



Guide to the Nevada Banking History Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	First National Bank of Nevada
Title:	Nevada Banking History Collection
ID:	MS-00257
Date [inclusive]:	1870-1976
Physical Description:	0.76 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	0.75 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nevada Banking History Collection (1870-1976), compiled by the First National Bank of Nevada, contains correspondence, checks, deposit slips and other documents related to early bank operations in Nevada. There are also newspaper articles, published materials and photographs relating to the history of banks in Nevada from 1870 to 1976.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The First National Bank of Nevada was initially chartered under the name Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Reno in 1903. Over the course of several decades they incorporated a number of other Nevada banks into their operations. In 2008, the bank was closed by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) was named as the receiver. In that capacity they entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Mutual of Omaha Bank, Omaha, Nebraska, to take over all of the deposits and certain assets.

Sources:

First National Bank of Nevada. "Over 50 years of Nevada Banking History." *Commemorative newsletter*, Reno, NV, undated.

"Failed Bank Information: Information for First National Bank of Nevada, Reno, NV." *Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation*, last modified August 28, 2012, <https://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/fnbnv.html>.

"First National Bank of Nevada." *Dun & Bradstreet*, accessed December 5, 2017. <https://www.dandb.com/businessdirectory/firstnationalbankofnevada-reno-nv-31791898.html>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nevada Banking History Collection appears to have been compiled by the First National Bank of Nevada. It contains correspondence, checks, deposit slips, and other documents related to early bank operations in Nevada. There are also newspaper articles, published materials and photographs relating to the history of banks in Nevada from 1870 to 1976. The collection also includes materials about Senator Patrick A. McCarran of Nevada and E.J. Questa, President of First National Bank of Nevada. Notable subjects documented in the collection include bank robberies committed in Nevada by Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch, photographs of the crash site of the streamliner *City of San Francisco* in 1939 near Carlin, Nevada, and photographs of the cast of the *Bonanza* TV series at a First National Bank event, and officials and branches of the First National Bank of Nevada.

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Arrangement

The materials in this collection are arranged alphabetically in four themes: Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch; Nevada Banking History; Nevada History; and Photographs.

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Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were received periodically from 1978 to 1986; accession numbers 1978-144 and 1986-003.

Processing Note

Materials were inventoried by Karla Irwin in 2016. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Chris Bruce rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Banks and banking
- Nevada -- History
- photographs
- Cassidy, Butch, 1866-
- McCarran, Pat, 1876-1954
- Questa, E. J. , 1898-1962

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Inventory for collection, undated	box 01
Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch, 1923-1972	
Correspondence to and from First National Bank regarding the Wild Bunch, 1923-1972	box 01
Newspaper clippings, research, and ephemera relating the Wild Bunch, 1950-1970	box 01
Nevada banking history, 1882-1976	
Annotated drafts of "Banking in Nevada... a History" researched by Fred Shields, 1955	box 01

Newspaper clippings from Las Vegas Sun and Reno Evening Gazette, 1935-1963	box 01
Clippings taken from First National Bank Publications: Over 50 years of Nevada Banking History and First Nevadan: Commemorating 1903-1963 Anniversary, 1953-1963	box 01
Correspondence arranged by sending bank, 1912-1939	box 01
Early bank documents: checks, deposit slips, and reports of the condition of banks, 1882-1939	box 01
First National Bank publications containing historical articles and photographs regarding Nevada and banking, 1951-1976	box 01
Research and notes on early Nevada banking, undated	box 01
Worcester Banknote 1804-1866: the history of a New England bank, used as a guide for Nevada banking history project, 1966	box 01
Nevada history, 1870-1960	
Historical album of Nevada, contains early photographs of Nevada, undated	box 02
Certified copies of proclamation issued by Governor James W. Nye on March 02, 1861 about organizing the territory and report of commissioner sent to Great International Exhibition, London, England, dated 1863 June 20, undated	box 02
Issue of Nevada State Journal, Reno, Nevada, 1870 November 23	box 02
Patrick Anthony McCarran, Obituary and book about his statue in the Rotunda of United States Capitol Building, 1954-1960	box 02
Publications and photograph album promoting Nevada as a tax haven, 1927-1939	box 02
Photographs, 1900-1970	
Photographs of Butch Cassidy, the Wild Bunch and Etta Place, undated	box 02
Photographs of Streamliner "City of San Francisco" wrecked near Carlin, Nevada, 1939 August 12	box 02
Photographs of early banks in Nevada, approximately 1900-1960	box 02
Photographs of early modes of transportation in Nevada, approximately 1900-1950	box 02
Photographs of early towns and buildings in Nevada, approximately 1900-1960	box 02
Photographs of First National Bank Branches, approximately 1900-1970	box 02
Photographs of E.J. Questa and other First National Bank Executives, includes photographs of bank executive and cast of Bonanza at event, approximately 1900-1970	box 02
E.J. Questa's U.S. Naval Reserve address book and photo album, 1943-1946	box 02

Negatives for photographs, approximately 1900-1970

box 02