Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Blue Bell Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3141)

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Records Officer

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SERIES: 24153 4
TITLE: Location notices
DATES: 1896-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: chronological.
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 districts. The Blue Bell District was organized in southeast Tooele County in 1896. Records kept by the Blue Bell Mining District recorder include only notices of location for claims staked in the district. 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). Each notice of location recorded in the Blue Bell District includes a detailed description of the claim and the names of locators. The names of claims are printed boldly at the top of each page and each is signed and dated by the district recorder.

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.

Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

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

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APPRAISAL:
Historical

Blue Bell Mining District location notices provide valuable information about mining in south east Tooele County in 1896 and 1897.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:
Public