

# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Beaver Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3196)

**Records Officer:**

23984 \*Mining records

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1870-1871.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**TOTAL VOLUME:** 0.10 cubic feet.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Beaver Mining District was one of several mining districts organized in Beaver County, Utah, in the early 1870s. Boundary descriptions mention Fremont's Pass and the Beaver River. Prospectors organized the district to manage mining operations and keep records of claims. The Beaver District book contains two sets of by-laws; one as initially adopted 14 March 1870, and another as revised 23 October 1871. The by-laws establish rules for making claims within the district. Each set of by-laws is followed by a few notices of location for claims. Notices describe the location and dimensions of claims and name the individuals involved. The district was both organized and abandoned before Congress passed a general mining law (1872) validating the authority of mining districts as well as the already assumed right of individuals to claim mineral wealth in the public domain.

**RETENTION:**

Retain permanently.

**DISPOSITION:**

Retain in agency custody.

**STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:**

This retention was approved by the State Records Committee on 09/01/1991.

**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.

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**APPRAISAL:**

Historical This disposition is based on Utah County General Records Retention Schedule, Schedule 15, Item 12.

Beaver Mining District records are primarily useful as an example of the organization of early mining districts.

**PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:**

Public