

On motion of Mr. Freeman Mr. Iba was nominated chairman and unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Smith Mr. Jordan was chosen secretary.

Mr. Iba called the house to order, and the following resolutions were adopted.

ARTICLE 1. *Resolved* that the boundaries of this district be as follows: commencing at the mouth of the Big Cañon on Burnt River, and run [running] up said river to the mouth of the next cañon above, embracing about twenty-four miles from east to west; the boundaries on the north to be the summit or dividing ridge between Burnt River and Powder River, and on the south to be the dividing ridge between Burnt River and Birch Creek.

ARTICLE 2. *Resolved* that this district be called Pioneer District.

ARTICLE 3. *Resolved* that each person be entitled to hold one river claim, one hill claim, one creek claim, one gulch claim, one quartz claim, by location, and as many by purchase as he may represent according to the laws of the district.

ARTICLE 4. Any person or persons discovering new diggings shall be entitled to one claim for discovery.

ARTICLE 5. Each river claim shall be two hundred feet in length, and running from hill to hill on either side.

ARTICLE 6. Each creek claim to be the same size of river claims.

ARTICLE 7. Each gulch claim to be two hundred feet in length, and one hundred and fifty feet wide.

ARTICLE 8. Each hill claim to be two hundred feet front, and running back to the center of the hill or summit of the mountain.

ARTICLE 9. Each quartz claim shall be two hundred feet in length, and embracing all its dips, spurs, and angles, and water emanating from the same.

ARTICLE 10. *Resolved* that all river claims be laid over and not jumpable until the 15th of July next, 1863.

ARTICLE 11. *Resolved* that all other claims be laid over until the first of June, 1863.

CLARK'S CREEK, July 22nd, 1863.

Know all men by these presents that we, the miners of Pioneer District, pursuant to a call made July 22nd, 1863, met at the store of Frank Koontz for the purpose of making laws to lay over claims, &c.

On motion of Mr. Edgerton Mr. Wheeler was chosen chairman.

On motion of Mr. Stuttsman Mr. Edgerton was chosen secretary.

On motion of Killingsworth Clark's District was thrown into Pioneer District, and together called Pioneer District.

On motion of Mr. Killingsworth the meeting approved and adopted the old laws of Pioneer District.

1st. *Resolved* that each gulch and hill claim be laid over until the first of May next, and river claims until the first of July, 1864.

2nd. *Resolved* that Frank Koontz be recorder, and that he receive one dollar for recording each claim.

3rd. *Resolved* that unfinished ditches may be laid over until first of May, 1864.

Resolved that this meeting adjourn *sine die*.

CLARK'S CREEK, May 21st, 1864.

Miners of Pioneer District met pursuant to notice previously given.

W. H. Lamar, president, J. W. Virtue, secretary.

The following articles were unanimously adopted as additional laws governing this district.

1. It shall be required that all claims be worked one full day in three when water can be procured.

2. It shall be the duty of the recorder to go unto each claim recorded, and post at either end of such claim a stake and mound, with no. distinctly marked thereon, corresponding with no. on book of record, for which service he shall be entitled to the sum of one dollar from the party locating the same for each claim.

3. All claims heretofore located shall be staked and numbered according to section 2nd within thirty days from this date.

4. That hereafter all transfers made of claims shall be placed on the records of said district, for which the sum of 50 cents shall be paid by the party making such transfer.

5. All claims shall be laid over unless there can be 30 inches of water or the same of ditch water obtained to work such claims. All claims must be worked within eight days after water can be obtained.

On motion B. F. Koontz was elected recorder for the term of one year and until his successor is elected and qualified.

On motion adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. LAMAR, Pres.

J. W. VIRTUE, Sec.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the laws of Pioneer District, Baker County, Oregon, on file and in my custody.

Given under my hand this 15th day Feb., 1872.

(Signed)

W. R. CURTIS,
Deputy Recorder of Pioneer District.

Filed Feb. 22nd, A. D. 1872.

(Signed)

LUTHER B. ISON,
Clerk [of Baker County].

GRANT COUNTY.—ROCK CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. LAWS OF ROCK CREEK MINING DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY, OREGON.

At a meeting of the miners of Rock creek mining district March 10th, 1865, Hugh Kennedy was called to the chair, and J. M. McCoy appointed secretary, when upon motion the following articles were adopted as the local laws to govern the mining interest in said district, to wit:

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.