

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Ashbrook Mining District (Utah). Recorder (2735)

, UT

**Records Officer:**

18132 \*Mining records

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**SERIES:** 18132

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1874-1881.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date filed

**DESCRIPTION:**

Mining records contain notices of location which provide the name of the claim, locators, location, legal description and the mining district; district by-laws; annual meeting minutes; and district officer election results. Mining records, which constitute a legal record, are kept for the purpose of monitoring and registering mining claims and operations. The Ashbrook Mining District Recorder recorded mining operations in Box Elder County, Utah. Until the law changed in 1897, mining districts in Utah had the option of electing their own mining district recorder. Many of the large mining districts, including the Ashbrook Mining District, chose to elect their own recorders while claims and other records within smaller mining districts or in unorganized areas were filed with the county recorder. Although the mining district elected its own recorder, mining operations within in the mining district were also recorded with the county recorder during this time. The district recorder was created in 1874 and ended in 1897 when the law changed and the county recorder assumed sole responsibility for mining records (Laws of Utah, 1897, Chapter 36).

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

Paper: Retain in Office until microfilmed and then transfer to Box Elder County Recorder.

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

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

**APPRAISAL:**

Historical Legal

Because of the importance of mining information, which documents the monitoring and registering of mining operations, the District Recorder was required by law to maintain mining records and their corresponding indexes.

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public