



## Guide to the Archie C. Grant Photograph Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Grant, Archie C., 1894-1974
<b>Contributor:</b>	Grant, Helen
<b>Title:</b>	Archie C. Grant Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00016
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1914 to 1968
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.06 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders, 1 flat file, and 1 shared box of negatives)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.02 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Archie C. Grant Photograph Collection (1914-1968) contains black-and-white photographs of Nevada politician Archie C. Grant. The materials include photographs of Grant with the Las Vegas Housing Authority at groundbreaking ceremonies, the University of Nevada Board of Regents, and with other Nevada politicians. Materials also contain early photographs of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus, including the dedication of Maude Frazier Hall.

### Preferred Citation

Archie C. Grant Photograph Collection, 1914-1968. PH-00016. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Archie C. "A. C." Grant was born in 1894 in Ely, Minnesota and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1928, where he opened a Ford dealership. He became a member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in the early 1930s and eventually became its president. He was also part of the group that started the annual Helldorado Days parade. In 1947, he became chairman of the newly-formed Las Vegas Housing Authority, a position that he held for 20 years. Under his leadership, manufacturing plants used during World War II were transferred to private ownership, and he

created the Las Vegas Valley Water District after having the water lines from Lake Mead routed to Las Vegas.

Grant was also active in Nevada politics. Before the legalization of gambling in 1931, Grant helped shape the legislation that would eventually legalize gaming. Grant was also a member of the State Repeal Convention that voted in favor of ending Prohibition in 1933. He ran unsuccessfully for governor of Nevada twice, but he served as a state assemblyman and state senator for one term each. He also served as a delegate from Nevada to the Democratic National Convention.

In 1952, Grant was elected to the office of University of Nevada Regent, and he was the first regent from Southern Nevada. While in office, Grant pushed for the establishment of a University of Nevada campus in Las Vegas, and in 1954 Nevada Southern University, which would later be renamed the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was founded. Archie C. Grant Hall, completed in 1959, was the second building constructed on the UNLV campus and is now UNLV's oldest original building.

Sources:

Eugene P. Moehring, *The University of Nevada, Las Vegas: A History* (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2007), 6-15.

F. Andrew Taylor, "Grant Hall namesake had crucial role in creation of UNLV," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. July 3, 2014. <http://www.reviewjournal.com/life/las-vegas-history/grant-hall-namesake-had-crucial-role-creation-unlv>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Archie C. Grant Photograph Collection (1914-1968) contains black-and-white photographs of Nevada politician Archie C. Grant. The materials include photographs of Grant with the Las Vegas Housing Authority at groundbreaking ceremonies, the University of Nevada Board of Regents, and with other Nevada politicians. The regents featured in the collection include Juanita Greer White and Helen Thompson, and politicians featured in the collection include U.S. Senator Pat McCarran and Nevada Lieutenant Governor Clifford A. Jones. The photographs also depict the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus, then known as Nevada Southern University, including the dedication of Maude Frazier Hall.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Helen Grant; accession number 1976-120.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards. In 2020, Jimmy Chang added materials to the collection and enhanced the collection description.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Photograph Collection, 1905-1992. PH-00062. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Archie and Zora Grant Collection, 1918-1990. MS-00137. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Politicians
- University of Nevada System. Board of Regents
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Las Vegas Housing Authority (Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Men's Service Club, including R. E. Griffith, A. C. Grant, Al Cahlan, undated (0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Las Vegas Housing Authority	
Board including Berkeley Bunker, A. C. Grant, and James Down, undated (0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
A. C. Grant breaking ground, undated (0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
A. C. Grant giving a speech, undated (0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
A. C. Grant giving a speech, undated (0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Crowd listening to A. C. Grant giving a speech, undated (0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Nevada Southern University and University of Nevada, Las Vegas	
Aerial view of Nevada Southern University, 1959 (0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Aerial view of Nevada Southern University, 1968 (0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Regents in caps and gowns, undated (0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Board of Regents, undated (0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Board of Regents, undated (0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Tea party with Bonnie Gragson and A. C. Grant, undated (0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Tea party with Eva Bortman and A. C. Grant, undated (0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

	folder 01
Board of Regents, undated (0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Board of Regents, undated (0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Board of Regents, 1961 October (0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Dedication of building, possibly Frazier Hall, at the Southern Campus of the University of Nevada, 1957 March 17 (0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Dedication of building, possibly Frazier Hall, at the Southern Campus of the University of Nevada, 1957 March 17 (0018) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Crowd scene at dedication, appears to be Frazier Hall, 1957 March 17 (0019) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Speaker at dedication, 1957 March 17 (0020) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Speaker at dedication, 1957 March 17 (0021) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Possibly interior of Frazier Hall, undated (0022) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
People	
A. C. Grant, undated (0023) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
A. C. Grant, undated (0024) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
A. C. Grant, undated (0025) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Zora Grant, undated (0026) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Senator Pat McCarran and Mrs. Pat McCarran, undated (0027) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Senator Pat McCarran and a person at the U.S. Mint, undated (0028) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Graduation photograph, undated (0029) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 03
A. C. Grant and Bob Hope, undated (0030) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Democratic delegation from Nevada to National Convention, including A. C. Grant, Pat McCarran, and Cliff Jones, 1956 (0031) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
People with A. C. Grant taken (National City Bank, New York photograph), undated (0032) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02

Groundbreaking that may be for the Las Vegas Housing Authority, including Jim Down, Reed Whipple, Rulon Earl, and Rex Jarrett, undated (0033) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Interior of a building, undated (0034) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
A. C. Grant in France during World War I, 1914-1918 (0035) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
A. C. Grant Ford Sales and Service Agency, Las Vegas, undated (0036) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Menominee Indian Reservation, Keshena, Wisconsin, including A. C. Grant's father and sister and the chief of the Menominee Indians, 1917 (0037) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Menominee Indian Reservation, Keshena, Wisconsin, including indigenous Americans, Zora Grant, A. C. Grant, and Helen Grant, 1917 (0038) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
View of the Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam) loaned to Archie C. Grant from Henry C. Schmidt: photographic print, approximately 1940 to 1960	flat file 03