



Guide to the Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brooks, Sheilagh
Title:	Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology Records
ID:	MS-00743
Date [inclusive]:	1967 to 1991
Physical Description:	1.38 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.25 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains materials (1967-1991) collected by Sheilagh Brooks predominantly during her time serving on various boards and committees under the Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Materials include agendas, meeting minutes, correspondence, administrative reports, policies, budget plans, grant applications and guidelines for various federal and state departments. The collection also contains the applications of Nevada sites for the National Register of Historic Places.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology was created in 1977 to administer the state-level historic preservation program and the state historic marker program. The Division Administrator, who also serves as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), is appointed by the governor. Historic Preservation and Archaeology duties include reviewing and evaluating all nominations prepared for submission to the National Register of Historic Places and reviewing the

state historic preservation plan prior to submission to the Secretary of the Interior. In 1992, the Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology changed its name to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.

The Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology was a state agency under the parent federal agency National Park Service, which is part of the United States Department of the Interior. Under the Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (Nevada State Historic Preservation Office), there exists the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the National Register of Historic Places, which encompasses state organizations such as the Lost City Museum Advisory Commission, Nevada State Park, and Red Rock Advisory Committee. Records from all organizations are present in the collection.

Source:

"Preserving Nevada's Heritage." Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Accessed April 18, 2018. <http://shpo.nv.gov/>.

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Biographical Note

Sheilagh Thompson was born on December 10, 1923 to Robert and Leah Thompson. She grew up in Southern California and graduated from San Pedro High School. She earned her BA in 1944, her MA in 1947, and her PhD in 1951 all in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She married Richard Brooks on November 10, 1951, and the couple had two children, Kathleen and Carolyn.

During her time at Berkeley, Brooks held several positions including museum curator and research anthropologist. She also worked as an instructor in anthropology. She taught part-time at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) beginning in 1960. She relocated to Las Vegas permanently in 1966, and became the first full-time anthropology professor at UNLV. In 1973, she became a full professor and chair of the Anthropology-Ethnic Studies Department at UNLV. The Sheilagh Brooks Osteology Research Laboratory at UNLV is named in her honor for her many contributions to the University and to the study of anthropology and archaeology.

In addition to her teaching career, Brooks authored several articles on anthropology and was recognized as an expert in forensic anthropology. She also served in local and statewide organizations devoted to Nevada history and archaeology. She oversaw the excavation of Kiel Ranch in North Las Vegas, Nevada.

After suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Brooks passed away in 2008.

Source:

Sheilagh Brooks Biographical File, Richard and Sheilagh Brooks Papers, 1919-2003. MS-00885. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Sheilagh Brooks Collection on Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (1967-1991) contains materials collected by Sheilagh Brooks during her time serving on various boards and committees under the Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. It documents state efforts to protect and preserve Nevada areas and resources such as the Comstock Lode, the Lost City, and Red Rock. Materials include agendas, meeting minutes, correspondence with committee members as well as with Vice President George W. Bush, and administrative reports and policies from related boards and committees. The collection contains budget plans, grant applications and guidelines for various federal and state departments as well.

The collection also contains applications of Nevada sites for the National Register of Historic Places and contains Nevada's State Historic Marker Program records, listings, surveys, nominations, photographic prints, pamphlets and map drawings of historic and proposed historic sites in Nevada. It includes records of archaeological sites, churches, dams, factories, government buildings, hospitals, hotels, houses and ranches, railroad areas, and schools from Las Vegas, Reno, Carson City, Wells, Sparks, Ely, Lovelock, Minden and Jarbidge.

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Arrangement Note

These records are organized into two series:

Series I. Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology records, 1967-1991;

Series II. National Register of Historic Places records, 1978-1986.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 01, 2059.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1990 by Sheilagh Brooks; accession number 90-10.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of a backlog elimination project, the collection was processed in compliance with current professional standards and a finding aid was created by Faye Mazzia.

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Names and Subjects

- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (Nev.)
- Lost City Museum
- Conservation -- Nevada
- Archaeology
- Nevada -- History
- Railroads -- Nevada -- History
- Historic sites -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Historic preservation
- photographs

Collection Inventory

Series I. Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology records, 1968 to 1991

Physical Description: 1.38 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: Series contains meeting minutes, memos, administrative records, newspaper clippings, maps, pamphlets, preservation plans, budget plans, and grant applications pertaining to historical preservation efforts in Nevada. Some National Register of Historic Places records are incorporated into the meeting minutes files of the Series I. Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology records.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers
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Administrative and funding records, 1977 to 1981	box 01
Assorted papers, 1981 to 1988	box 01
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources records, 1982 to 1989	box 01
Restricted: Materials in this file are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2059. Restricted materials are housed in Box SH-041.	
Department of the Interior preservation plan, 1984	box 01
Funding records, 1977 to 1983	box 01
Physical Description: 3 Files	
Lost City Museum Commission records, 1971 to 1976	box 01
Meeting minutes, 1982 to 1991	box 02
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Meeting minutes, 1978 May 19	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1978 June 29	box 02
Meeting minutes , 1978 December 01	box 02
Meeting minutes , 1979 March 09	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1986 September 12	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1987 February 05	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1987 September 17	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1988 February 10	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1988 June 14	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1988 September 27	box 02
Meeting minutes, 1989 April 07	box 03
Red Rock Resources Committee records, 1967 to 1976	box 03

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Series II. National Register of Historic Places records, 1978 to 1986

Physical Description: 0.46 Cubic Feet (1 box)

Physical Description: 0.42 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents: Series contains nominations, surveys, photographic prints, votes, and selection of Nevada sites to the national register. Some National Register of Historic Places records are incorporated into the meeting minutes files of the Series I. Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology records.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
National Register of Historic Places records, 1978 to 1986	box 03

Physical Description: 4 Files

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