

Retention and Classification Report

Agency: Hercules Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3138)

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Records Officer: _____

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SERIES: 24150

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TITLE: Location notices

DATES: 1895-1897.

ARRANGEMENT: Chronological by date filed.

DESCRIPTION:

The development of the cyanide process in the early 1890s and the construction of the first commercial cyanide mill in Mercur stimulated mining activity and prompted the organization of several new mining districts in Tooele County. The Hercules Mining District was organized in 1895. The records kept by the Hercules Mining District recorder include only location notices or mining claims. According to federal law, 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. (Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). Location notices for the Hercules District affirm compliance with federal and local laws. Each location notice names the locator or locators and describes the claim both in terms of dimensions and location. Notices provide a discovery date as well as the date and time recorded and are signed by the district recorder or his deputy.

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.

Microfilm duplicate: Retain in Office permanently.

APPRAISAL:

These records have historical value(s).

Location notices for the Hercules Mining District help document mining activity in Tooele County (Sheeprock Mountains) in the late 1890s.

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PRIMARY DESIGNATION:

Public