

At a meeting of the miners held at Oregon Gulch on Monday June 17th 1861 for the purpose of revising and amending the existing laws governing hill diggings of Oregon Gulch District Jos. Armstrong chair S. B. Morrison sec'y.

Report of the committee appointed to revise and draft laws governing Hill claims, J. M. Nash, E. C. Rider Ed. Seymore, Thomas Belew, G. R. Fitzgerald.

Resolved:

ART. 1st. That a Hill claim shall be one hundred and fifty feet front running to centre of Table mountain.

ART. 2nd. That in all Hill Diggins in the district each person may hold but one claim by pre-emption.

ART. 3rd. That all Hill claims may be recorded by the District Recorder. Each claimant shall be required to perform five days labor on the said claim after he takes it up within thirty days and three days every succeeding thirty days until labor is done to the amount of fifty dollars after such labor is performed he or they shall hold the same for six months, after that period of time such claim shall be held good for six months.

That for the first record of each claim. The recorder be allowed one Dollar for recording a single claim and giving a certificate of the same and fifty cents for each additional claim in the same record, and half of the above price for each renewal of the same record.

ART. 5. That it shall be the duty of the recorder to go with each person locating a claim or claims in the Table land in this District and set the stakes for such person or persons.

ART. 6. That all laws heretofore existing within this district governing hill claims are hereby repealed.

On motion of Ed. Seymore S. B. Morrison was elected recorder.

JOS. ARMSTRONG *Chairman*

G. B. MORRISON *Secy.*

On the third Saturday of February 1872. The following amendments were adopted at a miners meeting

Resolved 1st. That Gulch and Flat claims will consist of 250 feet square and Hill claims 150 feet front running to the centre of the hill or mountain. Said hill claim defined as Tunnel and Drift mine.

2nd. Gulch and Flat claims may be located by posting a notice on the same describing the number and extent of the claims or may be held by working without recording as long as he is in possession. In the event of leaving or not working in thirty days it will be necessary to record the same. Otherwise it will be considered abandoned. After expending \$100.00 in labor on the claims and recording them, he may remain in possession for 12 months without doing any additional work

3rd. *Resolved*, That Section third passed at the meeting of June 17th A D 1861 be amended so as to allow six months in which to expend \$50.00 on such claim. Also that the word (shall) be substituted for the word (may) be recorded in the same section.

All laws or parts of laws conflicting with the above are hereby repealed.

SISKIYOU COUNTY.—ORO FINO DIGGINGS MINING DISTRICT.

MINERS LAWS.

At a meeting of the miners of the *Oro Fino* Diggings Scott Valley Siskiyou County Cal held *February 6th* 1856, Joseph Barker was elected chairman and Robert Atherton secretary and the following laws were passed.

First. The Gulch claims now held by Mr Joseph Barker and the flat purchased by him with the ditch be respected as his property

Second. Each miner shall be allowed one claim of one hundred Yards in length and fifty yards in width on the gulches and flats by location, and as many as he wishes to purchase provided he works them when in a workable condition. The boundaries of all claims must be distinctly designated by stakes or some other visable marks and when not worked, by notice.

Third. Claims shall be considered in a workable Condition when water can be procured, and every claim must be worked at least one day in seven unless prevented by some unavoidable circumstances.

Fourth. Each claim must be recorded by a recorder Elected for that purpose who shall not charge more than one dollar for his services.

Fifth. That these laws be sent to the County Clerk to be recorded by him.

JOSEPH BARKER, *Chairman.*

R. ATHERTON, *Secretary.*

Filed for record February 8th 1856 By Mr Chase at 12 o'clock, m.

H. G. FERRIS, *Recorder*
JONAS W. BROWN *Dep.*

Recorded February 9th 1856 at 8 o'clock a m.

H. G. FERRIS, *Recorder.*
E. M. ANTHONY

YUBA COUNTY.—ODD FELLOWS AND OHIO FLAT MINING DISTRICTS.

OHIO FLAT DISTRICT

Persuant to notice the people of Oddfellows District held a meeting at the store of L. Wesson on the 8th March 1856 for the better security of their mining interests, the following motions were adopted W. W. Ferguson appointed Chairman and T. A. Steel secretary.

1st. Motioned that the District formally called Oddfellow District be divided, which was adopted.

2nd. Motioned that the line of fence dividing the Ohio Flat and New York Ranch be the line dividing said district and that the western part be called Ohio Flat District including Ohio Flat, Garden Ranch and all the streams running into them which was adopted.

3rd. Motioned that the chairman appoint a committee of six to draft a code of laws for the government of the mining in trusts in said District which was adopted.

4th. Motioned that this meeting adjourn to Saturday 15th inst at 2 o'clock p. m. which was adopted.

W. W. FERGUSON, *Chairman*.

THOS. H. STEELE, *Secy*.

The people of Ohio Flat district met pursuant to adjournment Saturday 15th 1856, the report of the committee was read amended and adopted as follows:

Caption: A code of laws for the better security of the interests of the miners holding claims in the Ohio Flat District in Yuba County California.

LAWS OF OHIO FLAT DISTRICT.

SECT. I. The South eastern boundary of the Ohio Flat District shall be the line or fence dividing the Ohio and New York Rancho and said districts shall embrace all Flats, Ravines, gulches and intermediate hills to the centre of the dividing ridge dividing the waters of said Ohio Flat District from the Feather River and that of the Hornout Creek.

SECT. II. All persons (Chinamen excepted) are entitled to one claim by pre-emption and as many as they may lawfully purchase, provided each claim is represented by one hand to two claims when the said claims are connected.

SECT. III. All claims on the Flat shall embrace the most prominent channels or lead in said Flat or from bank to bank and all Ravine claims shall be one hundred feet square or from bank to bank and all Hill claims shall be one hundred feet square

SECT. IV. All Flat claims shall be considered workable from the 1st. day of June to the 1st. day of November of each successive year if there is sufficient water and all Ravine claims shall be considered workable when there is sufficient water in said Ravine and must be worked in ten days after water can be had at a reasonable price or forfeited.

SECT. V. The water in each Flat, Ravine, or Gulch shall be governed by the usages in said District.

SECT. VI. Each and every individual or company claim (when not considered workable) shall have a notice posted in some conspicuous place on said individual or company claim describing the bounds and extend to said claim or claims, and have said notice regularly recorded on the district records book, or renewed every ten days.

SECT. VII. There shall be a recorder chosen for this district whose duty it shall be to faithfully record all claims filed with him for that purpose, and certify the recording of the same on said notice For which the Recorder shall Receive one half dollar for each entry on the Book of said district and it shall be further the duty of the Recorder to post up a notice in the most public place in said district when any respectable number of claim-holders shall desire to change the laws of said district and give at least ten days notice of the time and place of said meeting.

On motion W. W. Ferguson was chosen Recorder of said District.

On motion the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

W. W. FERGUSON *Chairman*

THOS. H. STEEL, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER 12th 1857.

Meeting organized by choosing H. S. Maddox President of the meeting and H. M. Eddy Secretary.

On motion of H. M. Eddy it was moved and supported that we establish a Quartz Mining District having for its boundaries the county line between Yuba and Butte counties on the (North) The top of the ridge on the east side of Leeston Ravine and New York Flat on the (East) Dry Creek on the (South) The top of the ridge on the west side of New York and Ohio Flat and Garden Ranch on the (West) to be called the Ohio Flat Quartz Mining District which motion was carried and said Quartz Mining District as therein described duly established by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr. Roberts it was moved and supported that all laws now in force for the regulation of Quartz Mining (if any there be) within the limits of this district as now established be repealed which motion was carried and all such laws repealed by a unanimous vote.

The following laws were then read before the meeting.

SECT. I. There shall be a recorder elected at this meeting who shall hold his office for one year or until a successor is elected. The election shall be *vivavoca* and in case the office shall become vacant by removal resignation or otherwise any person who may have the records in possession may act as a deputy until another is chosen.

SECT. II. The duty of the recorder shall be to give notice of all meetings in the district on the written application of three miners of the district by posting up three notices in three of the most public places in the district at least six days before such meeting. It shall also be his duty to keep a record of the proceedings of all such meeting and to record all Quartz claims presented to him for record that have not before been recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose for which service he shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for a single claim and Two dollars for a company and also upon application for a certificate of due compliance with law of the district he shall visit the Quartz claim or claims and being satisfied that the amount of labor as hereinafter provided has been done on said claim or claims he shall issue a certificate to that effect to the owner or owners thereof for which service he shall be entitled to a fee of Five dollars.

SECT. III. All Quartz claims within the limits of this district shall be Three hundred feet long together with all the branches, dips and angles and slides and no person shall be entitled to hold more than one claim by location.

SECT. IV. On the location of a Quartz claim or claims the locator or locators thereof may hold the same for ten days by posting a notice on said claim or claims and if duly recorded within said ten days the owner thereof shall be entitled to six months from the date of the record to make improvements thereon to the amount of Fifty dollars to each claim which when done shall entitled to a certificate from the recorder as specified in sect. 2. of due compliance with the laws which certificate shall entitled the owner or owners thereof to one year from the date of the certificate for actual operation and showing a bonafide intention of working and developing said claim and a full compliance with these laws shall debar any other person from jumping such claim.

SECT. V. Any person not satisfied with the decision of the Recorder in granting a certificate as specified in sect. 2 may appeal to the decision of three disinterested persons one of which shall be chosen by the Recorder and their decision shall be final.

SECT. VI. All difficulties and disputes arising between parties in regard to Quartz claims within the limits of this district may be adjusted by calling a meeting for that purpose.

SECT. VII. The record of all Quartz Claims that have been heretofore recorded according to the requirements of any laws that may have been in force prior to this time may be transferred to the records kept by the requirement of these laws by the presentation to the Recorder of a certificate of its former record and payment of one-half the regular fee for recording.

SECT. VIII. The laws may be altered or amended at any meeting by a majority present, providing there shall have been notice of such an alteration or amendment given in the notice of the meeting calling it.

After reading the above laws on motion of R. B. Fry they were passed by a unanimous vote for the government and regulation of Quartz mining in the Ohio Flat District.

Mr. H. M. Eddy elected recorder.

Meeting adjourned.

H. M. EDDY, *Secretary.*

By laws of Ohio Flat, May 15th 1858.

Pursuant to notice the miners of Ohio Flat District met at the store-room of Wm. H. M. Eddy's for the purpose of electing a Recorder, revising the old by-laws and enacting new laws in relation to holding mining claims in Ohio Flat & Garden Ranch Flat.

On motion H. M. Eddy was chosen chairman & H. S. Maddox requested to act as secretary of said meeting

On motion a committee of three viz. J. Whealdon, T. H. Steel & H. F. Roberts were chosen to revise the by-laws of this District & prepare a certain section with regard to holding mining claims, which by-laws were submitted to the meeting for adoption or rejection.

The By-laws of Ohio Flat mining Dist, as revised by committee and adopted by the above named meeting May 15th, 1858.

SECT. I. The southeastern boundary of the Ohio Flat District shall be the line or fence dividing the Ohio & New York ranches and said District shall embrace all Flats, Ravines Gulches and intermediate hills to the center of the dividing ridge, dividing the waters of said Ohio Flat District from the waters of the Feather river & that of the Honour Creek.

SECT. II. All persons (Chinamen excepted) are entitled to one claim by pre-emption and as many as they may lawfully purchase, provided each claim is represented by one hand to two claims when the said claims are connected.

SECT. III. All Ravine or Flat claims shall be one hundred feet in length and from hill to hill.

SECT. IV. All Ravine claims when there is not sufficient natural water for working them shall hold good for one year by recording the same. When there is sufficient natural water the claim must be worked at least one day in ten or considered vacant.

SECT. V. The water in each Flat, Ravine or Gulch shall be governed by the usages in said District.

SECT. VI. Each and every individual or company claim (when not considered workable) shall have a notice posted in some conspicuous place on said individual or company claim, describing the bounds and extent of said claim or claims and have said notice regularly recorded on the district recorder's book, or renewed every ten days.

SECT. VII. There shall be a recorder elected once a year who shall receive fifty cents for recording each claim and it shall be the duty of the Recorder at the expiration of his term of office or when a respectable number of claim holders shall require it, to post notices, call a meeting to elect a recorder &c.

SECT. VIII. All claims in Ohio Flat & Garden Ranch Flat shall hold good till a certain Bed rock Flume (the construction of which is now commenced) is completed through said Flat by being recorded in the Recorder's book of this district.

SECT. IX. All claimants notices recorded in the record book shall show whether the claimant comes into possession by purchase or pre-emption of said claim or claims.

By a unanimous vote of the meeting Thos. H. Steel was elected Recorder of Ohio Flat Mining District.

On motion meeting adjourned sine die.

H. M. EDDY *Chairman*

HENLEY S. MADDOX *Secretary.*

ODD FELLOWS DISTRICT.

Laws.

In consequence of the Odd Fellows Mining District record book containing the laws and records of said District having been destroyed, the District assembled at the house of N. S. Williams in N. Y. Township, Yuba county, on Thursday the 15th September 1864 agreeable to previous notice. T. H. Steele was elected Chairman and G. N. Butler Secretary of said meeting.

On motion a committee of three composed of N. S. Williams, T. H. Steele and G. N. Butler were appointed to draft and report a code of laws to be submitted to an adjourned meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned till the 24th inst. at 7 o'clock p. m.

G. N. BUTLER *Secretary.*

T. H. STEELE *Chairman*

At an adjourned meeting of the Odd Fellows Mining District held on the 24th day of September 1864 E. T. Shaw Chairman and G. N. Butler Secretary the committee reported the following laws which were unanimously adopted.

SECT. 1. This mining district shall be known as the Odd Fellows District and shall embrace within its boundaries the whole of N. Y. Flat and its tributaries excepting the Ohio Flat and its Tributaries

SECT. 2. All ravine claims shall be one hundred feet in length and shall extend from bank to bank or shall embrace the most prominent channel or lead.

SECT. 3rd. All Flat claims shall be one hundred feet in length and shall extend across the flat.

SECT. 4. A miner in this district may hold one and only one claim by pre-emption.

SECT. 5th. The name of each claimant pre-empting claims must be put on the notice.

SECT. 6. All ravine claims when there is sufficient natural water shall be worked one day in every ten. When there is not sufficient natural water they shall hold good by having a notice posted on them to be renewed every ten days or by being recorded in the Recorders book of this district. All claims on N. Y. Flat and Letson's Flat shall hold good until a certain Bed Rock Flume (the construction of which is now commenced) shall be extended up to said claims, by being recorded in the Recorders book of this district, and if not represented within three months after said Flume is extended up to said claims, they shall be considered vacated.

SECT. 7. There shall be a Recorder elected who shall hold his office for the term of one year or until his successor is elected whose duty shall be to record the claims of all applicants of this district, and at the request of a respectable number of claim-holders to post a notice to call meetings and shall receive the sum of fifty cents for recording each claimants claim.

EDWIN F. SHAW *Chairman*

G. N. BUTLER *Secretary*

SISKIYOU COUNTY.—LITTLE HUMBUG CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

LITTLE HUMBUG CREEK *April 8th A D 1856*

At a Meeting of the Miners of little Humbug Creek held at the House of James Masterson & Co. upon the 8th of April 1856 as aforesaid the following Resolutions were dopted after meeting was duly organised & Mr Wm W Johnson was appointed chairman & Mr S. L. Root secty the following committee to draft Resolutions. T. M. Kelley chairman of comtte John Hogan S L Root secty, Chas Vedder E. Crockett S M Fall John Kating C. H. Gray P. H. Poindexter Hinds Fuller S. G. Berry & B. C. Brewer.

ARTICLE 1st. *Resolved*, that the mining District district of Little Humbug Creek shall extend from the head of said Creek down to the junction of what is called the North fork and the following laws shall only have jurisdiction over the claims & mining privileges of said Creek as above specified in this article.

ART. 2. *Res*, that the claims on little Humbug shall be one Hundred yards in length extending up and down the Creek, and shall be one hundred and fifty feet in width & every claim holder on little Humbug may take his claim on both sides of the present of the creek or all upon one side or as part on either side as he may see proper.

ART. 3. *Res*, that no person shall be entitled to any more than one claim by location, but he may succeed to as many claims as he may obtaine by a & *bono file* purchase providing he keeps them represented by a person working on each claim according to the provisions of art. 5 in this code of Laws.

ART. 4th. *Res*, that any miner or Company of miners shall have the privilege of Cutting a drain ditch through the ground below them in such a manner & position as will do the co below the least possible injury.

ART. 5th. *Res*, that all claims upon little Humbug while workable shall be represented by labor performed one day in every five Sundays excepted in order to hold the claim from being Jumped

ART. 6th. *Res*, that labor done at building a cabin on a claim or in preparing or gettings tools or any mining apperatus or in doing any other kind of labor for the better working of any claim, shall be considered working it properly & shall hold the claim accordingly.

ART. 7th. *Res*, that no persons claim shall be jumpable on little Humbug while he is sick or in any other way disabled from labor or while he is absent from his claim attending upon sick friends.

ART. 8th. *Res*, That all disputes or difficulties about claims or Water privileges occuring in this mining district shall be settled by a majority of the miners in a minors meeting or by a jury as the parties may agree. A jury shall preferable if either party wish it, and in all cases the jury shall be chosen by the parties.

ART. 9th. *Res*, that no person shall have a voice or vote in a minors meeting or at arbitration that accurs in this mining District except he either holds a claim or is working in this mining district.

ART. 10th. *Res*, That all former laws in this mining district that in any way conflicts with these laws are hereby repealed and shall be considered null and void after this code of laws take effect.

ART. 11th. *Res*, that no minors or company of miners shall back water by a dam or otherwise upon the claim above them to the injury of the party holding the upper claim without their, the upper parties, consent.

ART. 12. *Res*, That no person or persons shall be allowed to divert the waters by a ditch or otherwise from Little Humbug to the prejudice of the miners working on the Stream.

ART. 13th. *Res*, That this code of laws shall not be hereafter modified or repealed except by a majority of the claim holders in this mining district.

ART. 14. *Resolved*, That no dam or reservoir shall be constructed in this mining district to Gather Water for the purpose of sluiceng with shall the water be detained in any aforesaid dam or reservoir later than seven o'clock a m

ART. 15th. *Res*, that this code of laws shall take take effect & be in full force from this the of their adoption, furthermore, a copy of these laws shall be posted up in the most public place in this mining district. Also, a copy of them shall be kept by the secty of this meeting.

WM. W. JOHNSON *Chairman of Meeting*

S L. ROOT *Secty.*

Filed for record in the Clerks office April 9th A D 1856 by S L. Root

Recorded April 9th A D 1856

JONAS. W. BROWN *Recorder*
by M. O. WHITE *Deputy*

JONAS. W. BROWN *Recorder*
by. M. O WHITE, *Depty*