

ARTICLE 1. This district shall be known as Rock Creek District, and shall embrace all the mineral land running parallel with Rock creek from its source to its junction with John Day river, and to a distance of four (4) miles each side of said Rock creek.

ARTICLE 2. All creek claims for mining purposes shall be three hundred feet in extent along the course of the creek, and from bank to bank on each side.

ARTICLE 3. All gulch claims shall be six hundred feet up and down the gulch, and from the center of the gulch each way to where the bed-rock rises to the height of fifteen feet.

ARTICLE 4. All hill or bank claims shall be four hundred feet face, and extend back to the center of the hill.

ARTICLE 5. No person shall be allowed to hold more than one creek, one gulch, and one hill or bank claim, by location, but any person shall be permitted to hold as many by purchase as he or they may desire, they representing said claims as by these laws required.

ARTICLE 6. All claims shall be designated by a stake at each end, but when on a flat or in a hill, by a stake at each corner, and a copy of the notice of location forwarded to the county clerk, to be placed on record as required by statute law.

ARTICLE 7. All claims may be laid over when water cannot be obtained for working the same for any length of time not to exceed six months, at the expiration of which time, should the claimant still be unable to obtain water, he shall certify the fact to the county clerk, who shall note the same upon his book of records, when the claim shall be considered laid over for a term not exceeding six months.

ARTICLE 8. All persons shall be required to transmit a copy of notice of location of claim to the county clerk for record within thirty days after making such location; and, furthermore, every person holding any claims in this district shall be required to perform at least one day's work in each week when water can be had, provided said claims are in all other respects considered workable by the miners in this district; provided further, that when two or more persons have located or purchased claims together and work jointly as a company, work done upon any one of such company's claims shall be sufficient for the holding of all their claims.

ARTICLE 9. All work done preparatory to washing—such as digging ditch, making sluices, getting out timbers, building cabin, going after material necessary to be had for the successful prosecution of work upon a claim—shall be considered as work done upon the claim, and sufficient for making the claimant's title good.

ARTICLE 10. All claims may be laid over from the 1st day of November of each year until the 1st day of May of the succeeding year, at the pleasure of the claimant.

ARTICLE 11. All persons owning creek or gulch claims shall have the privilege of a drain through adjoining claims, but shall be required to deposit the dirt, if considered pay dirt, necessary to be removed in constructing such drain on the claim from which the same may be taken, or adjacent thereto; provided, that, should the person or persons constructing such drain desire to do so by means of sluicing, they shall not be required to furnish sluices and gather the gold unless by specific contract between the parties interested.

ARTICLE 12. Any person or persons owning a bank or hill claim and working the same shall be entitled to hold one adjoining claim for the purpose of dumping upon; provided such ground shall not have been previously claimed by other parties for mining purposes.

ARTICLE 13. No Mongolian shall be allowed to hold any claim in this district for mining purposes by location or pre-emption.

(Signed)

“ J. M. McCoy, *Secretary*.

HUGH KENNEDY, *Chairman*.

MINERS' MEETING, *June 26th, 1869.*

At a meeting of the miners of Rock creek mining district held June 26th, 1869, at the house of C. N. Thornberry on Spanish Gulch, J. L. Haguewood was appointed chairman, and J. M. McCoy secretary of the meeting.

Upon motion the local laws of the district were read by the secretary. After due consideration it was resolved that the laws of the district as established March 10th, 1865, be re-affirmed and recognized as the laws governing the mining interests of said district.

Upon motion a committee consisting of C. N. Thornberry, E. B. Allen, and J. W. McCoy was appointed to locate and lay out a town-site.

The statute laws relating to mines and mining interests were read by request, when upon motion the meeting adjourned.

(Signed)

“ J. M. McCoy, *Secretary*.

J. L. HAGUEWOOD, *Chairman*.

BAKER COUNTY.—SHASTA CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT OF LAWS.

This district shall be known as the Shasta Creek District and bounded as follows: on the north by the dividing ridge between Burnt river and Willow creek; on the eastward the Easton district; on the south by Willow creek; and on the west by Alder creek.

ARTICLE 1st. Creek claims shall be those through which natural water runs, and shall be two hundred feet in length, and extend in width seventy-five feet on each side from center of creek.

ARTICLE 2nd. Gulch claims shall be three hundred feet in length, and extend in width fifty feet on each side from center of gulch.

ARTICLE 3rd. Flat claims shall be level ground, and commence where creek or gulch claims end, and shall be two hundred feet square.

ARTICLE 4th. Hill claims shall be two hundred feet front, and extend in a straight line back to the summit of the hill.

ARTICLE 5th. Any person may hold by location one creek claim, one gulch claim, one flat claim, one hill claim, and one quartz claim, in conformity with the laws of the State, and by purchase any number of claims; provided such claims are represented according to the laws hereinafter specified.

ARTICLE 6th. There shall be a recorder nominated for this district, whose duty shall be to measure, stake off, and to record all claims, bills of sale, and transfers, and he shall keep a book of record open to public inspection, and who shall receive one and a-half dollars for each claim of location he shall so record, and one and a-half dollars for each transfer or bill of sale.

ARTICLE 7th. Any person may hold claims as specified for fifteen days by posting written notice on the boundaries of said claims; but at the expiration of this time said claims must be recorded or represented by labor, or shall be deemed forfeited.

ARTICLE 8th. Any person may hold claims by recording them from the date of record until the 1st day of April, 1867, at which time such claims must be represented by labor one day in seven, except in case of sickness of the holder, until such time as water fails. Thirty inches shall be considered a sufficient amount of water to properly work claims, and any claims not having thirty inches of water shall not be considered workable.

ARTICLE 9th. Disputes regarding mining claims may be settled by a miners' meeting or by arbitration, in which case [the first] it shall be the duty of the recorder to post notices in the district and give six days' notice. At least eight miners shall be required to sign such notice of meeting.

ARTICLE 10th. Where any person or company holds more than one claim adjoining, work done on one claim shall be sufficient to represent all.

ARTICLE 11th. In order to amend or alter any or all of these articles it shall be necessary for twenty-five miners resident in the district to sign notice for a meeting to consider such alteration or amendment.

Resolved, That the recorder write out two copies of these articles—one copy to [be] posted in a conspicuous place in the district, and one copy sent to the county clerk of this County.

ROBERT KITCHEN, *Chairman*.

ALEX. K. MOORE, *Secretary*.

SHASTA DISTRICT, 24th Sept., 1866.

(Signed)

A. BOLLETT, *Recorder*.

The following is a transcript of the local laws of this district as finally amended and adopted January 23rd, 1869. There is no record of any later meeting.

MINING LAWS OF SHASTA DISTRICT INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23RD, 1869—
HELD AT DELANEY & BARNES' SALOON.

Resolved: (ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 remain unchanged.)

ARTICLE 7. Any person or company may hold claims for seven days by posting a notice on the boundaries of said claims for seven days, and a copy be handed to the recorder to hold for record until the expiration of the said seven days, or daily labor be done on said claims, Sundays excepted.

ARTICLE 8. That all claims shall be represented October the 1st and 8th day of April following after said time. Claims not having water need not be represented until water can be had to work said claims in accordance with article 9th.

ARTICLE 9. All claims shall be represented one day in seven by one day's labor for each and every claim when thirty inches of water can be had by purchase or otherwise, except deep diggings—such as Shasta creek, Rich creek, and Cottonwood creek: seventy-five inches of water shall be considered sufficient to work said claims.

ARTICLE 10. Any labor done for the purpose of working mining claims, such as digging or cleaning out ditches, cutting tail races, or building hydraulics, or any other labor for any particular piece of mining ground, shall be considered as representation of said ground.

ARTICLE 11. Where any company holds more than one claim adjoining, all classes of claims to be included (in this), labor done on one claim shall be sufficient to represent all.

ARTICLE 12. Creek claims, gulch claims, and flat claims shall have the right of a drain or tail race through the adjoining claims below, but shall fork all heavy tailings or headings on their own ground.

ARTICLE 13. That it will be the duty of each company of miners to set a stake at the end of their claims, and also to dig a small ditch on a line with their stakes, and that the same shall be done between the 1st and 9th days of April following.

ARTICLE 14. No claim shall be recorded in this district except by claimant in person.

ARTICLE 15. Hill claims have not the right to dump on to gulch, flat, or creek ground.

ARTICLE 16. In order to alter or amend any or all of these articles it shall be necessary for fifty resident miners in this district to sign a notice for a meeting to consider such alterations.

ARTICLE 17. All laws heretofore existing in this district are hereby repealed, and the above laws to take effect from and after their passage.

Resolved, That we, the miners of this district, in public meeting assembled, do hereby bind ourselves to a strict fulfillment of the above laws, and any person or company holding claims in this district in violation of the above laws and its provisions shall be deemed forfeited.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the recorder of this district to send a copy of these laws to the Grande Ronde Sentinel for publication, and to post three copies of the above laws in conspicuous places in the district.

A. BOLETT, *Chairman*,

JNO. J. GRAHAM, *Secretary*.

(Signed)

E. H. RICHARDSON, *Dep. Recorder*.

SHASTA MINING DIST., Jan'y 23rd, 1869.

BAKER COUNTY.—DIXIE CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. LAWS OF MAIN DIXIE CREEK MINING DISTRICT, ENACTED JUNE 5TH, 1868.

At a meeting of the miners and claim-holders, after due notice to claim-holders of upper Dixie Creek, Baker County, Oregon, held at the claims of Blanchard and Company, the following proceedings were had, the assembly being composed of the following persons among others: John Williams, Owens, John Barrett, J. Belheimer, C. Leguns, Charles Clark, Francis Drake, D. Granchamp, J. B. Altezard, L. Monique, W. Charette, A. La Mereux, L. H. Blanchard, Louis Voli, J. Edwards, locators and owners of placer mining claims on upper main Dixie Creek.