Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Mercur Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3193)

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Records Officer

24849 *Mining records

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SERIES: 24849 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1895-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: Concurrent by volume, thereunder chronological by date.
DESCRIPTION:

Mercur Mining District records include district by-laws and 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 Mercur District affirms compliance with mining laws, includes a detailed description of the claim, names locators, and includes dates of discovery and filing. Each claim is identified by a unique name, such as Fortune, Sunset, or Bobtail Horse. Claim names are written prominently at the top of each page.

RETENTION:

Retain permanent

DISPOSITION:

Retain in agency custody.

RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

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.

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

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

Mining records for the Mercur District contain historical information about mining activity in Skull Valley (Tooele County) in the late 19th century.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:
Public