

Guide to the Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Blueprints

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad
Title:	Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Blueprints
ID:	MS-00921
Date:	1915 June 30
Physical Description:	0.40 Cubic Feet (1 flat file)
Physical Description:	4.75 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Blueprints consists of twenty-four of the original thirty blueprints as part of the Interstate Commerce Commission (I.C.C.) Valuation Index Section I. They are labeled "Right-of-Way & Track Map, Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad" and dated June 30, 1915. The blueprints contain four miles of railroad lines per sheet with a scale of 6 3/4 inches per mile. The collection also includes one sheet from the Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad company, which used the track, yard, and facilities of the Las Vegas and Tonopah and Railroad company between Beatty and Goldfield, Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad Blueprints, 1915. MS-00921. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Note

The Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad company operated the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad (LV&T) track between 1907 and 1918. William A. Clark, owner of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad track (SPLA&SL), incorporated the LV&T track in 1905. The LV&T track ran 198 miles northwest from the SPLA&SL track's mainline at Las Vegas through Beatty and Rhyolite, Nevada in the Bullfrog Mining District, terminating in Goldfield, Nevada. The Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad company laid its first tracks in January 1906 and completed the track's construction with

a ceremonial final spike in Goldfield on October 26, 1907. The LV&T track operated until 1918, after which the State of Nevada purchased the railroad right-of-way and it eventually became the Highway US-95.

Sources:

Greene, Linda W., and John A. Latschar. "Section IV: Inventory of Historic Resources--The East Side." In *Historic Resource Study, a History of Mining in Death Valley National Monument*. Denver, CO: Historic Preservation Branch, Pacific Northwest/Western Team, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1981. December 22, 2003. Accessed April 1, 2019. https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/deva/section4a7.htm.

"Goldfield's Five Railroads." The Goldfield Historical Society. 2019. Accessed April 1, 2019. <http://www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com/railroad.html>.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by sheet number.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad Records, 1905-1977. MS-00006, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tonopah-Goldfield Mining Photograph Collection, 1901-1905. PH-00023. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Railroads

- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Beatty (Nev.)
- Goldfield (Nev.) -- History
- blueprints (reprographic copies)
- Tonopah (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
"Right-of-Way & Track Map, Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad" blueprints, 1915 June 30 Physical Description: 28 Sheets	flat file 01