

## Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Dugway Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3134)

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

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**SERIES:** 24159

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1872-1877; 1891-1897.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Chronological in books A & D and by date in books B & C.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Miners in the Dugway Mountains of Tooele County organized the Dugway Mining District in February 1872. According to established precedent, which was validated when Congress passed a federal mining law later that year, mineral deposits in the public domain were free and open to exploration, and locators of the same had exclusive right of possession. (See Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). Dugway Mining District books primarily contain notices of location (mining claims). Each notice provides descriptive information about the claim, names of locators, and indicates dates of discovery and recording. All notices are signed by the district recorder. Dugway record books also include copies of the by-laws for the district and minutes of miners' meetings.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION:**

These records are in Archives' permanent custody.

**FORMAT MANAGEMENT:**

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

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

Paper: Retain in Office permanently after being microfilmed.

**APPRAISAL:**

These records have historical value(s).

Dugway Mining District records provide historical information about mining in the 1870s and 1890s in the Dugway Mountains of Tooele County (Utah).

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public