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East Gallatin Montana Ter. Aug. 9. 1864

At a meeting held by the Settlers of Upper East Gallatin at "Jacobs Crossing" on Tuesday Aug. 9. 1864. D. M. Bozeman was elected Chairman and W. W. Alderson Secretary.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to form a claim Association for the purpose making Laws &c in relation to farming claims and for mutual protection.

On motion <sup>of W. W. Alderson</sup> it was Resolved <sup>12th</sup> that the Town and District be called Bozeman.

<sup>1st</sup> That the Boundary of the district shall be as follows. Commencing at the North East corner of Kimball's claim thence East to the base of the mountains thence in a southerly direction around the base of the mountains to Gallatin River thence down said River to a point due west of said Kimball's claim. thence East to the place of beginning

over

Minutes of first meeting cont<sup>d</sup>

Res. 3<sup>rd</sup> that after any settler stakes out and Records a claim, he must be an actual settler <sup>in the</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~with~~ claim within ten days thereafter in order to hold said claim.

On motion J. M. Boyeman was Elected Recorder, and the sum of One Dollar the fee for Recording a claim.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. M. Boyeman Chair<sup>man</sup>  
H. N. Alderson Secy.



Minutes of Second meeting

Pursuant to Call of Chairman  
the Society met at Bozeman City  
Sept 14. 1864.

A motion was made and seconded  
that the name of the Town be changed  
from Bozeman to "Montana City"  
after quite a spirited debate the  
motion was put and lost.

On motion a Committee of three were  
elected to draft by Laws and  
report on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 1864

H. W. Alderson D. E. Rousor Jr. & J. M. Alderson  
were elected Com.

Motion to adjourn until 31<sup>st</sup> inst  
carried.

J. E. Burtch. Chair<sup>man</sup>  
J. M. Bozeman Secy

transcribed by W. W. Alderson

4.

Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Sept 21. / 64

Met on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1864 pursuant  
to motion of last meeting  
On motion the Committee on by laws  
made the following Rept.

Res 1<sup>st</sup> That resolution third passed at  
at the first Regular meeting held Aug  
shall be modified so that it shall  
read. Within ten days after stating  
and recording (as therein provided) he  
shall either become an actual resident  
on the claim he may have made or  
rejected. or he shall (if a resident  
of the district but not on his claim  
make such improvements thereafter  
to the Amount of Twenty five dollars  
(\$25) or equal to five days labor  
either in Building or buildings, building  
material, fencing or plowing on said  
claim each and every month. section  
ten days from the time such claims  
be made or if already made, then



Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Continued

from the date of the passage of this law.

Res. 2<sup>nd</sup> That no claim to any person shall be respected or protected, unless said claim shall have been first stated out and recorded by the person for whose benefit it is intended, and he to be accompanied by a responsible witness whose name must also appear on the State and records.

Res. 3<sup>rd</sup> That no person shall be entitled to take up ~~or claim~~ or hold more than 160 acres of land ~~and~~ in the district, which in shape may be 160 Rods square, or 320 Rods long by 80 Rods wide or in forty acre lots if adjoining, in any shape he may select; provided, that no claim shall be made to extend more than 160 Rods on any stream of water.

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Minutes of third meeting Contd Sept 2

- Res 4 That all claimants of lands suitable for farming purposes, must be actual residents of the district.
- Res 5 That no timber claim or claims made for the purpose of securing the timber and benefits therefrom shall be recognized or recorded but all the Canyons and surrounding mountains with timber shall be considered common property and free to all the Settlers.

Signed W J Alderson C

D E Rouse Com

Joe Merrivell

On motion the report of Com was accepted and Com. discharged

On motion it was resolved to hear the above report by sections and act on same



Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting cont<sup>d</sup>

Res 1<sup>st</sup> was read and adopted

" 2<sup>nd</sup> " " " "

" 3<sup>rd</sup> " " " "

" 4<sup>th</sup> " " " "

" 5<sup>th</sup> " " " "

On motion the meeting adjourned  
J. Wood, Chairman

J. M. Boyeman Secy

Transcribed by Dr W. Alderson  
Feby. 11. 1865

Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held Jan'y 21/1865

Pursuant to notice of Recorder Society met at the Rice & Stafford Hotel Jan'y 21: 1865.

C. D. Fitz appointed Chairman  
J. W. Boyeman Secretary

Chairman Stated object of meeting  
On motion a Committee of five, consist  
of W. W. Alderson, J. W. Coffenburg  
Mr Rous, Mr Raulsbeck & Mr Henry  
were appointed to draft resolution  
expressing of the sense of meeting  
to report in thirty minutes.

Com. made the following report  
which was read, accepted & adopted

Res 1<sup>st</sup> That any resident who may have  
and recorded a claim and improve  
the same to the amount of One hundred  
dollars. may return to the States  
for his family or other business,  
and shall still be entitled to his  
claims the same as he would be



Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> meeting cont

were he residing on the same provided that in no case shall he be absent for a longer period than ten months - and provided further that he shall before leaving the district, leave a statement with the recorder, of his destination, business and bona-fide intention to return within the time above specified

Res 3 That two persons taking claims may reside together and make all their improvements upon one of the claims, and still be entitled each to his individual claim the same as if residing on them.

Res 4 That any minor residing in the district, having attained the age of 18 years, may make and hold a farming claim, by complying with the claim laws of this district.

was entered by H. N. W. Feb 11 1866

adjourns I M Bremer Secy

# Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting

Meeting called by C. D. Fitzg. such at  
 W. J. Bell's House Saturday Feb 11. 1868  
 C. D. Fitzg. was chosen Chairman and  
 Wm W Alderson Secretary.

Mr Cobbenbury stated the object of  
 the meeting to be, for permanent organ-  
 -ization and, to try and decide a  
 matter of dispute in relation to the  
 rights to a claim, between Mr Fra-  
 & Mr Bonn. the case was tried  
 and disposed of in favor of  
 Mr Tracy. Officers elected in

permanent organization

C. D. Fitzg. President

W. W. Alderson Secretary

Paym. Fitzg. Recorder

On motion meeting adjourned

C. D. Fitzg. Pres<sup>t</sup>

W. W. Alderson

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