



Guide to the UNLV University Libraries Collection on Hoover Dam

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Libraries. Special Collections and Archives
Title:	UNLV University Libraries Collection on Hoover Dam
ID:	MS-00713
Date [inclusive]:	1935-1937
Physical Description:	0.1 Cubic Feet (1 folder (shared box))
Physical Description:	0.1 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The UNLV University Libraries Collection on Hoover Dam dates from 1935 to 1937 and consists of black-and-white photographs of the construction of Hoover Dam in Nevada. The collection is an artificial collection created by UNLV Special Collections and Archives staff. The photographs document early construction of the Hoover Dam to images of the dam at completion. The collection also contains photographs of construction workers.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The United States Bureau of Reclamation began construction on Hoover Dam in the Black Canyon, located on the Nevada-Arizona border, in 1932. The Black Canyon Project dammed the Colorado River and constructed a hydroelectric power plant to provide electricity to the southwestern United States. The dam created the reservoir known as Lake Mead. While the dam was originally referred to as Boulder Dam, the government officially renamed it Hoover Dam in 1947 in honor of Herbert Hoover.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Accession number 2015-027.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Hana Gutierrez in 2018. She wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela

Moor revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Bureau of Reclamation Photographs of Collection on the Hoover Dam and Boulder City, Nevada, 1869-1974. PH-00071. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Virginia "Teddy" Fenton Photograph Collection, 1920-1985. PH-00022. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.) -- Design and construction
- Dam construction -- Nevada -- Boulder City -- 1930-1940
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Photograph of two men in car, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam mid-construction with scaffolding, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam, 1935 September 01	box SH-043
Photograph of three construction workers on Hoover Dam construction bridge, undated	box SH-043

Photograph of installment of Hoover Dam turbine, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of metal cylinders, 1935 September 01	box SH-043
Photograph of various sections of pipe with construction workers, 1935 September	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam turbine construction, 1935 September	box SH-043
Photograph of pipe section being lowered into the dam construction site, 1934 August	box SH-043
Photograph of section of pipe being lowered into the dam construction site, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of construction workers on bus, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam mid-construction with scaffolding, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam at night, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of Hoover Dam with water being released into the dam, undated	box SH-043
Photograph of three images of Hoover Dam overlaid, 1937 September	box SH-043