

## Clear Creek County

### Downieville and Montana Districts (and associated York District)

The Downieville District is listed in Henderson (1926), but he notes it is synonymous with the **Lawson District** (adjacent) and also called the **Morris District**. In Henderson (Ibid), the **Montana District** is said to overlap the aforementioned Morris District. Dunn (2003) states that the York District was also referred to as the **Virginia District**, and includes an area of York Gulch west of Virginia Canyon. Additional references for this district include Bastin and Hill (1917) and Vanderwilt (1947).

Mining gradually moved up Clear Creek after the big discoveries and development in the Idaho Springs area, and developed around the town of Downieville, which became a stage stop on the route from Denver (Eberhart, 1969).

Mines in the district include:

- [Clifford Mine](#)
- Millionaire
- Sultan
- Waterloo

Minerals in the district (mindat.org) include:

[Galena](#)

[Molybdenite](#)

[Sphalerite](#)

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