

## Guide to the Ralph Roske Photographs

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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>	Roske, Ralph J. (Ralph Joseph), 1921-1994
<b>Title:</b>	Ralph Roske Photographs
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00253
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately approximately 1917-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.5 Linear Feet (2 hanging folders 1 shared box of negatives 3 over sized folders)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Ralph Roske Photographs (approximately 1917-1989) depict life in rural Southern Nevada and newspaper clippings from the Goodsprings Gazette. The collection consists of thirty-five images dated from 1917 to 1989. The images consist of unidentified Nevadans, Las Vegas landmarks, and members of the McAllister family in Carraca, Nevada.

### Preferred Citation

Ralph Roske Photographs, 1917-1969. PH-00253. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Ralph J. Roske was a professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) for over twenty years. He researched Las Vegas history extensively and authored *Las Vegas: A Desert Paradise* (1986). He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1921 and earned his undergraduate degree at DePaul University. After serving in World War II, Roske went on to earn his doctorate in history from the University of Illinois. He taught at St. Mary's College and Humboldt State College (now Humboldt State University) in California before coming to UNLV in 1967. While at UNLV he served as dean of the College of Social Science and was a popular professor and speaker. He created an oral history program with his Nevada history students, who interviewed many Las Vegas pioneers. Roske retired from UNLV in 1990. He passed away in 1994.

Sources: Green, Michael S. "History News: UNLV Professor Ralph J. Roske Retires." Nevada Historical Society Quarterly 33, no 1 (Spring 1990):41-44. "UNLV Professor, Author Roske Dies." Las Vegas Sun, December 16, 1994, 2B.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Ralph Roske Photographs depict historic Las Vegas landmarks, rural Southern Nevada, and people who lived in the region from 1917 to 1989. In addition to materials focusing on rural Southern Nevada (such as train depots, animals, and landscapes), the documentation provides insight into the lives of those who called Southern Nevada home during this time period. The materials provide historical documentation on the Sands Hotel, construction of the Hoover Dam, the Last Frontier Hotel, Fanny's Dress Shop, and the Bottle House in Rhyolite from the early to mid-twentieth century. The items described include photographic prints and negatives; some of the prints have corresponding negatives which are not listed separately. Items listed are photographic prints unless otherwise specified. Images listed specifically as negatives exist only in that format.

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## Arrangement Note

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This collection is organized into series:

Series I. Las Vegas , 1930-1989

Series II. Nevada, 1917-1969

Series III. People, 1930-1969

Materials remain in original order. Many of the photographic prints have corresponding negatives. Negatives have been housed separately and can be found in box 16.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

The collection is open for research. Portions of this collection have been digitized and are [available online](#).

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in May 21, 1990 by Ralph Roske; accession 90-43.

### Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff. In 2016, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Maryse Lundering-Timpano wrote the collection description in compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Ralph Roske Papers, 1917-1989. MS-00313. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sources: Green, Michael S. "History News: UNLV Professor Ralph J. Roske Retires." Nevada Historical Society Quarterly 33, no 1 (Spring 1990): 41-44.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Nevada, Southern

- Locomotives
- Southern Nevada -- 20th Century
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Rural Southern Nevada -- 20th Century

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## Collection Inventory

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### Las Vegas, 1930-1989

Title/Description	Containers
First State Bank, Las Vegas, approximately 1930-1935 (0253_0001) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Fremont Street, Las Vegas, approximately 1930-1939 (0253_0002) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Fremont Street, Las Vegas, approximately 1945-1949 (0253_0003) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Sands Hotel, Las Vegas Strip, 1954 (0253_0004) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Frontier Village at Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, approximately 1940-1959 (0253_0005) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 01
Fanny's Dress Shop, Las Vegas, approximately 1940-1959 (0253_0006) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 01
Hoover Dam under construction, approximatey 1933-1935 (0253_0007) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 02
Las Vegas Rotary Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1989 October 18 (0253_0008) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 03

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### Nevada, 1917-1969

Title/Description	Containers
Beatty train depot, Beatty, Nevada, 1931 April 02 (0253_0009) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Fred Stephens and Lucille McAllister, Carrara, Nevada, 1931 February 19 (0253_0010) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Lucille McAlliser, Carrara, Nevada, 1931 February 02 (0253_0011) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Lucille McAllister with Fred and Rose Stephens, Carrara, Nevada, approximately 1930-1932 (0253_0012) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01

Lucille McAllister, Carrara, Nevada, 1931 February (0253_0013) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Wild Burros, Carrara, Nevada, approximately 1930-1939 (0253_0014) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Maray Mountains, approximately 1960-1969 (0253_0015) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Bottle House, Rhyolite, Nevada, approximately 1920-1929 (0253_0016) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Lucille McAllister with others by Bottle House, Rhyolite, Nevada, approximately 1920-1929 (0253_0017) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Main Street fire, Tonopah, Nevada, 1968 (0253_0018) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Main Street fire, Tonopah, Nevada, 1968 (0253_0019) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Vault built by Bank of California, Viginia City, Nevada, approximately 1960-1969 (0253_0020) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
St. Mary in the Mountains Church, Virginia City, Nevada, approximately 1960-1969 (0253_0021) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Newspaper clipping, Goodsprings Gazette, page one of four, 1917 February 03 (0253_0022) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Newspaper clipping, Goodsprings Gazette, page two of four, 1917 February 03 (0253_0023) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Newspaper clipping, Goodsprings Gazette, page two of four, 1917 February 03 (0253_0024) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01
Newspaper clipping, Goodsprings Gazette, page two of four, 1917 February 03 (0253_0025) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 01

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## People, 1930-1969

Title/Description	Containers
Unidentified woman, approximately 1930-1939 (0253_0026) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified man with bighorn sheep, approximately 1930-1939 (0253_0027) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Unidentified woman, approximately 1940-1949 (0253_0028) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	flat file 01
Unidentified man with the animal he killed, approximately 1930-1939 (0253_0029) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	folder 02
Joseph Ira Earl, approximately 1960-1969 (0253_0030) ( <a href="#">view online</a> )	

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Unidentified group of men, approximately 1940-1949 (0253\_0031) ([view online](#))

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Unidentified teacher, approximately 1955-1965 (0253\_0032) ([view online](#))

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Group of boys, approximately 1950-1959 (0253\_0033) ([view online](#))

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USS Nevada display, approximately 1950-1959 (0253\_0034) ([view online](#))

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Pete Fabbe, Tonopah, Nevada, approximately 1960-1969 (0253\_0035) ([view online](#))

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