

KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

Gold Is Discovered

Hamilton, K. T.

Hamilton was one of the three major placer mining towns in the South Park area along with Fairplay, and Tarryall. The gold placer mines were very rich during the first few years of discovery, however, in the 1870's deep dredging equipment came into mining for the finer gold. The South Park area was home to the Ute Indians, however, they caused few problems for the mining communities. The post office opened July 26, 1860 and operated till 1881.



Hamilton, Kansas Territory ~ February 7, (1861)
Unorganized Territory

Letter to L. S. Briggs at Golden City with single circle date stamp and matching "Paid" frank that was in use for a short period of time before Colorado became a territory. The Kansas Territory became a state on February 28, 1861. One of a few known examples. Ex-Baughman, Bauer Coll.



Early Days in Hamilton, Kansas Territory