Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Preuss Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3203)

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Records Officer

23993 *Mining records

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SERIES: 23993 4
TITLE: Mining records
DATES: 1880-1897.
ARRANGEMENT: Miners' meeting minutes are in the front of each Preuss District book. Thereafter, claims are chronological by date
TOTAL VOLUME: 0.10 cubic feet.
DESCRIPTION:

One of Utah's major mineral belts extends through the Wah-Wah and Tushar Mountains of Beaver and Piute Counties. Mining in this area prospered during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The Preuss Mining District was organized in September 1880 in the area adjoining the San Francisco Mining District in northern Beaver County. It is bounded on the west by the Wah-Wah Valley. 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). The Preuss District mining books begin with minutes of miners meetings and a copy of district by-laws. These are followed by notices of location for claims within the district. Each location notice identifies a claim by a unique name and gives a description which includes the claim's dimensions. Location notices also provide the names of claim holders and dates of discovery and recording. Some claims describe where the claim was recorded in the records of the Beaver County recorder. Each location notice is signed by a Preuss Mining District recorder or deputy.

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.

Mining records for the Preuss District provide historical information about mining activity in Beaver County, Utah.

PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public