Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Gold Mountain Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3132)

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Records Officer

23923 *Mining records

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SERIES: 23923 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1889-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date.
DESCRIPTION:

According to federal law, mineral deposits in the public domain were free and open to exploration, and locators of the same had exclusive right of possession. Local mining districts managed mining operations and recorded claims. (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, 1872, vol. XVII, chap. 152). Records kept by the Gold Mountain Mining District recorder include claims or notices of location, affidavits showing proof of annual assessment labor and a few other mining records, such as deeds, notices of water rights, and statements about district business. Location notices affirm the citizenship of locators and confirm compliance with federal and local laws. They describe the claims, both in terms of dimensions and location, and identify each claim with a unique name. Notices provide dates of discovery and filing and are signed by both locators and the district recorder. Gold Mountain Mining District records also contain affidavits claiming proof of labor. In order to maintain claims, federal law required at least $100 worth of labor or improvements annually. Claimants appeared before the district recorder and provided a statement that the annual assessment work had been completed.

RETENTION:

Retain permanently.

DISPOSITION:

Retain in agency custody.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

This retention was approved by the State Records Committee on 09/01/1991.

FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

The retention and disposition information on this schedule applies to the record copy which can be in any format. The record copy can include different formats. Format management information provided here is for the purpose of managing records that are being either stored by or transferred to Utah State Archives.

Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

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Microfilm master: Retain in State Archives permanently.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical
This disposition is based on Utah County General Records Retention Schedule, Schedule 15, Item 12.

Gold Mountain Mining District records contain historical information about mining activities in the Tushar Mountains west of Marysvale (Utah) in the late 19th century.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public UCA 17-21-19 and 63G-2-301(1)(g) (2008)