Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Point Look Out Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3142)

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Records Officer

24154 *Mining records

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SERIES: 24154 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1896.
ARRANGEMENT:
DESCRIPTION:

When A.M. and D.N. Murdock discovered gold near Look Out Station (former pony express station in Tooele County) in April 1896 they and others organized the Point Look Out Mining District the following month. 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 (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). The law authorized local mining districts to keep records and oversee mining operations within specified boundaries. The Point Look Out record book is very small because less than one year after organization, the Utah Legislature enacted a mining law which transferred responsibility for keeping mining records to county recorders (Laws of Utah, 1897, chapter 36). The record book includes a copy of by-laws for the district, an abstract of claims recorded, and notices of location (claims). Each abstract entry is signed by the district recorder and includes the name of the claim, an assigned number, recording date, and page number where notice of location was recorded. Each notice of location includes the name of the claim, descriptive information, names of locators, and discovery date. All claims in the Point Look Out District were discovered April-July 1896.

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.

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Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

APPRAISAL:

Historical

The Point Look Out Mining District record book contains information about mining activities in Tooele County (Utah) in the 1890s.

PRIMARY DESIGNATION:
Public