

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Sanpete County (Utah). Probate Court (2704)

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

**SERIES:** 13469

3

**TITLE:** Criminal dockets and cases

**DATES:** 1859-1873.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological

**DESCRIPTION:**

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

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**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

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

**SERIES:** 14697

3

**TITLE:** Divorces

**DATES:** 1873-1887.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Numerical by case number.

**DESCRIPTION:**

In 1852, the Utah Territorial Legislature provided that the Probate Court should have jurisdiction not only in estate and guardianship matters, but original jurisdiction in civil, criminal, and chancery cases. In 1874, the federal Poland Act revoked the jurisdiction of the Probate Court over all but divorce and probate cases. This series includes those cases handled by the Probate Court which are divorce cases. In 1887, the federal Edmunds-Tucker act revoked Probate Court jurisdiction in divorce cases.

Generally, case files include a number of discrete documents. These documents may include an initiating petition, summons and subpoenas issued to the parties in the case and to witnesses, bonds, exhibits, statements of fees, and other documents created and filed with the Court during the process of the trial action. Civil cases may include affidavits of publication of summons in those cases where the defendant was not served personally, as well as decrees detailing the disposition of the case.

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**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

These records document the actions of the territorial county probate court which became obsolete at statehood. Any information about the probate court and its functions is historically significant.

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

**SERIES:** 14697

**TITLE:** Divorces

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

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

**SERIES:** 26604

3

**TITLE:** Land claim records

**DATES:** 1869-1892.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Sequentially by step in the claim process, thereunder alphabetical by municipality and chronological by document

**DESCRIPTION:**

This series contains various records documenting the legalization of existing land claims in Sanpete County in accordance with the provisions of "An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of Cities and Towns upon the Public Lands" passed by Congress in March 1867.

**RETENTION:**

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**DISPOSITION:**

Permanent. Transfer to Archives.

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**APPRAISAL:**

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This series has permanent historical value as documentation of land ownership and of the role played by the Probate Court in the unusual process employed in Utah to provide legal title to settlers.

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

**SERIES:** 26604

**TITLE:** Land claim records

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public

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

**SERIES:** 17693

3

**TITLE:** Minutes

**DATES:** 1852-1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological

**DESCRIPTION:**

Minutes of cases handled by the Sanpete County Probate Court including divorces, civil cases, criminal cases, incorporations, estate and guardianship cases.

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

**SERIES:** 26607

3

**TITLE:** Probate docket book

**DATES:** 1889 - 1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological

**DESCRIPTION:**

The probate docket book is a register of the actions taken in specific cases handled by the probate court. Cases include matters of estate settlement and the appointment of guardians.

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**APPRAISAL:**

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This series has historical value as documentation of the probate process and a summary of cases probated in Sanpete County.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public



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

**SERIES:** 26601

3

**TITLE:** Probate record books

**DATES:** 1885 - 1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Sanpete County Probate Court recorded the standard actions taken in probate matters in three separate bound volumes: Guardians Record, Will Record, and Administrator's Record. In each book preprinted forms were filled out to describe the actions taken. Estate settlements for persons who died intestate were recorded in Book 1, Administrator's Record. Guardianship cases were recorded in Book 2, Guardian's Record. And estate settlements for persons whose estates were probated according to the terms of a will were recorded in Book 3, Will Record. Standardized forms describe the basic orders, decrees, oaths and letters associated with the settlement of the estate or guardianship appointment. Book 3, Will Record includes the probate of wills for only eight individuals: Niels C. Jensen, Ole P. Larsen, Peter Hansen, John E. Metcalf, Soren C. Hansen, and Christopher Bernard Hansen. The Guardianship and Administrator Record Books contain a few more records.

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**SERIES:** 26601

**TITLE:** Probate record books

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**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

This series has historical value as documentation of the probate of estates, guardianships, and other legal cases handled by the court.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

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

**SERIES:** 26609

3

**TITLE:** Record books

**DATES:** 1855 - 1896

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This series is a record of matters brought before the probate court and actions taken by the court. It includes three volumes: "Book A," beginning in 1855, "Book B", covering 9 June 1873 - 11 June 1883, "Book B-1", covering 14 April 1884 - 10 Nov 1890, and "Book E", covering 17 Nov 1890 - 13 Jan 1896.

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**APPRAISAL:**

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This series has historical value as documentation of the actions of the Sanpete County Probate Court.

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

**SERIES:** 26606

3

**TITLE:** Record of bonds

**DATES:** 1876 - 1894

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological

**DESCRIPTION:**

This series records various bonds filed with the court, including those filed by officers of incorporated LDS cooperative institutions and United Orders during the 1870's and by estate administrators' in the 1880's and 1890's. The series contains a single volume labeled "Book A1".

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**APPRAISAL:**

These records have fiscal value(s).

This series has historical value as documentation of corporations and the probate of estates.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

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