

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Cottonwood Springs Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3139)

**Records Officer:**

24151 \*Mining records

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**SERIES:** 24151

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1892-1893.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date filed.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The development of the cyanide process in the early 1890s and the construction of the first commercial cyanide mill in Mercur stimulated mining activity and prompted the organization of several new mining companies in Tooele County. The Cottonwood Springs Mining District was organized in the area between the Sheeprock and Simpson Mountains near the Tooele-Juab County border. The records kept by the Cottonwood Springs Mining District recorder primarily include location notices. 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, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). Location notices recorded by the Cottonwood Springs District describe claims involved and affirm compliance with federal and territorial laws. Each notice names the locator or locators and provides the date and time of recording. All documents are signed by the district recorder.

**RETENTION:**

Retain permanently

**DISPOSITION:**

Retain in agency custody.

**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.

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**APPRAISAL:**

Historical

Cottonwood Springs Mining District records contain valuable historical information about mining claims and mining in the Sheeprock Mountains of southern Tooele County (Utah).

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public