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## **Salt Lake County (Utah). Recorder Mining Claims & Index, 1877-1888**

Series #RC-073

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## **Overview of Records**

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Creator: Salt Lake County Recorder

Title: Mining Claims & Index

Dates: 1877 to 1888?

Series Number: RC-073

Quantity: Microfilm, 2 reels.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically according to the names in the “from” column.

Abstract: An index of Salt Lake County mining claim transactions.

## **Administrative Information**

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Access Restrictions: None

Use Restrictions: None

Preferred Citation: Volume number, Page number; Index to Record of Mining Claims, Agreements, Powers of Attorney.; 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 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 Indexes (Series RC-050)

Proof of Labor (Series RC-055)

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

Surface Lands in Bingham Canyon (Series RC-107)

## **History Note**

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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.<sup>1</sup>

## **Scope and Content Note**

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This index has four columns: a “page” column linked to a record book no longer in existence; a “from” column with the name of an individual or business entity; a “to” column with the name of an individual or business entity; and a “remarks” column which appears to indicate the nature of the interaction (which include: notice of lien, power of attorney, notice of location, agreement, contract, bond for deed, and mining lease). The cover page indicates coverage begins in Jan. 8, 1877, and then below it is written that 1888 begins at page 880.

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<sup>1</sup> Utah State Archives Website Catalog, accessed June 29, 2007.