



## Guide to the Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Whiteley, Harry Hayden, 1890-1970
<b>Title:</b>	Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00134
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1931-1970
<b>Physical Description:</b>	30.21 Linear Feet (10 flat files, 1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records are comprised of architectural records (1931-1970) created and/or maintained by the American architect Harry Hayden Whiteley and/or his architectural firm, known as Harry Hayden Whiteley and Associates. This collection includes 30.21 linear feet of materials including 45 items from over 30 projects. The collection focuses on his work in the Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada areas. The materials feature both architectural drawings and project files. Architectural drawings include pencil and ink on tracing paper preliminary sketches and mounted artist's renderings used for presentations and promotional materials. Project files include project correspondence, photographs, and structural calculations. The drawings also contain work from the architect Paul Revere Williams. The collection includes architectural drawings for hotels, shopping plazas, residential developments, and office buildings.

### Preferred Citation

Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records, 1931-1970. MS-00134. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Architect Harry Hayden Whitely, born in 1890 in Bakersfield, California, studied drafting and worked as the chief draftsman for Twentieth Century Fox in 1920 after serving in World War

I. Whiteley graduated in 1924 from the University of Southern California with a degree in engineering. He designed elegant residences in Beverly Hills before World War II, working among the architects Paul Revere Williams, Frank Taylor, and Adrian Wilson. He came to Henderson, Nevada in 1942 to work for McNeil Construction Company designing workers housing for the Basic Magnesium Incorporated (BMI) plant. He returned to San Diego in 1943, where he worked until returning to Las Vegas in 1951. Upon returning, he designed ten million dollars' worth of public school buildings in three years before developing a business designing tract housing for the new subdivisions. He also designed a number of commercial and public buildings and recreational spaces, including work as the consulting architect for Adrian Wilson on the Las Vegas convention center. Whiteley died in 1970.

#### Sources

Harry Hayden Whiteley biography prepared for a City of Los Angeles, Office of Historic Resources/Cultural Heritage Commission, Historic-Cultural Monument Nomination form of the Boulevard Heights H. H. Whiteley Mansion.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records (1931-1970) contain 30.21 linear feet of materials, including 45 mounted presentation drawings from 30 projects in the United States, with a strong focus on the Las Vegas, Nevada area. The materials feature hand-drawn architectural drawings, ranging from early preliminary sketches to mounted presentation drawings, and project files that include correspondence and structural calculations. The collection includes unlabeled photographs of Whiteley's early residential work in the Spanish and Italian villa style of Southern California. In addition, the collection also features work from the architect Paul Revere Williams including preliminary sketches of the lobby for the La Concha Motel, now home to the Neon Museum.

The drawings include 30 projects of varying sizes in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada; and varying design problems, from small homes like the residence for Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Todkill, to large projects, like concepts for the Hotel Deauville. While most notable for his residential work in Southern California during the 1920s and 1930s, Whiteley came to the Las Vegas area to work for McNeil Construction Company on the Basic Magnesium Incorporated (BMI) town site that later became Henderson, Nevada. Throughout his career, he was an associate of and collaborated with Paul Revere Williams, most notably for the lobby of La Concha Motel.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1970; accession number 1970-004.

### Processing Information

The finding aid was created and materials were processed in 2017 by Tyler Stanger who rehoused, inventoried, and described the materials.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Some photographs were separated from this collection and can be found here:

Harry Hayden Whiteley Photographs. PH-00073. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Architecture
- Architectural drawings (visual works)
- Hotels (public accommodations)
- Casinos (Architecture)
- Resorts
- Office buildings
- Single-family dwellings
- Multiple dwellings

## Collection Inventory

### Architectural Drawings, approximately 1951-1970

Physical Description: 4.97 Cubic Feet (10 Oversize flat folders)

Physical Description: 29.79 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The architectural drawings series of the Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records are comprised of architectural records (1951-1970) created and/or maintained by the American architect Harry Hayden Whiteley and/or his architectural firm, known as Harry Hayden Whiteley and Associates. This series includes 10 oversized flat files of architectural drawings documenting work on over 30 projects and focuses on Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. The materials feature hand-drawn architectural drawings ranging from pencil and ink on tracing paper preliminary sketches to mounted artist's renderings. The drawings also contain work from a number of consultants, engineers, and other architects who collaborated on the development of the various projects. The collection includes architectural drawings for hotels, casinos, integrated casino resorts, office towers, multi-family residential developments, and custom single-family homes.

The architectural drawings series may include: site plans, floor plans, exterior and interior elevations, and exterior and interior perspective renderings.

Arrangement: There materials in this series are not arranged in any particular order.

Title/Description	Containers
Office building for Edward E. Jory Co. mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 01
Central Park West mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 01
King Arthur's Manor Nottingham Garden's Apartments mounted presentation rendering, Reno, Nevada, undated	flat file 01
Blue Skies Mobile Home Park	
Recreation Building mounted presentation rendering, undated	flat file 02
Gate House mounted presentation rendering, undated	flat file 02
Chapel mounted presentation rendering, undated	flat file 02
Luigi's Café and Motel Building mounted presentation drawing, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 01
Brasilia Village, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Sign for Brasilia Village, Warm Springs Hotel mounted presentation rendering, 1963	flat file 03
Suggestion of One Fountain at Entrance to Brasilia Village mounted presentation rendering, 1961 February	flat file 03
Photographic reproduction of an artist's rendering of Max Field's Deauville, undated	flat file 03

Artist's perspective rendering of the building's exterior mounted presentation rendering, undated	flat file 03
Artist's perspective rendering of the Brasilia Village mounted presentation rendering, undated	flat file 03
Wilbur Clark Shopping Center mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 04
Fun-Land Amusement Park, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 04
Residence for Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Todkill mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 04
Residence for Bob and Jewel Bigelow mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 04
100 Room Motel for Mr. M. K. Doumani, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 05
Riviera Villa, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 05
Riviera Villa poolside elevation, Las Vegas Nevada, undated	flat file 05
Study of Proposed Office Building for Norman Kaye Real Estate Company mounted presentation drawings, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 05
Office building presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 05
Clark County Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Mounted black-and-white photographic reproduction of artist's perspective rendering of the complex's site, undated	flat file 06
Mounted black-and-white photographic reproduction of artist's perspective rendering of the Convention Center, undated	flat file 06
Mounted color photographic reproduction of artist's perspective rendering of the Convention Center, undated	flat file 06
Mounted color photographic reproduction of artist's perspective rendering of the complex's site, undated	flat file 06
Duplicate copy of mounted color photographic reproduction of artist's perspective rendering of the complex's site, undated	flat file 06
Reproduction of an architectural drawing of the ground floor plan, 1956 August 21	flat file 06
20 Unit Studio Apartment Building mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 07
Brasilia Mobile Residences Recreation Center alternative scheme mounted presentation drawings: Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 07
Recreation Center entrance elevation, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	

	flat file 07	
Proposed Professional Building for George and John Dabkovich, undated	flat file 07	
King Arthur's Manor 3 Bedroom Deluxe Apartment mounted presentation rendering, Reno, Nevada, undated	flat file 08	
Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Whiteley duplicate reproductions, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 08	
Proposed First Methodist Church mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 08	
Proposed First Methodist Church mounted presentation drawing, plot and floor plan, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 08	
Unidentified Sports Complex, photographic reproduction of an Artist's perspective rendering, undated	flat file 09	
"Go-Boy" Track mounted magazine clippings, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 09	
Youth Recreation Center mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Boulevard, undated	flat file 09	
Beer Bar mounted presentation rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 09	
Proposed Motel adjoining Hotel El Rancho Vegas preliminary architectural drawings, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1958 August 8	flat file 10	folder 01
Photographic reproduction of an artist's rendering of a restaurant and store building, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 10	
Flamingo Hotel exterior courtyard reproduction of an artist's perspective rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 10	
Flamingo Hotel proposed tower reproduction of an artist's perspective rendering, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	flat file 10	
Aerial Photograph of Rancho Circle and Rancho Drive, looking Northwest, undated	flat file 10	folder 02
Photograph of Go-Kart Race Track, undated	flat file 10	folder 02

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## Project Files, 1931-1969

Physical Description: 0.64 Cubic Feet (1 legal document box)

Physical Description: 0.58 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: The project files series of the Harry Hayden Whiteley Architectural Records are comprised of architectural records (1931-1969) created and/or maintained by the American architect Harry Hayden Whiteley and/or his architectural firm, known as Harry Hayden Whiteley and Associates. This series includes 1 legal document box of project files documenting the firm's work and focuses on Las Vegas



and Reno, Nevada. The materials include: structural calculations, correspondence, specifications, and a professional portfolio.

Arrangement: This series maintains Whiteley's original the arrangement.

Title/Description	Containers	
General Correspondence, 1931 October 30; 1969 February 14	box 11	folder 01
One story building with provisions for adding two floors above for Mr. M. D. Close; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1962 May 28	box 11	folder 02
Gift Agreement with Nevada Southern University, 1967 March 23	box 11	folder 03
Fantastic Fair; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1962 May 15	box 11	folder 04
Office Building for Dickerson, Miles, and Fair; project specifications: Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	box 11	folder 05
Store Building for C. A. Linn; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1963 November 12	box 11	folder 06
Nevada Power Company, Service Center office and electric shop building; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1963 October 21	box 11	folder 07
Salvation Army, addenda 1; structural calculations, 1963 April 18	box 11	folder 08
Clark County Building Department, concrete block wall details; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1963 May 7	box 11	folder 09
Design Calculations for LR 50-A 19'3"/20, 1963 May 20	box 11	folder 10
Dunes Hotel, mechanics shop building; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1964 May 14	box 11	folder 11
St. Francis de Sales Catholic School; structural calculations: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1964 April 24	box 11	folder 12
Crestwood Elementary School, two additional classroom buildings; specifications: Las Vegas, Nevada, undated	box 11	folder 13
Photocopies of architectural renderings, undated	box 11	folder 14
Press photographs, 1948 November 29	box 11	folder 15
Professional Portfolio, undated	box 11	folder 16
News clippings, undated	box 11	folder 17
Photographs of projects, undated		

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