

Retention and Classification Report

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Records Officer

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AGENCY: Bureau of Immigration, Labor and Statistics

SERIES: 1270

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TITLE: County statistics correspondence

DATES: 1901-1915.

ARRANGEMENT: Alphanumerical

DESCRIPTION:

RETENTION:

Retain Permanent. In Archives custody.

DISPOSITION:

Transfer to the State Archives with authority to weed.

STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE STATUS:

This retention has not been approved by the State Records Committee.

FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

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AGENCY: Bureau of Immigration, Labor and Statistics

SERIES: 5847

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TITLE: Grand and San Juan county resources map

DATES: 1913-

ARRANGEMENT: Alphanumerical

DESCRIPTION:

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SERIES: 1269

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TITLE: Industry and government statistical data files

DATES: 1911-1912.

ARRANGEMENT: Alphanumerical.

DESCRIPTION:

This series contains records with information pertaining to canning companies, laundries, salt manufacturers, churches, criminal convictions, court actions, election returns, manufacturing, breweries, brick and tile manufacturers, cement and plaster manufacturers, cigar manufacturers, confectioners, creameries, flour mills, knitting, mattress manufacturers, mercantiles and soda water manufacturers.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

Disposition based on the value of these records in documenting agency/program achievements, policies, procedures, and function.

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TITLE: Industry and government statistical data files

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PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

AGENCY: Bureau of Immigration, Labor and Statistics

SERIES: 1267

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TITLE: Letterbooks

DATES: i 1906-1916.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological

DESCRIPTION:

The bureau's function was "to collect, systematize and present in annual reports to the Governor, statistical details relating to agriculture, mining, manufactures and other industries in the state." Reporting duties were expanded in 1911 to include all natural, economic, educational and cultural resources of the state, in order to promote immigration of individuals and businesses. Starting in 1911, the bureau also was to investigate and report unsafe working conditions and labor law violations. These letterbooks contain press copies of outgoing correspondence pertaining to all such duties. The diversity of topics treated makes them an excellent, if promotionally biased, source of socioeconomic data on the state in the early 20th century. Mailing lists and copies of standardized forms for gathering data are sometimes included. Forms and letters were regularly sent to county officials, private businesses, and the courts requesting data on tax rates, indebtedness, lands and crops, elected officials' names, indigent expenditures, reform school commitments, criminal convictions, marriages, divorces, roads, canneries, assorted manufactures, railroads, communications, mining, knitting works, laundries, etc. There are also replies to requests for information on the state which discuss economic conditions, average wages, investment opportunities, and homesteading possibilities; specify where immigrant labor is needed; and answer more arcane questions. Copies of parts of reports are also included, as are various production charts, business listings, and social data tables. The success of promoting immigration is discussed in some letters, notably regarding ethnic Jewish (Clarion), Greek, and Russian colonies.

In 1911, the bureau began monitoring certain working conditions focussing on violations of the nine-hour day female employment law and minimum wage scales for females. A limited number of letters refer to eight-hour days in mines and smelters. Letters discussing the absence of other safety codes or male employment laws are also included, particularly from 1916-1917 when Utah began requesting comparative data on workmen's compensation laws. The bulk of all the correspondence deals with agriculture, homesteading, mining, and industry with a portion of later letters dealing with female labor law enforcement. However, the number of topics treated on a lesser scale is extremely broad and includes social (schools, hospitals, newspapers, etc.) factors as well as commercial. Limited correspondence also deals with

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administrative functions of the bureau, e.g. report printing, expense accounts.

The location of any letterbook(s) prior to 1906 is undetermined.

The absence of a 1909-1911 letterbook may represent a missing one, or one may never have existed, the auditor (then serving as ex-officio Commissioner of Statistics) regularly complaining of the press of other duties. The office of Commissioner of Immigration, Labor and Statistics was abolished in 1917 with the creation of the Industrial Commission.

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APPRAISAL:

Historical

This series provides extensive, intensive, and diverse data on a broad range of socioeconomic topics. Provides a compilation of early 20th century Utah data not readily available elsewhere.

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TITLE: Letterbooks

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PRIMARY CLASSIFICATION:

Public

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SERIES: 1268

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TITLE: Reports

DATES: 1895-1916.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological

DESCRIPTION:

A bureau of statistics was created in 1892 to gather data on the state and produce reports to the governor or for distribution to the counties, chambers of commerce and kindred organizations. Information was to be compiled on agricultural land, livestock and crops, numbers and kinds of industries, numbers of employees and wages, amount of production and sales, mining, etc. The information was presented in both tabular and narrative form, and is usually very extensive and detailed. Information includes data on climate, soils, acreage, water resources, forestry, banking, mineral production, wage schedules, railroads, grains and fruits, wool, etc. In addition to commerce, industry, and agriculture, social information was often included: school population, vital statistics data, census data, criminal convictions, newspapers, property assessments, transportation, fraternal orders, etc. Only one triennial report was issued during territorial years. Following a brief hiatus at statehood, the bureau was recreated in 1901 and began compiling annual reports; the 1907 annual report was never published, but a short manuscript is present. Thereafter biennial reports were issued. In 1917 the Industrial Commission was created and the office of Commissioner of Immigration, Labor and Statistics was abolished; statistical reports after that date were integrated into the reports of the Industrial Commission.

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APPRAISAL:

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This disposition is based on Utah State General Records Retention Schedule, Schedule 1, Item 25.

Created by a state/territorial agency. Very useful for socioeconomic facts on early Utah; facts are diverse, detailed, and well compiled.

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Public