



## Guide to the Woodrow Wilson 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>	Wilson, Woodrow, 1915-1999
<b>Title:</b>	Woodrow Wilson Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00085
<b>Date:</b>	1969 September 11
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.01 Cubic Feet (1 hanging file and 1 shared box of negatives )
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.10 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Woodrow Wilson Photograph Collection consists of black-and-white photographic prints and negatives. The images depict black elected government leaders attending the first Conference of Black Elected Officials held in Washington, D.C. in September 1969. Of particular interest are images of Nevada's first black state legislator, Woodrow Wilson; Georgia state representative, Julian Bond; and President Richard Nixon.

### Preferred Citation

Woodrow Wilson Photograph Collection, 1969 September 11. PH-00085. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Woodrow Wilson was born in Morton, Mississippi in 1915, the eldest of four children. In 1940, he left Mississippi, joining the growing migration of Southern blacks who were drawn to employment opportunities in the West. Moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, he first worked at Basic Magnesium, Inc. before shifting his attention to developing greater opportunities for the city's black residents. Among his accomplishments was the creation of the West Side Federal Credit Union, the first local financial institution to serve the black community, in 1951. In 1949, he joined the Las Vegas NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), serving as president and director for twenty-eight years. In 1966, Wilson was elected to the Nevada State Assembly,

becoming the state's first black legislator; he was re-elected to that body in 1968 and 1970. In 1979, Wilson was appointed to the state's Equal Rights Commission. Wilson retired in 1984 and died in Las Vegas in 1999.

Source:

Przyby, John. "Meet Seven African American Who Helped Shape Southern Nevada." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. February 23, 2014. Accessed April 6, 2020. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/life/meet-seven-african-americans-who-helped-shape-southern-nevada/>

*Legislative Manual, State of Nevada, 56th Session*. Nevada Legislative Council Bureau. Bulletin #89. Carson City, Nevada, 1971. Pg. 48

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1978 by Woodrow Wilson; accession number 78-257.

## Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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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:

Woodrow Wilson oral history interview, 1975 February 28. OH-02001. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Woodrow Wilson oral history interview, 1972 October 20. OH-02640. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Woodrow Wilson oral history interview, 1977 November 01. OH-02695. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Woodrow Wilson oral history interview, 1978 October 19. OH-02696. Oral History Research Center, 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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- Legislators
- African Americans
- African American politicians -- Nevada
- African Americans -- Civil rights
- photographs
- Bond, Julian, 1940-2015
- Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and negatives, 1969 September 11 (0085_0001-0085_004)	folder 01  box SH-020