



## Guide to the William V. Wright Collection of Nevada Postcards

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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>	Wright, William, 1917-1998
<b>Title:</b>	William V. Wright Collection of Nevada Postcards
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00094
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1900-1975
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The William V. Wright Collection of Nevada Postcards contains picture postcards of towns and buildings in Nevada from 1900 to 1975. The postcards primarily depict casinos, hotels, and other attractions in Las Vegas, Nevada and Reno, Nevada. The postcards also depict post offices, landscapes, mines, and the Hoover (Boulder) Dam.

### Preferred Citation

William V. Wright Collection of Nevada Postcards, 1900-1975. PH-00094. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Nevada historian and advertising executive William V. "Bill" Wright was the general manager of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* from 1966 to 1981. Born in Corsicana, Texas in 1917, he was educated at the University of Missouri, where he earned a degree in journalism. He worked at the *Peoria Star* in Peoria, Illinois as an advertising sales representative before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada with his wife Annelle in 1941. Beginning in 1945, Wright was the advertising director for the *Review-Journal*, and in 1966 was appointed general manager. Under his leadership, the *Review-Journal's* subscriptions increased from 48,000 to 89,000, cementing it as the largest daily newspaper in Nevada.

Wright was also an avid amateur historian and collector, and he worked with several civic organizations for the preservation of Nevada history, including the Nevada Historical Society and State Museum, for which he served as a member of its board of trustees from 1977 to 1993. He was

chairman of the board from 1979 to 1993. In 1980, he was given the Distinguished Nevadan Award by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for his contributions to the state. Just after his death in 1998, he was posthumously inducted into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame. William V. Wright Elementary School was named in his honor.

Source:

Porter, Jon Christopher. "Paying Tribute to William 'Bill' Wright." *Capitol Words*, March 29, 2007. [http://capitolwords.org/date/2007/03/29/E693\\_paying-tribute-to-william-bill-wright/](http://capitolwords.org/date/2007/03/29/E693_paying-tribute-to-william-bill-wright/)

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Some collection material has been digitized and is [available online](#).

### Publication Rights

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1979 by William V. Wright; accession number 1979-222.

## 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.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

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

Nevada State Historical Society, 1873-1951. PH-00033. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nevada State Museum, 1970-1990. MS-00280. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Wright, William. Interview, February 26, 1979. OH-02033. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Postcards
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Casinos
- Boulder City (Nev.)
- Carson City (Nev.)
- Elko County (Nev.)
- Ely (Nev.)
- Reno (Nev.)
- Goldfield (Nev.)
- Virginia City (Nev.)
- Tonopah (Nev.)

- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Mormon Fort, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1905 (0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Sal Sager Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1930 (0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
U.S. Post Office and Federal Courthouse, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Las Vegas Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1975 (0094_0004)	folder 01
Golden Nugget Saloon, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0094_0005)	folder 01
Monte Carlo Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Boulder Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Roulette at the Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada, undated (0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Hoover (Boulder) Dam site, undated (0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Boulder City park, Boulder City, Nevada, undated (0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
"Greetings from Hoover (Boulder) Dam", undated (0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Carson City Public School, Carson City, Nevada, undated (0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Hotel Mayer, Elko, Nevada, undated (0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Ranch Inn, Elko, Nevada, undated (0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Hotel Nevada, Ely, Nevada, undated (0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Mohawk Mine, Goldfield, Nevada, undated (0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Post Office, Manhattan, Nevada, undated (0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Charleston Lodge, Mt. Charleston, Nevada, undated (0018) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

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Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0019) ([view online](#))

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Reno, Nevada, approximately 1900-1910 (0020) ([view online](#))

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Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, 1939 (0021) ([view online](#))

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Winfield Park and Truckee River, Reno, Nevada, undated (0022) ([view online](#))

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Overland Hotel, Reno, Nevada, 1955 (0023) ([view online](#))

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Mapes Hotel, Reno, Nevada, undated (0024) ([view online](#))

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Montana-Tonopah Mine, Tonopah, Nevada, undated (0025) ([view online](#))

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Consolidated Cal. & Virginia Shaft, Virginia City, Nevada, undated (0026)  
([view online](#))

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Martin Hotel, Winnemucca, Nevada, 1975 (0027) ([view online](#))

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