

## Retention and Classification Report

**Agency:** Tooele City Mining District (Utah). Recorder (3140)

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

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**SERIES:** 24152

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**TITLE:** Mining records

**DATES:** 1870-1887.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Roughly chronological by date recorded

**DESCRIPTION:**

In August 1870 miners in the Tooele area organized the Tooele City Mining District in an area that had previously been part of the Rush Valley Mining District. According to established precedent, which was later validated when Congress passed a federal mining law, mineral deposits in the public domain were free and open to exploration, and locators of the same had exclusive right of possession. In local areas miners organized mining districts and elected district recorders to oversee mining operations and keep records of claims. (See Statutes at Large, Treaties, and Proclamations, of the United States of America, vol. 17, 1872, chap. 152). Records for the Tooele City District begin with a copy of the by-laws for the district. These are followed by location notices and then a copy of by-laws as they were revised in October 1887. Each location notice provides the dimensions of the claim and a description of its location. It names locators, gives dates of location and recording, and identifies the claim with a unique name. Early notices of location include several locators and identify the number of feet allowed to each.

**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).

Tooele City Mining District records provide historical information about mining claims and mining in the Tooele (Utah) area.

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**PRIMARY DESIGNATION:**

Public