

KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1859

Gold Is Discovered

Missouri City, K. T.

Missouri City located Gilpin County near Black Hawk and Mountain City was the location of several rich gold discoveries leading to development of hard-rock mining. The post office opened March 24, 1860 lasting a short time closing in January 1863. Mail was directed to Black Hawk. Mr. C. P. Garbet writes to his friend from a newly established mining camp being developed in the Fall River area on upper Clear Creek. He states that "Sheldon" will carry the letter to Missouri City for posting.

Glenaroe, City, Nov. 6, 1860
Lincoln District on Fall River

To Capt. William Lowell, Dear Sir

In accordance with my promise to take this opportunity to inform you of matters and things here.. Since you left in establishing the Boundaries of this district and framing a code of Law. I have been elected Judge of the Miner's Court. We have made some new discoveries of Lead which I think is good. I have also secured a water claim on Fall River. It is number 3 below the old recorder's office, also found a vacant claim to take up. It is a 1000 dollar to us. We find it pretty hard here for us to get provisions.

I have a letter for Sheldon to take, and he will leave tomorrow, our town is improving very fast 60 lots have been taken and building going up rapidly we will have fifty houses here before spring. I am sinking on the Summit Lode. They are taking out very rich quartz at the depth of 14 feet. Most of us are now working our claims. Weather is very mild yet.

Yours C. P. Garbet



Missouri City, K. T. ~ November 10, 1860

Letter to Capt. William Lowell, Stillwater, Washington County, Minnesota, with manuscript postmark on 3 cent red Nesbitt entire with pen stroke cancel. One of only a few known covers from this small mining town. Illustrated in Jarrett's Colorado book. Ex-Bauer Coll.