

Guide to the L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam

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Summary Information

Repository: University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special

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Creator: Manis, L. F.

Title: L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam

ID: MS-00288

Date [inclusive]: 1936-1957

Physical 0.75 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

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Material:

Abstract: The L. F. Manis Papers on Boulder Dam, 1936-1957, contain

material and publications relating to Boulder (Hoover) Dam and the Boulder Canyon Project. Included are brochures, pamphlets,

postcards, a scrapbook, and newspaper clippings.

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Historical Background

The Hoover Dam, now known as the Boulder Dam, was constructed on the Colorado River in Black Canyon near Las Vegas, Nevada from 1931 to 1936 during the Great Depression. The dam created Lake Mead and provides hydroelectric power to Nevada, Arizona, and California. The dam was built by workers employed by the joint venture of construction companies called Six Companies, Inc. Six Companies submitted the winning bid and was chosen by the Bureau of Reclamation to construct the dam. Workers for Six Companies also built Boulder City, Nevada for housing during the dam's construction. The Hoover Dam was dedicated in 1935 and began operations in 1936.

Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the United States and was created by the Hoover Dam. The lake and its surrounding areas are administered by the National Park Service as the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the first national recreation area in the country. Because of fair weather, Lake Mead has a year-round season that attracts nearly nine million visitors each year.

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Source: US Bureau of Reclamation. http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/faqs/lakefaqs.html

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

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Names and Subjects

- Dam construction -- Nevada -- Boulder City -- 1930-1940
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
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- Southwestern States
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Advertising materials, undated	box 01
Boulder Canyon Project, questions and answers, 1936	box 01
Boulder Dam, booklets, brochures, and pamphlets, undated	box 01
Boulder Dam, 1st day covers, 1935 September 30	box 01
Colorado River booklets, 1939, 1952	box 01
Decennial memorabilia, undated	box 01
Hoover Dam, booklets, brochures, and pamphlets, undated	box 01
Miscellaneous ephemera, 1950-1952, undated	box 01
Newspaper clippings, 1940s	box 01
Postcard albums, 1940s	box 02
Postcards; Las Vegas, Reno, Utah, Boulder Dam, 1940s	box 02
Southwest travel booklets and pamphlets, 1940s-1950s Physical Description: 2 Files	box 02
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1935-1945	oversized box 03
"What Power Shortage?" Fortune Magazine, 1948 January	oversized box 03