

2nd. That individuals or companies holding upper or back claims whose convenience requires an outlet through claims below, they shall notify the owners of claims below them who shall in a reasonable time proceed to cut an outlet in which case the upper claim holder shall have the privilege of placing 20 boxes in said cut or outlet, the upper claim holders cutting their own part of the same & after the tailings and water pass through said 20 boxes the same shall be the property of those owning the ground and putting in the cut. Provided that at such time as the owners of the ground where the 20 boxes is set may wish to work the same nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the working of the same.

3rd. That in case the owners or claim-holders shall refuse to make the cut or outlet as described in resolution 2d then the upper holders shall have the privilege of making the same in a good substantial manner (the parties making to have and own the same) The dirt or gold taken out of the cut to recur to the owner of the ground through which the same may pass.

4th. That all disputes & litigations that may occur in the district shall be settled by arbitration each party selecting two and the four the fifth whose decision shall be final which we pledge ourselves to maintain

5th. That a committee of two be appointed to wait on Mr. Snyder the ex Recorder and procure the Books. They to be handed over to the Recorder elect and that the additional laws part of the minutes of Dec 31st 1855 be recorded

S. W. LADON, *Pres.*
G. WHITNEY, *Sec't.*

MINUTES OF A MINERS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10 A. D. 1868.

Persuant to notice a large meeting of the miners of the Sucker Flat mining district met at the store of Daniel Doughty, Monday evening February 10th '68.

The meeting was organized by the choice of J. W. Taylor as chairman Wm. Carpenter Secretary and Jas. S. Gordon ass't sec't'y.

Mr. John Rose offered the following preamble and resolution which after being read by the chairman was unanimously adopted.

Whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six in or about the month of November the miners of this district met according to notice and passed a law declaring that all claims located back of the front claims should not be considered forfeited by reason of not being worked until the claims in front of them should be washed or worked out. Also that all claims that had work done on them to the value of fifty dollars should not be subject to forfeiture at any time thereafter but the lawful owners of such claims should be considered to have acquired a vested right in the same.

And whereas said laws cannot be found or their disappearance be accounted for, now therefore,

Resolved that said laws the substance of which is set forth in the foregoing preamble shall be considered in full force and effect the same as if said laws were still to be found on the books of record from date of their enactment.

It was moved that the above Preamble and Resolution be dated and certified to by the chairman and Secretary and handed to the recorder for record together with the minutes of the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

On motion meeting adjourned
Sucker Flat Feb 10th 1868.

J. W. TAYLOR *Chairman*
WM. CARPENTER *Sec't.*
JAS S. GORDON *Ass't Sec't.*

Recorded Feb 17th 1868.

DANIEL DOUGHTY *Recorder.*

EL DORADO COUNTY.—SMITH'S FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

HILL LAWS.

[No date of adoption is given.]

1st. Hill claims shall be one hundred and fifty front and running to the center of the hill. Two or more holding claims may form a company to work any one of them without being compelled to work each one of them.

2nd. Any miner shall forfeit his claim by neglecting to work it one whole day in every seven between the first of July and the first of December.

3rd. Any Miner or company of miners finding new diggings in this district shall be allowed to locate and hold one extra claim for each member of the company so finding on any vacant hill ground in the District.

4th. Any tunnel company that shall have expended two hundred dollars upon giving to the Recorder of their intention to leave their tunnel shall not forfeit the same provided they resume work within six months of the time of giving notice.

Resolved, that the old code of laws be repealed and the above be published in the "Mountain Democrat".

J. F. MARTIN, *President.*

W. F. JESS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the miners of Smith's Flat on the evening of the 20th of February 1855, J. F. Watson was called to the chair and W. P. Jess appointed secretary and the following laws for the government of Smith's Flat District were unanimously adopted.

SURFACE AND RAVINE MINING LAWS OF SMITH'S FLAT DISTRICT.

1st. The boundaries of Smith's Flat District shall be as follows viz: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Negro Hill District running east to the house of Mr. Vosburgh on the immigrant road.—thence south to Chunk Canyon embracing the same.—thence down to Cooper & Co's Coon Hollow ditch—thence westward along said ditch to Spanish Hill District, thence north to the south line of Negro Hill District thence east to place of beginning.

2nd. The size of surface and Ravine claims shall be 50 by 100 yds each miner may hold two claims.

3rd. Any person holding a claim shall forfeit the same by neglecting to work it one whole day in every seven from the first of December to the first of July provided a sluice head of water can be obtained.

4th. Digging a ditch or making sluices or a reservoir to be used for the claim shall be considered as work done on the same.

5th. Any person having two claims may hold both by working either as required by Article 3rd.

6th. All claims must be recorded by a Recorder duly elected or a deputy appointed by him.

7th. [*Repealed Feby 12th 1873.*] Any difficulty that may arise relative to mining interests shall be referred to a Jury of the Miners—two to be chosen by the parties and the third by those two. The Jurors shall be entitled to receive two dollars each as fees to be paid by the party calling the same, to be deposited with the Recorder prior thereto.

8th. Any miner who wishes to prospect any vacant land may have three days to prospect without recording it by leaving his tools on the same marking the boundaries and posting notices on the same.

9th. Any person having a claim that requires a tail race shall have the privilege of cutting the same through claims below provided said cutting does not interfere with the working of such, but in no case shall he be allowed to accumulate tailings to the detriment of working such lower claims.

10th. The annual meeting of this District shall be held on the second Tuesday in February. for the election of Recorder and revision of the laws and such other business as may come before the meeting. Ten day previous to which time written notice shall be posted in this district setting forth the business to be acted upon.

11th. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to record all claims that he may be requested to record—putting a stake or permanent mark at each corner and putting notices on each claim giving the number and date of the record and the name of the person locating the same. And he shall make an entry in a book kept for that purpose of all claims he may so locate, describing their locality. He shall receive for each claim he so records and marks out one dollar. All books and papers belonging to the office shall be delivered by him to his successor in office. He shall make an entry of all transfers of claims and all notices of intention to work claims and shall receive twenty five cents for each claim included in such transfer or notice.

12th. [*Repealed Feb. 12, '73.*] Every person living in this district with his family shall be allowed one claim for gardening purposes the same is fenced without having to work it as a mining claim.

13th. Every miner leaving his claims unrepresented shall notify the Recorder of his intention to resume labor upon them within the time prescribed by the laws of the District and all transfers of claims shall be entered on the Recorder's books, the fees to be paid by the party transferring.

14th. Any miner shall not forfeit his claims when not working them when sick or disabled.

15th. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep his records open for inspection at all times and shall not allow them to go out of his custody at any time.

Pursuant to a notification by the Recorder of Smith's Mining District the miners met on Wednesday evening February the 12th 1873 for the purpose of electing a recorder The meeting was organized by electing Mr. J. T. Moore president and F. B. De Witt Secretary The president then appointed Mrs. Robert Coe and Joseph Lyons to act as tellers nomination was then declared to be in order.

Mr. W. P. Carpender, Mr. F. F. Watson and Mr. James Creighton sr. was placed in nomination for the office of Recorder.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows there being twenty-eight votes cast in all, Mr. J. F. Watson received fifteen, Mr. W. P. Carpender thirteen, Mr. James Creighton none. Mr. J. F. Watson having received a majority of the whole vote cast was declared duly elected recorder of the Smith's Mining District.

On Motion section seventh and section twelfth of the mining laws of said district were stricken out.

On Motion section 15th was amended to read as follows and he shall not let the Books go out of his hands there being no further buisness on motion the meeting adjourned.

Mr. J. T. MOORE, *President.*

F. B. DE WITT, *Secretary.*

SISKIYOU COUNTY.—LOWER HUMBUG CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

MINING LAWS.

At a meeting of the miners of that part of Humbug Creek lying between O. K. Roundheds trading post and the mouth commonly known as Lower Humbug held at Round tent bar April 7th A D 1855 John H Fuller was chosen chairman and Glover Laird secretary.

On motion the laws passed in February 1852 were read and a committee of the following gentlemen were chosen to draft new Laws: W. W. Johnson Nathan Hull P. C. Peters C. A. Strong Daniel Ream comtte.

The Committee reported the following Laws which were unanimously adopted:

RULE 1st. Each and every claimant shall be entitled to hold fifty yards up and down the Creek embracing the banks on each side of the Creek from bluff to bluff.

RULE 2d. Where two or more adjacent claims are taken by different individuals at one and the same time the backwater of the lower claimant shall in no case be allowed to interfere with the other.

RULE 3d. When a claimant occupies a claim previously to the taking of the adjacent one next above, he shall be allowed the privilege of putting in a dam at the upper end of his Claim the subsequent claimant above if any being compelled to terminate his race at the head of the race below nor shall the backwater of the lower claim in such case be considered an incumbrance to the one above.

RULE 4th. A Notice stating the date of Posting and the name of the Claimant thereof posted in a conspicuous part of the claim shall be considered sufficient to hold such claim for the space of three days from the date of posting thereof, after the expiration of the said time if no work shall have been done upon the same it shall be considered as forfeited and renewal of such notice at said expiration shall in no case be allowed to hold possession.