

Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court (2645)

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Records Officer: Leslie Bishop

28421 *Administrators' record book
28420 *Fee book
28422 *Insanity record book
23642 *Land certificates (Parowan)
17477 *Minutes
27438 *Probate record book

AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 28421

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TITLE: Administrators' record book

DATES: 1882-1894.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date.

DESCRIPTION:

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

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

FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

Disposition is based on the dearth of surviving records from the Iron County Probate Court, as well as the research value this volume provides in detailing the names of various parties who appeared before that court.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 28420

TITLE: Fee book

DATES: 1887-1896.

ARRANGEMENT: None.

DESCRIPTION:

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AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 28422

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TITLE: Insanity record book

DATES: 1886-1894.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date.

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Public

AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 23642

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TITLE: Land certificates (Parowan)

DATES: 1872-1879.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date.

TOTAL VOLUME: 0.10 cubic feet.

DESCRIPTION:

The federal government and the territorial legislature designated county probate courts to act as intermediaries in the transfer of surveyed town site lots from the public domain to private ownership. As the Iron County Probate Court proceeded to follow this direction, it issued land certificates to individuals judged to be the rightful owners of lots in Parowan. These certificates authorized the county recorder to record a deed transferring ownership of the lot from the mayor to the individual owner. Each certificate is headed with information about the probate court and is addressed to the mayor of Parowan. It certifies that a certain individual was on a certain date judged by the court to be the rightful owner of a certain town lot and was entitled to a deed for the same. Certificates were signed by the probate court clerk. Each certificate also indicates the date a deed was recorded.

RETENTION:

Retain permanently.

DISPOSITION:

Retain in agency custody.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

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SERIES: 23642

TITLE: Land certificates (Parowan)

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Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

This disposition is based solely on the record's secondary research value. These certificates are the first to have survived and represent a glimpse of how local communities were notified of ownership decisions. They are an important record of documenting the legal processes in Iron County.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 17477

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TITLE: Minutes

DATES: 1853-1870.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date.

TOTAL VOLUME:

DESCRIPTION:

In 1852 the Territorial Legislature defined the powers of county probate courts. In addition to traditional jurisdiction in the probate of wills, the administration of estates of deceased persons, the guardianship of minors, idiots, and insane persons, the Legislature gave Utah probate courts power to exercise original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases (Laws of Utah, Chapter 42, 1852). The minutes of the Iron County Court describe the proceedings of that court and the cases it heard. They tell when the court met and adjourned, name the judge and indicate action taken or judgments made. The Iron County Probate Court handled criminal cases, probate, divorces, naturalization, and other civil matters. In 1869 the Territorial Legislature directed county probate courts to adjudicate ownership of town site lots in surveyed towns on the public domain. Iron County Probate Court minutes end in 1868 and therefore do not include land records.

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AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 17477

TITLE: Minutes

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

Iron County probate court minutes contain historical and genealogical information by describing divorce, criminal, probate, naturalization and civil cases handled by the court.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: Iron County (Utah). Probate Court

SERIES: 27438

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TITLE: Probate record book

DATES: 1868-1870.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological.

TOTAL VOLUME:

DESCRIPTION:

Probate record books contain the details of proceedings in estate and guardianship cases. Personal name change cases may also appear. For deceased persons, the will, appraisals and inventories, and the settlements are recorded. For guardianships, the appointment of a guardian and frequently an account of some property are noted. Adoption records give the full order of adoption, often with statements from both the natural and adoptive parents or a social service agency detailing circumstances of the adoption. The county probate court was responsible for the proceedings of these cases until statehood (1896), at which time the probate court was dissolved and the district court assumed the responsibility.

RETENTION:

Retain Permanently

DISPOSITION:

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SERIES: 27438

TITLE: Probate record book

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

This series documents the activities of the Probate Court in Iron County.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public