

Mr Miller then moved that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the nature of the grievances and examine the law on the subject and report to an adjourn meeting at one o'clock. Motion carried unanimously.

Messrs Brown, Gordon, Eaton, Pencost & Cameron appointed said committee.

Meeting adjourned to one o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment meeting met at one o'clock, were called to order by the chairman Mr Cameron Committee reported as follows, having thoroughly investigated the laws and customs of the miners of Weaver. We fully concur in the opinion that Dr Ware is fully entitled to all the water in West Weaver except four tom-heads, which is allowed for the bed of the stream, also that the burning of his reservoir and the destruction of his dam and other property and the taking of his water from his race by force of arms are malicious acts and should not be submitted to by those who are in favor of law and order.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, that we assist Dr Ware in turning the water into his race and that we sustain him to the last extremity in keeping it in the Race.

On motion meeting then adjourned for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect.

Recorded Dec 13th 1853.

#### PLUMAS COUNTY.—WARREN HILL MINING DISTRICT.

Public notice having been given calling a meeting of the miners of Spanish Flat, to consider the propriety of dividing said District and forming a part of the original territory into a new mining district to be called Warren Hill Mining District

In pursuance of said notice a large number of miners met at the House of J. M. Jackman & Kidder at 7 p. m. Oct 21st 1853, and proceeded to Business by the election of J. H. Kilbourn as chairman.

On motion of Mr. Haymond the chairman appointed the following gentleman as a committee to draft a constitution and Bye Laws viz: W. H. Lester C. M. Bosworth C. Bordwell C. F. Jackson Geo. McKelvey

On motion of W. H. Lester, the chairman was added to the committee and Creed Haymond appointed Secretary

On motion of Mr R. B. Sigafoose, the meeting proceeded to elect a recorder.

On motion of Mr M. Hall, the vote was taken by ballot, Geo. H. Stockwell and J. S. Hayden acting as Tellers. 59 votes were given of which J. H. Kilbourn received 37. C. F. Jackson 14. scattering 8.

On motion the meeting adjourned

Oct 22nd. Pursuant to a call of the chairman of the committee on Constitution &c, the miners of Warren Hill met in front of Jackman & Kidders store at 4. p. m. The object of the meeting was stated when the constitution was read by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr A. A. Hayden it was taken up article by article and the following with its preamble unanimously adopted.

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

*County of Sierra (note: now Plumas Co.)*

AN ACT to regulate Mining and miners claims on Warren Hill adopted October 22nd 1853.

We the miners and citizens of Warren Hill, in order to form a more perfect and correct understanding among ourselves and all others that may come among us, respecting our rules of mining our claims of ground, the condition of becoming in peaceable and permanent possession therein, to establish Justice and secure harmony, do enact and draft the Laws as follows.

#### ARTICLE 1ST.

We do declare and confirm the following to be our permanent boundaries viz: commencing at the Bridge near the Rabbit Creek House as the northwest corner and the Gibsonville thence to the foot of the main hill shall be the northern boundary and a noted slide near the foot of said Hill shall be the northeast corner, thence southerly down a ravine to the Dublin ditch and thence with said ditch to the Bowington Ravine, thence southerly to the Spanish Flat Road, thence westerly to a point on the Rabbit Creek where the trail from Spanish Flat to Secret Diggings crosses said Rabbit Creek, thence with said Creek to the place of beginning and all within said boundary shall be called Warren Hill.

#### ARTICLE 2ND.

SECT. 1st. All miners or other persons residing now within this district shall be considered citizens of Warren Hill and have the right to vote in our assemblies.

SECT. 2nd. All persons who come here for the purpose of mining or becoming residents shall after the 6th day be considered citizens and have the privileges as above mentioned.

SECT. 3rd. All persons who have previously lived within these boundaries and having recorded or legal claims, who have left with the intention of returning and working the same, shall have the right of citizenship on there arrival here.

#### ARTICLE 3RD.

SECT. 1st. All persons now residing here or who may hereafter become "citizen" residents shall have a right to take up one claim of ground for mining unless such person be in possession of a claim by location.

## PRECIOUS METALS.

SECT. 2nd. And any and every such person shall have the right to purchase one or more claims and to hold or sell the same. But at the time of such purchase he shall take a bill of sale, showing therein the ground purchased, also the cost thereof attested by one or more witnesses, which if given in good faith and without collusion between the parties shall entitle the purchaser to the same rights which might have pertained to the original occupant of said claim or claims and such bill of sale shall be recorded.

## ARTICLE 4.

SECT. 1st. When a miner has taken up a claim of ground, he shall at the time measure and stake off the same and set up a written notice upon some part of the said claim, describing therein its boundaries and extent.

SECT. 2nd. He shall also within three days, have the same recorded therein, showing its locality, situation extent &c.

## ARTICLE 5TH.

SECT. 1st. When a miner has taken up a claim and put up a notice, and afterwards takes up another before the limitation shall have expired for recording, the first notice; he shall take down before setting up the second notice the first notice and draw his stakes or he shall be liable to lose said second claim.

## ARTICLE 6TH.

SECT. 1st. Any persons holding one or more claims shall at all times have persons working upon the same whenever sufficient water can be obtained to work the same, and do so in good faith, not merely as a pretext to hold said claims. But all such claims shall be considered worked upon, if one man for each claim shall be at work, though they may all work upon the one claim onely.

SECT. 2nd. And shall any persons neglect complying with the instructions of this article longer than ten days after the arrival of water or longer than six days at any period during the continuence of sufficient water to work the same, he shall be liable to loose all claims not represented.

## ARTICLE 7TH.

SECT. 1st. When a miner can no longer work a claim for want of water, he shall have the right to take up and work any unoccupied ground and hold the same as though he held no other claim until such time as his former claim or claims are workable, when he shall abandon and not sell the latter claim otherwise forfeit all right and title to his first claim or claims.

## ARTICLE 8TH.

SECT. 1st. The extent of all claims taken up after the passage of this act shall be 100 feet by 125 feet.

## ARTICLE 9TH.

SECT. 1st. Whenever a company of miners take up or purchase claims and onely a part of said Company go before the Recorder. He may record the claim for the party present but shall refuse to record the claim of the absent party. unless the party present make affidavit of the existance of said partnership, which affidavit shall be taken by the recorder and made a matter of record.

## ARTICLE 10TH.

SECT. 1st. Any person shall have the right to take up a new claim by abandoning the old claim and making such abandonment a matter of record.

## ARTICLE 11TH.

Every miner or company of miners shall have the right to run their tailings through the claims below by Fluming or ditching said claims Provided the fluming or ditching be done on the part of said lower claims that will least incommode the owners of said claims.

This provision shall onely apply to those who may take up or purchase claims above those that are being worked or recorded below them.

## ARTICLE 12TH.

SECT. 1st. Every person who may desire it may take up 100 feet square for building purposes, provided the same is not known or generally believed to be good mining ground.

SECT. 2nd. No person or persons shall have the privilege to build or use a house as a house of ill-fame in this District.

SECT. 3rd. All persons who take up lots for building purposes shall have said claims duly recorded within three days and commence building within a reasonable time.

## ARTICLE 13TH.

All water-ditches or flumes that are now or may be hereafter constructed shall be respected and not in anywise injured without the trespassers being liable for damages.

SECT. 2nd. But no water flumes or ditches that may be hereafter constructed shall pass through any legal claim or claims without first paying to the owners thereof the amount of damages thereby accruing, which shall be assessed by three disinterested persons chosen by the parties.

SECT. 3rd. No person shall have the right to cut any timber, off the legal claim of another without his consent, neither shall he fall any timber upon the claim of another without removeing the same within 24 hours.

## ARTICLE 14TH.

SECT. 1st. It shall be the duty of all resident miners now in this District to appear before the recorder within ten days after the adoption of these laws and inform him what claim they now hold, which he shall place upon the record, otherwise they will be forfeited, miners having claims here, who are absent, shall appear as above within ten days after they return.

## ARTICLE 15TH.

SECT. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a true copy of these Laws at his office for public exhibition at all times.

## ARTICLE 16TH.

SECT. 1st. Any part or parts of these Laws shall be subject to amendment at any future time, by the qualified citizens of this District, provided as many as two-thirds of all the citizens be at the assembly for that purpose.

## ARTICLE 17TH.

SECT. 1st. The Recorder shall receive \$1.00 for every claim recorded.

On motion of R. B. Sigafoose the Laws were unanimously adopted, ordered attested by the President and Secretary and placed on record.

J. H. KILBOURN, *Pres*

Attest

OREED HAYMOND, *Secy.*

## EL DORADO COUNTY.—FRENCH CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

## LOCAL MINING LAWS.

At a meeting of the miners of French town Dist held at French Town Nov. 12 1854 the following laws were adopted

G. H. H. FORRESTER *Chairman*

WM. B. SCHENCK *Secy.*

1. *Resolved*, that French Town Mining district shall embrace all mining land drained by French Creek from a line running from the north side of the Sugar loaf to Shingle Springs Ravine on the west and to Big Cañon on the East and from thence to its junction
2. *Resolved* that creek claims shall not exceed one hundred feet running lenthwise of the Creek, and two hundred feet across. And ravine claims shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet by two hundred feet across the ravine.
3. *Resolved* that in Hill or Coyote diggings the claim shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet square and every individual or company shall be entitled to fifty feet in width at the commencement of their tunnel and running to their claims. The first discoverer of such diggings shall be entitled to an extra claim.
4. *Resolved* that Quartz claims shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet in lenth including the dips on angles of the vein and the first discoverer is entitled to an extra claim.
5. *Resolved* that a man is entitled to hold a creek a ravine or Surface Claim and a Tunnel Claim.
6. *Resolved* that a man shall be required to work at least one of his claims once in seven days to hold them if workable except in case of sickness.
7. *Resolved* that a claim shall not be considered workable unless water can be had free of charge.
8. *Resolved* that there be a recorder elected whose duty it shall be to keep a book for recording of claims and shall be intitled to a fee of twenty five cents for each and every claim recorded and furnish his own stationery—That his books be open for inspection at all reasonable times.
9. *Resolved* that a persons title to a claim shall not be considered good unless he has staked or marked his boundry and had it recorded except he is engaged in working it.

(True copy.)

At a meeting held Jany 3rd 1858.

*Resolved* that Ravine flat claims be extended to 300 feet in lenth and as wide as the parties may wish provided it takes no other Ravine or Gulch.

*Resolved* that creek claims be extended to two hundred feet in lenth and remain the same width as in the old laws [200 ft]

JOHN ROBINSON *Chairman.*

WAL. S. DIKEMAN *Sec.*

At a meeting of the miners held on April 6, 1859.

On motion of Moses Knight seconded by L. S. Waters

The price of the recording of a claim will be fifty cents (50 cts).

(Carried).

JOS. EDWARDS *Chairman.*

A. LYNCH *Sec.*

FRENCH CREEK *March 20, '63*

Pursuant to motion duly given the Citizens of French Creek Mining District met at g. Baratts for the purpose of enacting a code of Laws, governing Quartz Mining— Upon motion of Mr. Barns, Jackson, Robeson was chosen chairman and H. A. Lease sect.

Upon motion of M. Barns a committee of three consisting of Isaac Grist, E. C. Barns, William Bean was appointed by the President to report boundaries and Laws governing mining in the above District upon consultation the Committee reported the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved* 1. That we adopt the old boundaries of French Town District Placer diggings for the boundaries of gold, silver, copper cinabar or any other metals or minerals that may be found in any vains or ledges.
2. That every may be entitled to one claim on each lead or vain by record and one extra for the right of discovery to the discoverer.
3. That each claim shall be three hundred feet in length including dips angles and spurs—
4. That a notice shall stand good for 20 days and after that it shall be recorded or forfeited.