

## **Guide to the Ned V. Bearden Sr. 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>	Bearden, Ned V., Sr., 1916-1987
<b>Title:</b>	Ned V. Bearden Sr. Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00229
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1958-1966
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.64 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.58 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Ned V. Bearden Sr. Collection (1958-1966) consists of the Rolodex for Desert York Inc., Bearden's air conditioning equipment business that operated in Las Vegas, Nevada beginning in 1946. The Rolodex contains customer names and addresses, along with installation dates and model numbers for the air conditioning equipment installed.

### Preferred Citation

Ned V. Bearden Sr. Collection, 1958-1966. MS-00229. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Ned V. Bearden Sr. was born on January 6, 1916 in Ellijay, Georgia, and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1939 seeking business opportunities. Bearden served in the United States Army during World War II as a trade school teacher for hydraulics, mechanics, and electricity. In 1946, Bearden purchased Belsmith Company on 125 South Main Street in Las Vegas. In 1947, he changed the company's name to Desert York Company and became the first air conditioning company in Las Vegas. In 1980, the business changed its name again to Humbelt Corporation and operated as an independent wholesaler and distributor of air conditioning machinery. Bearden retired in 1982 and left his business to his two sons.

Bearden died in 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

"Longtime LV Businessman Ned V. Bearden Sr. Dies." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, June 5, 1987.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1983 by N.V. Bearden, Sr.; accession number T-182.

### Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Ned V. Bearden Sr. Photograph Collection, 1940-1955. PH-00188. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Air conditioning -- Equipment and supplies
- Air conditioning
- Business enterprises -- Nevada -- Las Vegas

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Rolodex for Desert York Co., 1958-1966	box 01