

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MINE FOREMEN CERTIFICATIONS  
1901-1996

**RECORD GROUP 223**

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## INTRODUCTION

Record Group 223, Mine Foremen Certifications consist of eighteen volumes of mine foreman certifications from the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office, from 1901 to 1978. These records were received from the State Records Center during a quarterly records shipment in 1994. After receipt from the Records Center, these records were separated from the shipment of Secretary of State's agency records, and processed as a new record group. Their content amounted to approximately 3.4 cubic feet.

On September 3, 1999, an addition was made to this record group. Several additional volumes of certifications were received at TSLA and from the Secretary of State's Office. These records date from January, 1955 to January, 1996. Their content amounted to 2.0 cubic feet.

These records were arranged chronologically by year, and some of the volumes are out of sequence relative to the years. All volumes are indexed.

As stated in the records disposition authorization for these records (RDA #1718), these records have been microfilmed, and the original records disposed of according to prescribed State methods.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Record Group 223 consists of certifications issued to applicants who have passed the required examination for mine foremen in Tennessee. These certifications span the years 1901 to 1996; from Secretary of State John W. Morton to Riley C. Darnell.

The examination for mine foremen is conducted through the Division of Mines, Department of Labor by the Board of Examiners of Mines. These results are then sent to the Secretary of State's Office for certification. The Office of the Secretary of State is charged with keeping these certifications for the public record.

This information is useful for those researchers who are interested in the mining industry in Tennessee, which has always been an important one in State history.

**Record Group 223**  
**Mine Foreman Certifications, 1901-1978**  
**Series 1: Certifications**

<u>VOLUME NO.</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
1	November, 1901—May, 1903
2	November, 1903—May, 1907
3	October, 1907—April, 1917
4	September, 1917—October, 1920
5	October, 1920—May, 1930
6	July, 1929—July, 1937
7	June, 1937—October, 1942
8	October, 1942—April, 1945
9	October, 1945—November, 1947
10	November, 1947—January, 1949
11	January, 1949—January, 1952
12	February, 1952—May, 1956
13	October, 1957—August, 1959
14	August, 1959—May, 1964
15	May, 1964—September, 1969
16	September, 1969—August, 1975
17	August, 1975—October, 1976
18	October, 1976—February, 1978

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**Mine Foreman Certifications, 1955-1996**

**Series 1: Certifications**

<u>VOLUME NO.</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
13 <sup>1</sup>	January, 1955 (G. Edward Friar) – October, 1957 (Joe C. Carr)
19	February, 1978 – March, 1979 (Crowell)
20	March, 1979 – February, 1981
21	February, 1981 – January, 1986
22	February, 1986 – June, 1988
23	September, 1988 – June 1989
24 <sup>2</sup>	June, 1989 – January, 1996 (Darnell)

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<sup>1</sup> Volume was misnumbered by the Secretary of State's Office in 1955.

<sup>2</sup> This volume included certifications from the Administration of Bryant Millsaps, 1990-1993.