

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Blue Mountain Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3124)

**Records Officer:**

24036 \*Entry book  
24035 \*Mining records

**AGENCY:** Blue Mountain Mining District (Utah). Recorder

**SERIES:** 24036

4

**TITLE:** Entry book

**DATES:** 1894-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** chronological by date of entry.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Blue Mountain Mining District recorder, A.L.F. MacDermott, created an entry book in which he kept a chronological list of all documents recorded. For each document he noted the name of the claim, whether it was lode or placer, the kind of document, the dates it was created and filed, the names of locators, and his assigned file number. Most documents were notices of location.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

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

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

Paper: Retain in Office permanently.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

Blue Mountain Mining District entry book contains summary information about mining claims in the late 19th century in the Monticello (Utah) area.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public

**AGENCY:** Blue Mountain Mining District (Utah). Recorder

**SERIES:** 24035

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1894-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** chronological by filing date.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The records kept by the Blue Mountain Mining District recorder include both notices of location and affidavits showing proof of annual labor. The recorder kept location notices or claims in accordance with federal law which provided that mineral deposits on the public domain were free and open to exploration, and locators of the same had exclusive right of possession (see Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, 1872, vol. XVII, chap. 152). Blue Mountain District by-laws required that each notice should provide the name of the claim, and designate whether placer or lode location, provide the names of locators, indicate the date of location, tell how many feet or acres the claim involved, and provide a description by which the claim could be clearly identified. (San Juan County (Utah). County Recorder, Miscellaneous records, Book B, p. 240-245, Utah State Archives, Series 23400). Federal mining law required that at least \$100 worth of annual labor be applied in making improvements in order to maintain and eventually patent a claim. In the Blue Mountain District each miner swore that he had performed the necessary amount of labor on a certain claim. He specified what that labor involved and who had performed it. All affidavits confirming proof of labor were sworn before A.L.F. MacDermott, county clerk or A.L.F. MacDermott, justice of the peace. Mr. MacDermott was also mining district recorder.

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**SERIES:** 24035

**TITLE:** Mining records

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**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

Blue Mountain mining records contain valuable information about mining activity near Monticello (Utah) in the late 19th century.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public