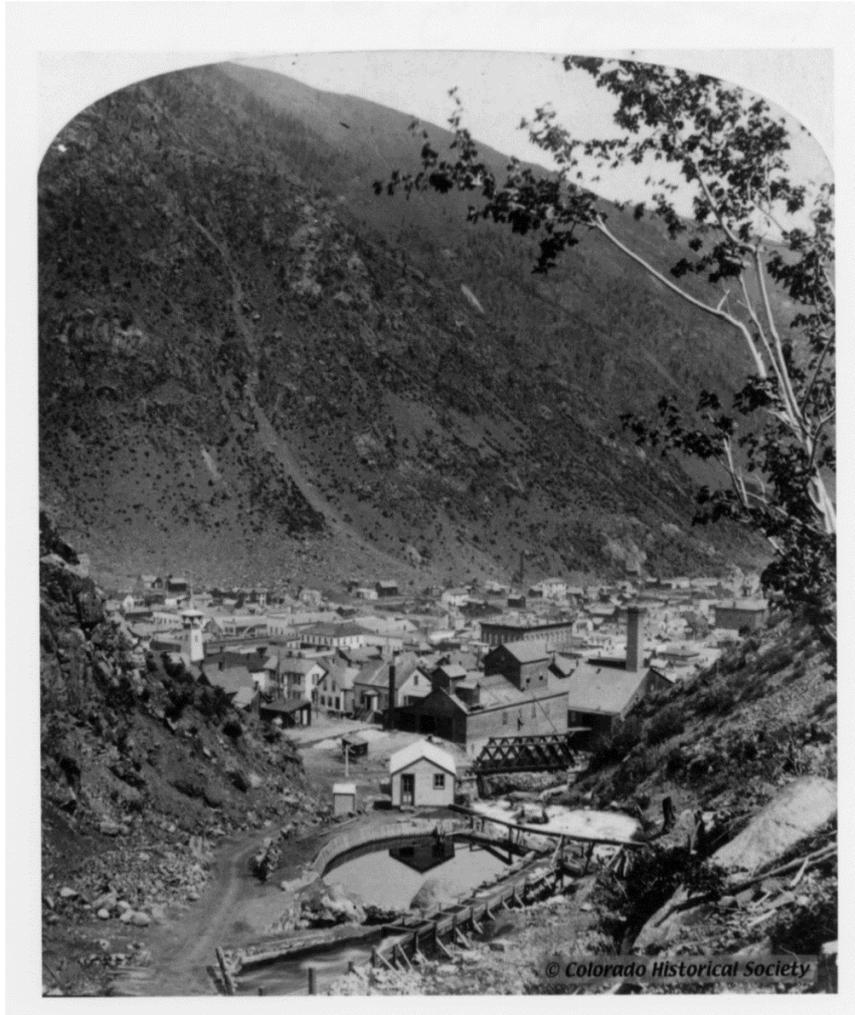


# Rutherford Trail

## Site 2:



Two large creeks run through Georgetown: the South Branch of Clear Creek on the west side of town, and the South Branch of the South Branch of Clear Creek, which runs along the edge of the Rutherford Trail. The town's first water plant was built just below today's plant, in the vicinity of the large water tower (see photo above). The first water company was a private operation, Clear Creek Water Company, formed in 1874. Local businessman A. R. Forbes was the President. In later years Mr. Forbes recalled that he started the company immediately after hearing of the major fire in Central City in 1874. The company's stockholders built a reservoir and began construction of water mains throughout the densely built commercial district. Once completed, the town was able to purchase hose carts for two newly formed fire companies: Hope Hose No. 1 and Alpine Hose No. 2. Access to pressurized water and fast response by firemen running hose to hook up to fire hydrants kept the town from burning to the ground.

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