Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Rush Valley Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3133)

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Records Officer

24160 *Mining records
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AGENCY: Rush Valley Mining District (Utah). Recorder

SERIES: 24160 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1863-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: Roughly chronological by date filed.
DESCRIPTION:

Mining activity in California established precedents which were carried to Utah Territory and eventually validated when Congress passed a federal mining law in 1872. Mineral deposits on the public domain were free and open to exploration and locators of the same were to have exclusive right of possession (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, chap. 152). In order to regulate mining activity and keep track of individual claims, local miners organized mining districts and appointed district recorders to keep records. Notices of location are the recorder's record of claims within the district. Each notice provides the dimensions of the claim and a description of its location. It names locators and gives the dates of location and recording. All except the earliest location notices in the Rush Valley District include a name by which the claim was identified. The minutes of miners' meetings and copies of by-laws and revised by-laws were also recorded in the location notices record books.

RETENTION:

Retain permanent

DISPOSITION:

Retain in agency custody.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

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

FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

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TITLE: Mining records

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APPRAISAL:

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

Rush Valley Mining District records include information about mining and mining claims in Tooele County (Utah). They document some of the earliest mining activity in Utah.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: Rush Valley Mining District (Utah). Recorder

SERIES: 24162 4
TITLE: Proof of labor records
DATES: 1870-1896.
ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date recorded.
DESCRIPTION:

As originally written, the Rush Valley Mining District by-laws, required a full day's work on each claim in each month. However, the mining district did not require the recorder to begin keeping a record of this work until the by-laws were revised in 1870 (By-laws Rush Valley Mining District, Utah Territory, Utah State Archives, series 3651). In 1873 the district amended by-laws to comply with federal mining law, which passed in 1872. According to this regulation the Rush Valley District required at least $100 worth of improvements in each year. The district also required the mining district recorder or his deputy to make a personal inspection of the work done. Each document in this book is the signed statement of the district recorder confirming that he has examined a certain claim and verifying that the owner has done sufficient labor to meet district requirements. Each document names the person requesting the examination.

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STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:
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SERIES: 24162
TITLE: Proof of labor records

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APPRAISAL:
Historical

Proof of labor documents for the Rush Valley Mining District provide information about mining activities in Tooele County (Utah) during the territorial period.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:
Public

AGENCY: Rush Valley Mining District (Utah). Recorder

SERIES: 24161 4
TITLE: Transfers
VARIANT Stockton Mining District transfers
DATES: 1864-1866.
ARRANGEMENT: Roughly chronological by date recorded.
DESCRIPTION:

Transfers are mining deeds conveying mining claims or mining property from one individual to another. The transfers in this series were created before federal mining law was enacted, and are based on regulations established by the Rush Valley Mining District. According to 1864 by-laws, no individual could hold more than one claim by location on any one vein, with the exception that the discoverer was entitled to one additional claim (By-laws Rush Valley Mining District, Utah Territory, Utah State Archives, series 3651). The by-laws provided exception to this rule by stating that one individual could hold any number of claims if he acquired them by purchase. In addition to limiting the number of claims, original Rush Valley District by-laws also limited the amount which could be claimed to 200 feet along a lode with 100 feet on either side, which is an amount considerably smaller than the 1500 feet later allowed by federal law. These limitations prompted vigorous trading of mining claims in the Rush Valley District. Federal troops, who made up the bulk of prospectors in the district, were called out of Utah in 1866 and mining activity temporarily subsided. When by-laws were revised in 1870 the one claim per person limit was dropped, eliminating the need for claim trading.

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APPRAISAL:
Historical

Transfers of mining claims in the Rush Valley Mining District (Utah), provide information about early claims and mining activity in Tooele County (Utah).

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:
Public