# Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Star Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3200)

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**Records Officer**

23996 *Mining records

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**SERIES:** 23996 4
**TITLE:** Mining records
**DATES:** 1870-1897.
**ARRANGEMENT:**
**TOTAL VOLUME:** 0.80 cubic feet.
**DESCRIPTION:**

Beaver County miners organized the Star Mining District in the Star Range southwest of Milford on 8 July 1870. The Star District included Shauntie, a significant mining settlement which was the hub of Beaver County mining activity during the decade of the 1870s. The Star District was organized two years before Congress passed a general mining law validating the already established precedent that individuals had the right to claim mineral wealth in the public domain (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). In local areas groups of miners organized districts to manage mining activity and to elect recorders to keep records of claims. The Star District books primarily contain notices of location or records of claims. Each notice identifies a claim by a unique name, provides a description of its location, and identifies the names of locators. Since early claims were limited to 200 feet along a lode, several locators were generally listed on each claim. Notices include dates for discovery and filing and are signed by the district recorder or his deputy. Early location notices also include the recorder's record of work competed on the claim. In addition to notices of location, Star District books include the minutes of miners' meetings and copies of district by-laws.

**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.

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**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.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

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**APPRAISAL:**

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

Star District mining records contain historical information about mining activity near Milford in Beaver County (Utah).

**PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:**

Public