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Meeting Minutes of Miners of Frenchtown Mining District, 1854, 1858, & 1859

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At a meeting of the Miners of Frenchtown
District held at Frenchtown Nov 13th 1854
the following laws were adopted

1st That Frenchtown Mining District
shall embrace all mining land drained
by French Creek from a line running from
the north side of Sugar Loaf to Shingle Springs
Ravine on the West and to Big Cañon on
the East and from thence to its junction
with Big Cañon

2^d That Creek Claims shall not exceed
one hundred feet in length and two hundred
feet across. And Ravine Claims shall
not exceed one hundred and fifty feet by
two hundred feet across the Ravine

3^d That in Hill or Cayote diggings
the Claims 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 one extra claim

4th That Quartz Claims shall not
exceed one hundred and fifty feet in length

including the dips and angles of the vein
and the first discover is entitled to one
extra claim

5th That a man is entitled to hold
a Creek Claim a Ravine or Surface Claim
and a Tunnel Claim

6th 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

7th That a claim shall not be considered
workable unless water can be had for charge

8th That there be a Recorder elected whose
duty it shall be to keep a Book for recording
of claims and shall be entitled to a fee of
Twenty five cents for each and every claim
recorded. and furnish his own Stationery
and that his Book be open for inspection
at all seasonable hours

9th That a persons title to a claim shall
not be considered good unless he has staked
his boundaries and had it recorded except
he is engaged in working it

G. H. H. Forrester

President

Wm B. Schenck

Secretary

At a meeting of the Miners of French
Lown District - Held January 3^d 1858

Resolved: That Ravine and Flat claims
be extended to three hundred feet in length
and as wide as the parties may wish pro-
vided it takes no other Ravines or Inleches

Resolved: That Creek claims be
extended to two hundred feet in length
and remain the same width as in the
old laws (300 feet)

J. Robinson President

W. S. Dikeman Secretary

At a meeting held April 6th 1859

On motion of Moses Knight sec-
onded by L. J. Waters the price of the recording
of Claims will be fifty cents (50 cts)

Joseph Edwards President

A. Lynch Secretary

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