# **Retention and Classification Report**

Agency: District Court (Second District) (274)

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 27474 3

TITLE: Bar dockets DATES: 1888-1893.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Numerical by file number.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These court dockets primarily include criminal matters, but also a few civil matters. Information is listed by court term and includes file number, and names of litigants and attorneys. Most cases involve the United States of America vs. a litigant and most attorneys are listed as the U.S. attorney, usually unnamed. Cases are divided into categories: Civil causes, Territorial criminal causes, and U.S. criminal causes. In addition to the docket, the final book also contains notes about court that have been written in pencil and then crossed out.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 26729

TITLE: Certificate of naturalization record books

**DATES:** 1878-1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

To become a citizen of the United States during this period, an individual normally filed a "declaration of intention to become a citizen" at least two years prior to applying for citizenship. A naturalization hearing then took place at which time the candidate and witnesses either made oral statements or filed written petitions and affidavits attesting to the applicant's character, worthiness to become a citizen, and the validity of statements made to the court. If the judge found the applicant eligible to become a citizen, an oath was administered and the individual renounced their allegiance to all foreign sovereignties. At this point a certificate of citizenship was issued documenting the fact. These volumes contain standardized certificates of citizenship.

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TITLE: Certificate of naturalization record books

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 85175 4

TITLE: Certificates of citizenship record books

**DATES:** i 1878-1895.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These two volumes record copies on an individual's final admission to U.S. citizenship. Both volumes have similarly worded forms. The first volume records individuals who entered the United States as adults; the second records those who entered as minors.

The applicant's name and nationality are noted, as is compliance with the procedures: evidence of having declared his intention to become a citizen at least two years earlier, two citizen witnesses to his character and residency, and the taking of an oath of allegiance and renouncing his former sovereign. After statehood in 1896, the district courts began keeping records separately in each county.

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24293 3

TITLE: Civil case files DATES: 1854-1896.

ARRANGEMENT: Numerical by case number.

TOTAL VOLUME: 2.30 cubic feet.

DESCRIPTION:

These are civil cases handled by the territorial Second District Court. Civil cases include suits to recover money, petitions for divorce, and writs of habeas corpus. A case is made up of an original complaint together with all legal papers subsequently filed in connection with the civil proceeding through disposition or dismissal of the case.

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#### **APPRAISAL:**

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Disposition based on documentation about individuals, legal procedure, court history and functions. Case files have legal and administrative value to the court through dismissal or satisfaction of the final judgment. They enforce or protect private rights and prevent or redress private wrongs. The value of the judge's decrees and final judgments to parties in an action may well extend beyond their immediate administrative use.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 24552

TITLE: Civil case index DATES: 1892-1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Alphabetical by surname.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This index provides case number and register of actions page for

civil cases heard in the territorial Second District Court.

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#### **APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

The index has administrative and historic value and facilitates clerical management of and access to the probate case files. The permanent disposition of the case files is based on their historical, administrative, and legal value.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 24550

TITLE: Civil registers of actions

**DATES:** 1880-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Numerical by case number, thereunder chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Civil cases document the legal process and the administration of justice in conjunction with civil proceedings for the determination of a controversy between parties wherein rights are enforced or protected, or wrongs are prevented or redressed. Records and documents pertaining to a particular civil action are filed together by the court clerk and collectively these documents constitute the case file. As these records or actions are filed, the clerk enters them in these registers along with the filing date. The last volume in this series continued to be used briefly into statehood by Beaver County after it was transferred to the Fifth District Court.

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**SERIES:** 24550

TITLE: Civil registers of actions

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24291 3

TITLE: Criminal case files DATES: 1855-1895.

ARRANGEMENT: Numerical by case number.

TOTAL VOLUME: 1.30 cubic feet.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These case files document criminal cases handled in Beaver County. Case 31 is the John D. Lee trial concerning the Mountain

Meadows Massacre.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24553 3

TITLE: Criminal case index

**DATES:** 1889-1892.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Alphabetical by defendant surname.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This volume, entitled "Index to Territorial Criminal Register" provides the case number and the page in the register of actions

for criminal cases heard in the territorial Second District

Court.

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 27472 3

TITLE: Criminal docket DATES: 1874-1895.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This criminal docket provides outline information about cases heard by the court. Information includes the case number, names of parties, nature of crime, information about pleadings, and notes on the outcome. The docket lists information about those involved in the Mountain Meadows massacre.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24346

TITLE: Criminal registers of actions

**DATES:** 1888-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Numerical by case number.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These books document filings and actions taken in criminal cases in the territorial Second District Court, seated in Beaver County. The volumes give the defendant's name, case number, and list the dates and action or filing made on those dates. Volume 3 also gives the attorney's name and the minute book and page numbers where the actions were discussed. The third volume continued to be used briefly into statehood when Beaver county was moved into the Fifth Judicial District.

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**SERIES**: 24346

TITLE: Criminal registers of actions

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 85174 4

TITLE: Declarations of intention record book

**DATES:** i 1874-1895.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These volumes record statements of individuals' intentions of becoming U.S. citizens. Although the first volume is handwritten and the second preprinted, both volumes have standardized forms with insertions of the individual's name, sovereign, date, and signatures of the individual and the court clerks witnessing the statement. After statehood in 1896, the district courts began keeping records separately in each county.

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These records document individual rights in becoming citizens. Until 1906, the court copies and the individuals' copies are the sole records.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 27473 3

TITLE: Execution book DATES: 1893-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This execution book includes copies of records that document the execution of judgments made by Second District Court, Utah Territory. The documents generally identify a civil case heard by the court and explain the judgment issued. Thereafter, the clerk of the court issued an order to either the U.S. marshal or county sheriff to execute the judgment by collecting payment, which generally involved selling the real estate or personal belongings of the losing litigant. A copy of the sheriff?s return validates actions taken to satisfy judgment. The 39 handwritten pages of this book document eleven cases heard by the district court between 1893 and 1897.

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**SERIES**: 27473

TITLE: Execution book

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24071 3

TITLE: Final case records

**DATES:** 1888-1889.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

TOTAL VOLUME: 1.00 cubic foot.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This volume documents cases heard in the Second District Court.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 24247 3

TITLE: General indexes DATES: 1852-1896.

ARRANGEMENT: Alphabetical by plaintiff's surname.

TOTAL VOLUME: 0.20 cubic feet.

DESCRIPTION:

These books are alphabetical name indexes. They index the court minutes (Books A, B, A-1, 1-6, 7-9), and in some cases, case number, judgments and judgment dockets. They include the name, book, and page number. Court records indexed include naturalization records, criminal and civil cases, and court proceedings.

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 24247

TITLE: General indexes

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES:** 26728

Grand jury minute book TITLE: 1893-1895.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

DATES:

The primary role of the Grand Jury is to review evidence presented by the prosecutor and determine whether there is probable cause to return an indictment and as such the Jury does not hear all the evidence, or conflicting evidence, information of that nature is found in the case files. This minute book records the actions taken in cases turned over to the Grand Jury for indictment. Cases involve assault, murder, fraud, larceny, burglary, unlawful cohabitation, adultery, polygamy, etc. The minutes provide the defendant's name, date, charge, testimonies presented, and whether an indictment was returned. Included with the Jury minutes are records of names of officials and maintenance notes for the building, jailhouse and records preservation.

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**SERIES:** 26728

TITLE: Grand jury minute book

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 26727 3

TITLE: Judgment docket 1889-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This series contains the Judgment Docket produced by the Second Territorial District Court in Beaver County. Dockets function as an agenda for the proceedings of the court, written in abstract or brief form to act as a record of the action relative to each case. The docket generally contains the following information: plaintiff, defendant, nature of the case, case number, date and nature of each action, any applicable fees for the action, and dates of appeal and judgment of appellate court.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 24554

TITLE: Judgment index 1890-1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Alphabetical by defendant surname.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This volume provides the names of the debtor and creditor, case number, and page numbers in the judgment record and judgment

docket.

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**AGENCY:** District Court (Second District)

**SERIES**: 24129 3

TITLE: Judgment record 1888-1895.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

TOTAL VOLUME: 0.10 cubic feet.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

This series contains judgment records maintained by the Second Territorial District Court in Beaver County. The text of judgments rendered in court cases recorded here function as a reference source for all final judgments made by the court in civil matters. Included are findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the decree or judgment. Specific information recorded are the names of the parties involved, date, a summary of the case, findings, decisions rendered, names of officials and case number.

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AGENCY: District Court (Second District)

SERIES: 5319

TITLE: Minute books DATES: 1852-1896.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological by date.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

These minute books cover both civil (including numerous naturalizations) and criminal cases as well as administrative actions of the court. The counties belonging to the district varied, but included Millard, Juab, and Sanpete. (See GAP note.)

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