



## Guide to the Clark County, Nevada United States Bicentennial Collection

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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>	Clark County (Nev.). Bicentennial Executive Board
<b>Contributor:</b>	Zona, Lila P., 1907-1993
<b>Title:</b>	Clark County, Nevada United States Bicentennial Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00183
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1970 to 1976
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5.35 Cubic Feet (4 boxes, 1 flat file, 1 shared box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.58 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Clark County, Nevada United States Bicentennial collection dates from approximately 1970 to 1976. The collection documents Nevada's participation in the 1976 Bicentennial celebration of the American Revolution, as well as celebrations from other states and countries in Europe. The collection is comprised of official reports from the U.S. Bicentennial committee, scrapbooks from the Clark County bicentennial committee, newspapers, and event programs from bicentennial celebrations around the country. The collection also contains a film of various American states' bicentennial celebrations.

### Preferred Citation

Clark County, Nevada United States Bicentennial Collection, approximately 1970-1976. MS-00183. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Note

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The Clark County Bicentennial Executive Board was established in the early 1970s to prepare Clark County for the 200th anniversary celebration of the American Revolution in 1976. The board was lead by director Lila P. Zona. In planning the celebration, the board tried to

incorporate aspects of Nevada history into events and cultural programs. They kept a record of the bicentennial's preparations and celebration through scrapbooks, and they were in charge of coordinating event completion in time for the county's bicentennial celebration. On September 30, 1976 the bicentennial celebration in Clark County ended and the materials collected over the period were donated to UNLV Special Collections as reference material for the event.

Source: Zona, Lila P. "American Revolution Bicentennial Commission." May 7, 2019. Accessed February 27, 2020. <http://weblink.bcnv.org:81/publicweblink/DocView.aspx?id=206208&dbid=0&repo=BoulderCity&cr=1>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement Note

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Materials remain in original order, with the exception of formats that were rehoused for preservation purposes.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

## Publication Rights

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in October by Lila P. Zona; accession number T-103.

## Processing Note

Materials were minimally processed by Special Collections Staff in 1976. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hana Gutierrez created the collection description and brought it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Hana Gutierrez entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2020, Jimmy Chang added materials to the collection and enhanced the collection description.

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## Related Materials

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### Separation Note

The film entitled "Bicentennial, USA" has been separated from the collection and stored in Annex A with the other film material; more information can be found on the film's separation notice in box 4.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Clark County (Nev.)
- American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976
- photographs

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
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Volumes of scrapbooks documenting Nevada, and other American states' participation and preparation for the bicentennial year, 1974 to 1976	box 01
Volumes of scrapbooks on nationwide bicentennial celebrations, European bicentennial celebrations, and Nevada committee program and source books, 1973 to 1976	box 02
Clark County specific bicentennial information and official bicentennial newspapers, 1974 to 1976	box 03
Bicentennial event programs, books, pins and medallions, decals, and newspapers, approximately 1970 to 1976	box 04
History of the American Flag poster, 1976	flat file 05
Bicentennial Committee of Southern Nevada during Nevada Day luncheon at Disneyland Park at Anaheim, California for Lila Zona after the ceremony honoring the State of Nevada: photographic print, 1976 March 14	flat file 05
Commendation Resolution certificate for Lila Zona from the Board of County Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada for her work on the Bicentennial celebration, 1976 November 02	flat file 05