

## Gilpin County

### Kingston District

Vanderwilt (1947) consolidated the Kingston District into the **Pine-Kingston-Apex District**. The Kingston District is located within the **Northern Gilpin District**, which is a large area composed of a number of smaller mining districts that grew out of the 19th century gold boom. Made up of the significant gold-producing districts of Pine-Kingston-Apex and **Perigo**, the district also includes areas that have been called the **Illinois**, the **Gamble Gulch**, and the **Union** (or **Gold Dirt**), the **Independent**, the **South Boulder Districts** and the **Rollinsville Placers**. The **Phoenix** and the **Kansas Districts** are contiguous with the other North Gilpin districts and display the same geologic characteristics.

The first discoveries in the area occurred in Gamble Gulch in 1859 (Koschmann and Bergendahl, 1968). Stamp mills processed the oxidized ore and the level mining activity followed the same pattern as in Clear Creek County. Much placer activity occurred in the various gulches, especially near Rollinsville.

The geology is much the same as in Clear Creek County, with Precambrian bedrock of the Idaho Springs Formation cut by Boulder Creek Granite with Tertiary intrusions of quartz monzonite and bostonite porphyries. Fissure fillings include pyritic gold that where unweathered is rather low grade, but has been enhanced by oxidation.

Mines listed in the Kingston District (mindat.org) include:

- [Andrew Lode](#)
- [J. W. Prospect](#)
- [Jack Rabbit \(Dorothy\)](#)
- [London](#)
- [Margret Olive](#)

Minerals listed in the district are the same as the Apex District. Additional references include: Dunn (2003) and Lovering and Goddard (1950).

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