred 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 right to use water for mining purposes upon any ditch or stream not exceeding in distance three hundred feet—When applied to a farming or ranch claim one hundred and sixty acres When applied to a building claim twenty five feet front and one hundred & twenty feet deep

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted* that all persons shall be entitled to one gulch claim one patch or placer claim one bar claim one lead claim on each and every lead discovered in the district—by preemption

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted* that no person shall hold more than one building water farming or ranch claim except by purchase

SECTION 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

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted* that any claim or claims not held either by purchase or discovery if abandoned for ten consecutive days after being staked off shall be forfeited to any person or persons who may take up the same and work them and not abandon them as aforesaid

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted* that no claims shall be regarded as good and valid unless staked off with the owners name giving the direction length and width and date when the same was made, and when held by a company the name of each member thereof shall conspicuously appear

SECTION 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 on them

SECTION 9. *Be it further enacted* in all cases where parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of claim when honestly carried out shall be respected

SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted* that all contracts of partnership or agreement 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 interest of each of the parties and when a partnership the firm name also and the same shall be recorded

SECTION 11. *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 parties and recorded.

SECTION 12. *Be it further enacted* that when any miner shall hold both a gulch and a lead claim if one be worked the other may be held without working by recording the same

SECTION 13. *Be it further enacted* that any any person owning a quartz Mill Claim upon which he has a mill or is preparing to place 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

SECTION 14. *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 sufficient for both when priority of claim shall determine

SECTION 15. *Be it further enacted* that if two or more parties wish to use water in the same stream or ravine for quartz mining purposes no person shall be entitled to use more than his proportionate share but in case there shall not be water sufficient for all priority of claim shall determine the right to such water

SECTION 16th. *Be it further enacted* that when water companys 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

SECTION 17. *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 decided according to the common law

SECTION 18. *Be it further enacted* that claims of every kind except discovery mining claims must be recorded unless the same are continually worked or used according to law

SECTION 19. *Be it further enacted* that the rules and regulations observed in mining regions within the United States regulating to digging for gold under building lots upon ranch farming and other claims shall be observed in this district

SECTION 20. *Be it further enacted* that if any person shall locate a tunnel in this district for the purpose 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 his 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 stake shall be placed at its mouth having written thereon the same hereby made necessary to record

SECTION 21. *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 the 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 upon any part thereof wherever the same may be found vacant

SECTION 22. *Be it further enacted* that the person or persons working a tunnel shall after the same is legally located draw the priority of right to all leads discovered in 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 be in the course of said tunnel is recorded staked out and properly marked

SECTION 23. *Be it further enacted* that one person may stake claims for any number of persons but all persons having claims staked for them shall personally appear at the recorders office within ten days from the date of staking and have their claims recorded and receive their certificates for the same

SECTION 24. *Be it further enacted* that new residents of the Pikes Peak Mining region shall not be entitled to hold claims of any kind in this district not including the claims or property of parties that are visiting or on business to the states or elsewhere

SECTION 25. *Be it further enacted* that all claims shall hold good without work until the 15th day of May 1861 if they are recorded

SECTION 26. *Be it further enacted* that all suits now pending or difficulties now existing in regard to property of any kind within this district shall be adjusted according to the laws heretofore existing unless by consent of both parties

SECTION 27. *Be it further enacted* that any number of persons of five or more may preempt a town site by having it recorded

SECTION 28. *Be it further enacted* that all persons shall be entitled to one building claim provided it shall not interfere with any vested rights

SECTION 29. *Be it further enacted* that no building claim shall be good or valid unless staked and recorded as other claims are required to be

SECTION 30. *Be it further enacted* that the laws relating to timber mutually entered into by and between this district Idaho and Ohio districts are hereby ratified

SECTION 31. *Be it further enacted* by all claims now held legally according to the laws heretofore existing shall hold good and valid

SECTION 32. *Be it further enacted* that all purchase claims discovery lead water privilege for quartz mining mill privilege or building claims shall be held as real estate

AN ACT in relation to the affairs of Grass Valley District—Their duties term of office and fees

SECTION 1. *Be it further enacted by the citizens of Grass Valley in convention assembled* that there shall be elected in this district upon the first Monday in 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 office for misconduct by the citizens of this district viz a president a judge of miners court a recorder who shall be ex officio Secretary and treasurer of the district and a constable

SECTION 2d. *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 causes in the miners court when required by law

SECTION 3d. *Be it further enacted* that it shall be the duty of the Judge of 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

SECTION 4th. *Be it further enacted* that it shall be the duty of the recorder safely to keep the books and records of the district and to record all proper papers upon payment of fees To act as secretary of the District at all public meetings of the district and do keep all moneys paid into his hands by the Judge of the miners court to be paid over as directed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called

SECTION 5th. *Be it further enacted* that the sheriff of Arapaho County be ex officio sheriff of the district and shall have the same power he has by virtue of his office under the laws of Kansas

SECTION 6th. *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the recorder shall be fifty cents for each claim and one dollar for all deeds bills of sale &c And such other fees for district business as the citizens shall allow The sheriff may charge the fees as hereinafter provided The Judge of the Miners Court Three dollars for presiding at each trial and double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas for making out papers proper for him to make

SECTION 7th. *Be it further enacted* that the constable may charge for services as hereinafter provided and shall have Jurisdiction in all sums not exceeding two hundred dollars

SECTION 8th. *Be it further enacted* that any person shall be a voter in this district who owns a claim therein which is recorded

SECTION 9th. *Be it further enacted* that the officers of this district shall continue to hold their offices until the next annual election subjected to the provisions hereinafter named

SECTION 10th. *Be it further enacted* that the Justice of the Miners Court shall be hereinafter known as the Judge thereof

AN ACT Establishing a miners Court and regulating its Jurisdiction

SECTION 1st. *Be it further enacted by the citizens of Grass Valley district in convention assembled* that a regular term of Court shall be held in this district in some convenient and proper place upon the first and third Mondays of each month and all writs to be made returnable at said term shall be sued 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

SECTION 2d. *Be it further enacted* that the officers of said Court shall consist of a Judge a Clerk sheriff of Arapaho Co and constable

SECTION 3d. *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 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 perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office

SECTION 4th. *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 they 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 that he can have a free 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

SECTION 5th. *Be it further enacted* that the Miners Court 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 causes shown to be supported by affidavits alone and do all such other acts as a court of equity has power to do

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted* that the miners court shall have power to fine for contempt in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon the same as upon a Judgment

SECTION 7th. *Be it further enacted* that the said Court shall have 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

SECTION 8th. *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 thirty 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 summons tailsmen but no person shall serve as Juror for two successive terms of Court

AN ACT In relation to the practice in Miners Court

SECTION 1st *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Grass Valley 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 the 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 and other relief 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 seem best if the remedy 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

SECTION 2d. 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 demur upon either which the plaintiff may join issue and if an answer be filed containing new matter important to the issue it must be denied or decided by the plaintiff in his reply and all matters not denied or decided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken and confessed as true

SECTION 3. That all pleadings subsequent to the petition in equity shall be the laws as used in the United States courts of equity and the term of three days shall be granted for the filing of each pleading subsequent to another until the issue is made up

SECTION 4th. That in all pleas of equity shall be refused and no remedy shall be allowed in equity when the same can be had at law

SECTION 5th. 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

SECTION 6. That in all cases of Judgment for petition of claim between Joint owners three disinterested persons shall be appointed by the court who shall effect such petition

SECTION 7th. That 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 file his affidavit in court at any time before the commencement of a trial when he may depose to any facts relating 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 the usual process of the court to compel the attendance of witnesses when the affidavit may be read in evidence the adverse party may have the right to rebate or explain 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

SECTION 8. 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 country or is out of the Jurisdiction of this Court if to be taken in the County of arapaho Notice shall be given to the adverse party at the time and place where the said deposition is to be taken if out of said County no notice need be given

SECTION 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 other 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

SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted* that in all cases of attachment and replevin the practice proscribed 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 publications in some public newspaper printed in the county shall be deemed sufficient notice the order of publications 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 enquiry and cannot learn that the defendant is in this country or that he cannot find the defendant and he believes he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of a summons together with other evidence tending to make either of the said facts appear

SECTION 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

SECTION 12. *Be it further enacted* that all special proceedings in the miners court shall be conducted according to the forms 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 or approved by affidavits alone

SECTION 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 discrecinary with the Court in all cases to grant or reject the application

SECTION 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

SECTION 15. *Be it further enacted* that 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 rule shall apply as to such liability

AN ACT Relating to trial and its incidents

SECTION 1st *Be it further enacted by the citizens of Grass Valley District in convention assembled* that in all cases where a civil action is hereafter commenced in the mining court the plaintiff shall file a bond with one or more good and sufficient surities conditioned to pay all costs which may be taxed against him in case he should fail to receive Judgment in said suit

SECTION 2d *Be it further enacted* that in case the costs cannot be collected against the defendant in any cause wherein the plaintiff shall receive Judgment the said plaintiff shall be held responsible for all costs he shall make in said suit

SECTION 3d *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 fifty cents for each Juror who shall try the cause and in case he shall prevail in the same 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

SECTION 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 of three until but three remains who shall proceed to try and determine said cause

SECTION 5th *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 that the first verdict was rendered either by giving a notice in open court or Recording 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 and 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

SECTION 6th *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 render Judgment and issue its decree in order

SECTION 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

SECTION 8th *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

SECTION 10 *Be it further enacted* that all exicutions issuing out of the miners court shall be made returnable in ten days from date and the sheriff or constable shall note on each exicution the day he received the same and return the said exicution within the said ten days whether satisfied or not with his proper return thereon endorsed

AN ACT In relation to levy and sale upon execution

SECTION 1st *Be it further enacted by the Citizens of Grass Valley District in convention assembled* That there shall be exempt from levy and sale upon exicution all tools for mining bedding clothing cooking utensils and all 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 a bible family pictures and relics

SECTION 2 *Be it further enacted* that all property taken in exicution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in the district for the five days next preceeding the sale thereof and the sh eriff may adjourn the said sale at any time when it appears that the property posted cannot be sold unless at a great sacrifice for want of bidders

SECTION 3 *Be it further enacted* that money collected in exicution shall be paid into the hands of the court by the sheriff to satisfy the Judgment in whole or in part that may be recorded in his books and the court shall pay the same to the proper parties or their attorneys

AN ACT Relating to crimes and nuisances committed in Grass Valley District

SECTION 1 *Be it further enacted by the Citizens of Grass Valley District in convention assembled*, that all crimes committed in this district shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SECTION 2d *Be it further enacted* that any person who shall cause any nuisance affecting the health of the people of this district may be sued for the same in the miners court in the name of Grass Valley District v. s. 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

SECTION 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 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 two with costs of suit

SECTION 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

SECTION 5th *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 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 Twenty four hours after a conviction as been before provided in this act

SECTION 6 *Be it further enacted* that exicutions 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

AN ACT Containing General provisions for the government of Grass Valley District.

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Grass Valley 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 and the treasurer shall not pay the same unto any person unless unless upon vote of the miners given at some meeting legally called

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted* That the President or the Judge of the miners court may call a public meeting at any time other of them may deem the same necessary by giving forty eight hours notice and by putting three notices in as many conspicuous places in the district.

AN ACT Establishing fees of sheriff and constable

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Grass Valley Bar in convention assembled* that the sheriff may charge for serving every required writ for each defendant Taking and returning every bond 1.25 serving injunction 1.25 levying excoctions 1.25 calling action 25 writing sheriff deed when required 2.00 calling each party or witness 25c mileage 40 summoning each witness 25 Returning nonest in any writ 50 summoning Jury on special verdict 200 calling Jury each 25 Returning nonest on subpoena 25 summoning a Jury of inquest to try right of property and drawing and returning a report 3⁰⁰ for commissions for receiving and paying over money on execution when property has been sold 7 per. ct. on the first \$300⁰⁰ 4 per cent on the next \$300⁰⁰ 3 per cent on all sums above \$600⁰⁰ and one half such compensation when the money is paid without levy and $\frac{1}{4}$ of such comission when levy has been made but no sale and such commission shall be paid as other costs and shall be allowed for safe keeping supporting live stock and other property seized under legal process such fees as the court shall deem reasonable as other costs

SECTION 2 *Be it further enacted*, that the constable shall be allowed to charge $\frac{1}{4}$ the fees of the sheriff

SECTION 3 *Be it further enacted* That all persons owning building claims shall own all trees and any thing else that may be materially situated thereon

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted* that if any person or persons do in any way injure fill up or brako any ditch or race they can be held responsible to the owners to the full amount of damages occurring from the same the same to be collected as any other debt

SECTION 5 *Be it further enacted* that all persons owning tunnel claims and doing work there on to the amount of one hundred dollars shall be entitled to hold the said claim as real estate

SECTION 6 *Be it further enacted* that these laws nor any part thereof shall be repealed unless at a public meeting legally called stating the object thereof and giving ten days notice

SECTION 7 *Be it further enacted* that all laws heretofore existing in this District are hereby repealed and this code to take affect from the date of their adoption.

Approved Jany 16th 1861

W E SISTY
A A POTTER
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Committee

Recorded Jany 20th 1861

W JACKSON Recorder

BY LAWS

GRASS VALLEY DISTRICT Jany 16th 1861

At a meeting of the miners of Grass Valley district held this evening J. H. Bachelder was appointed Chairman and C M Lewis secretary

The committee consisting of W E Sisty A. F Gore & A. A Potter appointed at a meeting of miners held on Jany 7th 1861 reported as a code of laws for the future government of the miners which on motion were taken up by section and adopted.

Motion Resolved that the recorder of the district transcribe the laws as adopted and that the citizens of the district pay to the recorder the sum of five dollars for the same

Motion That the thanks of the district be given to the committee for their services for drawing up the code of laws

On motion adjourned

C M LEWIS Secretary

GILPIN COUNTY--INDEPENDENT MINING DISTRICT

LAWS.

At a meeting of Independent District held at the office of the president of said District on the 15th day of January A. D 1861 for the purpose of amending and revising the laws of said District Dr H. Waren was called to the chair and Wm B. Osborn was appointed Secretary

On motion a committee of five was appointed to examine the laws and report to this meeting such amendments as they deem proper.

Whereupon Dr H. Waren Wm B. Osborn Isaac Miller J. W. Hull and David Ripley were duly appointed said Committee

Subsequently on the 15th day of February A. D. 1861 at a miners meeting called by the president of said District at the house of G. J. Jones esq for the purpose of receiving and and taking action upon the Report of said Committee, David Ripley was appointed chairman and Wm B. Osborn chosen secretary and com- appointed at the previous meeting reported the following code of laws which were adopted:

BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1 Commencing at the foot of Bald mounion on the east and running north to Gamble Gulch thence west to Moon Gulch thence following the meanderings of said Gulch to its head thence south to the Divide between Boulder and Clear Creek thence along said divide in an easterly direction to the east line of Independent District Running North and South thence north to the place of beginning

OFFICERS

SECTION 2 There shall be one President one Sheriff and one Recorder who shall be elected annually on the second Tuesday of September by the legal voters of the District and hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified each of whom shall take an oath faithfully and impartially to perform their respective duties according to law and to the best of their ability and each shall have power to appoint one or more deputies

ELECTIONS

SECTION 3 The Recorder and Sheriff together with three other electors shall compose the Election Board each of whom shall take an oath that they will studiously endeavor to prevent all fraud and deceit in conducting the same. But if the Recorder or Sheriff shall be a candidate or fail to attend the voters present shall fill their vacancies with other voters two of whom shall be clerks and the other three judges of said election. If there should be any vote challenged by any elector either of the clerks or judges may administer any oath necessary to determine the right of said voter. Polls are to be opened at nine o'clock a. m and closed at six o'clock p. m. At the close of the polls the clerks and judges shall canvass the votes and the persons receiving the highest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared duly elected and said board shall issue certificates of election to the several officers according to their respective offices

SECTION 4 Any white person who has attained the age of sixteen years and resided ten days in the District shall be entitled to a vote at all meetings and elections. At all elections for officers the vote shall be by ballot and at all meetings as the President shall direct.

SHERIFF

SECTION 5 There shall be elected by the qualified voters of this District a Sheriff who shall hold his office until the next annual election and until his successor is elected and qualified whose duty it shall be to serve all processes issued by the Court and before entering upon the duties of said office he shall give bond with good and sufficient security to the acceptance of the Court for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall be conservator of the peace and take an oath that he will faithfully and impartially discharge all and singular the duties pertaining to his office

VACANCIES

SECTION 6 Any officer resigning or removing from the District shall be required to deposit all the books papers money &c belonging to the District, whith or pertaining to his office with the remaining officer or officers of the District which officer or officers shall immediately call an election to fill such vacancy

COURTS

SECTION 7 The President shall be judge of the Miners Court of the District and any person having any cause of action shall file with the President the cause of complaint written in plain English language and a prayer that the Defendant may be summoned to appear and answer to said complaint whereupon the Judge shall summon the defendant to appear at a given time and place mentioned in said Summons which shall not exceed ten days from the issue of said Summons. And if the Defendant fails to appear the judge may proceed to try the cause and render judgment according to law and evidence and if the parties appear they may submit their cause to the Court or three arbitrators one of whom shall be chosen by the parties respectively and if the parties cannot agree upon the third arbitrator the Judge shall appoint the third arbitrator and when the parties so submit their case to referees as aforesaid the decision or award shall be final and the Judge shall proceed to enforce said award as upon a judgment at law. If either party shall require a jury the Judge shall write the names of twelve judicious disinterested electors of the District and each party may strike from the list alternately beginning with the plaintiff one name until only six remain and the Judge shall issue his venire for a Jury of the aforesaid six and when assembled each party shall be entitled to one peremptory challenge and also a challenge for good cause shown by the testimony of the jurors or other disinterested person and the Sheriff shall fill the panel with talesmen for all vacancies that may happen by reason of non attendance or challenging of Jurors. All juries shall be sworn by the judge to try all causes according to law and evidence. Either party may have an adjournment not exceeding ten days upon proper cause shown under oath. Costs in all cases shall be taxed as the Court referees or Jury trying the same may direct. Either party may have the right to an appeal from the decision of the Court or jury of six if he give notice of appeal at the rendition of the judgment or verdict and pay all costs within five day from the rendition of the judgment or verdict. And when an appeal is so taken the judge shall write the names of twenty four good disinterested voters of the District as in the aforesaid jury list from which each party shall strike therefrom as in the jury of six until only twelve remain and proceed in all respects the same as in the aforesaid jury of six and the decision of the said jury of twelve shall be final and the judge shall proceed to final Judgment and award execution according to law

SECTION 8 All legal claims whether in law or equity shall be fairly tried by the referees Court or jury as the parties may elect and judgment shall be rendered by the Court accordingly upon which said judgment the party recovering shall be entitled to interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the date thereof, until paid and the Court shall proceed to issue execution thereon for the amount found due with interest and legal costs but any rate of interest agreed upon in writing between the parties shall be lawful

SECTION 9 The Judge of the Miners Court shall keep a docket of all proceedings had before him and shall be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per day for presiding at each trial (and when the Recorder shall preside in his stead he shall be allowed a like sum) shall be allowed twenty cents per hundred words for making out all necessary papers except writs of original service and executions for each of which he shall be allowed fifty cents for rendering Judgments fifty cents and making up docket twenty cents per hundred words for each manuscript duly certified twenty cents for each hundred words. The Judge Recorder and Sheriff are hereby empowered to administer all oaths and perform all duties pertaining to their respective offices and which are required by law

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS & MEETINGS

SECTION 10 It shall be the duty of the President to give at least ten days notice of the time and place of holding any election of officers of the District naming the officers to be elected and shall call a meeting of the miners upon application in writing of twenty five legal voters of said District stating the object for which said meeting is called and he shall preside at all public meetings, and perform all other duties pertaining to his said office

DEPUTIES

SECTION 11 The President shall have power to deputize any one or more of the miners to serve papers &c that he may deem proper and any person so deputized shall proceed to discharge the duties required of him by law. Upon the commencement of any suit the Judge may at his discretion require the Plaintiff to deposit money or give security for all costs that may accrue

JUDGMENT & EXECUTION

SECTION 12 A Judgment shall be a lien upon all property of the Defendant from the time of its being rendered and the Judge shall issue executions upon judgments forthwith including interest and costs which shall be made returnable ten days after the date thereof and the Sheriff shall give public notice of the time and place of the sale of all property levied upon by him which shall be by written advertisements posted in three public places in the District at least six days before the sale thereof and all such property shall be sold to the highest bidder at public outcry to satisfy the execution and accruing costs. But if the said property cannot be sold for want of bidders unless at great sacrifice or if the Plaintiff order him so to do the officer having charge of the sale may adjourn said sale any length of time not exceeding ten days. In all cases of real estate sold on execution the Defendant shall have the privilege of paying the principal interest and costs with ten per cent interest per annum thereon and said property shall revert to said Defendant or his legal representatives the same as if such sale had not been made and the officer selling any real estate as aforesaid shall not execute a deed to the purchaser thereof until after the expiration of thirty days. Common wearing apparel bedding and twenty dollars worth of tools shall be exempt from execution

PROBATE

SECTION 13 The Judge and Recorder shall have power to choose a third person and have probate jurisdiction of a deceased person but if the deceased has relatives or creditors in the District they may apply and take out letters of administration by complying with such rules as the President may adopt, and property shall be disposed of by the Court or administrator to the best advantage to the creditors and heirs of the deceased and the proceeds paid over to the proper persons entitled thereto according to the directions of the President

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

SECTION 14 It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a Vigilance Committee consisting of four persons to enquire into and report all criminal violations of the laws of this District who shall serve for the period of three months or until displaced by the President and said committee shall receive one half of fines arising from their investigations the other half to be paid into the District treasury. But the informant shall be liable at all times to all costs that may accrue provided there is no cause of action

LAWYERS

SECTION 15 No practicing lawyer or any other person having been admitted as such in any State or Territory shall be permitted to appear in any cause pending in this District as agent or attorney of any person except he himself be a legal party to said suit and if a lawyer should be a legal party to any suit the opposite may also employ counsel in his case if he chooses so to do but in all other cases lawyers shall not be admitted

OUTSIDE DEBTS

SECTION 16 No debt or demand shall be collected by suit in this District which has not originated either in coming to this mining region or since the arrival of such debtor therein

DUTIES OF RECORDER & C

SECTION 17 It shall be the duty of the recorder to safely keep the books and records of the District and to file and record all proper papers upon payment of his fees and to act as Secretary at all public meetings of the District. The books of records shall always be open to the inspection of all persons never to be taken from the possession of the Recorder. All persons shall be entitled to copy any record at any time and the Recorder shall deliver over all books and records to his successor in office. In case of absence interest or inability of the President the said Recorder may act in all cases in his stead. He shall be entitled to fifty cents for each deed mortgage bill of sale or other writing necessary to be recorded containing one hundred and fifty or a less number of words and for every hundred words or fraction thereof in addition twenty-five cents. In all cases fees must be paid in advance. Each deed bill of sale or mortgage shall be witnessed by two witnesses. No transfer of any claim of any kind shall be valid unless the fees are paid for all original records heretofore made in regard to said claim

SECTION 18 All certificates of claims of any description remaining in the Recorders office upon which the fees are not paid on or before the first day of July next shall be advertised to be sold stating the time and place of sale the number and kind of claim which shall be sold by said Recorder at public sale to the highest bidder after giving ten days notice and if said claim shall sell for a greater amount than will pay the Recorders fees all overplus shall go into the District treasury for the use of the District. The purchaser at such sale shall acquire a valid title therefor by the Recorder certifying on the back of said certificate of transfer by said sale for which the Recorder may receive twenty-five cents from the purchaser in addition to the Amount bid for said claim

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT

SECTION 19 Upon the application of any person holding a legal claim against a non resident debtor about to abscond, or move out of the jurisdiction of the Courts or about conveying or concealing his property to the injury of his creditors or secreting himself within the District so that legal service cannot be had or fraudulently conveying or concealing his property to defraud his creditors upon filing an affidavit setting forth any of the aforesaid facts and the nature and amount of his claim and paying securing the costs as the Court Directs the Judge shall issue a writ of attachment to attach all the goods and chattels lands and tenements moneys credits and effects of the Debtor within the district. Notice of the issue of said writ shall be given by the Plaintiff by posting up written advertisements in five conspicuous places in the District within twenty-four hours after the issue of said writ stating the time and place where said cause shall be tried which shall not be less than six nor more than ten days from the issue of said writ and if the Defendant or his legal agent appears

he shall have a fair trial and if he fails to appear the Court shall proceed to hear and determine the cause according to law and the equity of the case and render judgment and award execution as in other cases and the property attached by the officer shall remain in possession of said officer until the final termination of said suit and be sold as other property of the same nature upon the execution issued upon said Judgment. But if the Defendant is a resident of the District he shall be served with a personal notice

GARNISHEE

SECTION 20 Garnishee process may issue as part of the original writ to be served on both Defendant and garnishee where the Defendant is a resident or separately as the nature of the case may require or it may issue 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 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

WRIT OF REPLEVIN

SECTION 21 Any person being in possession of personal property of another the opposite party may file with the Judge of the Court an affidavit setting forth the name of the Defendant or Defendants with a description of the property claimed and that he is justly entitled to the possession thereof and that said property is wrongfully detained by said Defendant or Defendants and that said Defendant or Defendants refuse upon demand thereof to give it up and upon said Plaintiff paying or securing costs to the satisfaction of the Court the Court shall issue a writ of replevin for said property and a summons for the Defendant or Defendants to appear before him at a time and place in said summons mentioned to answer unto said Plaintiff for the unlawful detention of said property and the officer to whom said writ is delivered shall take possession of the same and notify the Defendant or Defendants to appear before the Court at the time and place mentioned in the writ to answer unto said Plaintiff for the unlawful detention thereof and if the Plaintiff file a bond with security to the satisfaction of the Defendant or Defendants or the Court within twenty-four hours from the service of said writ said property shall be delivered to the Plaintiff and if he fails so to do the property shall be returned to the Defendant or Defendants and the Plaintiff and his security shall be liable on their bond for all costs and damages to be assessed forthwith by the Court or jury as the parties may elect and if it appear upon the trial of the cause which may be had as in other civil cases that the right of possession is in the Plaintiff's then the Court shall render judgment against the Defendant or Defendants for damages and costs according to the award judgment or verdict as the case may require and issue execution as in other civil cases

EJECTMENT

SECTION 22 Any person being in possession of real estate claimed by another the claimant may institute his suit of ejectment which shall be proceeded in as in other civil cases and decided according to law and the equity of the case, and if the claimant sustain his case the Defendant shall be removed by order of Court within five days from the trial and pay all costs and default thereof the Judge shall issue a writ of possession or execution as the nature of the case may require. If the Plaintiff fail to establish his claim he shall be liable to the Defendant for all costs and damages to be determined as in other civil cases

LIENS

SECTION 23 Any person performing labor or furnishing material for any buildings, claim or other kind of work at the request of the owner or agent thereof shall be entitled to a lien thereon for the amount of such labor performed or material furnished provided said lien is filed & recorded within thirty days from the time such labor was performed or material furnished—and all conflicting liens shall have priority according to their respective origins if filed and recorded as aforesaid

SUNDAY

SECTION 24 The officers of this District shall not be compelled to perform any civil business on Sunday. Sunday shall not be counted against any person staking a claim on Saturday

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

SECTION 25 There shall be appointed by the President three road commissioners one of whom shall be a practical surveyor who shall take to their assistance such other assistance as they may need and proceed to lay out and establish all necessary public roads and passways for this District which shall be surveyed marked measured and platted and make returns to the Recorder of the District forthwith and said Recorder shall record the same. All streets running up and down the gulch shall be forty feet wide and cross streets twenty feet wide cross streets to be located on the lines of building lots taking ten feet from lots on each side of said cross streets. Persons performing service under this section shall be entitled to two dollars and fifty cents per day for all time necessary employed in the discharge of their respective duties said amount to be paid out of the District treasury upon the order of the president not otherwise appropriated. Said roads or passways are not to interfere with previous improvement or if they do to pay the damage to be assessed by three disinterested men to be chosen by the President

SECTION 26 Any person obstructing any public road or passway to the hindrance or inconvenience of the public shall be liable to any fine that may be assessed against him or them by the Court or Jury together with costs of suit and moreover be liable to a like fine for every twenty four hours that said obstruction remains

TUNNEL CLAIMS

SECTION 27 If any person shall locate a tunnel claim in this District for the purpose of working the same he shall first file a specification of the same with the Recorder whose duty it shall be to record the same upon the payment of his fees. Said specification shall state the place of commencement and termination of said tunnel together with the names of the parties interest therein. A square stake shall be placed at its mouth having written thereon the things hereby made necessary to record. Any person or persons working a tunnel provided he or they shall comply with the requirements of this law shall be entitled to two hundred and fifty feet on each side of the center of said tunnel on all lodes that they are the original discoverers of and also fifty feet on each side of the centre of said tunnel on all lodes discovered by other persons after the commencement of said tunnel and said hundred feet last mentioned shall belong to the owners of said tunnel claim so soon as said tunnel shall be worked to intersect said lode and such parts of lodes as said tunnel owners are entitled to by this law shall be held as discovery claims the line of all tunnel claims surveyed and plainly marked or staked from the commencement to the termination thereof prior to the commencement of the work of any person or persons locating a tunnel claim shall fail to work the same for fifty 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 said forfeiture. Tunnel claims shall have only the right of way across all lodes that may lie in the course of said tunnel that is staked marked and recorded according to law

TOWNS & VILLAGES

SECTION 28 Any person or persons laying out a town village or city in this District shall erect some prominent monument as a starting point and file with the Recorder a plat of said village town or city within fifteen days giving a full description of the starting point the courses and width of streets size of block and lots and number of each and other things necessary for the location of said village town or city and the Recorder shall record the same upon payment of his fees

CLAIMS

SECTION 29 All claims on lodes by discovery shall be two hundred and fifty feet by fifty wide a preemption claim one hundred feet by fifty wide All cross lodes within said District shall be the property of the lode owners Measurement in all cases shall be horizontal. Gulch claims shall be one hundred feet up or down the gulch extending from bank to bank Patch claims shall be one hundred feet square Discovery claims shall be staked and marked such All legal claims shall be held as vested rights Any person shall be entitled to hold one mill site one water power claim one gulch claim one patch claim one building lot and one village town or city lot one lode claim on each lode and one tunnel claim by pre-emption All claims shall be staked in presence of a witness except village town or city lots which may be taken by numbers and the name of the claimant and kind of claim with the date of staking &c plainly marked on the stake and filed with the Recorder within twenty four hours from the time of staking and recorded within fifteen days. Filing of all claims shall be free There shall be no timber claims allowed No claims shall be valid if taken by a person not residing in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains

SECTION 30 No lode shall be recorded unless the lode or crevice is exposed by actual work and gold discovered by washing or otherwise. The discoverer may have sixty days to open and prove the lode and file for record and no lode claim shall be valid as a preemption until the discovery claim is filed and a name given to said lode

WATER POWER &C

SECTION 31 All water powers shall have twenty feet head on all streams large enough to run mills and shall hold the same as vested rights All mill sites shall be one hundred feet square to build upon Building lots shall be fifty feet front and one hundred feet back

TIMBER

SECTION 32 All timber on Quartz claims shall belong to the owners of the claims and where the lodes run near each other the timber shall be equally divided between the respective owners the timber on all other claims shall belong to the owners thereof

WATER COMPANIES

SECTION 33 When water companies are engaged in bringing water to any portion of the mines they shall have the right of way secured to them and may pass over any road, claim or ditch but shall so guard themselves in passing as not to injure the party over whose ground they pass

SHERIFFS FEES

SECTION 34 The sheriff shall receive for his services the following fees to wit

Serving summons for each person therein named .....	.25	Levying execution .....	.50
Writ of Mandamus .....	.50	Making deed for propertys sold on execution	1.50
Subpoena for each person therein named ..	.12½	Selling property on execution or order of sale .....	.50
Serving writ of Attachment .....	.75	Attending Court per day	1.00
“ “ “ Replevin .....	.75	Bringing up prisoner on writ of habeas corpus beside actual expenses .....	.75
“ “ “ order or notice of court ..	.25	For all sums made by sale on execution or order of sale not exceeding five hundred dollars 2½%	
Executing order of arrest .....	.25	If made without sale on all sums under five hundred dollars 1½% over five hundred dollars ½%	
Taking each bond .....	.25	All fees not enumerated to be in proportion to those enumerated	
All copies necessary to complete the service for each one hundred words or fraction over, or less number of words ..	.10	Witness and Jurors fees per day	2.50
Summoning each Juror25		
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Serving in criminal cases50		
Attending prisoner before court or Jury50		
For each mile travel computed each way ..	.05		
Appraisement of property .....	.95		
Advertising property for sale beside actual expenses .....	.75		

NEW LODS

SECTION 35 Owners of a newly discovered lode running parallel and within twenty five feet of a previously discovered lode shall be entitled to work the same and occupy one half of the surface between the crevices for waste dirt quartz &c Hereafter no lode shall be recognized as crossing a gulch and whoever shall discover the course and prove up the lode on the opposite side of the gulch shall have the right of discovery as the law provides and shall also have the right to name the lode but lodes staked and claimed across a gulch or an extension of one already discovered on the opposite side shall be legal provided they do not interfere with lodes or claims already recorded or being discovered

CROSS LODS

SECTION 36. Owners of cross lodes shall have the right to work their crevice up to the crevice of the previously discovered lode and one half of the surface for waste dirt Quartz &c

MURDER

SECTION 37 Any person found guilty of willful murder shall be hanged by the neck until dead and then given to his friends if called for and if not to be decently buried and all other crimes not enumerated in these laws shall be punished as the court or jury of men may direct

PERJURY OR THEFT

SECTION 38 Any person found guilty of perjury or theft shall receive not more than twenty five nor less than ten lashes on the bare back and banished from the district and their property confiscated to pay costs of prosecution and damages

SALTING CLAIMS & C

SECTION 39 Any person found guilty of salting as it is termed or putting gold into either Quartz or gulch claims for the purpose of deceiving or found guilty of pulling up stakes or defacing them or in any manner destroying notices of land mark shay pay a fine of not more than fifty nor less than ten dollars and in default of the payment of said fine they shall receive not less than ten nor more than twenty five lashes upon the bare back and be banished from the District

SETTING OUT FIRES

SECTION 40 Any person who shall willfully maliciously or through negligence set out any fire in this District and destroy any timber or other property shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished as the Court or Jury may direct and be liable to all parties injured thereby.

NUISANCES

SECTION 41 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 to a fine of not more than a hundred nor less than five dollars and remain so liable for every twenty four hours that the same may continue to be determined by the Court or jury according to the aggravated nature of the case and it shall be the duty of the officers of this District to see that this section of the law is put in force

SECTION 42 All gambling houses and houses of ill fame or prostitution shall be considered a public nuisance and treated as such

BOUNDARIES

SECTION 43 The boundaries of this District shall remain as fixed by the committee elected for that purpose on the 15th of January last and as set forth in the first section of these laws and as survey and platted by said committee until changed by a vote of the majority of the legal voters of this District at a meeting legally called by the President of this District for that purpose or until changed by a committee of Delegates from this and adjoining Districts

SECTION 44 These laws shall take effect from and after their adoption and shall not be altered changed or amended without authority and sanction of a majority of the legal voters of this District at some public meeting legally called for that purpose

TOLL ROAD

SECTION 45 John Q. A. Rollins & Co are hereby authorized to build a toll from Gold Dirt up Gamble Gulch or its vicinity to connect with a road at the head of Missouri Gulch that will lead to Central City or Gregory Point and collect toll on the same not exceeding one dollar for a double team and seventy five cents for a single team

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Revised laws of Independent Mining District as passed at a meeting legally called for the adoption of said Revised laws which said meeting finished said labors on the 19th day of February A. D. 1861

Given under our hands at said Independent District the day and year aforesaid

DAVID RIPLEY *Chairman*

W. B. OSBORN *Secretary*

BOULDER COUNTY.—GOLD LAKE MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS OF GOLD LAKE MINING DISTRICT NEB. TER. AS REVISED FEB. 26TH A. D. 1861.

ARTICLE 1 This District shall be known and distinguished as Gold Lake Mining District.

ARTICLE 2 This district shall extend East (1) mile South to Left hand creek including creek—West (4) miles, and north (5) miles All measurements to be taken from a certain large rock at South side of lake.

ARTICLE 3 Its officers shall consist of a President. Vice President and Recorder

ARTICLE 4 It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meeting of the mines of this district—Call all special meetings—heare and decide causes arising upon disputes on claims, and issu certificates for claims.

ARTICLE 5 It shall be the duty of Vice President to fill the office of Pres. in his absence.

ARTICLE 6 It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the miners of the district and to keep a book in which he shall record all certificates issued by the Pres.

ARTICLE 7 The Pres. shall be entitled to receive (50c) fifty cents for each certificate issued by him—and the Records for recording the same, (50c) fifty cents.

ARTICLE 8 Any person who shall make a discovery of mineral, either in gulch, lead, or otherwise shall be entitled to one discovery claim thereon and one and one preemption claim on any lead or gulch by him discovered. All claims on leads to be (100) one hundred feet long and (50) feet wide—And gulches (100) one hundred feet long and from bank to bank. He shall name his lead—measure and stake of legibly mark his discovery claim,—and each claim on either side of the discovery claim shall be called No. (1) one. He shall also present a description of his claim to the Pres. for which he shall receive a certificate

ARTICLE 9 Any person not a discoverer of Leads in this district may hold one claim on every lead in this district by the right of preemption

ARTICLE 10 Every person preemting a claim in this district must stake the same at both ends and legibly mark it as claimed by him—giving date, and record the same within (10) ten days—this article to take effect upon the 1st day of April A. D 1861

RESOLUTION

Resolved—That all claims hither to preemted prior to this date and which shall be preempted prior to the 1st day of April next shall be duly staked as provided for in article (10)—prior to the 1st day of May A. D. 1861.

ARTICLE 11 Any person taking preemption claims in this dis. shall be entitled to all the privileges granted to persons taking discovery claims.

ARTICLE 12 Any person having conformed the preceding By Laws in reference to securing claims, may hold the same without improving—until a quartz mill shall be located in said district and farther action had by a vote of the miners.

ARTICLE 13 The pres. shall have power to act as justice of the peace in all suits arising upon disputes on claims—and any party having a suit before him may submit the same to his decision or he may demand a jury of six disinterested men which shall be empannelled according to common law. They shall hear and determine on the verdict and it shall be necessary for the verdict to be unanimous and that in all cases of appeal said appeal shall be taken within (10) ten days.

ARTICLE 14 The Pres. shall be entitled to a fee of (\$3.00) three Dollars for every suit brought before him—and the Jury One Dollar each, and any witness (.50) fifty cents.

ARTICLE 15 Any person feeling himself injured or unjustly dealt with by the Judgement of the court or Jury may appeal to the miners of the dis. providing that he shall first pay all costs that may have accrued—and in all cases all the cost of any suit from the beginning thereof until the final termination, shall be taxed to the losing party—but nothing in this article shall be so construed as to hinder the collection of any costs of the Plaintiff made by himself when it is not collectable of the Defendant.

ARTICLE 16 All motions made before a meeting of the miners may be carried by a majority vote. And any article of the By Laws may be altered, ammended, or new ones enacted by a majority vote of the miners of the district.

ARTICLE 17 The office of this dis. shall hold their term of office for one year—unless there be a vacancy in which case the vacancy may be supplied at any meeting of the miners.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—BANNER MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Citizens of Spring Brook held March the Eighth 1861 at 7 o'clock p. m. the house being called to order Randolph Tennal to the chair and John Cree appointed secondary of said meeting the following resolutions was offered

RESOLUTION 1ST

Resolved whereas Trail Creek District embraces to much territory for the convenience of the miners and Whereas we do not consider the laws of said district sufficient to protect our interests and whereas a meeting of the miners was lawfully called and the officers of said district utterly refused to give the miners a hearing and to make such Laws as would protect our interests

Resolved therefore that we the miners of Spring Brook form a new district bounded as follows. Beginning at the North West corner of Trail Run District and running from thence Westerly along the middle of the main divide between the waters of Trail Creek and Turkey Creek as far as the western Boundary of Trail Creek District From thence North Westerly as far as the South West corner of Iowa District from thence along said Boundary to the North Boundary of Trail Run District and from thence to westerly to the place of beginning

Resolved that the above described boundary shall be called Banner District and the above named Territory is set for the benefit of a new district

Resolved that a committee of four be appointed to draft a code of laws The Committee consisting of Myron Andrews Randolph Tennal B F Darrah and John Cree to report the said laws so codified at a meeting to be held in Spring Brook on the 10th of March 1861

THEIR REPORT

In accordance with the duties imposed upon us as a committee to draft a code of laws for Banner District, we present the following Resolutions for your candid reflections all of which we most heartily and cheerfully submit to you the Citizens of said District

MYRON ANDREWS
B F DARRAH
RANDOLPH TENNAL
JOHN CREE

CHAPTER I

SECTION I The officers of this District shall be a President a Judge of the Miners Court a Sheriff and a Recorder who shall be elected on the first Monday in March of each year and who shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the date of their election or until their successors are elected and qualified unless they sooner die remove from the District resign or are removed for misconduct as hereinafter provided

SECTION II 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 prosecutor and the trial shall be conducted according to the laws for misdemeanor

SECTION 3 In case the President of the District is charged with misconduct in office it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to perform the duties prescribed for the President in the foregoing section

SECTION 4 Each officer before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office shall take an oath to support and faithfully execute all the laws of this District

CHAPTER 2—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION I 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 not less than ten Citizens of the District specifying the particular object of the meeting which object must be distinctly stated in the notice

SECTION 2 It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the Miners Court in any case where the Judge of said court is in any manner interested in the result of the suit or otherwise disqualified unless objection is made by either of the parties in which case it shall be his duty to appoint a Judge Protem

SECTION 3 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 it is the special duty of some other Officer to protect it shall also be his duty to institute suit against any person guilty of destroying or injuring any property belonging to the district or committing any offence recognized in the laws as a misdemeanor nuisance or crime and to appoint a suitable person to conduct the prosecution

SECTION 4 It shall be the duty of the President of the District to appoint an officer competent to fill any vacancy that may occur

DUTIES OF THE JUDGE

SECTION 5 The Judge of the Miners Court shall execute a bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the President in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties

SECTION 6 The Judge of the Miners Court shall perform the duties of the President in case of his absence or disability

SECTION 7 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 or a resident of the District at the time of the institution of the suit

BONDS FOR COSTS

SECTION 8 It shall be the duty of the Judge in all cases before entering suit to require a bond with good and sufficient security for the payment of all costs and for all damage in case of attachments being wrongfully sued out

SECTION 9 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 a Judgement rendered upon such indebtedness except as hereinbefore provided

DOCKET

SECTION 10 The Judge of the Miners Court shall keep a docket on which a correct record of all the proceedings of his court shall be entered and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits before him

FINE FOR CONTEMPT

SECTION 11 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 same to be paid into the District treasury

SECTION 12 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 defendants is about to abscond or dispose of his property to defraud his creditors

SECTION 13 The Judge of the miners Court shall have full probate Jurisdiction within this district

SECTION 14 It shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to pay over to the Treasurer of the District all moneys coming into his hands for fines

DUTIES OF THE RECORDER

SECTION 15 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 his secretary at all public meetings of the District and by virtue of his office as Treasurer to keep all moneys of the District paid to him subject to the draft 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

SECTION 16—The Recorder may appoint a deputy who shall be duly sworn for whose special acts he shall be responsible

SECTION 17—It shall be the duty of the Recorder to execute a bond with good security to be approved by the president and Judge of the District in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

DUTIES OF THE SHERIFF

SECTION 18—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 Five Hundred Dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

SECTION 19 It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to execute all papers issued by the proper officers and make due return entered thereon

SECTION 20—It shall be the duty of the sheriff to return any notice or summons on or before the time set therein for trial, and the manner of service shall be set forth in the Sheriff's return thereof

SECTION 21—It shall be the duty of Sheriff when he attaches any property not capable of manual delivery to file a list of the same with the Judge immediately

SECTION 22—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 settings of the Court and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by law

SECTION 23 It shall be the duty of the sheriff to execute or cause to be executed all penalties for criminal offences

CHAPTER 3—OFFICERS FEES

PRESIDENTS FEES

SECTION 1 The President shall be entitled to one dollar for calling special meetings and posting notices to be paid by the petitioners at the time of presenting said petition

JUDGES FEES

SECTION 2—The Judge of the miners Court shall be allowed fifty cents each for issuing all papers except subpoenas for which he shall receive twenty five cents if containing one name and fifty cents if containing more than one name for docket entry one dollar for the trial of each cause one dollar and fifty cents for each continuance of a cause one dollar

RECORDERS FEES

SECTION 3—The recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents for recording each pre-emption claim and shall record discovery claim free of charge and fifty cents for a deed or any other instrument of not more than one hundred words and at the rate of fifty cents for each additional one hundred words

SHERIFF FEES

SECTION 4—The sheriff shall receive the sum of fifty cents each for serving all papers except subpoenas for which he shall be entitled to twenty five cents for each person subpoenaed. When on official business outside this District he shall be allowed ten cents for each mile necessarily traveled he shall also be allowed fifty cents each for three notices in case of sale under execution and one dollar for selling property or empaneling a Jury one dollar and for waiting on the court he shall be allowed fifty cents for each cause tried.

CHAPTER 4—LAWS OF MINERS COURT

SECTION 1. 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 his 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; upon complying with the foregoing requirements the Judge may enter Judgment for the amount claimed together with all costs of suit.

SECTION 2—Depositions may be used in evidence before the Miners Court provided, the witness is sick and unable to attend at the place of trial about to leave the country or is out of the Jurisdiction of the court. Provided also, that the adverse party shall have notice of the time and place when and where such deposition will be taken and have the right to cross question such witness.

SECTION 3 No 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 of for the absence of a material witness, in which case the party shall state on oath that he cannot safely proceed to trial without said witness and what he expects to prove by said witness and that he believes he can procure the testimony of said witness at some specified future time.

SECTION 4 Garnishee process may issue as a part of the original writ to be served upon both the 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 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.

SECTION 5 New trials may be granted for good cause shown upon the same terms or by the rules of common law, provided the party applying for a new trial first pay the costs that have already accrued.

SECTION 6 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.

SECTION 7 The regular number of Jurymen to try civil cases unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, shall be three.

SECTION 8 Each party shall have the right to three peremptory challenges, and as many as necessary for cause.

APPEALS

SECTION 9 Either party feeling aggrieved may appeal from a decision of a Jury of three, or the Judge, to a Jury of twelve and if their decision is unanimous, it shall be final provided that the party appealing shall give notice of his intention to appeal within twenty four hours after the rendition of Judgment, and provided he shall pay the costs already accrued, within five days after the Judgment is rendered.

NOTICE

SECTION 10 Notices shall be considered served when read to the party or parties or by leaving a copy of the same at the usual place of residence when not to be found within the district.

SECTION 11 Attachment shall be considered served by being read to the parties, together with a list of the property attached, and in case the party or parties cannot be found in the district, by leaving a copy of the same at his or their usual place of residence.

SECTION 12 All executions issued from the Miners Court shall be made returnable in 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.

SECTION 13—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 designate the day and hours of sale, together with a 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 such postponement shall be given during the hours of sale.

PUBLICATION

SECTION 14 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 copies of the summons in three conspicuous places in the District at least ten 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 when how and where he served the same which shall be filed with the papers in the case.

SECTION 15 When Judgment is rendered on publication as provided in the foregoing section, the party defendant shall be entitled to a new hearing in said cause within sixty days after the rendition of Judgment by paying all costs and service to the satisfaction of the court that injustice has been done him in the cause, and in case the Judgment is reserved he shall be entitled to recover any real estate claims or their value which may have been sold under execution on such judgments.

EXEMPTION

SECTION 16 There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution the following articles which are necessary for present use by the defendant Mining tools bedding clothing cooking utensils and necessary provisions for three months and in case of a man with a family residing in the district a dwelling house not exceeding three hundred dollars in value, and the lot on which the same is situated together with such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary also one quartz mining claim which he may select subject only as hereinafter provided.

REDEMPTION

SECTION 17 The defendant shall have the right of redemption on real estate sold under execution within sixty days from the time of sale of said property by tendering to the purchaser his Agent or attorney the sum paid together with five per cent interest per month.

CITIZENSHIP

SECTION 18 No person shall be entitled to a vote in Banner District for the election of officers making or altering of any laws in said District unless they shall have been a resident of said district for ten days previous to the election.

CHAPTER 5—CRIMINAL LAWS

SECTION 1 Any person guilty of wilful murder upon conviction thereof shall be hung by the neck until he is dead

SECTION 2 Any person guilty of manslaughter or homicide shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men may direct

SECTION 3 Any person shooting or threatening to shoot another, or using or threatening to use any deadly weapons except in self defence shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, and receive in addition as many stripes on his bare back as a Jury of six men may direct and be banished from the district

LARCENY

SECTION 4 Any person found guilty of grand larceny shall be fined in a sum double the amount stolen and receive not less than fifty nor more than one hundred lashes on his bare back and be banished from the District and such other punishment as a jury of six men may direct

SECTION 5 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

SECTION 6 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

FORGING

SECTION 7. Any person found guilty of forging deeds transfers bills of sale or jumping claims legally held under record, defacing names or removing stakes from their proper places shall pay a fine of ten 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

SECTION 8 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 One Hundred dollars to be determined by a jury of six men and remove such nuisance within twenty four hours.

SECTION 9 Any person convicted of causing a nuisance and failing or refusing to remove the same shall suffer the same penalty for each succeeding twenty four hours as is proscribed in section eight and such other punishment as a jury may direct

SECTION 10 No person shall be allowed to keep a house of ill fame in Banner District and upon conviction thereof shall be dealt with according to the laws provided for the removal of a nuisance

SECTION 11 No person shall be allowed to keep a retailing liquor establishment or gambling house in Banner District and upon conviction thereof shall be dealt with according to the laws provided for the removal of nuisance

SECTION 12 No lawyer nor pettefogger shall be allowed to plead in any court in Banner District

SECTION 13 All and every offence not enumerated in the foregoing Sections shall be determined by a Jury of six men and punished as they may direct

CUTTING TIMBER

SECTION 14 It shall be lawful for any person or persons to remove any timber or wood from this District and upon conviction of a violation of this section the person or persons so offending shall be fined in a sum not less than double the value of such timber nor more than One hundred dollars to be collected as other fines

CHAPTER 6—CLAIMS DEFINED

SECTION 1 The term preemption claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode one hundred feet running the length of the same and fifty feet in width. When applied to Gulch one hundred feet up and down and fifty feet across when applied to patch or placer diggins one hundred feet square, when applied to tunnel claims the entire distance intended to run the same for discovery purposes, as shown by the record and stake at the mouth of the tunnel,

when applied to a mill site and water priviledge four hundred feet on the gulch and one hundred and twenty feet in width. When applied to a ditch claim the entire distance staked out which they intend to run the same or shown by the survey and stakes

When applied to building lots any person shall be entitled to preempt two building lots and hold the same as real estate provided that he or she shall build a dwelling house on either of them within sixty days from the date of their preemption and have the same recorded

SECTION 2 *Discovery* Any person discovering a new lode shall dig untill he find the crevice sufficient to show the course of the lode, he shall be entitled to two hundred feet in length on said lode and twenty five feet on each side of his crevice, for the purpose of finding and further defining this crevice and shall put the same on record free of charge as a discovery

SECTION 3 *Staking* All lodes discovered on and after this date shall be staked as far as claimed with the owners name thereon, the number of the claim, the direction it runs, the name of the Lode, and the date of taking the same, and shall be required to file and record the same within ten days from the time of taking the same, otherwise said claim shall be forfeited

SECTION 4 All lodes shall terminate at any natural running stream of water

SECTION 5 All lode claims where the parties have complied with the law shall be held as real estate

SECTION 6 No person shall hold more than one claim on each lode Patch placer or gulch except by purchase or discovery

SECTION 7 Any person discovering a quartz lode patch placer or gulch diggins by recording the same may hold as real estate the discovery and one other claim by preemption

SECTION 8 Any person discovering patch or placer diggins shall be entitled to one hundred feet square as a discovery claim also one hundred feet square as preemption

SECTION 9 Any person discovering gulch diggins shall be entitled to one hundred feet by fifty feet as a discovery claim, also one hundred feet by fifty feet as preemption. Patch placer and gulch claims shall be held as real estate by recording the same

SECTION 10 When one lode crosses another the owner of the claim first taken up shall not be entitled to any portion of the lode that crosses his claim except in his shaft or drift by virtue of the width of his claim but the first claimant to the ground shall not in any case be impeded in his work by the owner of the claim on the lode which may cross him

SECTION 11 The discovery hole shall be considered in the center of the discovery claim unless specified to the contrary on record

SECTION 12 No person shall be allowed to mine under any building or other improvement unless they first secure the parties owning such improvement against all damages except by priority of title

SECTION 13—All deeds bonds contracts bills of sale or instruments of any kind relating to the conveyance of claims, shall be witnessed by two witnesses and must be recorded to be held as valid against creditors or subsequent deeds of grantor

SECTION 14 In all cases where parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of claim when honestly carried out, shall be respected

CHAPTER 7.

Tunnel Law SECTION 1 Any person or company locating a tunnel claim in this district as hereinafter provided shall be entitled to preempt one hundred by two hundred feet of ground as surface claim at the starting point for tunnel purposes and deposits

SECTION 2 Any person or company running a tunnel under the laws shall be entitled to four hundred feet and no more upon any lode which may be discovered in said tunnel 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 Discovery in the tunnel provided also that such discovery be preempted and recorded as other Claims

SECTION 3 Any person or company locating a tunnel as aforesaid shall be required to perform ten days work in each month and upon failing to comply with any of the requirements in this section the right to such tunnel claim shall be forfeited

SECTION 4 All tunnel claims shall be staked at the starting point 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

SECTION 5 Any person or company running a tunnel under this law 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 at right angles the size of said tunnel at smallest place

SECTION 6 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

SECTION 7 When a person or company claims to have discovered a new lode in their tunnel and said lode is claimed by prior discovery it shall devolve upon the tunnel owner to show that his discovery is a new one

SECTION 8 All persons owning lode claims shall have the privilege to work the same by tunneling or otherwise and to deposit quartz either by Slide or tramway at the point most convenient for them on any ground claimed under this law for surface deposits provided they do not deposit quartz or place any obstruction nearer than twenty feet from the center of the mouth of said tunnel

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF BANNER DISTRICT,
April 1st 1861

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the laws of Banner District as passed at a legally called meeting on the 21st day of March A D 1861 given under my hand the day and date first above written

M. P. PARKER *President*

Attest

JOHN CREE *Secretary*

LAWS ENACTED APRIL 17TH 1861

CHAPTER I

SECTION 1. The boundaries of Banner District shall commence at a point opposite the mouth of Turkey Creek and at the commencement of the divide between Turkey Creek and Clear Creek and following up said divide to its junction with the divide between Trail Creek and Clear Creek thence down the divide between Trail Creek and Turkey Creek to a point opposite the mouth of Turkey Creek or so as to embrace all the waters of Turkey Creek thence to the place of beginning

JURORS FEES

SECTION 2 Jurors shall be entitled to \$2.50 for each case each Juror

TUNNEL LAW

SECTION 3 There shall be a stake set at every one hundred feet from starting point to terminus of said tunnel marked center line of tunnel together with the number of feet from starting point

SECTION 7 Any new lode that may be discovered after any tunnel is located and staked the owners owner of said tunnel shall be entitled to fifty feet on each side of their center line of the tunnel on such new lode provided such new lode crosses their tunnel claim

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF BANNER DISTRICT
April 20 1861

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the laws passed at a legally called meeting on the 17th day of April A D 1861. Given under my hand the day and date first above written

M P PARKER *President*

Attest

JOHN CREE *Secretary*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF BANNER DISTRICT
September 16th 1861

I hereby certify that chapter six section third in regard to staking or preemption claims was repealed at a legally called meeting on the day and date first above written

M P PARKER *President*

B F DARRAH *Secretary*

SUMMIT COUNTY.—DETROIT GULCH MINNESOTA MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DETROIT GULCH MINNESOTA DISTRICT COLORADO TERY

At a meeting held by the miners at Lawrence's cabin March 14th 1861, declared and organized a District to be named and designated as the Detroit gulch Minnesota District at which meeting C. W. Walker was appointed President and B. F. Dyer Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the boundaries of the Detroit gulch, Minnesota 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 the tributaries lodes and mining thereto belonging within the above-mentioned limits, extending from the first starting point, running up said gulch or ravine one and half mile on each side of said gulch or ravine aforesaid and extend one and half mile around its source or upper extremities, including all the tributaries thereto belonging.

On motion Milton Barney was elected President and E. O. Leach Recorder of said District for the term of one year

On motion of B. F. Dyer the meeting then adjourned to the 6th day of April 1861

APRIL 6th 1861

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment and on motion adjourned to April 14th 1861

APRIL 14th 1861

Meeting met and adjourned without days

ARTICLE 1st *Be enacted*, that gulch claims in this district shall be one hundred feet in length up the gulch including in width one hundred feet of each bank together with said gulch side and lode claims, shall be one hundred feet square

ARTICLE 2 It shall be lawful in this district for each claimant to hold one gulch, one side and one lode claim

ARTICLE 3rd All claimants performing actual labor on their claims at the time of the passage of these laws by company or otherwise shall hold in preference to any other claiming from whatever source they may

ARTICLE 4th All claims in this district shall hold good without labor until the fifteen day of May next after which they are to be continually worked and further any bona fide company working one claim, all the company's claims shall be considered as worked within the meaning of this act.

ARTICLE 5th All claims shall be recorded by the Recorder of this district unless continually worked

ARTICLE 6th It shall be lawful for claimants to dig a tail or drain ditch through claims below sufficient to work their claims to the bed rock and be it further enacted that said claimants shall have the exclusive control of said ditch

ARTICLE 7th It shall be lawful for claimants to dig a head ditch for the purpose of working their claims and have the exclusive control of the same.

ARTICLE 8th It shall be lawful for claim holders to work their claims with Bed Rock Plume Tom, Rocker or other machinery as they choose.

The Judicial Authority of Minnesota District, Detroit gulch shall be vested in one appellate judge; one President; one Sheriff and one Recorder whose term of office shall continue for one year

The Appellate judge shall hear and determine all cases brought before him on appeal and his decision shall be final

The President shall try and determine all cases which shall be brought before him and that have originated within the limits of his jurisdiction and he is authorized and empowered to issue all warrants, summons and writs.

The Sheriff shall execute all writs or process officially committed to him under the seal of the court; shall make arrests and act as public conservator of the peace.

For the faithful performance of his official duties, he shall be required to execute a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars together with two or more securities; the said bond shall be approved by and filed with the President.

The Recorder shall act as clerk of the court and secretary of all meetings called on business pertaining to this district and shall record all preemptions and all articles of conveyance to claims in this district and shall hold the records at all times subject to inspection by miners and others interest in this District

No suits instituted and tried in this district shall be transferred by appeal to any other district for hearing.

The compensation of the President and Judge shall be for each suit tried before them five dollars or five dollars per day for each days attendance at court.

The Recorder's (fees) shall receive five dollars for each case tried and one dollar for recording each certificate

The Sheriff shall be entitled to receive for summoning each juror fifty cents, for serving process one dollar; for executing a warrant of arrest two dollars and fifty cents and for each mile travelled in making arrests twenty cents per mile. Each juror shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each days service in attendance at court Each witness shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each days service in attendance at court

The claimant in every suit before he can enter the claim for trial shall be required to give security for all costs that may accrue on the trial of said suit which security shall be approved by the President or Judge

Any person who shall be convicted of the crime of murder in this district shall be punished with death by hanging.

Any person convicted of larceny shall be subjected to such punishment or degradation as the jury in their judgment or discretion may deem proper to inflict

All officers of this district shall be residents

The foregoing laws shall take effect and be in from and after their adoption

J. R. ALDEN.
L. M. DOUGLASS
A. DAVIDSON

At meeting of the miners held at the mouth of Dry Gulch June 2d A. D 1861 a motion was made by Alf. Davidsen and seconded by J. E. Hill that the President shall receive five dollars (\$5.00) before calling a miner's meeting and attending to it; motion carried

MILTON BARNEY Pres

THE DOUGLASS AMENDMENT

ART. 1 Resolved that it shall be lawful for claims to be held by purchase in this district—resident miners and that all claims heretofore purchased shall be recognized as good and valid.

ART 2 Resolved, that a tunneling claim shall run from the line of gulch claims at either side of the gulch and shall have five hundred feet front on the gulch and extend to the summit of the mountain provided it don't interfere with prior claimants; one tunnel at least shall be run in each tunneling claim and shall have the right of way through any lode already claimed

ART 3 Resolved that none but resident miners can hold claims in this district by purchase or preemption unless the claims so claimed shall be in possession of and represented by one or more of the members of a company to which said claimant belongs.

ARTICLE 4 Resolved that resident miners in this district can hold claims on any or each of all the tributaries in the main gulch or on any dry gulch patch diggings or dry diggings or lodes in this district or by purchase on any of the above that are now discovered or may be discovered in this district

Approved July 28th A. D 1861

At meeting of the miners held at the mouth of Dry Gulch August 11th A. D. 1861; the following laws were adopted proposed and seconded that there should be no more filing on claims after Monday the 13 provided no certificates had been issued

It was also proposed and seconded that discoverers of leads should be entitled to 500 feet and 100 feet for discovery.

Also proposed and seconded that discoverer of a lead has a right to follow the crevice wherever it may go.

Proposed and seconded that the side shall be 300 feet long, that is in dry or patch diggings

It was also proposed and seconded that claimants digging a tail or drain ditch through another man's claim he (the man digging said ditch shall not be entitled to any of the gold taken out while digging the same.

It was also proposed and seconded that the regulation of the water in Dry Gulch should be as follows: to be turned off at 6 o'clock in the morning and half past five at night.

BOULDER COUNTY.—GRAND ISLAND MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the miners held at the house of Chas. Waunemaker March 16th 1861 Chas. Waunemaker was called to the chair and W. H. Sibley appointed Secretary.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Resolved, Whereas Gold has been discovered in this portion of the Rocky Mountains;

Wo the miners of this section deem it expedient and necessary to form a new Dis. our remoteness from other districts making it inconvenient to transact business at their respective offices.

ART. 1st This shall be called the, Grand Island Dis.

ART 2nd The boundaries of Grand Island Dis. shall be as follows; commencing at the first ridge E. of Bald-mountain, thence running S. to the south side of Middle Boulder creek to the top of the ridge taking the Northern waters of said creek, thence W. to forks—thence up the ridge on the south side of the N. fork to the Snowy Range; thence N. to the ridge on the S. side of Four-mile creek, thence following the center of said ridge S. to the place of beginning.

ART. 3rd The officers shall consist of a President, Vice Pres. Recorder and Sheriff.

ART. 4th It shall be the duty of the Pres. to preside at all public meetings, try all suits, hear all causes that may come before him, issue warrants and act as Judge of the Dis. and miner's courts.

ART. 5th It shall be the duty of the Vice Pres. to fill the office of the Pres. when the Pres. is absent or unable to attend to his duties.

ART 6th It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep the books and records of the Dis. and to file and record all proper papers on the payment of his fee, and to act as Sec. at the public meetings of the Dis. he shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for every claim recorded and certificate issued; and one dollar for each deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other writing necessary to be recorded containing one hundred words or less and per every hundred or fraction there after, fifty cents, in all cases fees must be paid in advance.

ART. 7th It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to Serve all processs issued by the court, make returns of services on the same to the court. He shall be conservator of the peace and perform all the offices requisite to Sheriff. He shall take an oath that he will discharge faithfully and impartially all the duties of his office.

ART 8th All claims made on loads by discovery shall be two hundred feet long by twenty ft wide—All preemption claims, one hundred ft long and fifty ft wide—all discovery claims on patch diggings shall be one hundred ft. square: preemption claims one hundred ft square: all discovery claims on gulch diggings shall be one hundred ft. long and from bank to bank: preemption claims shall be the same: all water claims and steam mill sites shall be three-hundred ft. long up and down the stream and one-hundred and fifty ft. wide, all claims shall be taken by number commencing at the discovery and running each way.

ART 9th The person or persons discovering a Lode shall find a crevice befor he can have it recorded, discoveres shall have thirty days to prove their Lode after staking, marking, naming and filing with the Recorder, which must be done within ten days after locating the same, Preemption claims may be located at any time after the discovery is located. Preemption claims must be filed within forty-eight hours after locating and recorded within fifteen days.

ART 10th All persons finding Lode Claims shall have his or their names, No. & Date plainly mark at the Discovery, or measure and stake and mark their claims.

ART. 11th All water and Lode claims shall be held as real estate—all gulch claims shall hold good for one year from recording.

ART. 12th The President shall receive a fee of five dollars for each and every suit brought before him and five dollars per. day for each and every day said suit may be continued and the usual fees of Justices in the Territory of Kansas for issuing writs, summons and other papers He shall enter in a Docket all judgements, fines, costs etc, in the usual form of justice courts.

ART. 13th The Vice Pres. shall receive the same fees when acting as President.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—LINCOLN MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS OF LINCOLN DISTRICT

Passed at various meetings and approved at a meeting called to receive the report of the Committee appointed to codify and correct the same

AN ACT to define the boundaries of Lincoln District

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in Convention Assembled* that the boundaries of Lincoln District shall be known and described as follows beginning at a pine tree on the south bank of Fall River about 100 yards above Walter Sulls mill said tree being marked as the South East corner of Lincoln District Thence on a line due north until said line shall intersect the consolidated ditch thence up the line of said ditch to a point where it crosses the South branch of Ranch creek. Thence West one and one half miles above Ranch creek until it intersects a line running W. & S. which has been established and marked as the boundary line between Cumberland & Lincoln districts Thence South on said line to the top of the 2d divide South of Fall River Thence on an easterly Line to the place of beginning

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that no change shall hereafter be made in the boundrys of this district without the consent of its citizens as hereinafter provided

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that if any persons shall wish to change the boundries 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 (10) ten days notice given thereof by posting (12) twelve notices of said meeting in as many conspicuous places if the petition for a new district or a change of boundary applied for in this district be granted It shall not take affect for (10) ten days thereafter

AN ACT defining claims & regulating the title there to

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in convention assembled* that all mining lodes of gold or any other precious metals & all mining and other claims shall be held under and defined by the provisions of this act—

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that the term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode (100) one hundred feet running the length of the same and (50) fifty feet in width including all cup lodes and branches and paralell lodes within the fifty (50) feet when applied to a gulch 100 feet in length following the meandering and extending from mountain to mountain when applied to placer or patch diggings 100 feet square when applied to tunneling claims for discovery purposes shall not exceed 1000 feet in length as shown by record and the stake at the mouth of the tunnel When applied to a water claim 250 feet in length and extending from mountain to mountain When applied to a ranch or farming claim 160 acres when applied to a building claim 40 feet front depth as per survey when applied to bar claims on Fall River shall be 100 feet in length and from the center of the stream to the base of the Mountain

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* each miner shall be entitled to hold 1 river claim 1 Bar Claim 1 Gulch claim 1 placer or patch claim 1 claim on each quartz claim by preemption & 200 feet by virtue of discovery 1 water claim or mill priviledge of 250 feet 1 tunnel claim and one town lot and no more except by purchase

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that no party shall be entitled to hold a discovery as such until said party shall have made an actual discovery of the crevice

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* no claims shall be considered valid unless recorded within ten days

SECTION VI All claims shall be held as vested rights in this district Tunnel claims and town only excepted Tunnel claims must be commenced before June 1st 1861 and after that date forfeited if not worked six days in every month Town lots forfeited if not built upon before June 1st 1861 to become vested rights when improved

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* when claims are held by companies it must be so stated on the stakes marking such claim with the name of each member of the company and to appear upon the records with the description of said claim

SECTION VIII *Be it further enacted* all persons recording discovery claims shall name the lode and state as near as practicable the location of the lode and discovery

SECTION IX *Be it further enacted* that in all gulches or ravines where water is insufficient for general uses the oldest claimant shall have priority of right to use of water

SECTION X *Be it further enacted* all discovery claims shall be marked as such

SECTION XI *Be it further enacted* that when water companies shall be engaged in 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 right

SECTION XII *Be it further enacted* that the rules and regulations observed in mining regions within the United States relating to digging for gold or other precious or useful metals under buildings lots ranch farming and other claims shall be observed in this district

SECTION XIII *Be it further enacted* that no claims shall be regarded as valid preempted or recorded in fictitious or false names nor persons not residents of the territory except the same are made in good faith

SECTION XIV *Be it further enacted* that the Recorder of this district shall be and is hereby empowered and authorized to discharge the duties of Notary Public

SECTION XV *Be it further enacted* that the recorder shall be and is hereby empowered to sell all claims recorded upon which his fees may remain unpaid and such claim to be sold at public vendu to the highest bidder after three days notice the proceeds of such sales above his charges and costs to revert to a fund for the improvement of roads

AN ACT relative to tunnel claims and defining the right thereto

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln district in convention assembled* that if any person or persons shall locate a tunnel in this district for the purpose of discovery he or they shall first file a specification of the same with the recorder whose duty it shall be to record the same upon the payment of his fees The said specification shall state the place of commencement and terminus of said tunnel together with the names of the parties interested therein a stake shall be placed at the mouth of the tunnel having written thereon the same thing hereby made necessary to record

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that any person or persons engaged in working a tunnel provided he or they shall have complied with the requirements of the law shall be entitled to 250 feet on each side of the line of the tunnel as defined in the specification

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that the person or persons working a tunnel after the same is legally located shall have the priority of right to all lodes discovered on the line of the tunnel within 250 feet each side of the same and shall have the right of way 7 x 7 feet through all lodes which may be in its course if said tunnel is recorded staked and worked according to law

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that if the person or persons locating a tunnel shall fail to work the same six days in each month after the first day of June 1861 They shall forfeit their claim to said tunnel but not to the claims they have discovered & hold by virtue of discovery before the time of forfeiture

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that no tunnel claim shall be located running on or lengthwise of any known or regular lode

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted*, That when a tunnel is legally located the person or persons locating the same may commence the tunnel at any point within the 500 feet allowed by law provided they shall not claim any discovery outside of the 500 feet

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that no person or persons shall be entitled to hold more than one claim or interest directly or indirectly in any tunnel claim in this district

AN ACT in relation to the officers of Lincoln District Their term of office and Fees

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in convention assembled* that there shall be elected in this district on the first Monday in October in each year the following officers who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year unless they shall sooner die resign or remove from this district or removed from their offices for misconduct by the citizens of this district viz, a President Vice President a Judge of the Miners Court Sheriff and a recorder who shall be ex officio secretary of this district and clerk of the court

SECTION II *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 the 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 The duties of the vice President shall be to discharge the duties of the president in his absence or inability to act

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that it shall be the duty of the Judge of Miners Court to preside at the trial of causes, and perform such other duties as the law requires

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that it shall be the duty of the Recorder safely to 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 and to keep all moneys paid into his hands by the Judge of the miners Court to be paid over as directed by the citizens or some public meeting shall be called

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that the Sheriff of this district shall have the same powers in this district as are usually conferred by law to similar officers in the state of Kansas

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the Recorder shall be fifty cents for each claim recorded or transcript given and one dollar for every deed or transfer of claim and one dollar for tunnel claim Two dollars and fifty cents per day for services as clerk of the Miners Court when discharging that duty and such other compensation as allowed by law—

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that the fees of the Judge of the Miners Court shall be for presiding at each trial five dollars provided such trial shall not occupy more than one day and five dollars for each succeeding day Issuing summons fifty cents and all other papers for him to make out double the amount allowed by the law of Kansas—

SECTION VIII *Be it further enacted* that the fees of sheriff shall be as follows serving summons one dollar & 50 cts serving attachment one dollar serving execution one dollar mileage twenty five cents advertising and selling property 8 per cent on all sums under one hundred dollars and on all sums over one hundred dollars six per cent

SECTION IX *Be it further enacted* that the officers of this district shall continue to hold their offices until the next annual election subject to the provisions hereinbefore named

SECTION X *Be it further enacted* that any person shall be entitled to the right to vote in this district who owns a claim therein which is recorded or worked according to law

SECTION XI *Be it further enacted* that the president Judge recorder and sheriff shall each be required to give good and sufficient bonds in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars the bonds of the Judge to be approved by the President and the bonds of the President Recorder and Sheriff to be approved by the Judge

AN ACT Establishing a Miners Court and regulating its Jurisdiction

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in convention assembled* that a regular term of a court to be known as the Miners Court shall be held in this district in some convenient and proper place upon the first Monday in each month and all writs to be made returnable at said term shall be served before the Wednesday next preceding nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the trials of criminals at any time

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that if any person shall wish to commence for the recovery of any claim within two weeks after the regular term of said Miners court has commenced a special term of said court may be held to try said cause

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that the officers of said court shall consist of a Judge a clerk the sheriff of this district or his deputy

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that it shall be the duty of said court to sign all writs issuing out of said court whether by himself or his clerk to make all transcripts of Judgments required on payment of his fees to enter Judgments and issue executions and pay over to the proper parties monies collected on such Judgments and executions to try all criminals & pay over to the treasurer all moneys he may receive for the district for fines and Judgments and perform such other duties as necessarily appertain to his office

SECTION V *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 suits 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 before the Judge of said court or if the said Court shall 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

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that the miners court 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

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that the miners court shall have the power to fine for contempt in the sum not exceeding fifty dollars and may issue execution thereon the same as upon a Judgment

SECTION VIII *Be it further enacted* that the said court shall have power to appoint its own clerk in the absence of the recorder 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

SECTION IX *Be it further enacted* that the Jury for each term of court shall be drawn upon the Monday next preceding each term in the following manner the sheriff or his deputy shall place the names of fifty good and substantial men in a box prepared for that purpose and the Judge of the court thereof shall draw the names of eighteen men who shall be summoned to act as grand or petit Jurors for the next succeeding term of court when necessary the sheriff may summons tailsman but no person shall serve as Juror for two successive terms of court

AN ACT in relation to the practice in Miners Court

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln 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 if in law of a complaint and shall be known and called by the name of a petition or complaint as the case may be upon the filing of either a petition or complaint as aforesaid the court or 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 seem and if the remedy 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

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that the defendant may at any time before the time of trial at law or any cause entered in the Miners Court file his answer or demur upon either of which the plaintiff may prove issue and 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 matter not denied or avoided by one pleading in his reply and all matter not denied or avoided by one pleading subsequent to another shall be taken as confessed and true

SECTION III *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 days shall be granted for the filing of each pleading subsequent to another until the issue is made up

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted*, that all pleas in equity shall be verified and no remedy shall be allowed in equity when the same can be had at law

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that in cases of the foreclosure of a mortgage or lien of any kind upon a claim the equity of redemption when the same is allowed shall not extend beyond thirty days

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that the rules of evidence so admitted in the courts of the U. S. 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 relative 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 a deposition or the usual process of this court to compell 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

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that in all cases of Judgment for partition of claims between joint owners three disinterested commissioners shall be appointed by the court who shall affect such partition

SECTION VIII *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 country or is out of the Jurisdiction of this court if to be taken within the county of Arapaho notice shall be given to the adverse party of the time & place where the said deposition is to be taken if out of said county no notice need be given

SECTION IX *Be it further enacted* that no cause shall be continued unless upon affidavit of a party or his attorney or of the absence of a material witness whose evidence is material to the issue which he shall state as he believes he can prove by said witness 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

SECTION X *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 by posting three notices in as many conspicuous places within the district for the term of two weeks shall be deemed sufficient notice the order of publication shall not be granted by the court unless the summons has been returned by a proper officer which return shall show that he has made diligent search and enquiry and cannot learn that the defendant is in this county or that he can not find the defendant and believes he keeps himself secreted to avoid the service of a summons together with other evidence tending to make either of said facts appear

SECTION XI *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 seperately 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 & 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

SECTION XII *Be it further enacted* that all special proceedings in the miners court shall be construed according to the forms prescribed in the statutes of Kansas for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine as far as consistant with the laws and local affairs of this district and all motions relating to such proceedings shall be sustained or approved by affidavits alone

SECTION XIII *Be it further enacted* that new trials for all causes which have been or may be tried shall be granted upon the same terms or by the rules of the common law & it shall be descretionary with the court in all cases to grant or reject the application

SECTION XIV *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

SECTION XV *Be it further enacted* that in all cases where the liability of persons in action founded upon contracts or in mixed actions or part is not pointed out and defined by the laws of this district the common law rules shall apply as to such liability

SECTION XVI *Be it further enacted* that in all suits either in law or equity the order of publication shall be allowed as hereinbefore provided

AN ACT relating to trial and its incidents

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln 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 securities conditioned to pay all costs which may be taxed against him in case he should fail to recover Judgment in said suit

SECTION II *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

SECTION III *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 two dollars for each Juror and in case he shall prevail in the same 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

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that when a Jury is called for the Court or Clerk shall call twelve persons from the Jurors summoned who shall proceed to try and determine said cause

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that if any person shall either an appeal from the Jury of six 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 futuro costs and advancing the Jurors fees The cause shall then be set for immediate trial unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties all appeals to be tried before the President

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that the defeated party shall be in all cases liable for the cost of suit

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that the suit shall be decided by a Jury of twelve men and from the decision of said Jury there shall be no appeal

SECTION VIII. *Be it further enacted* that all executions issuing out of the Miners court shall be made returnable in ten days from date and the sheriff shall note on each execution the day and hour he received the same & return the said execution within the said ten days whether satisfied or not with his proper return thereon endorsed

SECTION IX *Be it further enacted* that witnesses fees shall be one dollar and fifty cents for each day and twenty five cents mileage

SECTION X *Be it further enacted* that two thirds of a jury who shall agree shall be competent to find a verdict

AN ACT in relation to levy and sale upon execution

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in convention assembled* that there shall be exempt from levy and sale upon execution all tools for mining bedding cooking clothing 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 other articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that notice of all property taken in execution shall be posted in three conspicuous places in thro district for the ten days next preceeding the sale thereof and the sheriff may adjourn the said sale when it appears that the notice of the property posted can not be sold unless at a great sacrifice for want of bidders

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that money collected on execution shall be paid into the hands of the court by the sheriff 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

AN ACT Relating to crimes and nuisances committed in Lincoln District

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln District in Convention assembled* that all crimes committed in this district shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SECTION II *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 Lincoln District v. s. the defendant and shall be liable to pay damages in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for the use of said district and costs of suit

SECTION III *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 two with costs of suit

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that any 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

SECTION V *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 after the person or persons who caused the same and whose duty it should have been to have removed it shall be again liable in damages and shall also be liable for each 24 hours after the conviction as hereinbefore provided in this act

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that any person or persons selling spiritious liquors of any kind except for medical or manufacturing purposes upon conviction for the same shall for the first offence pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the second seventy five for the third banishment from the district If any individual shall draw a deadly weapon upon any person in the district he shall be banished from the district

SECTION VII *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

AN ACT containing general provisions for the government of Lincoln district

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln 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 the vote of the miners given at some meeting legally called

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that the President may call a public meeting at any time he may deem the same necessary by having three notices posted in as many conspicuous places in the district if he decline calling a meeting at the request of any individual it shall be his duty to call a meeting upon receiving a written petition signed by seven citizens of the district accompanied by the payment of the secretarys fees which shall be two dollars for such service Notices of such meeting to be issued by the secretary by order of the president which shall give at least three days notice.

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that no timber or lumber shall be taken out of this district for building purposes except scantlin plank or shingles plank not to run three inches in thickness Scantlin 4 x 4

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that until the district shall be able to build a court house for the transaction of public business the recorder shall be authorized to hire a suitable room for the transaction of public business and for the trial of causes the sum of two dollars shall be allowed to be taken with the costs of such suit for the use of said room for each trial but all public meetings of the miners shall be held without charge

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that these laws may be amended or repealed by a two third majority of the citizens of this district voting for the same at any regularly called meeting for that purpose provided no ex post facto laws shall be passed affecting the vested rights of property or claims in this district

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that all lode claims shall be measured by surveyor air line

SECTION VII *Be it further enacted* that any claimant on a lode be entitled to all the law sets forth i e all that is within twenty five feet each side of the crevice on said lode

SECTION VIII *Be it further enacted* that no right or title will be granted to parties desiring to establish a toll road

REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS PASSED MARCH 23D 1861

SECTION I *Be it enacted by the citizens of Lincoln district in convention assembled* that all laws relating to tunneling be and are hereby repealed

SECTION II *Be it further enacted* that the law relating to the return of executions making the same returnable in ten days be amended so as to read twenty days

SECTION III *Be it further enacted* that when a party or parties shall stake a claim or claims that the staking of the same constitute a title thereto for the term of ten days upon said party or parties filing with the recorder in their own hand writing a specification setting forth the above and the same shall not be considered as filed for record but merely as a statement setting forth the rights of said parties according to law and after the expiration of said ten days upon recording his fee or fees the recorder shall record the same stating in the record the date said specification was filed all previous laws relating to this are hereby repealed

SECTION IV *Be it further enacted* that the recorder shall not be required to place upon record any document whether setting forth the claims of discovery preemption or transfers bills of sale deed &c &c until he shall have received his fees for the same and that he may keep a record day book from which only shall such records be made as shall conform to this act

SECTION V *Be it further enacted* that the plaintiff in any case brought before the Miners Court when writ of attachment is issued with the summons shall give good and sufficient security with bonds for all the costs he may make in bringing said suit and double the amount for which he may claim damages.

SECTION VI *Be it further enacted* that section X article 14 is hereby amended as follows no person shall be entitled to vote at an election held in this district for the election of officers except he has been a resident of the district ten consecutive days immediately prior to the election

The above were approved March 23

GILPIN COUNTY.—SOUTH BOULDER MINING DISTRICT.

REVISED LAWS OF SOUTH BOULDER DISTRICT PASSED MARCH 30TH 1861 AND ADOPTED BY THE MINERS.

CHAPTER I.—BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT.

The boundaries of South Boulder District are as follows: Starting at a point where the dividing line between S. Boulder and Phoenix District intersects the Western line of Dead Wood District—thence running Southerly in such a course as shall strike the head of Jefferson Canon—thence Southwesterly on the divide between Moon and Gamble Gulch, to the mouth of Lost Creek on the South fork of Moon's Gulch—thence Westerly on a line to terminate at a point run south of the head of the Park on S. Boulder River and on the top of the mountain South thereof—thence north across the head or upper end of the Park and thence running north to the summit of the first divide—thence Easterly to the head of South Beaver Creek—thence down along the South bank of South Beaver Creek within one hundred and fifty feet of it to the place of beginning.

CHAPTER II.—OFFICERS.

SEC. I. The officers of this District shall be, a President, a Justice of the Peace, a Recorder and a Sheriff.

CHAPTER III.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SEC. II. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all legally called meetings of the miners, and call special meetings by posting three notices in conspicuous places within the District, at least three days before the time of said meeting, when a petition is signed and presented by ten citizens of the District, specifying the particular object or objects of the meeting which objects must be distinctly stated in the notice.

SEC. III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the Miners' Court, in any case in which he is not interested in the result of the suit or otherwise disqualified. In such a case it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace to preside unless objected to, by the parties interested, in which case it shall be the duty of the Miners to appoint or elect a presiding officer to try the case.

SEC. IV. It shall be the duty of the President to sign all orders on the Treasurer for money legally appropriated; and deeds for property belonging to the District, which the miners of the District may authorize to be sold, and also to have the care of any property belonging to the District, except such as it is the special duty of some other officer to protect. It shall be his duty to institute suit against any person guilty of destroying 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. V. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint an officer Pro Tem. to fill any vacancy that may occur, until the Miners shall elect another to fill the vacancy.

SEC. VI. It shall be the duty of the President to keep a Docket, in which a correct record of all the proceedings of his Court shall be entered and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits tried before him.

SEC. VII. The President shall have Probate Jurisdiction within this district according to the laws of Kansas.

DUTIES OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

SEC. VIII. The Justice of the Peace of the Miners' Court shall perform the duties of the President in case of his absence or disability.

SEC. IX. The Miners or Justice's 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 the District at the time of the commencement of the suit.

SEC. X. It shall be the duty of the Justice, in all cases before entering suit, to require a Bond with good and sufficient security for the payment of all costs and for all damages in case of attachments being wrongfully sued out.

SEC. XI. No suit shall be brought in the Justices Court for indebtedness contracted in any other Territory or State, except by consent of all the parties interested, and no execution shall be collectable on a judgment rendered upon such indebtedness except as herein before provided.

SEC. XII. The Justice of the Miners Court shall keep a Docket in which a correct record of all the proceedings of his Court shall be entered and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits tried before him.

SEC. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Justice to issue an attachment when the Plaintiff establish by his own or the oath of other person the proof of the facts as alleged in his affidavit, Viz: That he believes the Defendant in the suit pending is about to abscond or dispose of his property to defraud his creditors.

DUTIES OF THE RECORDER.

SEC. XIV. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to safely 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 moneys of the

District paid him subject to the draft of the President. Also to keep all vouchers so that any time he may be able, when called upon, to exhibit the financial condition of the District.

SEC. XV. The Recorder may appoint a Deputy who shall be duly sworn for whose special acts he shall be responsible.

DUTIES OF THE SHERIFF.

SEC. XVI. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to execute all papers issued by the proper officers and make due return entered thereon.

SEC. XVII. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to return any notice or summons on or before the time set therein for trial and the manner of service shall be set forth in the Sheriff's Return thereto.

SEC. XVIII. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff, when he attaches any property not capable of delivery, to file a list of the same with the Recorder immediately.

SEC. XVIII. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to execute or cause to be executed all penalties for criminal offences.

CHAPTER IV.—OFFICERS' FEES.

PRESIDENT'S AND JUSTICE'S FEES.

SEC. I. Subpoena	25 cts.	Swearing a jury	25 cts.
For one, two or more	50 cts.	Hearing a cause	1.00 cts.
Swearing witnesses each	20 cts.	Recording a judgment	50 cts.
Venire	50 cts.	Issuing process laws of Kansas.	

RECORDER'S FEES.

SEC. II. The Recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents for recording each claim; fifty cents for a deed or any other instrument of not more than one hundred words and at the rate of fifty cents for each additional one hundred words.

SHERIFFS FEES.

SEC. III. The Sheriff's fees shall be double of that which is allowed a Sheriff by The Revised Statutes of Kansas.

CHAPTER V.—LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MINERS COURT.

SEC. I. A person wishing to commence a civil action, shall apply to the President or Justice of the Peace, and on the affidavit of the applicant stating that the Defendant is justly indebted to him shall issue a summons returnable in three days, to require the Defendant to appear and answer. If such summons is personally served and if such summons is served by copy and the defendant does not appear—then a new summons shall be issued and if the defendant cannot be found,—the Court issuing the summons shall hear the proofs and allegations of the Plaintiff who shall himself be sworn (granting same privilege to the Defendant if present), in their own behalf, and upon the proofs and allegations then established, the Court or Jury shall give and record judgment.

In case the Defendant can not be found, he or she may at any time within six months apply for a new trial which shall be granted for sufficient cause shown and on the payment of the costs of previous suit.

SEC. II. Depositions may be used in evidence before the Miners Court, Provided the witness is sick and unable to attend at the place of trial, or is about to leave the country or is out of the jurisdiction of the Court. Provided also that the adverse party shall have notice of time and place, when and where such deposition will be taken, and have the right to cross question such witness. Notice, however need not be given when the witness is not a resident of this Territory.

SEC. III. No cause shall be continued except by the consent of both parties, or upon the affidavit of one of the parties or his attorney setting forth good cause for a continuance, as for the absence of a material witness in which case the party must state on oath that he cannot safely proceed to trial without said witness and that he believes he can procure the testimony of said witness at some future time.

SEC. IV. Garnishee process may issue as a part of the original writ to be served upon both the defendant and garnishee or separately; or it may be issued after execution is returned unsatisfied; in either case if the garnishee shall pay the defendant the amount of his indebtedness, after service of the said notice and before the final judgment (if any is obtained) is paid, he shall be liable to the plaintiff for such indebtedness.

SEC. V. New trials may be granted for good cause shown upon the same term, or by the rules of common law, Provided the party applying for a new trial first pay the costs that have already accrued.

SEC. VI. It shall be optional with the parties to any suit whether the same be tried by the President, the Justice, or by Jury.

SEC. VII. The regular number of jurymen to try civil causes unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties shall be three.

SEC. VIII. Each party shall have the right to three peremptory challenges and as many as necessary for cause shown.

APPEALS.

SEC. IX. Either of the parties may appeal from the courts of this District, or from the verdict rendered and entered by the court or by the jury of three to a jury of twelve on payment of costs already accrued, who shall hear the testimony of the parties, in which case the Docket of the Court shall be evidence; and the verdict of the jury of twelve shall be final.—And if the judgment of the Court or the verdict of the jury first trying the cause be reversed, then the judgment shall include the amount of costs paid by the defendant to obtain such new trial.

NOTICE.

SEC. X. Attachments shall be considered served by being read to the parties, together with a list of the property attached and in case the party or parties cannot be found in the District by leaving a copy of the same at his or their usual place of residence.

SEC. XI. All executions issued from the Miners Court shall be made returnable in 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 twelve days whether satisfied or not, with his official acts endorsed thereon.

SEC. XII. 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 designate the day and hours of said sale together with a 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 such postponement shall be given during the hours of sale.

PUBLICATION.

When suit is instituted against any person who is absent from or non-resident of, this district Service may be had by posting notices or copies 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 when, how, and where he served the same, which shall be filed with the papers in the case.

EQUITY.

The Miners' Court shall have equity Jurisprudence and shall be governed by common law rules of equity; Provided either party shall have the right of 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.

SEC. XIV. There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution, the following articles which are necessary for present use by the defendant; mining tools, mechanic's tools, bedding, clothing, cooking utensils and necessary provisions for three months. And in case of a man with a family residing in the district a dwelling house not exceeding three hundred dollars in value and the lot on which the same is situated together with such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary; Provided that nothing in the foregoing section shall apply to judgment recovered for wages or labor performed prior to this act.

CITIZENSHIP.

SEC. XV. All persons who now reside in this, or, who shall afterwards come into the District to settle therein, and all persons doing business, who reside out of the District, who on opening claims, Gulch mining Patch claims, building Quartz or other mills, Ranching Farming Tunnelling or otherwise improving his property, when such improvement is actually commenced is entitled to vote in all the meetings of the district.

CHAPTER VI.—CRIMINAL LAWS.

SEC. I. The President and in his absence the Justice of the Peace shall issue a warrant on the complaint of any person under oath charging any person of any crime or misdemeanor committed in this district, authorizing the Sheriff to take the person into custody and to take him or her before the officer issuing the process or if the officer issuing the process is absent, before any other Justice or Judge for trial in the district having cognizance. The charges preferred by the counsel for plaintiff or complainant shall be read to him or her, to which the defendant shall plead guilty or not guilty and on the plea of guilty the Court shall sentence, the prisoner to such penalty by fine or other punishment as he may determine, as defined by the laws of crimes or for Petit larceny, Grand Larceny and Misdemeanor— And on the plea of not guilty then the defendant shall be entitled to a trial by jury and shall have twenty four hours to prepare for trial and the Court shall issue subpoenas on the application of defendant for such witnesses as he shall name and such witnesses shall be required to attend said Court and testify in the cause. Any witness refusing to attend on any Court or service of subpoena may be brought before such Court on attachment issued on the oath of the party requiring his attendance and be subject to all costs accruing upon such attachment if so determined by the Court.

SEC. II. Any person guilty of wilful murder, upon conviction thereof shall be hung by the neck until he is dead.

SEC. III. Any person guilty of manslaughter or homicide shall be punished as a jury of twelve men may direct

SEC. IV. Any crime or misdemeanor whatever not herein before mentioned, or provided for by law, shall be punished as a jury of twelve men may direct.

SEC. V. *Impeachment of Officers.* Any officer of this district may be impeached and deprived of his office for neglect of duty, violation of the laws or any misdemeanor inconsistent with his official position. All charges brought against an officer must be specific and presented in writing at a legally called meeting of the Miners.

TERM OF OFFICE.

SEC. VI. All officers of this district shall hold their respective offices for the time of six months from the day of their election unless they resign, or are legally discharged from the same.

CHAPTER VII.—CLAIMS, DEFINED &c.

SEC. I. All Lode claims made by discovery shall be two hundred feet long by one hundred feet wide and all cross lodes within said boundaries shall be the properties of said claimants; all preëmption Lode claims shall be one hundred feet long by fifty feet wide.

SEC. II. All Gulch claims shall be one hundred feet up or down the Gulch, and from bank to bank; all Batch and Bank claims shall be one hundred feet square; Water claims shall be three hundred feet square.

SEC. III. Every person shall be entitled to one Lode one Gulch one Patch one Bank and one Water claim by right of preemption.

SEC. IV. The discovery hole or shaft, shall be considered in the center of the discovery claim, unless specified to the contrary on record.

SEC. V. Any person owning a Quartz mill or claim on which he has a mill or is preparing to place a mill, shall have the right to out or construct a race flume or ditch Provided that the water be so guarded as not to interfere with vested rights, priority of claim to be in every case respected.

SEC. VI. No person shall be permitted to mine under any building or other improvement unless they first secure the parties owning such improvement against all damages; except by priority of title.

SEC. VII. All mining claims must be recorded unless continuously worked.

SEC. VIII. In all cases where parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible, priority of claim when honestly carried out shall be respected.

SEC. IX. Any person owning claims of any kind, or property may sell and convey by deed any claim or property to an actual purchaser who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges belonging to the original owners of such claims or property.

SEC. X. All deeds, bonds, bills of sale, contracts, or any instruments relating to conveyance of property, shall be witnessed and must be acknowledged before the President, the Justice, or Recorder of this district and recorded, to be held as valid against creditors, or subsequent deed of grantor.

SEC. XI. Discoveries on lodes shall not be recorded until the crevice is found and gold or other precious metal is found therein, by washing or otherwise.

SEC. XII. No claim shall be valid without person was actually in the mountains at the time said claim was recorded or have interests here represented by legal active partners.

SEC. XIII. Every water power claimant shall be entitled to all the natural fall of water on his claim or claims.

SEC. XIV. All Water Claims not improved or represented by their owners or their legal agents, on or before the 15th day of next July shall be forfeited and open for preemption.

REMOVING TIMBER &C.

SEC. XV. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to remove any timber or wood from this district except sawed lumber and shingles, and upon conviction of a violation of this section the person or persons so offending shall be fined in a sum not less than double the value of such timber nor more than one hundred dollars to be collected like other fines.

SEC. XVI. The timber upon all recorded mining building and water claims, shall belong to the same except what has been cut and claimed previous to the passage of this law and shall not be removed or appropriated without the permission of the owner thereof.

CHAPTER VIII.—TOWN SITES AND RANCHES.

SEC. I. Any person or company that may hereafter locate and lay out a Town in this District shall make a map or plat thereof and file or deposit a correct duplicate of the same in the district Recorder's office with the names of the proprietors signed thereunto.

SEC. II. The plat must designate the name of the Town, the district the boundaries and when located. The said plat must have all streets, alleys, public squares, avenues, market houses, burial grounds and lots, named, numbered, and staked off.

SEC. III. All deeds titles or conveyances of said Town lots or property must have the signatures of the proprietors thereof and be recorded in the district Recorder's office—said proprietors being bound for all lots or property deeded or conveyed to any person or persons.

SEC. IV. The said proprietors to have and to hold said Town as real estate as other property of the district

SEC. V. Any persons or company may locate and lay off a Town in this district by complying with the provisions of this law—Provided they get the consent and signatures of a majority of the miners in and of this district.

RANCHES.

SEC. VI. Any person or persons may preempt and hold as real estate a ranche in this district by recording the same in the district Recorder's office. The record must designate the name of the ranch of the proprietors, the boundaries; and of the district and when located or claimed—Provided each person shall not preempt more than (160 A.) one hundred and sixty acres of land and provided they shall improve said Ranch within three months from date of record to the value of (\$50.00) fifty dollars and Provided they shall not be entitled to more of the wood and timber thereon than is needed for the improvement and use Ranch, unless manufactured and sold in the district.

LIEN LAW.

SEC. VII. *Be it enacted* that all labor performed or material furnished for any mill, house, tunnel, gulch, ditch or lode be a lien on the same provided the same is recorded within thirty days from the time such labor was performed or material furnished.

TAXES.

SEC. IX. All Lode claims in this district shall be taxed ten cents each on or before the 15th day of Sept. 1861. The proceeds to be applied as the miners may direct—if not paid before that time the sheriff shall give ten days notice, and if not paid within that time, they shall be sold for the taxes, and a valid deed given to the purchaser.

CHAPTER IX.—TUNNEL LAWS.

SEC. I. Any person or company locating a Tunnel Claim in this district as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled to preempt one hundred by two hundred feet of ground, as surface claim, at the starting point for Tunnel purposes and deposits

SEC. II. Any person or company running a tunnel under this law shall be intitled to four hundred feet and no more upon any lode which may be discovered in said Tunnel two hundred feet of which may be taken on each side of the center line of the tunnel claim; Provided also that such discovery be preempted and recorded as other claims

SEC. III. Any person or company locating a tunnel as aforesaid, shall be required to commence work upon the same on or before the first day of June 1861. And all claims recorded after the first day of May 1861 must be worked within thirty days from date of filing and recording. Any person or company shall be required to perform at least three months labor for one laborer, in every six months.—Upon failing to comply with the requirements of this section, the right of such Tunnel shall be forfeited.

SEC. IV. All Tunnel Claims shall be staked at the starting point in the center upon which stake shall be written the direction and terminus of such tunnel together with the name of the owner or owners.

SEC. V. Any person or company running a tunnel under this law, 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, the width not exceeding the size of said tunnel at smallest place.

SEC. VI. Any person or company owning 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. VII. When a person or company claims to have discovered a new lode in their tunnel and said lode is claimed by prior discovery it shall devolve upon the tunnel owner to show that his discovery is a new one

SEC. VIII. All persons owning lode claims shall have the privilege of working them by tunneling or otherwise and to deposit quartz either by slide or tramway, at the point most convenient for them on any ground claimed under this law for surface deposits. Provided they do not deposit Quartz or place any obstruction nearer than twenty feet from the center of the mouth of the tunnel.

CHAPTER X.—TOLL ROADS.

Resolved By the Citizens and Miners of South Boulder District at a legally called meeting that we grant the right of way to all toll road companies through this district and a charter for the same.

Provided 1st that said road shall not exceed sixty feet in width.

Provided 2d Said road shall not interfere with the personal rights of individuals acquired previous to the passage of this act.

Provided 3d Said road shall not interfere with the rights granted to other road companies, previous to the granting of any charter hereafter

Provided 4th The citizens of this district shall have the right of way for local use over that portion of the road located within the boundaries of this district by repairing all wear or damage done to the said road or bridges by the said citizens or miners

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage

Passed March 30th 1861

Sec. III of Chapter VII Should read "every person shall be entitled to one lode, one gulch, one patch, one bank, and one water claim by right of preëmption on each and every lode lode, gulch, patch, bank, or water power in the district.

S. BOULDER DIST. Sept. 27th 1861

Be it enacted by the citizens and miners of South Boulder Dist. that the President, Justice, Sheriff and Recorder be sworn to truly and impartially execute the laws of the district and that the Justice and Sheriff give satisfactory bonds to the President before entering upon the duties of their offices, to faithfully discharge the same.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—MORRIS MINING DISTRICT.

At a meeting held April 5th and May 2d 1861 the following laws were adopted by the miners and Citizens of Morris District

CHAPTER I.

The boundaries of the District shall be as follows. Commencing at the mouth of Waldens Fork or Mill Creek and running up said stream the distance of two and one half (2½) miles thence North to the summit of the mountain thence along the summit to the Western line of Iowa District thence along said Western line of Iowa District to one mile south of Clear Creek Thence due West to opposite the place of beginning thence North to the point of beginning

CHAPTER 2D.

SECTION 1st. The officers of this district shall be a Judge of the miners Court a Sheriff a President and a recorder who shall be ex officio secretary and treasurer of the district which officers shall be elected on the twenty third of February of each year and who shall hold their office for the term of one year from the date of their election or until their successors are elected and qualified unless they sooner die resign remove from the district or are removed for misconduct as hereinafter provided

SECTION 2d. When any officer except the President of this district shall be guilty of misconduct or malfeasance in office in 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 prosecutor and the trial shall be conducted according to the laws of misdemeanor

SECTION 3d. In case the President of the District is charged with misconduct in office it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to perform the duties prescribed for the president in the foregoing section

SECTION 4th. Each officer before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office shall take an oath to support and faithfully execute all the laws of the district

CHAPTER 3d.

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 of the district specifying the particular object of the meeting which object must be distinctly stated in the notice

SECTION 2d. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in the miners Court in any case where the Judge of said Court is in any way interested in the result of the suit or otherwise disqualified unless objection is made by either of the parties in which case it shall be his duty to appoint a Judge Pro-tem

SEC. 3. 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 it is the special duty of some other officer to protect—It shall be his duty to institute suit against any person guilty of destroying 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. 4. It shall be the duty of the President of the district to appoint an officer Pro-tem to fill any vacancy that may occur

DUTIES OF THE JUDGE

SECTION 5th. The Judge of the miners Court shall execute a bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the president in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties

SEC. 6. The Judge of the miners Court shall perform the duties of the president in case of his absence or disability—

SECTION 7. 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

BOND FOR COSTS

SECTION 8th. It shall be the duty of the Judge in Call cases before entering suit to require a bond with good and sufficient security for the payment of all costs and for all damages in case of attachment being wrongfully sued out

SECTION 9th. 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 concerned or interested and no execution shall be collectable on a Judgment rendered upon such indebtedness except as hereinbefore provided

DOCKET

SECTION 10. The Judge of the miners court shall keep a docket on which a correct record of all the proceedings of his court shall be entered and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits before him It shall also be his duty to make out and send to the court of appeals a complete transcript of the record in any case where either party complies with the law authorizing an appeal together with any special ruling made in the trial provided parties require it

FINE FOR CONTEMPT

SECTION 11. 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 same to be paid into the district treasury

SECTION 12. It shall be the duty of the Judge to issue an attachment when the plaintiff in any suit shall make oath that he believes that the defendant is about to abscond or dispose of his property to defraud his creditors

SECTION 13. It shall be the duty of the Judge of the miners Court to pay over to the Treasurer of the District—all moneys coming into his hands for fines

SECTION 14. The Judge of the miners court shall have full probate Jurisdiction within this district—

DUTIES OF THE RECORDER

SECTION 15th. 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 moneys of the district—paid to him subject to the draft of the President—Also to keep all vouchers so that any time he may be able when called upon to exhibit the financial condition of the district

SECTION 16. The Recorder may appoint a deputy who shall be duly sworn for whose special acts he shall be responsible

SECTION 17. It shall be the duty of the recorder to execute a bond with good security for five hundred dollars to be approved by the president and Judge of the District for the faithful performance of the dutys of his office

DUTIES OF THE SHERIFF

SECTION 18. 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 five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of this dutys of his office

SECTION 19. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to exicente all papers issued by the proper officers and make due return entered thereon

SECTION 20. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to return any notice or summons on or before the time set therein for trial and the manner of service shall be set forth in the Sheriffs return there to

It shall be the duty of the sheriff when he attaches any property not capable of manual delivery to file a list of the same with the Recorder immediately

SECTION 22. 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 It shall be the duty of the sheriff to execute or cause to be executed all penalties for criminal offenses

JUDGES FEES

SECTION 1st. The Judge of the miners Court shall be allowed fifty cents each for issuing all papers except subpoenas for which he shall receive twenty five cents if containing one name and fifty cents if containing more than one name for docket entry one dollar for the trial of each cause three dollars for each continuance of a cause two dollars and for making out the transcript required by law in case of an appeal to the president one dollar

SEC. 2d. The recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents for recording each claim fifty cents for a deed or any other instrument of not more than one hundred words and at the rate of fifty cents for each additional one hundred words

SHERIFFS FEES

SECTION 3. The sheriff shall receive the sum of fifty cents each for serving all papers except subpoenas for which he shall be entitled to twenty five cents for each subpoenaed when upon official business out side this district he shall be allowed ten cents for each mile necessarily travelled He shall also be allowed fifty cents each for three notices in case of sale under execution and for selling property he shall be allowed seven per cent on all sums under one hundred dollars and five percent on all sums over one hundred dollars and under two hundred dollars and three percent in all sums over two hundred dollars For empanneling a Jury one dollar and fifty cents and for waiting in the Court he shall be allowed fifty cents for each cause tried

SECTION 4th. Jurors shall be allowed the sum of fifty cents per hour

SECTION 6th. Witnesses shall be allowed the sum of fifty cents per hour

CHAPTER V.—LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MINERS COURT

SECTION 1. Regular terms of the Miners Court shall be held any day provided the parties have five days notice

SEC. 2. 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 his 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 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

SECTION 3d. Depositions may be used in evidence before the miners Court provided the witness is sick and unable to attend at the place of trial about to leave the country or is out of the Jurisdiction of the Court provided also that the adverse party shall have notice of time and place when and where such depositions will be taken and have the right to cross question such witness Notice however need not be given when the witness is not a resident of this territory

SECTION 4th. No 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 party shall state on oath that he cannot safely proceed to trial without said witness and that he believes he can procure the testimony of said witness at some specified future time

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SECTION 6. New trials may be granted for good cause shown upon the same terms or by the rules of common law provided the party applying for a new trial first pay the costs that have already accrued

SECTION 7. 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

SECTION 8th. The regular number of Jurymen to try civil causes unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties shall be three

SECTION 9. Each party shall have the right to three preemptory challenges and as many as necessary for cause

SECTION 10. Either party feeling aggrieved may appeal from a decision of a Jury of three or the judge to a Jury of six or to the president of the district. Provided that the party appealing shall give notice of his intention to appeal within twenty four hours after the rendition of Judgment and provided he shall pay the costs already accrued within five days after the Judgment is rendered

SECTION 11. In case where an appeal is taken as provided in the foregoing section the case shall be cited to the next term of the court to which the appeal is taken provided at least five days elapse 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

NOTICE.

SECTION 12. Notice shall be considered served when read to the party or parties or by leaving a copy of the same at the usual place of residence when not to be found within the district

SECTION 13. Attachments shall be considered served by being read to the parties together with a list of the property attached and in case the party or parties cannot be found in the district by leaving a copy of the same at his or their usual place of residence

SECTION 14. All executions issued from the Miners Court shall be made returnable in 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

SECTION 15. 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 notice must designate the day & hour of sale together with a 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 such postponement shall be given during the hours of sale.

PUBLICATION

SECTION 16. When suit is instituted against any who is absent from or a non resident of this district service may be had by posting notices or copies of the summons in three conspicuous places in the district at least five 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 when how and where he served the same which shall be filed with the papers in the case

SEC. 17. When Judgment is rendered on publication as provided in the foregoing section the party defendant shall be entitled to a new hearing in said case within thirty days after the rendition of Judgment by paying all costs and 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 recover any real estate claims or their value which may have been sold under execution on such Judgment

EQUITY

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 can not obtain Justice under the rules of law

EXEMPTION

SEC. 19. There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution the following articles which are necessary for present use by the defendant mining tools bedding clothing cooking utensils and necessary provisions for three months and in case of a man with a family residing in the district a dwelling house not exceeding three hundred dollars in value and the lot on which the same is situated together with such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary. Provided that nothing in the foregoing section shall apply to Judgment recovered for wages or labor performed prior to this date

REDEMPTION

SEC. 20. The defendant in any case on which suit is not already entered shall have the right of redemption on any claim sold on execution within sixty days after such sale provided that such defendant shall on or before the expiration of the sixty days pay to the Courts for the benefits of the purchaser the amount of the purchase money together with interest at the rate of five per cent per month

CITIZENSHIP

SEC. 21. Any person shall be considered a citizen of this district after a residence of five days in the district

VOTING

SECTION 22. No person shall be allowed to vote in this district except residents of this district

CHAPTER VI.—CRIMINAL LAWS

SECTION 1. Any person guilty of wilful murder upon conviction thereof shall be hung by the neck until he is dead

SECTION 2. Any person guilty of manslaughter or homicide shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men shall direct

SECTION 3. Any person shooting or threatening to shoot another or using or threatening to use any deadly weapon except in self defense shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars and receive in addition as many stripes on his bare back as a Jury of six men may direct and be banished from the district

SECTION 4. 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. Any person found guilty of Grand larceny shall be fined in a sum double the amount stolen and receive not less than fifty nor more than one hundred lashes on his bare back and be banished from the district and such other punishment as a Jury of six men may direct

FORGERY

SEC. 6th. Any person found guilty of forging deeds transfers Bills of sale or Jumping claims legally held under record defacing names or removing stakes from their proper places shall pay a fine of five dollars for each offense 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 one hundred dollars to be determined by a Jury of six men and remove such nuisance within twenty four hours

SEC. 8. Any person convicted of causing a nuisance and failing or refusing to remove the same shall suffer the same penalty for each succeeding twenty four hours as prescribed in section seventh and such other punishment as the Jury may direct

SECTION 9. All and every offence not enumerated in the foregoing sections shall be determined by a Jury of six men and punished as they may direct

SECTION 10. Any theft not exceeding two dollars in value shall be deemed a petit larceny and any theft over that sum in value shall be deemed grand larceny

CUTTING TIMBER

SECTION 11. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to cut any timber or wood from this district and before conviction of a violation of this section the person or persons so offending shall be fined in a sum not less than double the value of such timber nor more than one hundred dollars to be collected as other fines

CHAPTER VII.—CLAIMS DEFINED.

SECTION 1. The term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode one hundred feet extending the length of the same when applied to a gulch one hundred feet up and down and fifty feet across when applied to patch or placer diggings one hundred feet square when applied to tunnel claims the entire distance intended to run the same for discovery purposes as shown by the record and stake at the mouth of the tunnel when applied to mill water privileges three hundred feet on the creek with the privilege of using all the water in the creek when applied to surface preemption for mill grounds for every three hundred feet of water power three hundred feet on the creek extending back the same width one hundred and fifty feet when applied to a ditch claim the entire distance staked out which they intend to run the same or show by the survey and stakes When applied to creek bed mining claims one hundred up and down the creek in length and between high water mark on each side When applied to Bar claims fifty wide running back to the base of the mountain

SECTION 2. All lode claims when recorded shall be held as real estate

SECTION 3d. No person shall hold more than one patch gulch placer or bar claim except by purchase or discovery they shall be held as real estate by recording them as such

SECTION 4th. All purchased claims when recorded shall be held as real estate

SECTION 5th. Any person who shall discover 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

SECTION 6th. Any person shall be allowed to hold one claim on each quartz lode as real estate by recording the same and no more except by purchase or discovery

SECTION 7th. Any person discovering a quartz lode by recording the same may hold as real estate the discovery and one claim by preemption on said lode

SECTION 8th. All quartz lodes shall terminate in the center of the gulch or creek

SECTION 9th. When lode claims extend through bar claims the first claim recorded shall hold both

SECTION 10. Any person owning a quartz mill or mill claim on which he has a mill shall have the right to cut or construct a race flume or ditch to convey water to such mill over any claim road or ditch provided the water be so guided as not to interfere with vested rights priority of claim to be in every case respected

SECTION 11. The discovery hole shall be considered in the center of the discovery claim unless specified to the contrary on record

SECTION 12. No person shall be allowed to mine under a building or other provement unless they first secure the parties owning such improvement against all damages except by priority of title

SECTION 13. All mining claims must be recorded unless the same are continuously worked

SECTION 14. All deeds bonds contracts bills of sale or instruments of any kind relating to the conveyance of claims shall be witnessed and must be recorded to be held as valid against creditors or subsequent deeds of grantor

SECTION 15. Preemption on lodes which run into each other shall be governed by priority of discovery

SECTION 16. In all places where parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of claim when honestly carried out shall be respected

SECTION 17th. All water power claims or mill sites shall be three hundred feet square and shall be improved on or before the tenth day of June A D 1861 and if not improved by the above specified time they shall be forfeited and any person or persons taking up or preempting said forfeited water claims shall improve the same within thirty days thereafter

SECTION 18. All building lots shall be fifty feet front by one hundred feet deep and the same shall be improved on or before the first day of June A D 1861 or forfeited and any parties taking up the said forfeited building lots shall improve the same within thirty days thereafter

CHAPTER VIII.—TUNNEL LAW.

SECTION I. Any person or company locating a tunnel claim in the district as hereinafter provided shall be entitled to preempt one hundred by two hundred feet of ground as surface claim at the starting point for tunnel purposes and deposits.

SECTION 2. Any person or company running a tunnel under this law shall be entitled to four hundred feet and no more upon a lode which may be discovered in said tunnel two hundred feet of which may be taken on each side of the center line of the tunnel claim provided such has been discovered and claimed prior to the discovery in the tunnel provided also that such discovery be preempted and recorded as other claims

SECTION 3. Any person or company locating a tunnel as aforesaid shall be required to commence work upon the same on or before the first day of June eighteen hundred and sixty one in which month he or they shall be required to perform 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 to such tunnel claim shall be forfeited

SECTION IV. All tunnel claims shall be staked at the starting point in the center upon which stake, shall be written the direction and terminus of said tunnel to gether with the names of the owner or owners

SECTION 5th. Any person or company running a tunnel under this law shall have the right to cross any lode in 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 at right angles the size of said tunnel at smallest place

SECTION 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 claims in said tunnel at any time they may desire

SECTION 7th. When any person or company of persons claims to have discovered a new lode in their tunnel and said lode and said lode is claimed by prior discovery it shall devolve upon the tunnel owner to show that his discovery is a new, one

SECTION 8. All persons owning lode claims shall have the privilege to work the same by tunneling or otherwise and to deposit quartz either by slide or tramway at the point most convenient for them on any ground claimed under this law for surface deposits Provided they do not deposit quartz or place any obstruction nearer than twenty feet from the center of the mouth of said tunnel

CHAPTER IX.

SECTION 9th. Any and all laws conflicting with the foregoing are hereby repealed Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as to interfere with any rights acquired under previously existing laws

P. S.—The following was passed April 5th 1861 but was left out by mistake:

A stake shall hold a claim for five days from date without recording

We the undersigned a committee appointed to examine the laws of Morris District as filed in the recorders office and Copied by the recorder find the same to be correct except in the instance of bar claims which in accordance with a law duly passed by the miners of this district will be forfeited unless previously worked in the ten days of June A D 1861

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WELLINGTON SHERWOOD
GRIFFITH COOPER

At a meeting held June 8th 1861 The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved That a person who is not a resident of this Territory shall not be entitled to hold a mining claim in this district

Resolved That all males and females over the age of ten shall be allowed to hold a mining claim

At a meeting held Aug 24th 1861 the following laws were passed

All certificates of claims or deeds now remaining in the recorders office if not called for within fifteen days from the time of the passage of this act shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder

All certificates of claims or deeds hereinafter recorded remaining in the recorders office after a space of fifteen days from the time of record such claims or deeds shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder after a notice of ten days has been given

All moneys surplus monies obtained by the sale of claims as provided in the two preceeding sections shall be paid into the treasury of the district

LAKE COUNTY.—SACRAMENTO MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS.

At a meeting held on May 14th 1861 for the purpose of forming a new District.

A. G. Benson was chosen President and E. W. Jones Secretary.

Col. Austin moved that the District be bounded as follows, to Wit:

Commencing at the lower line of Tier No. 22 Sacramento District, thence running southerly to the line between the Iowa and California Gulches, thence northerly to Evans Gulch thence westerly to the Arkansas River. Carried.

The following named persons were elected as the Officers of Washington District.—William Wigginton, Justice of the Peace; Geo. W. Huston Sheriff, and S. Stede, Stake-driver.

Col. Austin offered the following Motion

On presentation of a petition signed by Ten claim-holders of any District adjacent the Recorder be instructed to give twenty-four hours notice, to take into consideration matters set forth in said petition.

The Laws below written were submitted to the vote of the Miners and on Motion were unanimously adopted. On motion adjourned.

E. J. JONES, *Secretary.*

SEC. 1st. Boundaries of the District as per preceeding page.

SEC. 2d. The Officers of the District shall consist of a Justice of the Peace, Recorder, and Stakedriver whose term of office shall be the period of one year.

SEC. 3d. The duty of the Justice of the Peace, shall be to preside at all trials that may be brought before him, and to issue summons sub-penas Executions and all other papers appertaining to the Justice or Miners Court.

SEC. 4th. The duty of the Recorder shall be to keep a Record of all claims that may be filed with him, and to act as Secretary to all Public Meetings, and to keep a record of the same, and his records of both, claims and By-Laws shall be recorded in suitable Books and shall be open to the inspection of the Public during business hours.

SEC. 5th. The duties of the Sheriff shall be to serve all papers that may be issued to him by the proper authority and to attend the Justices and Miners Court.

SEC. 6th. The duties of the Stake-driver shall be to measure and stake all claims, and to mark the number and range of each claim upon the stake thereof.

SEC. 7th. All claims in this District shall be one hundred feet square.

SEC. 8th. Each person shall be entitled to hold one claim by pre-emption and as many by purchase, as they may choose to buy. Provided, however, that they shall work or cause to be worked said claims while in their possession, the Miners of this District to decide as to the time when claims are workable.

SEC. 9. All claims shall be recorded within ten days after they have been staked, and all Transfers of claims shall be recorded, and no person shall represent a claim until the Deed has been filed for Record.

SEC. 10th. A Miners Meeting shall be called by the Recorder upon the presentation of a Petition signed by Ten Claim-holders for the purpose of revising, amending, or changing the Laws and for filling vacancies in Office.

SEC. 11th. No person shall be a voter at any Miners Meeting unless owning a claim or interest in this District or unless he has been a Bona Fide resident in this District for Ten days.

SEC. 12th. All titles to contested claims shall be settled before the Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 13th. All suits shall be brought 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 the complaint, in not less than three days from the date of issuing the summons, which Summons shall be served at least two days before the day fixed for the trial, when the Justice shall proceed to hear and decide the cause, unless either party shall demand a Jury. If either party demand a Jury and advance the fees of the Jury, the Justice shall cause a Jury of six competent persons to be empanelled who shall try the cause and Judgement be rendered accordingly.

SEC. 14th. If either party wishes to appeal, they can appeal to a Jury of twelve competent Jurors by giving Bond and approved Security both for past and future costs, advancing the fees of the Jury within three days, and the Justice shall thereupon issue a venire for said Jury, who shall proceed to try the cause, and a Verdict of Ten of said Jury shall be final in the cause and Judgement entered accordingly. But the Verdict in all Criminal cases must be a Unit.

SEC. 15th. The Justice shall issue Executions upon all Judgements where no appeal is taken, in Three days after Judgement is rendered.

SEC. 16th. In all cases not provided for in the Code, the Common Law shall be the rule.

SEC. 17th. Attachments may be issued upon the affidavit of any person that the Defendant be indebted to in any sum, and that the said Debtor is a Non-Resident of the District, and is absconding or conceals himself, or is about to leave the Country, or is about removing his property beyond the Jurisdiction of the Court to the injury of his Creditors, and on the Plaintiff's giving Bond and approved Security for such damages as the Defendant may sustain by the wrongful swearing out of said attachment.

SEC. 18th. In all Criminal Cases Warrants shall be issued on Complaint under Oath, and all Criminal Causes shall be tried by a Jury of Twelve Competent Jurors, and said Jury shall name the punishment to be inflicted.

SEC. 19th. The Sheriff shall execute all sentences and Judgements of the Court.

SEC. 20th. On the affidavit that the Justice is biased or partial so that a fair hearing or trial cannot be had before him, a change of Venue may be had to some person whom the parties may agree upon as Justice to try the cause and if the parties cannot agree upon some person to act as Justice, then the Recorder shall act as Justice, and the Justice shall enter Judgement and issue Execution as though the cause had been tried before him.

SEC. 21. All Gulch claims in this District that have been or may be filed, shall hold good until the 14th day of June 1861, after which time if not represented by the real owners shall be jumpable.

The fees of the Justice of the Peace, shall be for presiding at each trial \$2.50, for issuing each Summons .50, Sub-poenas, executions & Writs .50, for swearing each Witness .25 for Docketing or Entering Judgment .50, for entering Satisfaction .50.

The fees of the Recorder shall be, for recording each claim .75, Recording ordinary Transfers \$1.00

The fees of the Stake-driver, shall be for surveying and staking each claim .50 Said fee to be collected by the Recorder.

The fees of the Sheriff shall be, For serving each Summons, Writ, or Warrant \$1.00, For each mile travelling .25, For taking forthcoming or Replevin Bonds .75, For serving Executions \$1.25, For advertising Sale each .50, Ten per cent on all collections under one hundred dollars and Five per cent on all sums over that amount. For attending trial \$2.50, For summoning Jurors each .25. Jurors fees shall be \$2.50, Witness fees \$1.00.

The fees of the Justice, Sheriff, Juror & Witnesses shall be taxed against the losing party and included in the execution. Parties commencing Suit shall give Bond & Security for Costs, which Bond may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Judge.

SEC. 22d. In case of the death of anyone in the District it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace to appoint a reliable person as Administrator of the Estate and in contested Settlements the Justice, Recorder, & Administrator shall constitute the Arbitrators to settle and audit the accounts. The fees of said Administrators shall be five per cent upon all sums due the Estate.

SEC. 23rd. These Laws shall loose, no force on account of any informality in the wording of them.

SEC. 24th. The Court of this District shall have full, equitable, Common Law Jurisdiction.

Amendments &c.

At a Meeting of the Miners of Washington held May 25th 1861, Col. Austin was chosen President.

A petition was presented by the Miners of Sacramento District requesting admittance into the District of Washington.

A. G. Patrick moved that the petition of the Miners of Sacramento District be granted, and the District of Sacramento be added to and embraced in Washington District. Carried.

On Motion of Col. Austin the Meeting now adjourned to meet again Saturday July 1st 1861.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

At a Meeting held June 1st 1861, in Washington District to take into consideration the general interests of Washington District, Charles Singetary was called to the Chair.

On Motion the Laws of the Washington District were read

Col. Austin moved that the Law concerning Gulch claims should apply to Patch claims Carried.

Col. Austin moved that all rights acquired under the Laws of Sacramento District be respected. Carried.

A. G. Patrick, that the Laws be ratified and confirmed Section and Section.

The laws were read and adopted with the following amendments.

Sec. 7 was so amended that no infringement should be made upon any right or rights acquired under the Laws of Sacramento District.

Sec. 11 was so amended that actual Residents only should be allowed to vote for Officers of Washington District.

Sec. 14 was so amended that a Verdict of Nine (9) instead of ten (10) should be final in a Jury of Twelve.

The proceedings of the Meeting of May 25th 1861 were read and confirmed.

A. G. Patrick moved that on June 13th 1861, all Offices in Washington District be declared vacant, and a new Election for Officers be held on that day, and that Judges of Election be now chosen. Carried.

J. W. Walton, Wm Curtis Sen., and S. J. Pollock were elected Judges of the Election of June 13th 1861.

It was moved that in case any of the Judges elected should be absent on the day of Election, that vacancies should be filled by the balance present, and that Judges shall have the power to appoint Clerks of Election.

On Motion Meeting adjourned to meet June 13th 1861.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS OF MINERS MEETING OF JUNE 13TH 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment, a Meeting was held June 13th 1861.

J. F. Stone was called to the Chair.

James H. Brown moved that the District now called "Washington", and formerly called "Sacramento" should be known and called by its original name. Carried.

Col. Austin moved to adjourn until June 14th at 10 o'clock. P. M. Carried.

Meeting pursuant to adjournment met at 10 o'clock P. M. June 14th when Geo. F. Crocker offered the following Amendment to sec. 17th Attachments may be issued in all cases in Actions of Debt on the Plaintiff giving Bonds and approved Security in double the amount of the claim or demand, for the payment of all damages the Defendant may sustain by reason of the wrongful swearing out of said attachments.

Col. Austin moved that Sec. 2nd of the Laws should be so amended that two Sheriffs and two Justices of the Peace should be elected and hold Office in Sacramento District. Carried.

W. L. McMath offered the following:

Be it enacted by the Miners of Sacramento District, Colo. Ter. in Convention assembled to Wit:

SECTION 1st Creditors should be allowed to receive Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum where no rate of Interest is agreed upon, for all Monies after they become due by any Instrument of the Debtor in Writing for Money or Monies due on settlement of accounts from the day of liquidating the same and ascertaining the balance, for Money recovering for the uses of another, and retained without the owners consent or knowledge of the receipt of the same, for Money due and withheld by any unreasonable and vexatious delay of Payment or Settlement of accounts and for all other Money due, or to become due for the forbearance of payment whereof an Express promise to pay interest has been made.

SEC. 2nd The parties may in contract of writing whereby any debt is secured to be paid, agree that more or less than twelve per cent per annum may be received.

SEC. 3rd This act to take effect and be in force from and after the date hereof.

Carried.

Wm. J. Austin moved that the Bill introduced by W. L. McMath concerning the lawful rates of Interest be reconsidered. Carried.

Geo. F. Crocker moved that Three per cent per Month be substituted in place of Twelve per cent per annum—
Lost.

Twelve per cent per annum was voted to be the rate of Interest, outside of special Contracts.

Wm. J. Austin moved that seven practical Miners, five of whom should constitute a quorum, should be appointed to decide as to whom claims are in a Marketable condition and to adopt some system of drainage. Carried.

Wm. J. Austin, A. G. Patrick Wm. Curtis, Mr Young, Elijah Smether, B. F. Allen, and A. S. Webster were appointed as such Committee.

A. S. Weston moved that the Committee should have the power to fill vacancies by selecting practical Miners for that purpose. Carried.

W. L. McMath moved that Ladies be allowed to hold claims in this District. Carried.

W. J. Austin moved that the rights of the "Fluming Co." be respected. Carried.

A. G. Patrick moved that the Grant given to the "Austin Tunneling Co" be given to Moody & Co. Carried.

A. G. Patrick moved that all claim owners in Sacramento District be required to file their claims with the Recorder by Monday, June 19th 1861 by 10 o'clock A. M. and all those failing so to do shall subject their claims to pre-emption. Carried.

Wm. J. Austin moved that the Clerk of Election read the Election Returns.

George F. Crocker moved that a Delegate be elected to attend the Hamilton Convention with power of Substitution. Carried. On Motion adjourned.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

At a Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District held June 29th 1861 for the transaction of general business, A. G. Patrick was called to the Chair.

On Motion the Laws concerning the Drainage of Claims &c. were read as follows to Wit:

SEC. 1st The owners of all Gulch claims in this District shall make or cause to be made a Good and Sufficient Drain Ditch, sufficiently deep to drain the bottom of the Pay Streak on the claim below his own, and shall keep the same in repairs. Work shall be commenced on said Ditch on or before Thursday June 20th and $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Ditch shall be completed by the first day of July, and $\frac{1}{4}$ by the 10th day of July, and the whole shall be completed by the 20th of July next. Provided that if any person fail to comply with either of

those rules, his claim shall be forfeited and shall be subject to pre-emption. Provided that any person pre-empting such claim, shall commence draining the same immediately, and shall complete the same in the same manner and in as short a time as herein provided for.

SEC. 2nd Whenever it is the opinion of the "Board of Directors" that any claim has been forfeited it shall be the duty of the President of the Board to post a Notice of the same at the Recorders Office, and if the same is not pre-empted within Five days, of the time of posting such Notice, any person or persons owning a claim or claims above shall have the right to drain such claim and hold the same for Drainage.

SEC. 3rd All Side Ditches shall be kept open at the expense of the Owners of claims over which such side ditches pass; and any person obstructing any side Ditch or the Drain Ditch and failing to remove such obstruction immediately upon being notified by any person immediately interested in said Ditches shall pay double the amount of damages that may be sustained thereby, to be recovered by an Action before a Justice of the Peace, of the District in the same manner as in case of Debt.

SEC. 4th All claims on Sacramento Flats below Gulch claim No. 31 shall hold good until July 20th without Work, when they shall be drained under the instructions of the Board of Directors

SEC. 5th All claims on the first Tier North of the Gulch above Gulch claim No. 32, are declared workable on and after July 20th 1861 and all other claims not otherwise provided for are declared Workable on and after June 20th, 1861.

SEC. 6th All claims that are Workable shall be worked two days in each week. Any person owning more than one claim may represent his claims by work on any one of them. Provided that no less than two days Work in each week for each claim so owned shall be sufficient to hold the same.

SEC. 7th All disputes arising under these Rules shall be decided by the Board of Directors. Provided that any party feeling aggrieved at the Decisions of said Board shall have the right to appeal to a Jury of Twelve. Said Jury shall be empanelled and the case shall be tried and Judgement rendered according to the Laws of Sacramento District

June 15th 1861

W. JAMES AUSTIN *President*

Attest A. S. WESTON, *Secretary*.

On Motion the Laws enacted by the Board of Directors were Section by Section submitted to the Miners for their Rejection or Approval. The Laws were adopted with the following Amendments Sec. 5th was so amended that all Patch and Side claims above Gulch claim No. 32 should be declared Workable at the same time but should all, without Labor being performed thereon, hold good until July 20th 1861.

A. G. Patrick offered an Amendment to Sec 6th as follows—

All claims that are Workable shall be worked Two days in each Week. Provided that no less than Two days Work on each and every claim so owned shall be sufficient to hold the same, Except where claims are contiguous Working upon one shall be a representation for all.

Carried.

Chas Singletary moved that all partys interested in a Civil Suit shall be entitled to give testimony in their own behalf by giving the opposite party Three days notice of the same. Carried.

A. G. Patrick moved

That any person performing Labor upon any claim may hold claim or claims responsible for the amount of Labor performed thereon and that Laborers be entitled to first pay from such Claims.

George F. Crocker offered an amendment to the above Motion as follows to Wit:

That any party to whom Money is due for Work performed upon any claim shall file his claim with a Justice of the Peace of the District, within five days after ceasing Work upon such claim, or within five days after the origination of his claim and that any party failing so to do, shall nor cannot hold such claim or claims, responsible if before filing his claim, such claim or claims fall into the hands of other parties.

The resolution with the amendment was carried.

H. C. Huntsman offered the following.

Resolved that Hydraulic Claims shall be 200 feet square, and where such claims are contiguous, Work performed upon any one of them shall be a representation for all.

Carried.

On motion meeting adjourned.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary*.

At a Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District held July 10th 1861, for the transaction of general Business. Wm. J. Austin was chosen president

A. G. Patrick moved that in all suits at law both the Plaintiff and Defendant shall be competent Witnesses. Carried.

A. G. Patrick moved that all Side and Patch claims above Gulch claim No. 30 are declared in a Workable condition and Owners failing to work such Claims, according to Law shall subject their claims to pre-emption. Carried.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of Miners of a Meeting held Aug 30th 1861, V. R. Woodmaney in the Chair.

Jas. R. Brown offered the following Resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved that all Gulch claim owners and holders shall have the right to work their claims in any manner they may see fit, and that they shall be compelled to move only the tailings that do not naturally flow with the water in its natural course down the Gulch.

Resolved that all owners or holders of Side claims shall have the right to work their claims in any manner they may see proper and shall only be compelled to move the tailings that do not naturally flow with the water in its course down the Gulch.

J. H. Brown moved

That when Suit is begun before one Justice of the District an appeal can only be had to the other Justice of the District.

Col. Austin offered an amendment to the above Resolution as follows—

If either party to a Suit shall object to either Justice of the District, the Recorder shall act as Justice.

Carried.

It was moved, that any party guilty of contempt of Court shall be subject to a fine, and said fine shall go to the benefit of the Poor of the District. The limit of said fine to be Twenty-five dollars. Carried.

J. H. Darnall moved that all claims shall hold good from the last of October 1861 until June 1, 1862 without work.

Col. Austin offered an amendment so that claims hold good from last of October 1861 until May 1st 1862. Carried.

J. H. Darnall moved that all claims on which buildings are situated and occupied as Dwellings or Business Houses shall hold good without work until the first day of July 1862. Carried.

On Motion Meeting adjourned.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary*

At a Meeting of Miners of Sacramento District held October 12th 1861, A. S. Weston was chosen President.

W. J. Austin moved that the Law concerning the holding of Office by Two Sheriffs be repealed and that only one Sheriff be allowed to hold Office in Sacramento District and that the election of said Sheriff be immediately commenced. Carried.

Wm. J. Austin moved that five practical Miners be selected by the President to advise some system of Draining & Working claims, and said Committee to report at a Meeting to be held on Sunday October 20th 1861. Carried

James H. Brown offered the following resolution:

Resolved that under all sales under Execution or Attachment, that the Defendant or his Agent or Attorney shall have the right of redemption at any time within Thirty days by paying purchase Money and 10 % thereon, on sale of all Mining claims, Buildings, or Building Lots, Ditches, or Ditch Stock, Flumes or Flume Stock, Provided that nothing herein shall in any way affect Judgements already obtained, or Suits already commenced.

Carried.

The President appointed the following named persons as the Committee to Devise some system of Working and Draining claims—W. J. Austin chairman, R. E. McClaren, Elijah Smither, G. L. Henderson, and Wm. Clark.

Jas. H. Brown moved that the President appoint Judges and Clerks of Election. Carried.

On Motion Meeting adjourned till Sunday October 20th 1861.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary*.

At a Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District held October 20th 1861, J. M. Wood was chosen President.

The Report of the Committee appointed at the last Meeting to adopt some system of Drainage &c, made their Report as follows—

Sec. 1st Owners of Patch or Side claims adjoining the Gulch shall first commence to drain their claims, running said drain through their claims to the line of the claim lying back of their own, after which time the owner of the claim so drained, shall commence and run his drain through to the claim lying back of his claim, and as fast as drains are run through claims as above specified, the owners of claims lying back shall immediately commence and continue Work until their claims are all drained.

Sec. 2nd Work shall be commenced by owners of claims adjoining the Gulch, on or before November 1st 1861, and shall be continued diligently until his or their claims shall have been drained. Any party failing to commence Work at the time above specified and failing to complete said Drain in a reasonable length of time, shall subject his claim to pre-emption. The party pre-empting any claim so forfeited shall forthwith comply with the above terms, or forfeit his claim, and again subject it to pre-emption.

Sec. 3rd All Gulch claims below Gulch claim No. 60 in California Gulch, Sacramento District, are declared Workable on or after October 22nd 1861. Any party owning claims in the Gulch below No. 60 and failing to commence at the above time, and failing to continue the Work on the same until it shall have been drained, shall subject his claim to pre-emption. The party pre-empting however to forthwith comply with the above terms or again subject his claim to pre-emption.

Sec. 4th Any party or parties owning Gulch claims above Gulch claim No. 60 and who are necessarily compelled to run through the claim of another party in order to drain his or their own claim or claims, shall be entitled to the pay-dirt taken out of said claim, provided the owner of the claim through which a drain has to be run, refuses to run the same himself when notified.

The following Laws were adopted with the following Amendments:

Sec. 1st was so amended that Gulch claims should first be drained, after which time all Side or Patch claims should be drained according to Section 1st

The following was offered by P. Smith—

Resolved that each claim owner shall be limited to 15 days to run 100 feet of Drain Ditch and that such Drift shall be commenced within five days. Commencing at the upper end of the Flume and running up the Gulch, and that all claims shall hold good until such time that the Drain Drift is worked up to the lower line of the claim above and that each claim owner shall have his shaft sunk when the Drift gets up to him.

The above resolution was carried by having substituted 25 instead of 15 days.

A. S. Weston moved that any party attempting to run a Drain through the claim of another person and failing to complete the same shall forfeit all compensation derived under the Laws of the District. Carried.

Jas. Guffy offered the following amendment to sec. 15 of the original Laws :

A stay of Execution may be granted for thirty days from the time of Rendering Judgement, if the party or parties appear and give Security, Good and approved, for the amount of Judgement and Costs.

Carried.

On Motion Meeting adjourned.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

At a Meeting held April 25th 1862 for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of calling a new Election for Officers of Lake County, also to take the sense of the people of Sacramento District in regard to sustaining the present Courts and Laws under which they act, G. D. Breece was chosen President.

On Motion Meeting adjourned to meet again May 15th, at which time the annual Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District should be held.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

Pursuant to adjournment, The annual Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District was held, of which Jno. McPherson was chosen President.

A Motion was made, that a Committee consisting of five practical miners be appointed, to revise the laws of Sacramento District, and make their report at the adjourned Meeting to be held May 12th 1862.

The following named persons were appointed as such committee, Hartman, Miles Morgan, A. S. Weston, D. Houghton, and J. P. Potts.

On motion all claims were declared to be not jumpable until May 12th, 1862.

The following resolution introduced by D. W. Mason was adopted.

Whereas Lake County has not been organized in accordance with Laws, in such cases made and provided, Therefore Resolved, That we as Miners and Citizens of California Gulch, Sacramento District, Territory of Colorado, and County aforesaid do recognize and sustain the Miners Code of Laws, and the Officers elected under the same in the aforesaid District until such time as Lake County shall have been properly organized.

J. H. Brown moved that the County Commissioners be instructed to notify the Governor of Colorado Territory of the state of affairs in Lake County. Carried.

On Motion Meeting adjourned to meet May 12th, 1862.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary.*

Pursuant to adjournment a Meeting of the Miners of Sacramento District was held May 12th 1862, for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Laws of said District, of which Meeting, J. A. Culver was chosen President.

The following Laws and Amendments were offered by said Committee for consideration

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1. All persons owning claims in this District shall be allowed to represent them all by working any one of said claims.

ARTICLE 2. All Work done upon Drain Ditches shall represent the claims proposed to be drained, the same as if done upon the claims, and any person or persons owning claims, and intending to work them, shall have Ten days time to prepare Sluices and obtain tools for that purpose.

ARTICLE 3. All persons owning Buildings shall hold the claim or claims upon which their Buildings stand without work, and all persons, who have or may hereafter expend Fifty dollars or more in draining their claims shall hold such claims without work so long as they keep their drain in proper repair.

ARTICLE 4th All owners of claims which are not and cannot at present be drained, shall be allowed to hold the same without work, until such time, as the said claims can be drained at a reasonable expense, by filing within Ten days time from the passage a Written Notice to that affect with the Recorder, describing such claims, and the Recorder's fees for placing the same on file, shall be Twenty five cents per Notice.

ARTICLE 5. All claims not represented according to some one of the foregoing Laws, are hereby declared forfeited and subject to pre-emption according to Law.

SECTION 2nd Any person or persons pre-empting claims must record the same, within Five Days after filing and according to the original Numbers and Surveys. Provided that when such Numbers are not to be found upon the claim, the party pre-empting may Record by description and such record shall hold good in all cases

SECTION 3rd All owners of claims shall have the right of way through adjoining claims for Draining and shall be entitled to all of the Gold taken from said drains in the construction thereof. Provided that the owners of such adjoining claims shall first be notified to construct the said drain, and if he does not within one Week of said Notice commence Work thereupon and continue the same diligently until the said Drain is completed, then the party requiring drainage may proceed to construct such drains as he or they may need.

SEC. 4th Any person or persons who may hereafter find new diggings or strike a known paystreak at a Distance of Two Hundred feet or more from any point where such paystreak has been claimed and worked, shall be entitled to one claim extra thereupon for Discovery.

SECTION 5th Any Laws or parts of Laws heretofore existing inconsistent or conflicting with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

D. HOUGHTON, *Chairman.*

The foregoing was submitted Section by Section and approved with the following amendments

Sec. 3rd was so amended that a Drift five feet in width should consist a drain.

The following was the Amendment to Sec. 4th—

Any person or persons who may hereafter find a new paystreak or a new Diggings in this District shall be entitled to one Claim Extra for Discovery.

S. D. Brece moved that no Meeting for the purpose of repealing any of the foregoing Laws should be called for the period of Twelve Months from the time of their passage. Carried.

E. W. JONES, *Secretary*.

The foregoing Laws were filed in my Office January 8th 1862.

E. W. JONES, *Clerk & Recorder. Lake County, Colorado Territory.*

WM. B. FISHER, *Expert.*

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—CORAL MINING DISTRICT.

CORAL DISTRICT, *July the 1st 1861*

The meeting was called to order pursuant to call by N Parmeter president

After reading and revesing the Spanish Bar Code of laws a motion was made by G M Hopkins for their adoption which carried unanimously

N PARMETER *President*

H PIBLEY *Secretary*

THE REVISED LAW OF CORAL DISTRICT

SEC 1

ART II This district shall be known as Coral District

The boundaries of this district shall be as follows on the S. E. by Jackson Dist, on N. E. by Spanish Bar Dist. on the N. W. Trail Creek Dist on the S W by the Snowy Range

CHAPTER 2—OFFICERS

ART 2 The officers of this district shall be a president Judge of the Miners Court a constable and recorder, who shall be ex-officio Secretary and Treasurer of the District which officers shall be elected on the first Monday of July of each year and who shall hold their offices for the term of one year from the date of their election or until their The boundaries of this district shall be as follows on the South East by Jackson Dist on the North East by Spanish Bar District on the North and North west by Trail Run & Trail Creek District on the South West by the center North branch of Chicago Creek until it comes in a paralell line with the boundary line between Coral and Jackson District Thence due North East till it intersects the North West Corner of Jackson District Successors are elected and qualified unless they sooner die remove from the district resign or are removed for misconduct as hereinafter provided

SECTION 2d When any officer except the president of this district shall be guilty of misconduct or malfasance 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 prosecutor and the trial shall be conducted according to the laws for misdemeanor

SECTION 3. In case the president of the district is charged with misconduct in office it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Miners Court to perform the duties proscribed for the president in the foregoing section

SECTION 4. Each officer before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office shall take an oath to support and faithfully execute all the laws of the district

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 5 It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all legally called meeting of the miners and to call special meetings by posting three notices within the district at least three days before Said Meeting when in his opinion there is necessity for the same or when a petition is presented signed by a majority of the citizens of the district specifying the particular object of the meeting which object must be distinctly stated in the notice

SECTION 2 It shall be the duty of the president to preside in the miners courts in case where the Judge of said court is in any manner interested in the result of the suit or otherwise disqualified unless objections is made by either of the parties in which case it shall be his duty to appoint a Judge Pro. tem.

Sec 2 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 to sold, and also to have the care of any property belonging to the district except such as it is the special duty of some other officer to protect It shall also be his duty to institute suit against any person destroying or injuring any property belonging to the district or committing any offense recognized in the law as a misdemeanor nuisance or crime and to appoint a suitable person to conduct the prosecution

Sec 4. It shall be the duty of the president of the district to appoint an officer pro tem to fill any vacancy that may occur It shall be the duty of the president to qualify all the officers except the Judge to qualify all succeeding officers

DUTIES OF THE JUDGE

Sec. 5— The judge of the miners court shall execute a bond with good and sufficient security to be approved by the president in the penal sum of one hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties

Sec 6 The Judge of the miners Court shall perform the duties of the president in case of his absence or disability

Sec 7 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

Sec 8 It shall be the duty of the Judge in all cases before entering suit to require a bond with good and sufficient security for the payment of all costs and for all damages in case of attachments being wrongfully sued out It shall be the duty Judge to qualify the president

SEC 9 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 a Judgment rendered upon such indebtedness except as hereinbefore provided

DOCKETS

SEC 10 The Judge of miners Court shall keep a docket on which a correct record of all the proceedings of his court shall be entered and he shall file and safely keep all papers connected with suits before him It shall also be his duty to make out and send to the court of appeals a complete transcript of the records in any case where either party complies with the law authorizing an appeals together with any special ruling made in the trial provided parties require it

FINE FOR CONTEMPT

SEC 11 It shall be the duty of the court to lay 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 12. 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 13. The Judge of the Miners Court shall have full probate Jurisdiction within this district

SECTION 14. It shall be the duty of the Judge of the miners Court to pay over to the treasurer of the district all moneys coming into his hands for fines

DUTIES OF THE RECORDER

SEC 15 It shall be the duty of the recorder safely to keep the records of the district and to record all papers on 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 moneys of the district paid to him subject to the draft of the president, also to keep all vouchers so that at any time he may be able to exhibit the financial condition of the district when called upon to do so

SEC 16 The recorder may appoint a deputy who shall be duly sworn for whose special acts he shall be responsible

SEC 17 It shall be the duty of the Recorder to execute bonds with good security for one 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 THE CONSTABLE

SEC 18 The constable 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 one hundred dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

SEC 19 It shall be the duty of the constable to execute all papers issued by the proper officers and make due return entered thereon

SEC 20 It shall be the duty of constable when he attaches any property not capable of manual delivery to file a list of the same with the recorder immediately

SEC 21 It shall be the duty of the constable to return any notice or summons on or before the time set therein for trial and the manner of service shall be set forth in the constables return thereto

SEC 22 It shall be the duty of the constable 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

SEC. 23. It shall be the duty of the constable to execute or cause to be executed all penalties for criminal offences

CHAPTER 4.—OFFICERS FEES JUDGES FEES

SEC 1 The Judge of the miners court shall be allowed fifty cents each for issuing all papers except subpoenas for which he shall be entitled to twenty five cents if containing one name and fifty if containing more than one name for docket entry one dollar for trials of each cause one dollar and fifty cents for each continuance of a cause one dollar and for making out a transcript required by law in case of an appeal to the appolated Court one dollar

RECORDERS FEES

SEC 2 The Recorder shall be entitled to fifty cents for recording each claim fifty cents for a deed or any other instrument of not more than one hundred words and at the rate of fifty cents for each additional one hundred words

CONSTABLES FEES

SEC 3 The constable shall receive the sum of fifty cents each for serving all papers except subpoenas for which he shall be entitled to twenty five cents for each person subpoenaed When on official business outside this district he shall be allowed ten cents for each mile necessarily traveled He shall also be allowed fifty cents each for three notices in case of sale under execution and one dollar for selling property For empanneling a Jury of six one dollar and fifty cents for waiting on the courts he shall be allowed fifty cents for each cause tried

JURORS FEES

SEC 6 Jurors shall be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each cause tried

WITNESS FEES

SEC 7 Witnesses shall be allowed one dollar for each attendance on a cause

CHAPTER 5—LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MINERS COURT

SEC 1 Trials for criminal offences or misdemeanor may be instituted at any time

SEC 2 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 his 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 offset which the defendant may have upon complying with the foregoing requirements the Judge may enter Judgment for the amount Claimed together with all costs of suit

SEC 3 Depositions may be used in evidence before the Miners Court provided the witness is sick and unable to attend at the place of trial about to leave the country or is out of the Jurisdiction of the courts provided also that the adverse party shall have notice of the time and place when and where such deposition will be taken and have the right to cross question such witness if not a resident of this Territory

SEC 4 No Cause shall be continued except by consent of both parties or upon 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 party shall state on oath that he cannot safely proceed to trial without said witness and that he believes he can procure the testimony of said witness at some specified future time

SEC 5. Garnishee process may issue as a part of the original writ to be served upon both the defendant and garnisheers or seperately or it 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 is paid he shall be liable to the plaintiff for such indebtedness

SEC 7 New trials may be granted for good cause shown, upon the same terms or by the rules of common law provided the party applying for a new trial first pay the costs that have already accrued

SEC 8 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 9 When either party require a Jury it shall be the duty of the constable to go out and summons six Jurors wherever such may be found

SEC 10

SEC 11 Each party shall have the right to two three preematory challenges and as many as necessary for cause

APPEALS

SEC 12 Either party feeling aggrieved may appeal from a decision of the Judge to a Jury of six provided that the party appealing shall give notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-four hours after the rendition of Judgment and provided he shall pay the costs already accrued within five days after the Judgment is rendered

SEC 13 In case where an appeal is taken as provided in the foregoing sections the case shall be tried within ten days after the appeal is taken unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties

NOTICE

SEC 14 Notice shall be considered served when read to the party or parties or by leaving a copy of the same at their usual place of residence when not to be found within the district

SEC 15 Attachment shall be considered served by being read to the parties together with a list of the property attached and in case the party or parties cannot be found in the district by leaving a copy of the same at his or their usual place of residence

SEC 16 All executions issued from the Miners Court shall be made returnable in twelve days from their date and the constable shall enter on each execution the day and hour of receiving the same and return the said execution within the said twelve days whether satisfied or not with his official acts endorsed thereon

SEC 17 Any property sold under execution shall be advertised by posting notices in three conspicuous places in the district at least five days before the day of sale Said notices must designate the day and hour of the sale together with a description of the property to be offered for sale The constable 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 unreasonable low Notice of such postponement shall be given during the hours of sale

PUBLICATION

SEC 18 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 copy 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 constable who posted the same stating when how and where he served the same which shall be filed with the papers in the case

JUDGMENTS

SEC 19 When Judgments is rendered on publication as provided in the foregoing section the party defendant shall be entitled to a new hearing in said cause within sixty days after the rendition of said Judgments by paying all costs and showing to the satisfaction of the court that Justice has been done him in the Case and in case the Judgment is reversed he shall be entitled to recover any real estate claim or their value which may have sold under execution and such Judgment

EQUITY

SEC 20. 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

SEC 21. There shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution the following articles which are necessary for present use by the defendant Mining tools bedding Clothing Cooking utensils and necessary provisions for three months and in case a man with a family residing in the district a dwelling house not exceeding three hundred dollars in value And the lot on which the same is situated together with such articles of household furniture as are strictly necessary, provided that nothing in the foregoing section shall apply to Judgment recovered for wages or labor performed prior to this date

REDEMPTION

SEC 22 The defendant in any cause on which suit is not already entered shall have the right of redemption on any claim sold under execution before the first day of June 1862 provided that such defendant shall on or before the first day of June 1862 pay to the court for the benefit of the purchaser the amount of the purchase money together with interest at the rate of five per cent per month

CITIZENSHIP

SEC 23. Any person owning a claim or working or living in this district shall be entitled to a vote and to all the rights of citizenship

CHAPTER 6—CRIMINAL LAWS

SEC 1 Any person guilty of wilful murder upon conviction thereof shall be hung by the neck until he is dead

SEC 2. Any person guilty of manslaughter homicide shall be punished as a Jury of twelve men may direct

SEC 3. Any person shooting or threatening to shoot another or using or threatening to use any deadly weapons except in self defence shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars and receive in addition as many stripes on his bare back as a jury of six men may direct and be banished from the district

LARCENY

SEC 4. Any person found guilty of grand larceny shall be fined in the sum of double the amount stolen and such other punishment as a Jury of six men may direct

SEC 5. Any person found guilty of grand larceny in a sum of double the amount stolen and receive not less than fifty nor more than one hundred lashes on his bare back and banished from the district and such other punishment as a Jury of six men may direct

FORGING

SEC 6. Any person found guilty of forging deeds transfers bills of sale or Jumping claims legally held under record defacing names or removing stakes from their proper places shall pay a fine of 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 7. 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 one hundred dollars to be determined by a Jury of six men, and remove such nuisance within twenty four hours

SEC 8 Any person convicted of causing a nuisance and failing or refusing to remove the same shall suffer the same penalty for each succeeding twenty four hours as is prescribed in section seventh and such other punishment as the Jury may direct

SEC 9 All and every offence not enumerated in the foregoing section shall be determined by a Jury of six men and punished as they may direct

SEC 10 Any theft not exceeding ten dollars in value shall be deemed petit larceny any theft over that sum in value shall be deemed grand larceny

SEC 11 No person shall be allowed to cut and carry out of this district logs or timber of any kind except sawed lumber and any person violating the spirit of this act shall be adjudged guilty of 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

SEC 12. Any person who shall willfully 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 he shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as the court may direct nothing herein shall be construed so as to invalidate the civil rights of parties

No person shall be allowed to cut more timber than he wants for his immediate use

CHAPTER 7.—CLAIMS DEFINED

SEC 1 The term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a lode one hundred feet extending the length of the same when applied to gulch one hundred feet up and down and from bank to bank, when applied to patch or placer diggings one hundred feet square when applied to tunnel claims the entire distance intended to run the same for discovery purposes as shown by the record and Stake at mouth of tunnel When applied to mill or water privileges three hundred feet on the gulch and two hundred feet across

All building lot taken after the 11th day of September 1861 shall be 50 feet and one hundred feet back

When applied to ditch claims the entire distance staked out which they intend to run the same or shown by the survey and stakes When applied to gulch Claims one hundred feet up or down the gulch and from bank to bank

SEC 2 All lode claims when recorded shall be held as real estate

SEC 3 No person shall hold more than one patch placer gulch or bar claims except by purchase or discovery they shall be held as Real Estate

SEC 4 All purchase Claims when recorded shall be held as real estate

SEC Any person shall be entitled to hold one claim on each quartz lode and as real Estate by Recording the same and no more except by purchase or discovery

SEC 6—Any person discovering a quartz lode by recording the same may hold as real estate the discovery and one other claim by preemption on said lode

SEC 7 All lode claims shall terminate in the center of spring Gulch

SEC 8 When lode claims extend through bar claims the first claim recorded shall hold both

SEC 9 All recorded preemptions for water Claims for mill privileges and purposes shall be held as real Estate subject to gulch mining

SEC 10 Any persons owning a quartz mill or claims on which they are preparing to place a mill shall have the right to cut or construct a race flume or ditch to convey water to such mill over any claim road or ditch Provided the water shall be so guarded as not to interfere with vested rights priority of claim to be in every case respected

SEC 13 The discovery hole shall be considered in the center of the discovery Claim unless specified to the contrary on the record

SEC 14. No person shall be allowed to mine under any building or other improvement unless they first secure the parties owning such improvements against all damages except by priority of claim

SEC 15 All mining Claims must be recorded

SEC 16 All deeds bonds contracts Bills of sale or instruments of any kind relating to the conveyance of claims shall be witnessed and must be recorded within twenty days to be held as valid against creditors or subsequent deeds of grantor

SEC 17 Preemptions on lodes which run into each other shall be governed by priority of record

SEC. 18. In all cases where parties shall have complied with the law as far as possible priority of Claim when honestly carried out shall be respected

(Across the face:) Stricken out.

CHAPTER 8—TUNNEL LAW

SEC 1 Any person or Company locating a tunnel claim in this district as hereinafter provided shall be entitled to preempt one hundred by two hundred feet of ground as surface claim at the starting point for tunnel purposes and deposits

SEC 2 Any person or company running a tunnel under this law shall be entitled to four hundred feet and no more upon any lode which may be discovered in said tunnel two hundred feet of which may be taken on each side of center line of the tunnel claim Provided such lode has not been discovered and claimed prior to the discovery in the tunnel provided also that such discovery be preempted and recorded as other claims

SEC 3 Any person or company locating a tunnel as aforesaid shall be required to commence work on the same on or before the first day of June Eighteen Hundred and Sixty two in which months he or they shall be required to perform 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 to such tunnel claim shall be forfeited

SEC 4 All tunnel claims shall be staked at the starting point in the center upon which stake shall be written the direction and terminous of said tunnel together with the name of the owner or owners

SEC 5 Any person or company running a tunnel under this law 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 At right angles the size of said tunnel at smallest place

SEC 6 Any person or Company running 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 7 When any person or company claims to have discovered a new lode in their tunnel and said lode is claimed by prior discovery it shall devolve upon the tunnel owner to show that his is a new discovery

SEC 8 All persons owning lode claims shall have the privilege to work the same by tunneling or otherwise and to deposit quartz either by slide or tram way at the point most convenient for them on any grounds claimed under law for surface deposits Provided they do not deposit quartz or place any obstructions nearer than twenty feet from the center of mouth of said tunnel

SEC 9 Any and all laws conflicting with the foregoing are hereby repealed provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with rights acquired under a previously existing laws

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF CORAL DISTRICT

Aug 9th 1861

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of the revised laws of Coral District as passed at legally called meeting on the first day of July A. D. 1861

Given under my hand the day and date first above written

Attest

H PEFLY Secretary

CORAL DISTRICT Sept 11th 1861

The meeting was called to order pursuant to notice given by appointing S F McGowen Chairman J T Hoekworth & H Pefly Secretary

Mixt in order was reading the laws of Coral District The secretary on motion of O F Frizell The South West boundary were as follows Coral District line shall extend due south west of the line between Coral and Jackson Districts until it reaches a paralell line with the north branch of Chicago Creek Thence up the center of said branch to the Trail Creek District Line

(Carried)

J T Hoekworth moved that person be allowed to cut more timber than he wants for his immediate use

(Carried)

R Smith moved that the Judge qualify the president and that the president qualify the Judge Constable and Recorder and that the president qualify the succeeding officers

(Carried)

SUMMIT COUNTY.—LONG ISLAND MINING DISTRICT.

GOLD RUN July 27th 1861

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

ARTICLE 1st The boundaries of this district shall be as follows: to wit: commencing at the lower end of mou— claim No — below discovery Claim on Gold Run; running thence to the summit of the mountain between Gold Run and Delaware? gulches thence with the summit of said mountain to the head of Gold Run; thence on the summit of the mountain separating Gold Run from French and Gibson gulches to a point opposite claim No. 4 below discovery on Gold Run thence to the place of beginning.

ARTICLE 2d The officers of this district shall consist of a President, Recorder Justice and Sheriff to be elected by the legal voters of this district. They shall hold their offices for the term of one year and until their successors be elected and qualified

ARTICLE 3d The duties of the Justice of the Peace shall be the same as defined in the statute of the State of Iowa, and his jurisdiction the same except where the by laws of this district may be in conflict with the statute of Iowa

ARTICLE 4th It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all miners meetings—to preserve order; to decide all questions of order and in case of a tie vote give the casting vote He shall also act as an appellate court and a court of original jurisdiction and his practice shall be the same as governs in a justice's court and his decisions or the decisions of a jury-under him shall be final etc etc.

Officers of this district * * * shall each take and subscribe an oath to discharge their several duties faithfully.

Mining claims in this district shall be one hundred feet up or down the main gulch as the case may be and one hundred and fifty feet in width measuring from the centre of the general course of the gulch. Bank claims 100 feet square and Lode claims 100 feet square measuring from the center of main crevice or lode. No person shall have a right to hold more than one gulch one bank and one lode claim on any gulch or lode in this district by preemption, except discoverers who may hold a discovery claim on any gulch or lode he may discover.

Every owner of a mining claim shall have a right to open a drain ditch for his claim through the claims below.

No person shall take or use water from the main gulch to the injury of miners at work on the main gulch

All gulch claims in this district shall be represented by at least one days work upon the claims owned each week; but where a number of claims are owned by an individual or a company at work in the gulch work done by said individual or Co. upon any one of said claims shall be deemed a good and sufficient representation for all said claims.

None but actual resident miners of this district shall be entitled to vote at any miners meeting or any election or to serve as jurymen

These laws are to take effect and be in full force from and after their adoption

SUMMIT COUNTY.—QUARTZ MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT.

Pursuant to a call of those interested in the discovery of the lodes in the range west of Breckenridge and East of Ten Mile creek a meeting was held at Breckenridge Aug 25. 1861.

John. S. Adair was elected Prest and E. D. Leavitt Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated to be the formation of a mining Dist the Prest appointed C. R. Bissell J. Crissman and Thomas Burns a committee to draft laws and make nominations of officers of the district.

The committee submitted the following resolutions for the consideration of the meeting.

1st *Resolved* That this district shall be called the Quartz Mountain Mining District

2d *Resolved* That the boundaries of this District shall be a line on the East parallel with and $\frac{1}{4}$ a mile west of Blue River and on the West Ten Creek. The south line to commence at a point on Cataract Creek $\frac{1}{4}$ a mile west of Blue River thence up said creek to its head thence due west to Ten Mile Creek. The North line to commence on Iowa Gulch $\frac{1}{4}$ west of Blue River thence up said Gulch to its head thence due west to ten mile creek

3d *Resolved* That the size of a lode claim shall be 100 feet along said lode and 50 feet each side of the centre of said Lode claims except the discovery claim which shall be 200 feet in length on such lode.

4th *Resolved*, That a water claim shall considered as 250 feet along any water course in this district

5th *Resolved* that any person may be entitled to one preemption claim on each or every Lode in this district and that the person making the discovery is also entitled to a preemption claim aside from the discovery and any person can hold as many claims by purchase as he pleases.

6th *Resolved* That J. S. Adair be elected Pres. and E. D. Leavitt Recorder for the ensuing year

7th *Resolved* That the Recorder receive one dollar for recording each claim

8th *Resolved* That the claims when so recorded shall be held permanently as Real Estate.

9th *Resolved*, That at the request of any five claim holders the Recorder shall call a special meeting of the district.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously approved by the meeting

E. D. LEAVITT *Rec*

SUMMIT COUNTY.—POLLOCK MINING DISTRICT.

ORGANIZATION, PROCEEDINGS, LAWS AND RECORDS OF POLLOCK DISTRICT SITUATED ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE BLUE RIVER FIRST MEETING

At a meeting pursuant to a call posted Sept 11th 1861 for the purpose of organizing and adopting a code of laws and electing officers for the district; D. S. Beatty was chosen President and I. J. Pollock Secretary

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS OFFERED BY DOCTOR POLLOCK.

Whereas we the miners in this vicinity have been working upon lode and gulch claims for the past three weeks and finding no officers or laws to protect or govern us, therefore be it

Resolved That we do now organize ourselves into a district to be called Pollock District and its boundaries to commence on the east at the junction of this gulch with Hoosier gulch, running thence to the summit of the range on the North following said summit west to the summit of the dividing range at the head of the creek; thence southerly to center or summit of the range south; thence East following the Hoosier gulch district opposite the place of beginning—And that we claime all the territory intervening the above described points.

The motion being put was carried.

Motion that a committee of three be appointed to draft laws and report at 2 o'clock P. M.; carried

Messrs Bently, Melrase and Cadwell were appointed said committee;—

Motion to adjourn until 2, o'clock P. M. carried.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. and the committee on by laws submitted a report, when the following was adopted

SECTION FIRST *Resolved* that the officers of the district shall consist of President, Recorder and Sheriff.

SECOND It shall be the duty of the President to call all meetings and preside over the same when legally called by three or more notices or residents of the district; and to act as judge of the miners court

It shall be the duty of the Recorder or Secretary to record all claims or instruments subject to record and said record book shall be open to inspection to whom it may concern

It shall be the duty of the sheriff to serve all papers issued by the President, and summon all jurors and witnesses.

ARTICLE THIRD *Resolved* that the fees of the President shall be for calling meetings and presiding over the same two dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the applicant and for all suits or matters of difference between parties as justice of the Peace shall be the same as allowed by the statute of Colorado Territory

The fees of the Secretary shall be fifty cents for recording claims upon lode gulch, bank or hill and one dollar (\$1.00) for deeds contracts or other papers.

The fees of (the) Sheriff shall be the same as allowed by the statute of Colorado Territory

SECTION FOURTH *Resolved* that all claims shall be recorded and no claims shall be taken by proxy from this date.—that all claims taken and recorded shall hold good as real estate, until the 15th of June next 1862—and all certificates must be taken out of records within five days after filing or they will be forfeited and open for preemption

ARTICLE 5th *Resolved* that all lode claims shall be one hundred feet in length and twenty five feet on each side of the crevice;—gulch patch or placer mines shall be one hundred feet square

Water claims or mill sites shall be two hundred and fifty feet up or down the gulch or stream; and shall number from stake opposite cabin.

Ranch claims shall hold only by actual possession except only in the winter months.

SECTION 6th. The officers shall hold their offices until the 15th day of June 1862 when an election shall take place, for annual officers.

SECTION 7th. *Resolved* that no lode claims or lode can be claimed more than 1000 feet each way from discovery claim.

SECTION 8th. *Resolved* that the Recorder shall record one claim on each and every discovery hereafter until the fifteenth of June next as a bonace for the first cord of quartz worked in the district

P. Williams was elected President Joseph Pollock Recorder; Peter Dane Sheriff according to a notice posted for a meeting to be held at Recorder's office in Pollock District October the 17th 1861

Mr President Williams called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Mr Cotton

That whereas of the inclemency of the weather and as yet no wagon road exist into the district it becomes the duty of the present meeting that when they do adjourn they do so to meet again the 15th day of June 1862 when all persons holding claims in the district can be present to represent their claims;

Carried

Motion by Cotton that this meeting do now adjourn; Carried.

JOSEPH POLLOCK, *Recorder.*

POLLOCK DISTRICT October 16th 1861

POLLOCK DISTRICT October the 23d 1861

At a meeting called for the purpose of receiving the resignation of officers and electing to fill vacancies; it was *Resolved* that the resignation of Philip Williams as President of the district and Joseph Pollock as Recorder be accepted.

J. M. Cotton was duly elected to fill vacancy as Recorder of the district and Capt Ira F. Payson was elected President, etc

Motion to adjourn; Carried

P. WILLIAMS, *President.*

JOSEPH POLLOCK, *Recorder.*

POLLOCK DISTRICT June 15th 1862

Meeting called to order, J. L. Lewis in the Chair, Rec Secretary

Upon motion of Judge Bissel, the former minutes of the district was read; they were unanimously adopted.

Motion of J. M. Cotton

That all claims represented in this district on the 15th day of June 1862 be hereafter held as real estate also all claims hereafter taken in said district

On motion of Cotton all mining claims not represented on the 15th June 1862 be open for preemption; carried.

Motion of J. M. Cotton that a committee be appointed to revise the laws of this district and that they be instructed to report in one hour; carried.

The Pres appointed M. Brady Mr Ware, W. H. Nichols, said committee

The meeting adjourned to await the report of said committee;

Meeting again called to order;

Committee reported an amendment to article fifth which was warmly discussed resulting in the rejection of the amendment and a new amendment offered by Canada McCullough, substituted simply adding "including all dips and angles"—the article reading the same with this exception.

The following resolutions were also offered by the committee and were unanimously adopted

Resolved that all water claims not improved by the tenth day of August 1862 to the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) the same to be adjudged by three disinterested persons—shall be open for preemption.

Resolved that all claim holders in this district pay J. M. Cotton the Recorder 20 cts for all claims filed in the County Clerk's office

Resolved that all lodes discovered after this date, shall have a well defined crevice before being placed on the book of record for Pollock District, and that said discovery be marked by a plain stake

Further resolved that all persons representing claims on this day shall file their names in the Recorder's book of this district.

Motion of Mr W. Curtis that all records of the district be filed in the County Clerk's office by the recorder of this district agreeable to the laws of this territory;—carried on motion of B. L. Smith.

Canada McCullough was duly elected Pres for the ensuing year

On motion W. Curtiss, J. M. Cotton was elected Recorder.

On motion the meeting adjourned

J. M. COTTON *Rec.*

SUMMIT COUNTY.—MANASATIA MINING DISTRICT.

Oct, 1861

Meeting called by the president of the Manasatia District

Organized and elected R. Falker as secretary of the meeting. * * *

All claims held by the miners of this district shall hold good either by the holders of the claim or by the power of attorney.

All officers holding office at the present time shall hold the same until the first Oct next 1862

And the above laws shall remain good without repeal until the first of May 1862

SUMMIT COUNTY.—JOE DAVIS DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF GALENA GULCH

Preamble.

Whereas on Friday March 28th 1862, Alexander Hamilton then acting as President of Galena Gulch, virtually refused to call a meeting of the miners of said gulch for the purpose of electing a new Recorder and attending to other business when so requested and whereas on being again requested to call said meeting on Sunday March 30th 1862, he refused to give any satisfaction as to whether he would call a meeting or not and did not put up any notices of a meeting until after other notices had been posted by the miners themselves and whereas the miners of said gulch are convinced that at the regular election held on Tuesday the fifth day of November A. D 1861, fraud and illegal votes were made use of to elect the officers and whereas at etc

Alexander Hamilton acting as President refused to put a motion to the house etc etc and whereas Alexander Hamilton acting as President refused to declare the office of Recorder vacant etc etc

Resolved That we the miners of Galena Gulch utterly repudiate the last election of November 1861

Resolved that the following Constitution and by laws shall for the future govern our proceedings and regulate our interests in all matters of business pertaining to this gulch

Constitution

Having set forth in the preamble a few of our grievances suffered since the establishment of this Dist and having no confidence in the will of the President Mr Alexander Hamilton to rectify existing evils; we the miners of Galena Gulch do hereby agree to throw off all allegiance to the heretofore existing laws and officers and to be governed only by the following by laws and the officers who may be elected under them.

ART. 2. The name of this District shall be Joe Davis District and name of this gulch shall be Galena Gulch

ART. 3. The boundaries of this district shall be as follows, to wit; on the north by Swan river; on the East from a point on Swan river at the North West corner of Canada District; thence south along the ridge of the mountain dividing Joe Davis from Canada District to Lincoln District; thence west along the dividing range between French Gulch and Galena Gulch to a line parallel with the eastern boundary of Pleasant Park District; thence North along the eastern boundary line of Pleasant Park District to Swan river

ART. 4th. The officers of this district shall consist of a President and Recorder who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year

ART. 5th. It shall be the duty of the President to call meetings at any time when so requested by five actual miners He shall preside at all such meetings rule in regard to all points of order and shall give a casting vote only in such cases as where a tie may exist

ART. 6th. All cases of dispute arising in regard to claims shall be referred to the President from whose decision an appeal may be had to a jury of six which action shall be final

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to act as secretary at all meetings keeping a faithful record of the minutes in a book provided by him for such purpose. He shall also record all claims preempted, deeds or releases, mortgages, articles of co partnership &c that may be brought to him for record

ART. 8th. The fees of the President shall be as follows to wit; for calling and presiding at any meeting of the miners \$2.50; for issuing any papers required in a suit the same fees as are allowed justices of the peace in this county and for trying any case three dollars

ART. 9th. The fee of the Recorder shall be for recording all preemptions, deeds, leases, articles of co partnership & mortgages and other instruments of writing the sum of one dollar.

ART. 10th. No person shall be considered a legal voter at any election or meeting of the miners in this gulch unless he holds a bona fide working interest in the gulch or shall have been a resident of this gulch for at least thirty days

ART. 11th. Claims must be represented by actual labor at mining in the gulch at least once in each three days; any person holding more than one claim in the gulch represents his entire interest by working upon any claim in the gulch as above and companies owning claims may represent them by leaving one partner at work in the gulch for mining purposes.

ART. 12th. All claims shall be in size as follows, to wit; extending one hundred feet up and down the gulch and two hundred feet each way from the center at right angles across the gulch subject to the original survey.

ART. 13. No deeds preemption, mortgage leases, articles of co-partnership or contract shall be considered valid unless the same shall have been filed with the Recorder for record.

By laws of Galena Gulch

SEC. 1st. The President and Recorder of this gulch may at any time be removed from their offices upon showing neglect of duty or incompetency by a majority vote of the actual miners of the gulch.

SEC. 2d. If at any time fraud or illegal voting be shown to have occurred at an election the same may be set aside and a new election held.

SEC. 3d. Any person whose vote shall be challenged at the polls who shall refuse to satisfy the judge of election that he is a bona fide voter shall be denied the privilege of casting a vote.

SEC. 4th. Any article of the Constitution or by laws may be repealed or amended at any regular meeting of the miners by a majority vote of the legal voters present and any additions may be made to the Constitution or by laws by a majority of the legal voters of the gulch.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY.—PAYNE BAR MINING DISTRICT.

A meeting of the citizens of Paynes Bar was held this evening April 12th 1862 Hugh Marshman was called to the chair

On motion

Resolved that all town lots that are not improved according to the laws of this district be declared forfeited

On motion

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a new code of laws for this district

The chair appointed Judge Cross D B French and N T Bangs to said committe the said committe to report at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 14th inst.

On motion

Resolved that the records and laws of this district be filed in the County Recorders office of this County

On motion adjourned to the 14th inst

C. T. POTTS *Secy.*

April 14th 1862 a Meeting was held in accordance with adjournment of last meeting
The committee appointed to draft a new code of laws reported as follows which were adopted

ACT 1. *Be it enacted by the Citizens of Paynes Bar in convention assembled* that there be a board of three Trustees for Paynes Bar appointed who shall be and are authorized to sell convey and transfer all property belonging to Paynes Bar District consisting of town lots goods chattels and effects

ACT 2. *Be it enacted* that said board of trustees shall keep in charge all moneys and effects arising from the sale of said property and dispose of said moneys and effects as the citizens of said Bar shall direct

C T. POTTS *Secy.*

B. T. Cross Hugh Marshman and George Wright was elected to serve as the three trustees

SUMMIT COUNTY.—BEVAN MINING DISTRICT.

AUGUST 21st A. D. 1862

At a meeting of miners held on the ground the day above-mentioned for the purpose of organizing on a lode and also forming a mining district it was moved by John Connors and seconded by Wm Oddy that John J. Morrell be chairman of this meeting; carried

2d. Moved by A. D. Bevan and seconded by Jas Barnes that Geo. Clark be Recorder of this district, carried.

3d. Moved by A. D. Bevan and seconded by John Connors that Jas Barnes be President of this district, carried.

4th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by Jas Barnes that this district be called the Bevan District; carried.

5th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by A. D. Bevan that the first lode discovered in this district be called the Calvin lode carried.

6th. Moved by Geo. Clark and seconded by Jas Barnes that all claims taken in this district be considered real estate from the time of taking; carried

7th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by Geo. Clark that we meet at the house of Geo. Clark one week from to-night at seven o'clock; carried

8th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by A. D. Bevan that the chairman appoint a committee of five to form a constitution of by laws and report the same at our next meeting;—carried

9th. The chairman appointed Calvin Clark, John Connors, Geo. Clark, Jas Barnes & A. D. Bevan

10th. Moved by Geo. Clark & seconded by Jas Barnes that John J. Morell Ins have a claim on the Calvin lode free of expense; carried.

11th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by Geo. Clark, that the Bevan District be bounded on the North by the summit of the mountain on the North side of French Gulch; on the South by the summit of the mountain on the south side of French Gulch; on the East by the lower or western line of Avaneh district and on the west by the Negroe Gulch; carried.

12th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by Wm Oddy that the word "toking" in resolution "No. 6" be strecken out and the words "after recording" be inserted in stead thereof; carried.

13th. Moved by John Connors and seconded by Jas Barnes that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Commonwealth of Denver city; carried

14th. Moved by Geo. Clark and seconded by John Connors that this meeting now adjourn till Thursday night the 28th day of August 1862;—carried.

LAWS OF BEVAN DISTRICT

We the committee appointed by the miners of Bevan District to draft a Code of Laws would respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following laws to-wit:

ARTICLE 1st. That this District is and shall hereafter be called the Bevan District; (The) boundaries of the said district shall be as follows to-wit;—on the North by the summit of the mountain on the North side of French Gulch; on the South by the summit of the mountain on the South side of French Gulch; on the East by the Western or lower line of Ovalaneh Destrict and on the West by a gulch known as the Negroe Gulch.

ARTICLE 2d. All claims now held by parties resident in French Gulch and recorded in the Morrison District records shall be respected and all other claims not so recorded and not represented by the residence of the claimens thereof, shall come under the laws of Bevan District

ARTICLE 3d. That gulch claims in Bevan District shall be 100 feet in length running up and down the gulch and from bank to bank, also bank and placer diggings or claims shall be 100 feet square; and all lode claims in said district shall be 100 feet in length up and down the lode and 25 feet wide on each side of the wall rock of the crevice of said lode after the crevice has been properly defined

ARTICLE 4th. All claims either lode or otherwise in Bevan District must be recorded within ten days from the day of taking said claims; otherwise they are subject to be taken up by any other person also every certificate must be paid for upon the filing of said claim; otherwise it is open for any other person to take up the said claim, provided the first taker up of said claim is not at work on the said claim

ARTICLE 5th. Every person may hold by pre-emption one gulch claim, one bank claim, one lode claim on each discovery in Bevan District, also one in all placer diggings and each discoverer shall be entitled to hold one discovery claim on lode or other mines he or they may discover, and no person shall be entitled to hold more than one claim by pre-emption on the same Gulch, Lode, Bank or Placer diggings.

ARTICLE 6th. Any person wishing to put up a Quartz mill for the purpose of crushing Quartz in Bevan District, shall be entitled to 300 feet in length and 200 feet in width in the gulch or on the bank, provided it does not interfere with any miner's rights, and any ground may be taken up for mill purposes that has not been taken up previously for mining

ARTICLE 7th. All lode claims in Bevan District shall be considered real estate provided they are recorded in the office of the Recorder according to the laws of said district

ARTICLE 8th. All claims sold by preemptors or other parties, must be done by a legal transfer and for a valuable consideration, said transfer to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Bevan District; any claim or claims held by a company legally shall be respected by the company or any member of the company working the said claim or claims or any part thereof

ARTICLE 9th. The officers of the Bevan District shall consist of President and Recorder

ARTICLE 10th. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings called by the miners and in case of his inability to attend, it shall be his duty to appoint a substitute

ARTICLE 11th. The recorder shall keep a record of all claims recorded also a record of the proceedings of each miner's meeting; said record subject to the inspection of any person or persons at any time, and also shall be the duty of the recorder to post at least three notices in the district previous to any meeting.

ARTICLE 12th. The recorder shall receive seventy five cents for each lode claim and one dollar for every deed, mortgage and liens upon any property whatsoever to be paid for by all persons filing the same and one dollar for recording on all gulch claims, bank or placer diggings and twenty five cents each for staking the same and be compelled to lay off all placer diggings in sections of one thousand feet square.

ARTICLE 13th. The officers appointed by the miners and organizers of Bevan District shall hold their office for one year from this date unless removed for incapacity when other officer or officers can be elected by calling such electors and giving ten days notice thereof; the regular election of officers shall take place on the 28th day of August each succeeding year

ARTICLE 14th. The laws and boundaries of Bevan District shall be recorded in the county Recorders office of this Summit County Colorado Territory.

Approved and adopted by the miners in mass meeting assembled in Bevan District, French Gulch Summit County.

Dated this 28th day of August A. D. 1862

GEO CLARK *Rec.*

JAS BARNES *Pres.*

LAKE COUNTY.—UNION PARK MINING DISTRICT.

ORGANIZATION

At a meeting held at the camp of L. B. Seymour & Co. August 21st A. D. 1862 for the purpose of organizing on a certain Gulch L. B. Seymour was chosen Chairman and A. S. Potter Secretary.

Motion that this gulch be called Union Gulch carried.

Motion that all claims shall extend (100) one hundred feet either up or down the Gulch together together with fifty feet into each Bank. Carried.

Motion that each of the Discoverers viz: L. B. Seymour, N. Armstrong, L. Hill, R. Knight, H. O. Anderson, J. H. Foster, A. Halister and D. Collins be allowed a Discovery and a preemption claim. Carried.

Motion that all claims be represented on or before the 10th day of Sept. next Carried.

Motion that all claims now taken shall be recorded by the Recorder of this Gulch on or before the 10th day of Sept. next and all claims taken hereafter shall be Recorded within five day from the time of filing on the same. Carried.

On motion J. H. Foster was chosen Recorder of this Gulch.

On motion N. Armstrong was chosen President.

On motion meeting adjourned Sine Die.

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPT 10TH 1862.

Meeting was called to order by the President.

On motion the list of claim owners was read.

On motion the proceedings of the organization was read and confirmed.

The following Resolutions read by the President and adopted.

Resolved, that when one partner is absent the other one has a right to represent his interest with hired help in his place

Resolved that any person owning claims in this District may by working on any one of them represent them all, and that any person may work his claim in any manner he may see fit, if he keeps his tailings from troubling any other party.

Articles 1st 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 of the By Laws was read by the President and adopted.

Motion that election of the Recorder at the Organization be confirmed Carried.

Motion to adjourn Sine die.

J. H. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPT 30th 1862

Meeting called to order by Pres Armstrong pursuant to order.

Motion that each claim owner shall have a right to throw the striplings of a 12 foot pit across the Gulch onto the claim below Carried. Motion to adjourn Carried.

N. ARMSTRONG, *Pres.*

J. H. FOSTER, *Secy.*

MINUTES OF MEETING NOV. 17TH 1862

Meeting called to order by electing D. P. Sparks Chairman.

Motion that the District be divided at No. 50 fifty above discovery. Carried.

Motion that all claims shall be represented on the 10th day of June 1863 in person. Carried.

Motion by S. Moody that we adjourn till June 10th A. D. 1863 Carried

D. P. SPARKS, *President.*

J. H. FOSTER, *Secy.*

By Laws passed Sept. 10th 1862

1st. This District shall be called Union Park District and shall contain the entire Park.

2d. A Recorder shall be elected and shall hold his Office for the Period of one year from the time of his election.

3d. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to file all papers that may be brought to him for Record, and to record the same in Suitable books for that purpose and he shall during business hours keep his books open to public inspection. It shall also be the duty of the Recorder to act as Secretary at all Public Meetings.

4th. A Miners meeting may be called for the purpose of altering, amending, or repealing the laws by giving five days notice upon the presentation of a petition to the Recorder signed by Ten claim owners of the District, Whereupon the Recorder shall post three (3) written or printed notices of the same in three of the most conspicuous places of the district. The Recorder shall keep a strict and correct account of all the proceedings of such meetings which he shall file the same in his Office.

5th. The fees of the Recorder shall be \$1⁰⁰ for all ordinary transfers and other instruments of writing and one dollar for all preemptions. For giving abstracts of title without a certificate he shall receive the sum of (25) twenty five cents, but when certificates of title are issued then he shall receive the sum of (50) cents for each title so certified to.

6th. All Gulch claims in this District shall not only run from Bank to Bank but shall run so far into either bank as to embrace the entire Gulch streak, let said streak run where it may.

7th. All persons may hold by pre-emption one Gulch claim, One side or Hill claim, One Hydraulic and one tunnel claim and no man but shall hold by purchase as many claims of any description as they may see fit to buy.

8th. All side or Hill claims in this District shall be (100) one hundred feet square and all Hydraulic and tunnel claims (200) two hundred feet square.

9th. Any person owning claims in this District may by working on any one of them represent them all and that any person may work his claim in any manner he may see fit if he keeps his tailings from troubling any other party.

10th. Each claim owner shall have a right to throw the striplings of a (12) twelve foot pit across the gulch onto the claim below.

SUMMIT COUNTY.—UNION MINING DISTRICT.

THE RECORDS OF UNION DISTRICT WHICH WAS ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 15TH 1862 BOOK A.

By Laws of Union District.

Resolved that the boundary lines of Union District be the extreme lines of what were formerly the lines of Erie and Long Island Districts.

Resolution adopted.

ART. 1st. Duties of officers.

ART. 2d. ditto

ART. 3d. " "

ART. 4th. Disputes.

In case of disputes arising from the ownership of claims, such disputes may be settled by the President of this district if agreeable with the parties; if not the parties shall have the right of trial by a jury of twelve men who shall be empaneled by the President and each party shall have the right to strike from said jury alternately until the number is reduced to six men who shall try the case according to law and evidence and in either case the decision shall be final

Adopted without amendment.

ART. 5th. The size of all claims in this Dist. shall be as follows Gulch claims shall be one hundred feet parallel with the gulch and seventy-five feet each way from the centre of the gulch. Bank or side claims, Patch and Lode claims shall be one hundred feet square

Adopted without amendment

ART. 6th. All persons shall be entitled to hold by preemption the following number of claims to-wit; one gulch claim; one claim in each side tier; one lode claim and one patch claim

Adopted without amendment

ART. 7th. Any five persons owning mining interest in this district shall have the right to call meetings in case the President neglects or refuses so to do, By posting up notices over their signatures, stating the object of such meeting, in three public places at least three days before the meeting is to convene.

Adopted without amendment.

ART. 8th. All sales of claims must be witnessed by one or more persons and recorded within ten days after purchase in order to be legal

Adopted with amendment.

ART. 9th. All persons or companies holding claims in this district said claims shall hold good until the 1st day of July next Between the 1st day of July and the 15th day of October in each year all persons or companies shall represent their interest in this district by performing one days work in each week in the district; the remainder of the time in each year said interest shall hold good without representation

Adopted as amended.

All citizens of this district or any persons owning mining interests in said dist. shall be entitled to a vote at all meetings.

Adopted without amendment.

ART. 11th. These by laws may be altered amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the legal voters of this district

Adopted.

(Signed)

E. CARTER
L. G. TUBBS
J. P. LYNCH
Comme.

The amendment referred to in art 8th is in these words "in ten days after purchase in order to be legal"

In art. 9th inserting the words "in the district"

On motion the action of this meeting be recorded in the Clerks Office of Summit Co and also a copy of the call.

On motion by Mr Webster that the President have the proceedings of this meeting published in the Rocky Mountain News at his own expense.

On motion the meeting adjourned "sine die"

C. KREITZER, *Pres.*

JNO T. LYNCH, *Sec. pro tem.*

LAKE COUNTY.—ARKANSAS INDEPENDENT MINING DISTRICT.

MINUTES OF THE MINERS MEETING JUNE 1ST 1863.

W. D. Burt in the Chair.

On motion of S. D. Breece N. R. Maxey was duly declared elected Recorder until the annual Election of the District.

On motion of L. B. Seymour

All claims above No. 38 above Discovery were declared vacant that were not represented on or before the 7th day of June A. D. 1863.

On motion of Geo. Nesbitt

That all persons should have the right to Ground-sluice in the Centre Ditch, provided that all persons so doing shall keep a rack in their floom, the lines not to exceed two inches apart, and any person or persons neglecting to comply with the provisions of this Act, shall forfeit the sum of five dollars for each day, one half to go to the Complainant the other half to the County.

On motion adjourned for one year.

N. R. MAXEY, *Recorder.*

SUMMIT COUNTY.—SNAKE RIVER MINING DISTRICT.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF SNAKE RIVER MINING DISTRICT.

Preamble.

Whereas on the 2d day of August A. D 1863 Henry Barr discovered three quartz lodes which contain gold and which he has severally named the "East" "West" and "Middle" Harrisburg lodes; therefore we the undersigned do hereby organize the locality in which foresaid lodes are situated as a mining district

Constitution

The name of this district which is on Snake river in Summit County, Colorado Territory shall be Snake river district The boundaries of Snake river district shall be as follows—The south boundary commences at a point on the head of a branch of Snake river and near the head of North Swan and runs eastward on the summit of the ridge that divides the waters of the Swan and Snake until it comes to

the range which is the dividing line between Park and Summit counties; it then follows said dividing line to the summit of the ridge which divides the waters of the Snake from those of its north fork; it then follows said ridge to a point at the mouth of North Fork a straight line between the mouth of North Fork and the starting point completes the boundaries.

3. The officers of this district shall consist of a president and recorder who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year
4. It shall be the duty of the president to call meetings when so requested by not less than four citizens who hold property in the district and he shall also preside at such meetings and also such meetings shall be exclusively for the industrial and property interests of the district

5. The duty of the recorder shall be to act as secretary to all meetings such as above mentioned and to keep a faithful record of the minutes of each meeting in a book provided by him for the purpose; he shall also record all preemptions, deeds, leases, mortgages articles of copartnership &c that may be brought to him for that purpose

6. The fees of the recorder shall be fifty cents for every deed or other instrument which he records

7. The size of lode claims shall be 100 feet horizontal along the crevice and 25 feet from the centre of the crevice on each side.

8. The discoverer of a lode has the privilege of preempting the claim on which he makes the discovery and one more and all others shall preempt but one claim on each lode except when there is a farther extension of a lode discovered in which case said extension comes in as a new lode

9. The discovery of a lode will not extend to more than 21-00 feet along the crevice beyond which there can be no further preemption without a new discovery

10. Claims to the amount above indicated may be taken all on one side or part on each side of discovery

BY LAWS

1. The President and Recorder may at any time be removed from office for reasonable causes by a majority of the voters of the district
2. No non resident can have a vote in the district
3. A majority vote can amend or repeal any article of the constitution or by-laws at any regular meeting of the minors; they can also add new articles by the same process

H. H. RICHARDS	JNO ACHUSTIAN
H. B. TURNER	M. DOUD
W. E. GRINNELL	I. S. HOFF
JOHN STEINBERG	L. HOTST
H. B. HASKELL	H. M. BARR

LAKE COUNTY.—CLEAR CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

LAWS OF CLEAR CREEK DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Discoverers and Claimants interested in the Clear Creek District Lake County Colorado Territory held on the 7th day of May 1864, John L. Dyer was appointed president and Patrick Smith Secretary.

The following laws and regulations was adopted:

On motion of S. D. Brecco the Secretary was requested to procure a copy of the Laws of Misqueta District, adopted.

A motion that all claims in said District be Recorded in the County record, adopted

Secretary would beg leave to Report the following laws being in part the laws of said Misqueta District

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by Claimants and minors of Clear Creek District*, That the boundary of said District shall be known and defined as follows commencing at the Georgia Bar Hill two miles South along the Arkansas River thence West along the summit of the mountains to the head of Clear Creek, thence north to a point west of Lost Cannon thence east to the line of Hope District thence along said line to the Clear Creek divide thence along the ridge to the Georgia Bar Hill the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. *Be it enacted by the miners and Claimants of Clear Creek District* that there shall be elected the first Monday in June in each year after the first year a president and Secretary of said District who shall serve as such until their successors are elected and qualified in case of the death or resignation of either of said officers the survivors may upon application of any five of the minors or claimants of said District in writing after five day notice posted in three of the most public places within said District order an election to fill said vacancy.

SECTION 3. *Be it enacted* that the duty of the president shall be to preside at all public meetings pertaining to the business of said District to call meetings upon the application in writing of any five minors or Claimants of said District and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Laws of said District.

SECTION 4. *Be it enacted* that duties of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the district, post notices of the same when required to do so and perform such other duties as pertains to his office

SECTION 5. *Be it enacted* that the claims in said District shall consist of Lode claims Gulch claims, bank claims, Path claims, and water claims and claims for Mill sites. Gulch claims shall be two hundred feet up and down any Gulch extending from bank to bank. Bank claims shall be two hundred feet square and water claims for Mill sites shall extend a sufficient distance along any stream to give a head twenty feet and sufficient fall for a ditch to convey said water.

SECTION 6. Each discoverer shall be intitled to one mining claim by discovery and one by pre-emption on each discovery made in the District

SECTION 7. Claims to be valid must be recorded. Gulch pach and Bank claims must be recorded in the District by the Secretary within five days after discovery are made. All transfers of claims to be valid must be recorded as above.

SECTION 8. Each discoverer of a Lode shall have ten days after striking the crevice to file his claims in the County Recorder's office and each discoverer and preemptor after filing as aforesaid shall have thirty days to record the same and unless recorded in that time the same shall be forfeited and subject to pre-emption by any other person but no record of any claim shall be valid unless the crevice shall be opened and well defined

Recorded May 18th 1864 at 7½ o'clock

S. H. FONTE, Recorder.

LAKE COUNTY.—GRANITE MINING DISTRICT.

THE LAWS OF GRANITE DISTRICT

At a meeting of the discoverers and claimants interested in the Granite District, held on the 7th day of May A. D. 1864, G. Sprague was appointed President, W. Christisan Sect'y.

A committee consisting of G Sprague, H. C. Justice, and W. Christisan were appointed to draft a code of Laws for said District and report the same immediately.

In accordance with the duties imposed upon them the committee reported the following acts regulating the the rights of persons and of property, and the manner in which their rights may be preserved.

SECTION 1st. *Be it enacted by the claimants and miners of Granite District* that the boundaries of said district shall be known and defined as follows Commencing opposite the mouth of Lake Creek at a point on the Arkansas River, from thence North East to the top of the Range, from thence following the top of Range South to a point due east of the mouth of Clear Creek, from thence West to the Arkansas River, from thence North following the river to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2nd. *Be it enacted by the miners and claimants of Granite District* that there shall be elected on the first Monday in June of each year after the first year, a President and Secretary of said District who shall serve as such until their successors are elected and qualified. In case of the death or resignation of either of said Officers, the survivors may upon application of any five of the miners or claimants of said District in writing after five days notice posted in three of the most public places within said District order an election to fill said vacancy.

SECTION 3rd. *Be it enacted* that the duties of the President shall be to preside at all Public Meetings pertaining to the business of said District, to call meetings upon the application in writing of any five miners or Claimants of said District and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the law of said District.

SECTION 4th. *Be it enacted* that the duties of the Sect'y shall be to keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the District; post notices of the same when required and perform such other duties as pertains to his office

SECTION 5th. *Be it enacted* that the claims in said District shall consist of Lode claims, Gulch claims, Bank claims, Patch claims and Water claims, or claims for Millsites. Gulch claims shall be two hundred feet up and down any gulch extending from Bank to Bank

Bank Claims shall be two hundred feet square, and water claims for Millsites shall extend a sufficient distance along any stream to give a head of twenty feet and sufficient fall for a ditch to convey said water.

SECTION 6th. Each discoverer shall be entitled to one mining claim by discovery, and one by preemption on each discovery made in the District.

SECTION 7th. Claims to be valid must be recorded. Gulch, Patch, Bank and Water Claims must be recorded in the District by the discoverer within five days after discovery or claims or all transfers of claims to be valid must be recorded as above.

SECTION 8th. Each discoverer of a Lode shall have ten days after striking the crevice to file his claims in the County Recorders office and such discoverer or preemptor after filing as aforesaid shall have thirty days in which to record the same and unless recorded in that time the same shall be forfeited and subject to preemption by any other person, but no record of any claim shall be valid unless the crevice shall be opened and well defined.

S. H. FONES *Recorder.*

TERRITORY OF COLORADO

County of Lake ss.

I, Thomas Keyes, County Clerk in and for said County in the Territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Laws of Granite District made A. D. 1864 and placed on Record in this office in Book of Sacramento District. Page 188.

Given under my hand and official seal this July 6th 1868

THOMAS KEYES, *Co. Clerk.*

GRANITE DISTRICT, Oct. 5 1857.

At a meeting of the Miners and Citizens of Granite District held at the House of Morgan & Co. on the fifth day of October 1857 A. D. the following proceedings were had, to wit:

S. B. Kellogg was elected chairman and W. H. Morgan, Secretary.

On Motion the following in regard to Lode Claims was adopted, to wit;

Resolved that no Lode claim in this District shall be held by stake merely, but there shall be a vein of ore defined and persons making a discovery of a Lode shall have thirty days thereafter to define a vein of Ore therein

On Motion the meeting adjourned

S. B. KELLOGG, *Pres.*

GRANITE DISTRICT April 13, 1868.

At a meeting of the Miners and Citizens of Granite District held at the house of Morgan & Co on the 13th day of April A. D. 1868, the following action was had, to wit,

On Motion. G. W. Abbey was elected chairman and H. C. Harrison, Sec'y.

On Motion a committee of Three was appointed by the chairman to draft resolutions expressive of the sence of the meeting in regard to the late attempt to jump claims. The chairman appointed C. Morgan, D. Houghton, and W. W. Fletcher said committee.

On Motion J. E. Cobb, Jas. Hutchinson, B. F. Spencer, M. N. Adams, and H. C. Harrison were appointed as a committee by the chairman to draft a constitution and By Laws for the Government of the District

The committee on resolutions reported a set of resolutions which were read and adopted.