



## Guide to the Historic American Buildings Survey of Kiel Ranch 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>Contributor:</b>	Howard, Patricia L.
<b>Creator:</b>	Historic American Buildings Survey
<b>Title:</b>	Historic American Buildings Survey of Kiel Ranch Photograph Collection
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1988
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Historic American Buildings Survey of Kiel Ranch Photograph Collection contains 45 black-and-white photographs of the buildings on Kiel Ranch from 1988. The buildings documented by the collection are the park mansion, the adobe structure, an old house, the foreman's house, a shed referred to as the "Doll House," a brown house, a cinderblock house, a wooden duplex, and a livestock shed.

### Preferred Citation

Historic American Buildings Survey of Kiel Ranch Photograph Collection, 1988. PH-00223. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Background

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Kiel Ranch (or Kyle Ranch) was established in 1875 by Conrad Kiel in what is now North Las Vegas, Nevada. The ranch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is administered by the North Las Vegas Neighborhood and Leisure Services Department. It is one of the earliest non-indigenous settlement sites in the Las Vegas Valley and contains the oldest standing building in Las Vegas, an adobe structure from the 1880s. The ranch gained notoriety from two violent incidents: the death of pioneer Archibald Stewart in a gunfight in 1884 and the double murder of Ed and William Kiel in 1900.

As the United States was preparing to celebrate its national bicentennial in the 1970s, the city of North Las Vegas decided its bicentennial project would be restoration of Kiel Ranch. The project was led by the North Las Vegas Bicentennial Committee and received \$27,000 from the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. By 1976, the project was far from completion, though some restoration had taken place and a time capsule had been placed on the site to be opened in one hundred years. The original goal of the project was to create a historic park centered on Kiel Ranch. However, shortly after 1976, North Las Vegas City Council members suggested selling parts of Kiel Ranch to pay for other city projects. After 1976, the North Las Vegas Bicentennial Committee was disbanded, but the Advisory Board for Kiel Ranch was created to continue the work of the bicentennial committee, which it did from 1978 to 1995. The project is currently managed by the North Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

By 1988, the city of North Las Vegas sold 22 of the original 27 acres of Kiel Ranch. In 1992, Kiel Ranch suffered another blow when the main building caught fire and was destroyed. Today only two significant structures remain on the property. As of 2015, the city of North Las Vegas owns seven acres of the original Kiel Ranch. According to the city, the seven acres will be made into a park.

Sources:

Wilbur E. Wieprecht, "National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form," National Park Service, September 9 1975. <http://focus.nps.gov/pdfhost/docs/NRHP/Text/75001107.pdf>

"Kiel Ranch Historic Park," City of North Las Vegas, accessed July 20, 2015. <https://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/KielRanchHistoricPark.shtm>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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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.

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition

Materials were donated in 1988 by Patricia L. Howard; accession number 1988-083.

### 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.

### Revision Description

The finding aid was written by Lindsay Oden and Hana Gutierrez in compliance with DACS. July 2015

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## Related Materials

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The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection. They may also contain duplicates of photographs and documents:

Kiel Ranch Preservation Committee Records, 1884-2005. MS-00650. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

North Las Vegas Bicentennial Committee Photographs of Kiel Ranch, 1974. PH-00005. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sadie and Hampton George Papers, 1897-1944. MS-00434. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Historic sites -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- Historic preservation
- Kiel Ranch (North Las Vegas, Nev.)
- photographs

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
General views	
Looking north from Carey Avenue, 1988 March (0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Looking northeast from Carey Avenue and Commerce Street, 1988 March (0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Looking east from Commerce Street, 1988 March (0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Looking northwest from Losee Street and Carey Avenue, 1988 March (0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Former reservoir, 1988 March (0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Park mansion	
South side, 1988 March (0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
North side, 1988 March (0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
East side, 1988 March (0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
South front entryway, 1988 March (0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
South front porch, 1988 March (0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

	folder 01
South front porch, 1988 March (0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Fireplace remnants, 1988 March (0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Adobe building	
South porch and pony wall, 1988 March (0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
East side and cellar, 1988 March (0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Northeast view, 1988 March (0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Remnant house	
East front side, 1988 March (0018) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0019) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Foreman's house	
South front porch, 1988 March (0020) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
East side, 1988 March (0021) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
North side porch, 1988 March (0022) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0023) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Southwest view, 1988 March (0024) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Doll House	
East side, 1988 March (0025) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Northwest side with bath addition, 1988 March (0026) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
South side entrance, 1988 March (0027) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Brown house	
South side, 1988 March (0028) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

	folder 01
Southeast side, 1988 March (0029) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Rear porch and root cellar, 1988 March (0030) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0031) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
South side showing double entry, 1988 March (0032) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Interior fireplace, 1988 March (0033) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Cinderblock house	
South side, 1988 March (0034) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
North side, 1988 March (0035) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
East side, 1988 March (0036) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
West side, 1988 March (0037) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Interior fireplace in west duplex, 1988 March (0038) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Wooden duplex	
West side, 1988 March (0039) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
East side, 1988 March (0040) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
North side, 1988 March (0041) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
South side, 1988 March (0042) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Interior of north unit with kitchen, 1988 March (0043) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Livestock shed	
West side, 1988 March (0044) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
North side, 1988 March (0045) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01