

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Beaver County (Utah). Probate Court (2560)

, UT

**Records Officer**

24298 \*Divorce case files  
26592 \*Probate case files  
14893 \*Record books

**AGENCY:** Beaver County (Utah). Probate Court

**SERIES:** 24298

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**TITLE:** Divorce case files

**DATES:** ca. 1876-1886.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Alphabetical.

**DESCRIPTION:**

These are divorce cases heard in the Beaver County Probate Court. With the exception of two cases (out of 30-40), only those with surnames beginning with the letter "F" have been transferred to the Archives.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

Paper: Retain in State Archives permanently with authority to weed.

**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

These divorce cases were handled by the territorial county probate court which became obsolete at statehood. Divorce records are historically significant. Additionally, any information about the probate court and its functions is historically significant.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public

**AGENCY:** Beaver County (Utah). Probate Court

**SERIES:** 26592

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**TITLE:** Probate case files

**DATES:** 1876-1894.

**ARRANGEMENT:** numerical by case number

**DESCRIPTION:**

Contains cases heard by the territorial probate court in Beaver County. Cases 1-44 are in this series.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

Paper: Retain in State Archives permanently with authority to weed.

**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).  
Disposition is based on these records serving as a small portion of the known historical surviving record from a now defunct court.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public

**AGENCY:** Beaver County (Utah). Probate Court

**SERIES:** 14893

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**TITLE:** Record books

**DATES:** 1856-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological, but in some cases grouped by record type.

**DESCRIPTION:**

During the territorial period Utah county probate courts served a variety of functions. In addition to traditional probate of estates, the courts held jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. The Territorial Assembly also appointed county probate courts to adjudicate ownership of town site lots and to acknowledge incorporations. Because county probate courts served so many functions, records in the Beaver County Probate Court record books contain a variety of record types. These include estate and guardianship records, divorce records, incorporation records, records dealing with the adjudication of title for town site lots in Beaver County communities, court dockets, and a few other civil and criminal cases including some naturalizations.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

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

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

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

Beaver County Probate Court record books contain historical information about Beaver County mining companies and about the United Order. They also contain divorce records and a few guardianship and estate records which may be of interest to genealogists.

**AGENCY:** Beaver County (Utah). Probate Court

**SERIES:** 14893

**TITLE:** Record books

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public