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**Salt Lake County (Utah). Recorder.
Proof of Labor, 1897-1950**

Series #RC-055

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Overview of Records

Creator:	Recorder
Title:	Proof of Labor
Dates:	1897-1950
Series Number:	11817
Quantity:	4 boxes; 1 microfilm reel
Arrangement:	Records are arranged chronologically
Abstract:	This series contains the original Proof of Labor Certificates for mines in Salt Lake County from 1897 to 1948.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:	None
Use Restrictions:	None
Preferred Citation:	Record number; Box number; Proof of Labor; Salt Lake County Recorder; Salt Lake County Records Management & Archives, West Valley City, Utah.
Provenance:	Transferred from the Salt Lake County Recorder to Utah State Archives, date unknown. Transferred from the Utah State Archives to the Salt Lake County Archives in 2003.
Related Records:	5 & 10 Acre Plats (Series RC-005) Assessment Rolls Index to Mines (Series TR-304) Index to Mining Deed Record (Series RC-044) Index to Mortgage Mining Properties A (Series RC-046) Mining Abstracts and Indexes (Series RC-041) Mining Claims & Index (Series RC-073) Mining Claims Indexes (Series TR-316) Mining Location Notices Index (Series RC-045)

Net Proceeds of Mine Assessment Books (Series TR-317)

Notice of Location for Mining Claims and Indexes (Series RC-050)

Property Sold to Salt Lake County (Series RC-056)

Surface Lands in Bingham Canyon (Series RC-107)

History Note

The government of the Territory of Utah created the office of Salt Lake County Recorder in 1852. The recorder has custody of and is to keep all books, records, maps, and papers required by law (Utah Code Unannotated, 1999, Title 17, Chapter 21, Section 1). The operations of the county recorder are all specified and required by state law and have changed little over time. The recorder is required to record all documents submitted by the public which are qualified to be recorded; to maintain an up-to-date and accurate set of maps (or “plats”) which show the current ownership of every tract of land in the entire county; to maintain indexes to all recorded documents; and to perform all functions of a clerical and technical nature to accomplish that objective. Mining records are kept by the county recorder for the purpose of monitoring and registering mining claims and operations. The record of mining locations typically shows the claim name and location; legal description of claim; and the mining district. Proof of labor affidavits describe and allocate a monetary value to the work reportedly done at each mine claim annually. Placer location notices show name and description of claim. Mining deeds record information affecting the title of mining property; and abstract of mines records instruments affecting title patented mining claims which include type of instrument filed with the county recorder.¹

Scope and Content Note

This series contains original Proof of Labor Certificates, filed chronologically from 1897 to 1948. Proof of Labor Certificates served as evidence that the required minimum amount of money was being spent on a claim each year. If the minimum required improvements were not undertaken the claimant would be at risk of having the county revoke the claim. The certificates consist of an affidavit listing the work done at the mine, the dates, and the expense. The persons performing the labor are listed as well as those that paid for their work. There are several gaps in the records: the notices are fairly consistent up until 1905, then there are no notices until one in 1922 and another in 1933. They are then fairly consistent again starting from 1937 to 1944. There are no notices again until 1947, where there are several notices from 1947-1948 and then two from 1950.

Series also includes records on one microfilm reel, #005001.

¹ Utah State Archives Website Catalog, accessed June 29, 2007.