



## Guide to the Houssels 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>	Houssels, J. K., Jr. (John Kell), 1922-2017
<b>Title:</b>	Houssels Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00216
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1983
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 Linear Feet (1 hanging folder and 1 shared binder of slides)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Houssels Photograph Collection contains color and black-and-white photographs and slides of the Houssels House from 1983. The photographs document the house's original location on Sixth Street in Las Vegas, Nevada, and its subsequent transportation to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus.

### Preferred Citation

Houssels Photograph Collection, 1983. PH-00216. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Background

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The J. Kell Houssels House, nicknamed "The Pines" by its designer, architect Harrison S. Stocks, was built in 1933 at 1012 S. Sixth Street, near Charleston Boulevard, in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was commissioned by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon and was hailed as the most modern building in Las Vegas at the time of its construction. When the house was threatened by the commercialization of its neighborhood, it was purchased by casino magnate J. Kell Houssels and donated to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Special Collections Curator Anna Dean Kepper led the preservation effort. In 1983, the Houssels House was transported from Sixth Street to the campus of UNLV, where it is the oldest building on campus. It originally served as an architecture studio, and it has also housed faculty members. The Houssels House currently contains the UNLV Center for Social Justice and the Multicultural Center/Centro Multicultural.

Sources:

"Contract for Home for Harmon is Let," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. October 11, 1932.

"The Back Story: The Little House on the Campus," *UNLV News Center*. November 3, 2010. <https://news.unlv.edu/article/back-story-little-house-campus>

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged by media type.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Publication Rights

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

Harmon Family Papers, 1910-1961. MS-00301. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Harmon, Harley. Interview, 1972 April 14. OH-00793. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Houssels, J. K., Sr. Interview, 1975 November 12. OH-00895. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Houssels, Nancy. Interview, 2014 March 19. OH-00896. 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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- Historic preservation
- photographs
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Historic buildings -- Conservation and restoration
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Houssels House at its original location, 1983 (0001) Physical Description: 22 Photographic Slides	album 01
Preparations made to Houssels House exterior with heavy machinery, 1983 (0023) Physical Description: 13 Photographic Slides	album 01
Transporting Houssels House through Las Vegas, 1983 (0036)	

Physical Description: 58 Photographic Slides	album 01
Houssels House at its new location on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1983 (0111) Physical Description: 17 Photographic Slides	album 01
Exterior of Houssels House after arson, 1983 (0128) Physical Description: 43 Photographic Slides	album 01
Interior of Houssels House after arson, 1983 (0161) Physical Description: 33 Photographic Slides	album 01
Transporting Houssels House through Las Vegas, 1983 (0197) Physical Description: 46 Photographic Slides	album 01
Houssels House in front of the Las Vegas Hilton, 1983 (0194) ( <a href="#">view online</a> ) Physical Description: 3 Photographic Prints	folder 01
Houssels House at its original location, 1983 (0094) ( <a href="#">view online</a> ) Physical Description: 9 Photographic Prints	folder 01
Transporting Houssels House through Las Vegas, 1983 (0103) ( <a href="#">view online</a> ) Physical Description: 7 Photographic Prints	folder 01
Newspaper clippings about the Houssels House, 1983	folder 01
Negative proof sheet of photographs taken after arson, 1983 (0110) ( <a href="#">view online</a> ) Physical Description: 1 Photographic Prints	folder 01