



Guide to the Erle A. Taylor Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Taylor, Erle A., 1919-1996
Title:	Erle A. Taylor Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00237
Date [inclusive]:	1959 to 1977
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders, 1 shared binder, and 1 shared negative box)
Physical Description:	0.30 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Erle A. Taylor Photograph Collection (1959-1977) consists of photographic prints, slides, and negatives pertaining primarily to aviation in Nevada. The collection includes images of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, McCarran International Airport, vintage airplanes, air shows, and assorted events and people, including Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford, Betty Ford, and Jack Nicklaus. Erle A. Taylor served as the aviation director for Clark County, Nevada throughout the 1970s.

Preferred Citation

Erle A. Taylor Photograph Collection, 1959-1977. PH-00237. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Erle A. Taylor (1919-1996) served as the Director of Aviation for Clark County, Nevada in the 1970s and oversaw operations at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada as well as regional airports in Searchlight, Jean, and Overton, Nevada.

Source:

Clark County. *Draft of Environmental Impact Statement*. Las Vegas: Clark County, 1972. Accessed January 8, 2019. <https://books.google.com/books?id=8sg1AQAAMAAJ>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into two series:

Series I. Photographs, 1959-1977;

Series II. Photographic slides and negatives, 1959-1977.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1977 by Erle A. Taylor; accession numbers T108 and 77-228.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux and Jimmy Chang wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2019, revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Erle A. Taylor Collection on Aviation, 1951-1976. MS-00186. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Airplanes
- Unites States, Air Force. Thunderbirds
- Nellis Air Force Base (Nev.)
- McCarran International Airport (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Photographs, 1959 to 1977

Physical Description: 0.13 Cubic Feet (2 hanging folders)

Physical Description: 0.13 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Photographs series (1959-1977) consists primarily of aviation photographs. It includes photographs of a United States Air Force Thunderbirds air show; McCarran International Airport, including expansion construction and a Trans World Airline (TWA) jet with bomb damage stemming from a 1972 extortion plot; and assorted events and people, including former president Richard M. Nixon and professional golfer Jack Nicklaus.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
Air shows	
United States Air Force (USAF) Thunderbirds aerobatic maneuvers sequence guide: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0001) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds F-100 Super Sabre airplanes aerial performance: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0002) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds on the ground at McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0003) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds performing a coordinated loop: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0004) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds performing a diamond dive: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0005) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds on the ground at McCarran International Airport: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0006) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds at an airshow in Alamo, Nevada: photographic print, 1967 May (0237_0007) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds aerial performance in Alamo, Nevada: photographic print, 1967 May (0237_0008) (view online)	folder 01
Yellow airplane at an airshow in Alamo, Nevada: photographic print, 1967 May (0237_0009) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds and other airplanes at an airshow in Alamo, Nevada: photographic print, 1967 May (0237_0010) (view online)	folder 01
Thunderbirds and other airplanes at an airshow in Alamo, Nevada: photographic print, 1967 May (0237_0011) (view online)	folder 01
Alamo Airways at McCarran International Airport: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1965 (0237_0011a) (view online)	folder 01
McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Construction inside McCarran International Airport: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1963 (0237_0012) (view online)	folder 01
Construction inside McCarran International Airport: photographic print, approximately 1960 to 1963 (0237_0013) (view online)	folder 01
Western Airlines at McCarran International Airport main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1963 to 1970 (0237_0014) (view online)	folder 01
Trans World Airlines (TWA) jet with bomb damage: photographic print, 1972 March 08 (0237_0015) (view online)	folder 01

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Service Station at old terminal: photographic print, approximately 1970 (0237_0016) (view online)	folder 01
Airplanes at the Terminal 1 gates: photographic print, approximately 1974 to 1977 (0237_0017) (view online)	folder 01
McCarran Air Field: photographic print, 1962 May 10 (0237_0095) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0096) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0097) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0098) (view online)	folder 02
Night view of main terminal airline ticketing and baggage wing. Credit to Theodore F. Whitmoyer: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0099) (view online)	folder 02
Night view of main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0100) (view online)	folder 02
Dusk view of main terminal: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0101) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal airline ticketing and baggage wing. Credit to Theodore F. Whitmoyer: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0102) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal and concourses: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0103) (view online)	folder 02
Hughes Flite Deck Restaurant and Omni Bar at the Hughes Executive Terminal. Credit to Theodore F. Whitmoyer: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0104) (view online)	folder 02
Airplanes preparing for departure: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0105) (view online)	folder 02
Main terminal airline ticketing and baggage wing. Credit to Theodore F. Whitmoyer: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0106) (view online)	folder 02
People and events	
Senator Howard W. Cannon of Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1970 (0237_0019) (view online)	folder 01
Former United States President Richard M. Nixon: photographic print, approximately 1965 to 1975 (0237_0020) (view online)	folder 01
Official opening of the Las Vegas Port of Entry. Credit to the Las Vegas News Bureau: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0107) (view online)	folder 02
Erle A. Taylor: photographic print, 1959 (0237_0108) (view online)	

	folder 02
Hughes Airway's first non-stop service from Las Vegas to Calgary and Edmonton, Canada celebration. Identified are Bill Briare, Thalia Dondero, and Erle Taylor: photographic print, 1976 November 06 (0237_0109) (view online)	folder 02
Erle A. Taylor: photographic print, approximately 1970 (0237_0110) (view online)	folder 02
Manager of McCarran speaking at a meeting at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1970 (0237_0111) (view online)	folder 02
Second annual International Exposition of Flight (IEF) directors meeting. Identified are Fred S. Hollister, IEF General Manager; U.S. Senator Alan Bible; Erle Taylor, IEF President; G. Barney Rawlings, IEF Director; and Captain Harrison Finch, IEF Staff Operations Manager: photographic print, approximately 1968 (0237_0112) (view online)	folder 02
Planning meeting for McCarran International Airport. Pictured are Erle A. Taylor to the right of the display board, Dick Ronzone seated in front of the display board, Mayor Oran Gragson standing to the left of the display board, and Bill Briare standing next to Gragson: photographic print, approximately 1968 (0237_0113) (view online)	folder 02
Susan Oliver of Hollywood, California arrives at the Hughes Executive Terminal at McCarran in Las Vegas, Nevada to begin her duties as official hostess of the second annual International Exposition of Flight. She is greeted by (identified left to right) G. Barney Rawlings, vice president of sales for the Riviera Hotel; Keith Hanna, administrative director for the Frontier Hotel; and John Seymour, general manager of Hughes Airport operations: photographic print, 1968 May (0237_0114) (view online)	folder 02
Visit by the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce to the Sahara Space Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. Erle A. Taylor on the right: photographic print, 1970 October 16 (0237_0115) (view online)	folder 02
Executive committee of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Congress and Equipment Show. Identified are Erle A. Taylor, John Brown (for M. Lopez), George Monahan, Roland Westergard, Bill Blackmer, Bill Adams, Thurman White, and Jack Parvin: photographic print, 1976 (0237_0116) (view online)	folder 02
Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) hearing pertaining to air service between Reno, Portland, and Seattle held at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada. Erle A. Taylor is standing second from right: photographic print, 1973 February 06 (0237_0117) (view online)	folder 02
Professional golfer Jack Nicklaus arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0118) (view online)	folder 02
Professional golfer Jack Nicklaus arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0119) (view online)	folder 02

Looking at expansion plans for McCarran International Airport. Identified are Erle A. Taylor; the mayor of Cedar City, Utah; Mayor Oran Gragson of Las Vegas, Nevada; and the executive director of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0120) (view online)	folder 02
Identified are Bruce Beckley; Sid Whitmore; Art Wells, airport manager for Cedar City, Utah; and Erle A. Taylor: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0121) (view online)	folder 02
"Salute to R.G. 'Zack' Taylor" dinner at an unidentified hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, approximately 1965 to 1975 (0237_0122) (view online)	folder 02
Erle A. Taylor (left) receiving a plaque during a gathering at the Stardust Hotel and Casino: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0123) (view online)	folder 02
Erle A. Taylor and Carmela Meely: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0124) (view online)	folder 02
Erle A. Taylor at a gathering at the Stardust Hotel and Casino: photographic print, approximately 1968 to 1972 (0237_0125) (view online)	folder 02

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Photographic slides and negatives, 1959-1977

Physical Description: 0.09 Cubic Feet (1 shared binder and 1 shared box)

Physical Description: 0.17 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The photographic slides and negatives series (1959-1977) consist primarily of photographic slides pertaining to aviation and includes slides of an air show at Nellis Air Force Base, a United States Air Force firepower demonstration, President Gerald Ford's arrival at McCarran International Airport, and Las Vegas, Nevada snow scenes. The series also contains photographic negatives.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Title/Description	Containers
McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada slides	
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 April (0237_0021)	binder PB-006
Airport: photographic slide, 1968 June (0237_0022)	binder PB-006
Airport: photographic slide, 1968 July (0237_0023)	binder PB-006
Airport terminal interior view: photographic slide, 1968 April (0237_0024)	binder PB-006
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 July (0237_0025)	binder PB-006
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 July (0237_0026)	

	binder PB-006
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 July (0237_0027)	binder PB-006
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 April (0237_0028)	binder PB-006
Airport terminal: photographic slide, 1968 July (0237_0029)	binder PB-006
Landing area: photographic slide, 1970 July (0237_0030)	binder PB-006
View from inside airport: photographic slide, approximately 1970 (0237_0031)	binder PB-006
Airport interior view: photographic slide, 1968 April (0237_0049)	binder PB-006
Taxiway to jet craft: photographic slide, 1969 (0237_0050)	binder PB-006
Nellis Air Show, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada slides	
Sky Knights: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0032)	binder PB-006
Sky Knights: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0033)	binder PB-006
Royal Air Force (RAF) Vulcan bomber: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0034)	binder PB-006
RAF Vulcan bomber: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0035)	binder PB-006
RAF Vulcan bomber: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0036)	binder PB-006
RAF Vulcan bomber: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0037)	binder PB-006
Bob Hoover's P-51 Mustang airplane: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0038)	binder PB-006
Bob Hoover's P-51 Mustang airplane: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0039)	binder PB-006
Bearcat fighter plane low-level maneuver: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0040)	binder PB-006
Bearcat fighter plane low-level maneuver: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0041)	binder PB-006
Bearcat fighter plane low-level maneuver: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0042)	binder PB-006
Bearcat fighter plane low-level maneuver: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0043)	binder PB-006

Two Bearcat fighter planes: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0044)	binder PB-006
Two Bearcat fighter planes: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0045)	binder PB-006
Bob Hoover's P-51 Mustang airplane: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0046)	binder PB-006
Bob Hoover's Rockwell Shrike Commander airplane: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0047)	binder PB-006
Bob Hoover's Rockwell Shrike Commander airplane: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0048)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds on the ground: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0051)	binder PB-006
Four Thunderbirds flying in formation: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0052)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds flying in formation: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0053)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds flying in formation: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0054)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0055)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds flying in formation: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0056)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0057)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0058)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds flying in formation: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0059)	binder PB-006
Thunderbirds aerial performance: photographic slide, 1969 December (0237_0060)	binder PB-006
United States Air Force (USAF) firepower demonstration, Indian Springs Air Force Base, Nevada slides	
Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0061)	binder PB-006
Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0062)	binder PB-006
Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0063)	binder PB-006
Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0064)	binder PB-006
Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0065)	

binder
PB-006

Demonstrations: photographic slide, 1969 November (0237_0066)

binder
PB-006

Las Vegas, Nevada snow scene slides

Las Vegas, Nevada neighborhood: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0067)

binder
PB-006

Snowman: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0068)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0069)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0070)

binder
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McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0071)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0072)

binder
PB-006

Parking lot at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0073)

binder
PB-006

Main terminal at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0074)

binder
PB-006

Palm trees at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0075)

binder
PB-006

Melting snow on landing areas at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0076)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0077)

binder
PB-006

Melting snow on the grounds at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0078)

binder
PB-006

Grounds at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0079)

binder
PB-006

Snow scene: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0080)

binder
PB-006

Melting snow at McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0081)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0082)

binder
PB-006

McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1974 January 01 (0237_0083)

binder
PB-006

President Gerald Ford at McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada slides

President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford's arrival: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0084)	binder PB-006
President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford's arrival: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0085)	binder PB-006
President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford's arrival: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0086)	binder PB-006
Crowd greeting President Ford: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0087)	binder PB-006
Crowd greeting President Ford: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0088)	binder PB-006
President Ford getting into a limousine: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0089)	binder PB-006
Air Force One at McCarran: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0090)	binder PB-006
Air Force One at McCarran: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0091)	binder PB-006
Air Force One at McCarran: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0092)	binder PB-006
McCarran International Airport: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0093)	binder PB-006
Davis Dam in Arizona: photographic slide, 1975 April (0237_0094)	binder PB-006
Assorted duplicate negatives, 1959-1977	box SH-028

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