



## Guide to the KLVX Steamboats on the Colorado 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>	KLVX (Television station: Las Vegas, Nev.)
<b>Title:</b>	KLVX Steamboats on the Colorado Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00156
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1870 to 1979
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.79 Cubic Feet (5 hanging folders, 3 oversized boxes, and 1 shared box of negatives)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.40 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The KLVX Steamboats on the Colorado Photograph Collection contains photographic prints and negatives used by the Las Vegas, Nevada television station KLVX (Channel 10) for a documentary on steamboats in the Southwest United States between approximately 1870 and 1979. KLVX made this documentary for the Arizona American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, who jointly funded the documentary's production. Some of these photographs may be reproductions of originals gathered during the research for the documentary.

### Preferred Citation

KLVX Steamboats on the Colorado Photograph Collection, approximately 1870-1979. PH-00156. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Background

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In preparation for the United States' bicentennial celebration in 1976, KLVX (Channel 10) in Las Vegas, Nevada proposed a half-hour documentary on the steamboat service in the Southwest United States to the Arizona American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, who jointly funded the project. KLVX assigned

Hank Tester to produce the documentary, and contracted with Richard (Dick) Yates of Arizona Western University to write the treatment and script.

Yates and Tester pulled historical facts and photos from repositories throughout the Southwest as well as from the Library of Congress. After shooting concluded in late spring of 1976, the documentary appeared on stations throughout Nevada, southern Utah, Arizona, and southern California.

Source:

American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. *The Bicentennial Times*. 1974-1976. Accessed March 25, 2020. <https://books.google.com/books?id=ZCs1d2Lg73cC>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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These photographs primarily depict steamboats navigating the Colorado River, but also feature locations in Arizona including Yuma, Ehrenberg, Fort Mojave, La Paz, and Prescott. Other locations in the collection include Port Isabel, Texas; Searchlight, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and San Francisco, California. The remainder of the collection depicts views of the Colorado River, Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam), and Native Americans from around the Southwest United States.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1976 by Ronald Hawley; accession number 76-228.

### Processing Note

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

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

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

KLVX Steamboats on the Colorado Records, 1852-1976. MS-00201. 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
- Steamboats
- Colorado River (Colo.-Mexico)
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)

- Southwestern States

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1870 to 1979 (0156_0001-0156_0223)	folder 01
	folder 02
	folder 03
	folder 04
	folder 05
	oversized box 06
	oversized box 07
	oversized box 08
	box SH-023