

## Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Silver Belt Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3121)

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**Records Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SERIES:** 23968

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**TITLE:** Mining location notices

**DATES:** 1872-1875.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Silver Belt Mining District was organized in 1872 in the area northwest of Cedar City. In accordance with established practice, which Congress enacted into law that year (see Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. XVII, chap. 152), 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. The Silver Belt Iron Mining District record book begins with a copy of the district by-laws, and then includes notices of location for mining claims in the district. For each notice the district recorder reported the names of locators, the name of the mining claim, a description of the claim, and dates of location and recording.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

Microfilm master: For records beginning in 1872 through 1875.  
Retain in State Archives permanently with authority to weed.

Microfilm duplicate: For records beginning in 1872 through 1875.  
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**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical, and/or legal value(s).  
The Silver Belt Mining District record book helps document early mining activity in Iron County.

**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public