

Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Willard Mining District (Utah). Recorder (2733)

, UT

Records Officer: _____

18130 *Mining records

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SERIES: 18130

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TITLE: Mining records

DATES: 1870-1897.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date filed

DESCRIPTION:

Mining records contain notices of location which provide the name of the claim, locators, location, legal description and the mining district; proof of labor registers which record the work performed at each mine annually by each worker; and deeds which record information affecting the title to the mining property.

Mining records, which constitute a legal record, are kept for the purpose of monitoring and registering mining claims and operations. The Willard Mining District Recorder recorded mining operations in Box Elder County, Utah. Until the law changed in 1897, mining districts in Utah had the option of electing their own mining district recorder. Many of the large mining districts, including the Willard Mining District, chose to elect their own recorders while claims and other records within smaller mining districts or in unorganized areas were filed with the county recorder. Although the mining district elected its own recorder, mining operations within in the mining district were also recorded with the county recorder during this time. The district recorder ended by 1897 when the law changed and the county recorder assumed sole responsibility for mining records (Laws of Utah, 1897, Chapter 36).

RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

FORMAT MANAGEMENT:

Paper: Retain in Office until microfilmed and then transfer to Box Elder County Recorder.

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

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

APPRAISAL:

These records have historical, and/or legal value(s).

Because of the importance of mining information, which documents the monitoring and registering of mining operations, the District Recorder was required by law to maintain mining records and their

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corresponding indexes.

PRIMARY DESIGNATION:

Public