

KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

Gold Is Discovered

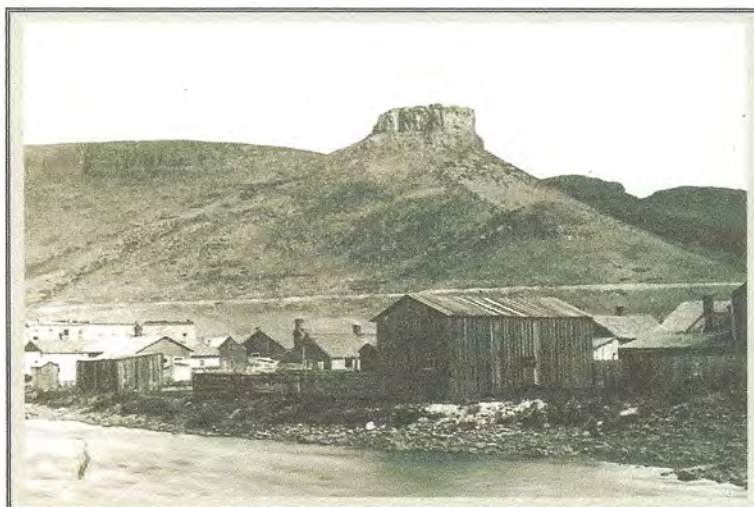
Golden City, K. T

Golden City was established as a gold-rush town and quickly became a leading economic and political center of the region for a short time. By the end of 1860 the town had been popularly elected the seat of Jefferson County was considered the location of the provisional government of the Jefferson Territory. The town built right at the foothills was much closer to the mines than Auraria or Denver City. These events lasted a short time as political power shifted to Denver City.



Golden City, Kansas Territory ~ June 26, 1860

Letter to Mrs. Julie Blankenship, Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois, with manuscript postmark and 3 cent dull red #26 with heavy pen stroke cancel. The only known postmark from Golden City while in Kansas Territory. Illustrated in Jarrett's Colorado book. Ex-Persson, Bauer Coll.



Golden City on Clear Creek ~ Circa 1860's