Retention and Classification Report

Agency: North Star Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3201)

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Records Officer

23991 *Mining records

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SERIES: 23991 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1871-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date filed.
TOTAL VOLUME: 0.20 cubic feet.
DESCRIPTION:

Based on the date records commence, Beaver County prospectors organized the North Star Mining District in the Star Mountain Range southwest of Milford in November 1871. This district included the mining camp Shenandoah City, and was separated from the Star District by Elephant Canyon. The North Star District was organized just six months 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 North Star District books primarily contain notices of location for 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. In addition to notices of location, Book C also includes some affidavits showing proof of labor and some exemption notices recorded in years that Congress excused prospectors from the annual labor requirement (1893-1894). A newspaper report of a North Star miners' meeting including a copy of by-laws as they stood in 1894 has been pasted inside the front cover of Book C.

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.

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

APPRAISAL:

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

North Star Mining District records contain historical information about mining activity in late nineteenth century Beaver County (Utah).

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public