Retention and Classification Report

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03651 *Mining district by-laws
24149 *Miscellaneous mining documents
26685 *Survey manuals and field notes

AGENCY: United States. Bureau of Land Management

SERIES: 3651 4
TITLE: Mining district by-laws
DATES: 1872-1909.
ARRANGEMENT: Sequential by file number
DESCRIPTION:

In May 1872 Congress passed a general mining law called, "An Act to promote the Development of the mining Resources of the United States." This act declared that mineral deposits in lands belonging to the United States are free and open to exploration and purchase by citizens of the United States, according to provisions detailed in the law, and also according to local customs and to the rules established by miners in various districts. The law validated the mining districts which had been and would continue to be established to govern mining activity in localized areas. The law authorized mining districts to govern the method of locating and recording claims, and to specify the amount of work necessary to hold the claims in so far as district regulations were not in conflict with the laws of the United States or the laws of Utah (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, 1872, vol. XVII, chap. 152). At least 90 mining districts were organized in Utah Territory and by-laws for many of these were filed in the General Land Office in Salt Lake City. These are contained in the book and file which comprise this series. Each set of by-laws defines the boundaries of the mining district and designates the name by which it was to be called. By-laws define the responsibilities of a mining district recorder, designate his term of office, provide for his election, and specify the amounts he can charge for his services. Additional district officials may be authorized.
By-laws specify how records should be kept and designate who had access to them. They detail requirements for marking, recording, and working mining claims.

RETENTION:

Retain 0

DISPOSITION:

Transfer to the State Archives with authority to weed.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

This retention has not been approved by the State Records Committee.

AGENCY: United States. Bureau of Land Management

SERIES: 3651
TITLE: Mining district by-laws

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FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

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Paper: Retain in State Archives permanently after microfilming.

Microfilm master: Retain in State Archives permanently with authority to weed.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

Mining district by-laws have historical value because they provide information about the organization and operation of mining districts in Utah Territory.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: United States. Bureau of Land Management

SERIES: 24149 1
TITLE: Miscellaneous mining documents
DATES: 1876-1915.
ARRANGEMENT: Alphabetical by document type.

TOTAL VOLUME: 0.25 cubic feet.
DESCRIPTION:

This series contains a few mining documents including the following: 1) several affidavits offering proof of work done on a mining claim; 2) some amended notices of location and correspondence relating to one of them; 3) some mining deeds; 4) a mineral certificate; 5) several notices of location for mining claims; and 6) some survey maps for mining claims. With one exception, all of these documents relate to mining activity in Salt Lake County and most are from the Big Cottonwood Mining District.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

These records document mining claims and operations in Utah.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: United States. Bureau of Land Management

SERIES: 26685 3
TITLE: Survey manuals and field notes
DATES: 1851-1930.
ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by publication date
TOTAL VOLUME:
DESCRIPTION:

Any record, regardless of format, that is issued by a governmental entity for public distribution at the total or partial expense of that governmental entity. See Utah Code Section 9-7-101 8(a)(b) (2010) and 9-7-208 (2006)

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This disposition is based on Utah State General Records Retention Schedule, Schedule 1, Item 25.

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