

Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Tooele City Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3140)

Records Officer:

24152 *Mining records

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SERIES: 24152

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TITLE: Mining records

DATES: 1870-1887.

ARRANGEMENT: Roughly chronological by date recorded

DESCRIPTION:

In August 1870 miners in the Tooele area organized the Tooele City Mining District in an area that had previously been part of the Rush Valley Mining District. According to established precedent, which was later validated when Congress passed a federal mining law, mineral deposits in the public domain were free and open to exploration, and locators of the same had exclusive right of possession. In local areas miners organized mining districts and elected district recorders to oversee mining operations and keep records of claims. (See Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). Records for the Tooele City District begin with a copy of the by-laws for the district. These are followed by location notices and then a copy of by-laws as they were revised in October 1887. Each location notice provides the dimensions of the claim and a description of its location. It names locators, gives dates of location and recording, and identifies the claim with a unique name. Early notices of location include several locators and identify the number of feet allowed to each.

RETENTION:

Retain permanent

DISPOSITION:

Retain in agency custody.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

This retention has not been approved by the State Records Committee.

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.

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

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

Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

APPRAISAL:

Historical

Tooele City Mining District records provide historical information about mining claims and mining in the Tooele (Utah) area.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public